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EDITORIAL

1942 will be the year in which many Americans will learn to walk.

This time next year millions of Americans will become interested in gardens for food. Wait and see.

What has become of the politician who maintained for many years that no nation would dare attack the United States?

For some time now, the United States has been out of radio contact with Father Coughlin, but everybody seems to be too busy to be alarmed.

A few bombs, judiciously dropped in the United States, might persuade some people that war is going on and that this nation can be attacked.

No, Geraldine, dear, there is no truth in the report that Congressmen, who voted against the two-ocean navy, have volunteered for immediate service.

Civilians in Centre county must obey government regulations and contribute to national defense. A sugar hoarder, for example, exhibits the spirit that leads to defeat.

It may help some of us to understand what happens in the Far East if we know that a fighter plane, made in the U. S. A. in February, will not reach Java until the latter part of April.

Mr. Eamon de Valera, Brooklyn-born prime minister of Eire, does not like American soldiers in Eire but he has no objections to American dollars, contributed for the aid of Eire.

The time has come, whether a few individuals in Bellefonte believe it or not, for every American to talk American and act American, for what it is worth and regardless of what it costs.

Is this Democracy? Melvin Douglas, movie actor, who fought in the World War, giving up a Hollywood salary to serve the nation and being smeared by Congressmen who have done neither.

The only source of comfort to the peoples of the United Nations is Russia which continues to make steady progress against the Nazi invaders of her soil. The Red army has made important gains, threatening vital German transportation centers, upon which hang the safety of areas essential to the promised spring offensive.

It is, of course, admitted that the United States was not prepared for full-fledged war. This is obvious. Neither we, nor our allies, have trained men, arms, ships, planes or other paraphernalia in sufficient quantities to guard the immense area that is open to attack.

The French nation, whose people were bitterly divided and quarrelling over domestic issues, was slain on the battlefield by an army that blindly followed one man. The United States, preparing to meet its foes, can profit by the tragic spectacle of the downfall of France. There is no time to be lost.

DISUNITY MEANS DEFEAT

Even before we hear the clash of battle, the clamor of political strife begins the congressional campaign of 1942. Only a people united can win a modern war.

Patriotic citizens, in considering candidates, should have a single question to ask: "Have you helped, or hindered the nation in its struggle to live and to preserve liberty?"

Every official should be approved, or condemned, on the record that appears when the question is answered. Not on words, but on deeds, should the judgment be rendered.

No man, be he a Democrat or a Republican, is fit to serve Americans in Congress, when this nation of peace has been attacked, regardless of what he says, if he has foolishly or intentionally delayed the united effort of Americans to defend their country against treacherous, but determined and powerful, foes.

Today, citizens and officials must serve freedom by deeds, not words. Just as our soldiers and sailors obey orders, with faith in their leaders, so must we, as free citizens of a great and glorious democracy, support the men who fight and those who die.

There is only one way to victory—national unity. There is no loyalty except complete loyalty, with faith and confidence in our institutions and our leaders.

WAR AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL

All Americans are agreed that our war against aggression must come first in everything that we do. Production must be geared for war, priorities depend on war needs; the action of every American should depend upon whether that action will help win the war.

War should come first. This is true in industry, and it should be true in education. Educators today have an excellent opportunity to help win the war. They are in a position to strengthen America for the future through their important contacts with the younger generation.

Many teachers are, for example, explaining to the younger generation our ideals of freedom and democracy, and the importance of protecting them. They intelligently reveal the issues, aims and progress of the war; thus, many of the young generation are able to accurately appraise the value of our heritage.

Teachers in the public schools have a great responsibility today. They must prepare the minds of the youths of the nation to withstand the terrible ordeal ahead, they must keep morale high.

ANTI-BRITISH MISS INGALLS

The conviction of Laura Ingalls, former aviatrix, for failing to register as a paid propagandist for the Germans, reveals a mentality that is amazing.

Government witnesses testified that she accepted \$300 a month from the Germans to campaign for "neutrality" in this country. Her work, it was stated, was in the form of speeches at America First Committee rallies and elsewhere.

In letters, introduced at the trial, Miss Ingalls told German officials that she "was enraged" by the Lease-Lend Bill when it was passed "when I thought that the British were doing this country." She wrote that she could "tear the skies apart in triumph" at the German victory in Crete and the sinking of the battle cruiser Hood.

Apparently, Miss Ingalls was so stirred by her hatred of the British, and so "was enraged" by British propaganda that she was willing to enter into the employ of a foreign nation secretly, in violation of law, and work against the policy of this nation, as declared by the Congress of the United States.

BATTLESHIPS NOT OBSOLETE

The Japanese sinking of the British battleship Prince of Wales and battle cruiser Repulse convinced many Americans that the day of the battleships was gone. They noted that the British battleships could not prevent the Nazi air-supported invasion of Norway, that British battleships could not stop the Germans at Crete, and that the Japanese had successfully crippled a number of United States battleships at Pearl Harbor.

The German flight through Dover Strait, however, has disrupted the contention that battleships have become obsolete. It is now evident that aircraft cannot stop battleships if the latter are protected with fighter aircraft.

The British used about 600 planes in an effort to stop the Germans, and so "was enraged" by British propaganda that she was willing to enter into the employ of a foreign nation secretly, in violation of law, and work against the policy of this nation, as declared by the Congress of the United States.

U. S. COAST MAY BE ATTACKED!

The people who live on the coasts of the United States understand the danger of enemy sneak-attacks, even if they are unable to visualize hostile action as an immediate threat.

We, who live in Centre county, cannot imagine an invading army of foreign men sweeping through the land, destroying property, executing civilians and attacking women without regard to the mortality that is expressed in our civilization.

We might as well face the hard truth that slaps us in the face as we slowly recognize the stern fact that Japan has marched fast and far along the road to victory in this war.

The loss of the Far East is not a death blow to the United States—not yet. It is the breath of life to Japan, whose military machine will grow stronger as it feeds upon the rich resources of conquered lands.

The hundreds of Centre countians who have attended Pennsylvania's annual farm show have a personal interest in the announcement that the farm show's \$3,000,000 plant is being turned over to the government for the purpose of training air mechanics. In that connection it is interesting to note that there shall be no break in the world-famous farm show, which has continued over twenty-six years.

What the announcement does do, however, is to focus attention upon the fact that with this country at war, private interests must necessarily step aside. The war must be seen through to a finish.

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It's mighty hard to fool yourself in the morning when the war-time clock says its time to get up.

World of Religion

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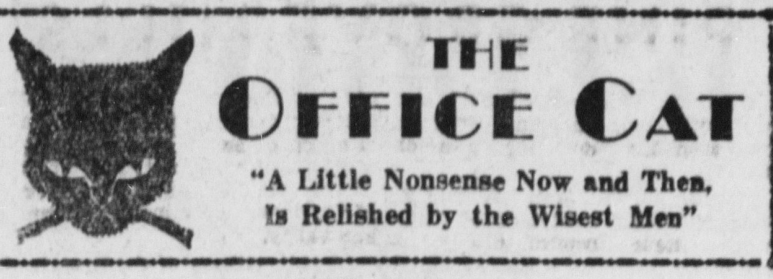
ported by the American Mission to Lepers, 83 are in operation and 17 have fallen behind the iron curtain of war, according to Eugene R. Keilensberger, M. D., general secretary of the Mission. Of the four in Japan, two are known to be carried on by the Japanese Christians; one in Formosa is being carried on by a committee of Christians; others in Thailand, and in the Philippines (four centers) are cut off from their normal basis of support and are marked "status unknown." It is believed probable that most of these are closed and the inmates scattered.

of the relief appeals that are being made in Protestant churches of the country, there are eight approved agencies for civilian relief and these will need \$6,000,000 in 1942 to carry on their services—one-third of this amount to be secured within the churches. These approved agencies, in addition to those within denominations, are: Church Committee for China Relief, Central Bureau for European Relief, American Friends Service Committee, International Missionary Council, War Prisoners Aid of the Y. M. C. A., War Emergency Committee of the Y. W. C. A., the American Bible Society, and the American Committee for Christian Refugees.

by "friends and neighbors." The qualifications of the nominee include: a successful mother whose children have achieved a sense of social and world relationships, ability to make friends and to appear at ease in public. Nominations should be sent to Mrs. James P. Looman, 69 East 42nd Street, New York City, chairman of the committee. The American Mother selected for 1941 was Mrs. Dona Shelby Diehl of Kentucky.

Enlistments during the first war month brought the Marine Corps to an all time high of 84,591 officers and men.

"This is not only war in the far East—their war was everywhere in all the seas, global war!"—Secretary of the Navy Knox's speech. For Victory: Buy Bonds.



THE OFFICE CAT

"A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men"

K. P.'S BUBBLE SONG

(Crow it to the tune of "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles.")
I'm forever peeling taters
Millions of them everywhere.

Signs of The Times

In Hartford, Conn.: "Kids cleaned, any size, ten cents. Bring 'em in."
In Minneapolis: "Midway Harness Co., manufacturers of second-hand harness."
In Denver: "Always at your service, Wm. P. Hugs."

He Needed It

The political orator was doing his best to correct the ills of the world, and had waxed very eloquent.
"I want reform," he shouted, "I want government reform; I want labor reform; I want social reform; I want—"

Nut Waiter Required

An old lady entered Parrish's drug store the other day to buy some cashu nuts. After waiting for a few minutes to get waited on, she grew very impatient.

Father Was Safe

"Two men got into a fight in front of the bank today," said a man at the supper table, "and I tell you it looked pretty bad for one of them. The big guy had a large club. Thought that he was going to knock the other's brains out, and I jumped in between them."

Experimenting

A man walked into a grocery store and handed the clerk a paper containing some white powder.
"I say," he said, "what do you think it is? Just taste it and tell me your opinion."

Would Be Represented

A couple of old farmers got in a quarrel and landed before the justice of the peace. The loser, turning to his opponent in a combative frame of mind, cried:

Her Train of Thought

Mrs. Nora Mulvaney one day met her friend, Mrs. Bridget Carr, who had in her arms her twelfth child.

As The Clerk Saw It

A man walked into a hotel and said he wanted a room. The clerk asked him to please register. So the guest took the pen and made a few vertical marks on the register, like this: II II IIII.

The Irishman's Appendix

An Irishman was to be operated on for appendicitis. On the way to the operating room he said he would like to see his appendix when they got it out. So the doctor agreed and told him when he came out of the ether he should look for it on the window sill.

The Night Shirt

A young man went to see his girl, who lived in the same village. Soon after he got there it commenced raining very hard, and had not let up at bedtime. She insisted that he stay all night. He consented, and she went upstairs to get a room ready for him. When she came down he was standing at the front door, wringing wet.

Not in the Army, After All

A Methodist colored preacher shouted: "Come up an' join de army of de Lord. Come up an' join de army of de Lord."
"The done jined," replied one of the congregation.

What Is It?

Luke had it before, Paul had it behind;
Matthew never had it at all.
All girls have it once; boys cannot have it.
Old Mrs. Mulligan had it twice in succession.
Dr. Lowell had it before, and behind,
And had it twice as bad behind as before.

Just a Little Befuddled

First Inebriate—"I'm not under the alcohooence of incohol, but think peep I am."
Second Inebriate—"I'm not half as drunk as you drink, but fool so feelish I don't know who is me."

That's all, folks. Japan is reported to be laughing up its sleeve at our slowness on the draw; it should curb its hilarity—we are ever so much slower on the withdraw. —SCAT—

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louis:
I have been going with a man much younger than I for about five years. In fact we started about a year after my husband's death. I looked on his attention as more or less of a joke when he first asked me for a date and had not the remotest idea of ever treating him seriously.

Answer:
The success of such a marriage depends on the disposition of the man and woman. I know of a couple who married years ago and who had about the same difference in their ages that you have.

On the other hand the woman who lets herself go to pieces or is worn out by work and worry can become old before her time.

A sunny, happy disposition is always an asset when it comes to keeping young and a very cheerful, youthful looking woman of forty might make a more agreeable companion than a pessimistic, sourpuss of thirty.

The woman who marries a younger husband has a hard job cut out for her although I shouldn't say that it was impossible to make a success of it.

In your case you two people have gone together long enough to know whether you are satisfied with each other or not. You should be able to judge pretty well by now whether he will be content with you or inclined to philander after a while.

Good luck.
LOUISA.

Query & Answer Column

M. L.—Please explain to us exactly what is meant by an "open city."
Ans.—When General MacArthur declared Manila an open city, it meant that the capital would be neutralized under international law, with the occupants refraining from military operation and the enemy enjoined from attacking it.

J. W.—Is it possible for Germans or Italians to become naturalized at the present time?
Ans.—A German or Italian alien may be naturalized if, on December 8, 1941, he had his first papers at least two years but not more than seven years; or was entitled to apply for citizenship without declaration of intention (example, husband or wife of American citizen, or had his petition for naturalization pending in Court.)

M. N.—Can you tell me approximately how much iron there is in the Eiffel Tower?
Ans.—The Eiffel Tower contains about 8000 tons of iron.

C. C. R.—Does an alligator swim with its feet or with its tail?
Ans.—It moves through the water by means of powerful strokes of the flattened tail, the limbs being folded against the body.

M. H.—Please tell me why brown sugar is more expensive than granulated sugar?
Ans.—Originally brown sugar was cheaper than white sugar because it represented a much lower state of refinement. Now by far the greatest amount of all sugar produced in this country is white, so it is more involved and expensive to halt the process of refinement for brown sugar than to complete the process for white sugar.

H. S.—Is any part of Alaska due north of the United States?
Ans.—It is not. The easternmost part of Alaska is some 600 miles west of San Francisco.

F. A.—If a man has married during the year can he claim exemption in his income tax?
Ans.—Income tax returns are figured on the calendar year 1941. If a person married at any time during the year, even on December 31, he and his wife can claim a joint exemption, or if he makes a separate return he can claim an exemption because of his wife.

H. K. S.—Please advise how many airplanes there are in a squadron.
Ans.—The Army Air Corps says that the number of airplanes in a squadron depends upon the size and type of the plane. The number ranges from twelve bomber planes to twenty-seven pursuit planes.

S. H. R.—Can you tell me about how many men of military age there are in Japan?
Ans.—Statisticians estimate that Japan has some 11,000,000 men in the principal military ages, 20 to 44. This is less than half the number available in this country.

T. M.—What steps should a small manufacturer take if he wishes to obtain financial assistance in fulfilling a Federal Defense contract?
Ans.—He should go to his local bank. If the bank is unable to provide the necessary credit for its own account, it should assist the manufacturer in making the financial arrangements with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The ability of the contractor to fulfill his contract reasonably within the price terms of the contract is taken into consideration before assistance is extended.

L. F.—How long did Spain rule the Philippine Islands, and did the Japanese ever rule the Islands?
Ans.—The Spanish conquest of the Philippines began in 1565 and lasted until the Spanish-American War of 1898. Japan never ruled the Islands, but prior to their discovery by Magellan in 1521, many Japanese colonists were settled in Luzon, and left their imprint in racial features on the Tagalogs.

M. K.—Is jade harder than a diamond?
Ans.—The diamond is the hardest substance known.

G. B.—Where is the region of greatest snowfall in the United States?
Ans.—In the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California, with other locally heavy areas in the higher portions of the Rockies. The seasonal total in the Sierras often measures from 400 to 500 inches. During the Winter of 1906-07, total snowfall at Tamarack, Alpine County, California, was 884 inches.

W. E. H.—Are there two chapters in the Bible that are exactly alike?
Ans.—The two chapters of the Bible which are nearly alike are II Kings 19 and Isaiah 37. The former is divided into 37. The latter is divided into 38 verses. Verse 15 of the former corresponding verses 15 and 16 of the latter. There are sixteen verses which read precisely alike in both chapters.

Z. L.—On what days of the year is the Big Dipper exactly north, south, east and west of the Pole?
Ans.—The Big Dipper is directly north of the North Pole on May 9; directly south on November 9; directly east on February 9, and directly west on August 9.

C. L.—How is a polar bear able to move over the ice without slipping?
Ans.—The polar bear has stiff hairs on the soles of its feet, enabling it to walk or run over the slippery ice.

R. E.—Are tulips native to Holland?
Ans.—Tulips are native of Asia. They were brought to Europe by way of Constantinople in the sixteenth century. In 1634 there began a tulip mania. The bulbs were sold by weight, hundreds of dollars often being paid for a single one. Fortunes were made and lost.

C. D.—How is the wheel base of an automobile measured?
Ans.—The wheel base is the distance in inches between the front and rear axles.

E. A.—What were the names of the three Wise Men who brought gifts to the infant Jesus?
Ans.—The Wise Men are not mentioned in the Bible. Tradition calls them Melchior, Gaspar, and Balthazar, three kings of the East.

R. S.—Where do robins spend the winter?
Ans.—The American robin usually winters no farther south than the southern part of the United States. In fact, the robin is a hardy bird and occasionally spends the winter as far North as Southern New England.

G. A.—How does illiteracy in Japan compare with that in the United States?
Ans.—According to the latest available figures the percentage of illiterates in Japan is 10 per cent; in the United States 43 per cent.

L. C.—What saint is believed to have the power to restore lost articles?
Ans.—Saint Anthony of Padua, who lived from 1195 to 1231. Alms given to obtain his intercession is known as "St. Anthony's bread."

L. J.—Please tell me just what is meant by "mopping up."
Ans.—This is an Army slang term for duty allotted to reserve lines following a successful forward movement. It consists in capturing enemy stragglers, especially those hidden in dugouts and deep trenches, to prevent an attack on the front lines from the rear.

R. S. O.—How many of the South American countries lie entirely inland?
Ans.—Paraguay and Bolivia are the only two inland countries of South America.

S. N.—How high above the ground should a thermometer be placed?
Ans.—It should be placed at a height of about five feet.

C. H.—Who said, "We must all hang together or assuredly we shall all hang separately?"
Ans.—Benjamin Franklin is said to have made the remark to John Hancock upon the signing of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776.

F. R.—Do some snakes shoot venom into the victim's eyes?
Ans.—In Africa there are several species of cobras, the hooded or Egyptian cobra and the black-necked cobra being the most widely distributed. The spitting cobra or ringhals is closely allied to the true cobra and is notorious for its habit of spitting venom when annoyed. The mechanism of this spitting appears to be that by compression of the poison glands the venom is forced out through the fangs and at the same time a blast of air is exhaled. This carries the liquid forward as a spray for a considerable distance, and if it strikes a person the eye irritation is set up which results in temporary and sometimes permanent blindness.

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AS I SEE IT
BY Horace Sentz

Those around the Naval Air Station, Miami, Florida, tell this story: An American applied at a Canadian recruiting office to enlist. I suppose you want a commission," said the officer. "No, thanks," was the reply. "I'm such a poor shot I'd rather work on a straight salary."

RHEUMATISM
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Through recent action of the board of trustees, the Pennsylvania State College has been placed on a 12-month, year-long academic schedule involving three complete terms each year.

armed forces or with defense industries. The College's present semester will be completed on May 9 which is a month earlier than usual. The summer term will commence May 18 for sophomores, juniors, and seniors, and June 8 for freshmen. All classes will wind up this term on August 28. Present plans, subject to change, call for another term to begin September 1 and end on December 19, and still another to start on January 4 and end on April 17. College officials have also announced that the separate three summer sessions will be held from June 8 to 26 (Inter-Session); from June 30 to August 7 (Main Summer Session); and from August 10 to 28 (Post-Session).