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EDITORIAL

Most people would be better off if they spent their money on a budget plan.

War-time gardens will be in fashion next year; everybody will be trying to raise food.

Just a little while back, those who preached the intent of Hitler and Japan to dominate the world were called war-mongers.

Some of those who discuss national affairs are so influenced by their political hatreds that the wonder is they don't bite themselves.

Congressmen can become alarmed about little things and yet remain as dull as stones about big issues that threaten the nation's safety.

The last war may have been fought to make the world safe for democracy, but this one is designed to make the world safe for the United States.

Well, by the middle of this summer parents of the boys in service will have little opinion of any Congressman who voted against defense appropriations and the fortification of the island of Guam.

So far as we are concerned we are ready to bet all that we have on the American fighting man. Given equal equipment, he will beat his weight in any army, navy, or air force.

The state several years ago changed the expiration date for auto tags from January 1 to April 1 to take the pressure off the taxpayers' pocketbook at Christmas time.

Nearly 23,000,000 Americans filed their income tax returns for the year 1941 and are expected to pay the major portion of the \$17,000,000,000 which the government hopes to raise by taxation in the period ending June 30th.

We won't guarantee them, but a New Jersey inventor is ready to patent wooden automobile tires. In a recent test run, on a smooth road, the tires were used on the front wheels of a light coupe which made seventy-five miles an hour, without annoying vibration.

CHINESE DESERVE ASSISTANCE

A nation-wide drive will be launched in April to raise the comparatively trifling sum of \$7,000,000 for Chinese relief.

Centre county will have its quota and the people of this county should lose no time in raising their share of this free-will offering, designed to demonstrate our sympathy for the victims of Japanese aggression.

The Chinese have demonstrated their right to live among the free peoples of the world. They have faced great odds and suffered enormous damage. Cruel indignities have been heaped upon the defenseless people of a peace-loving race.

The people of this country have failed to make their usual generous response to appeals for aid for the heroic Chinese. This is inexplicable to us. It should not stand on the record and the present.

PORT MATILDA RED CROSS CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL \$141.50

Port Matilda has collected \$141.50 for the Red Cross war fund drive, according to a statement received from Mrs. Ira J. Lane, chairman.

Benefit parties accounted for \$5 of this total, and more of these are to be held in the future.

Organizations contributing were: the Grange, I. O. O. F. No. 733, Rebecca Lodge, the Parent Teachers Association, the Garden Club, the Baptist Missionary Society, the Methodist Sunday school, Methodist Sunday school class No. 4, the Presbyterian Sunday school, and the Presbyterian Missionary Society.

Solicitors in Port Matilda were: Mrs. George Rhule, Mrs. Edna Shultz, Mrs. Jane Wallace, Mrs. Mary Pringle, Mrs. Paul Zeigler, Mrs. Charles Dunlap, Mrs. Elsie Auman, Mrs. Eleanor Beckwith, and Mrs. Ira J. Lane, chairman.

C. E. Bullock is 86 Years Old. Charles Bullock marked his 86th birthday anniversary last Thursday at his home in Beech Creek. He was a ball player for 35 years, handling his skill 'at the bat' down to his son, Register and Recorder, Robert W. (Bob) Bullock, who played big league baseball before settling in the office of Register and Recorder, where he has been located for a number of years.

campaign for \$7,000,000 offers us an opportunity to show what we mean when we talk of brave China.

AMERICANS MUST TAKE WAR NEWS SENSIBLY

The question that is asked the editors of The Centre Democrat more than any other is, "How is the war coming along?"

The people are hungry for news of victories. They want to hear that the Japanese have been smashed somewhere and that the Germans have been butchered in quantity.

For many weeks radio speakers and newspaper headline writers have played up unimportant phases of the war, over-emphasizing insignificant local victories. Consequently, the public is beginning to be wary of such successes.

As a result of this careless handling of the news of the war the public has been misled, at times, into the belief that our side had scored decisively. A few days later it became harder to understand the sudden debacle of defenses and the onward march of the enemy.

A recent example concerns the news of Gen. MacArthur's arrival in Australia which, according to some so-called experts, meant a bold, counter-offensive strike against the Japs. This will come in time but the presence of MacArthur, good general that he is, in Australia is not a substitute for lacking planes, tanks and guns, which must be available for a successful attack upon the victory-drunk Japanese.

To pretend that the United Nations are winning in the Far East is sheer nonsense. The Japs have launched one of the most amazing campaigns in history. They are making gains. We are taking losses. Let's admit what the maps reveal.

Japanese Advantage Enormous

There never was much excuse for believing that the United Nations could stop the Japs in less than four months. Given the time to prepare for the battle and picking the moment for combat awarded Japan initial triumphs. More valuable to the Japs is the location of the war, thousands of miles from our sources of supply, in an area where the United Nations were thoroughly unprepared for modern war.

Consider the United States, which had its Navy divided between the two oceans, even before Pearl Harbor. Remember that we had no fortified bases, west of Honolulu, and that we had accepted a naval limit that absolutely precluded any hope of wading into Japan immediately upon the declaration of war. Now, consider Japan, with an army trained in China and greater naval strength in the Far East than all her foes could assemble. The possession of adequate bases for warships and airplanes multiplied the effectiveness of these vital units. Around the China Sea, which was almost a Japanese lake, were the scattered goals of Jap aggression, waiting for attack, one by one.

Hope Not Based on Reason

When Japan attacked the United States, her treachery did not change the basic facts of the Far East. It did not destroy her definite superiority in that part of the world. This advantage could not be wiped out by what many call "the offensive spirit." It can be undone only by slow, patient and professional war-making.

It can be said, we think, quite truly, that in view of the relative position of the combatants, when the war began, the United Nations have done about as well as a hard-boiled military expert could have expected. We have not done as well as we would have liked and we will do much better.

Along this line General Chiang Kai-shek, China's great leader, says: "Nothing has happened that has not been expected and nothing will shake our determination to fight on to victory." These are brave words from a courageous man who has led his people through the valleys of humiliation, suffering and death.

Try To Understand War Factors

Instead of walling, "Where is the Navy?" the people of this country should study the war situation and try to understand the nature of the problem that confronts us. Then, we would be more than anxious to do anything that comes to hand, if it will, even to a minor degree, strengthen the fighting power of this republic.

Despite the handicaps and the obstacles ahead, including more bad news and defeats, victory will come when the full power of the United States is propelling our war machine. It must advance, fast and then faster, under its own steam, like a mighty juggernaut, crushing whatever stands in its path.

Fighting Men Deserve Applause

Let no American lose heart because of a few initial reverses. Let none imagine that Japan, or Germany, cannot be whipped. Let all realize that the bloody task ahead of us must be speedily assumed in order to save us from the disgusting and revolting cruelties of Japanese and German invaders.

Our fighting men are doing a fine job on land, on sea and in the air. With the tools at hand they are laying the foundation for victory. Despite handicaps they are moving forward and they deserve the applause of their people. They would be receiving it in greater volume if the average man or woman understood the odds against them and the art of war.

ANYWHERE THAT IT IS ASSAILED

The official British revelation, that Japanese soldiers at Hongkong, after the surrender of the city, bayoneted helpless men and women, some of them Europeans, should not surprise Americans who have made any effort to keep up with the activities of Japan in China for the past five years.

That Japanese soldiers wantonly attacked women, Chinese and European, and often killed them, has been established by many reports. After the looting, raping and killing that followed the fall of Nanking nobody but a simpleton would expect good behavior from Japanese soldiers.

Self-satisfied Americans, who are immune to the suffering of innocent peoples far from home, should take notice of what this nation may expect if the Japanese invade the United States. They should bear themselves to every exertion to prevent such a blight upon our civilization.

More than the defense of our own land, we must resolutely prepare the way for preventing new Japanese outrages in the future. The defense of our civilization means its defense anywhere in the world that it is assailed. The raping and killing of women by invading soldiers, even in China and the Far East, should not leave us so agnostic that we stand motionless.

Religion suffers as much from those in the church who do not do their duty as it does from those on the outside.

Among the extinct species of mankind is the fellow who had nothing to worry about.

Every American has one task, to contribute to the defeat of the foes of this nation.

Rationing of sugar causes the beekeepers to predict that this year will be a honey.

THE OFFICE CAT
"A Little Nonsense Now and Then. Is Relished by the Wisest Men"
Illustration of a cat's face.

We'll Win in a Walk

(With Vague Remembrances of Kipling)

When our last tire quits with a fizzle— Lies flat and forlorn on the rim; When we stand in the cold and the drizzle And think of the future as grim; We shall walk; and faith, we shall like it— Flod on for a furlong or two; Show the world we are game; and can hike it Till da Pont makes rubber of glue.

When our cars are all worn to jalopies, And the junkyards draw envious eyes, We shall walk, and read numerous copies Of fokes and Nelson and Dies. And the sun will come up an hour early, Or will it? And sugar will soar— With cotton socks wrinkled and curly As well for the rich as the poor.

We shall fight, and faith, we shall need to, With millions in jeeps and in tanks; We shall work, with the whole world to feed, too, Because of these Jap-German pranks. When the heap lies down and refuses, To wheeze for that last feeble mile, We'll cut out the tears and excuses, And hike with a cold-blooded smile— For we're sure that come hell or high water, We'll win from the Rhine to the Nile.

—Henry L. Marshall.

Just Wanted His Own

A college professor had checked out of his hotel and before getting more than a few blocks away realized that he had left his umbrella. Returning to the hotel and approaching the room he had just vacated, he learned that a newly-wedded couple had taken the room.

They were in that baby-talking stage, and as the professor peered through the keyhole, he saw the groom kiss the bride's tiny mouth, and heard him say:

"Whose 'ittle nose is that?" "Yours," she cooed. "And whose 'ittle nose?" he continued. "Yours, darling," she assured him. "And whose 'ittle hands," he asked, kissing them. "Yours, of course, dearest," she replied. "Listen here, young fellow," called the impatient professor, through the transom, "when you come to an umbrella, it's mine."

In the Soup

A certain seed company in Chicago had received from one customer fifteen requests for free samples of their pea seeds. When the sixteenth application arrived, the chief of the mailing department made up his mind to do something. Calling in his secretary, he dictated the following letter:

"Dear Sir: We are pleased to send you the seed samples as you requested, but what do you do with so much? Are you planting your entire farm with peas?"

One week later he received this reply from his steadiest customer: "No," stated the letter, "we are not planting them at all. We use them for pea soup."

Lots of Time

It was three o'clock in the morning and the sousse was draped over a sign which read: "One Hour Parking."

A pal, but perfectly sober, shuffling along, and tugging the inebriated one by the collar, pleaded:

"The sousse shook himself away and pointing a quaking finger at the sign, replied: "Nope, not for fifty-eight more minish."

Who'd Have Think It?

"Did you hear about the skunk that committed suicide?" "No—why?" "He had halitosis."

The Cat and Kitten

He—"What is the difference between a cat and a kitten?" She—"I'll bite."

He—"Well, it only takes one kitten to make a cat."

Any Old Transportation

Drunk (to nicely unbalanced bystander)—"Shay, call me a cab, will ya?" Bystander—"My good man, I am not a doorman; I am a naval officer."

Drunk—"Awright, then, call me a battleship. I gotta get home."

Auto-Intoxication

Voice from passing auto—"Engine trouble, Bud?" Voice from parked car—"Nope." Voice from passing auto—"Tire down?" Voice from parked car—"Didn't have to."

Something to Be Thankful For

A little colored boy was sitting down in a chair with his feet resting on top of the table, when his mammy came into the room and said: "Lord, yo' is a lazy boy; youse zactly like yo' pappy. Thank God I didn't marry dat man."

A Sure Cure

Wife—"I'm awfully glad that my husband has stopped drinking." Neighbor—"Well, how did it happen?" Wife—"He fell down an elevator shaft while soused, and hasn't taken a drop since."

He Was Sad

First Rooster—"Why is the old gander so sad?" Second Rooster—"Somebody cooked his goose."

Lost Something

Papa Kangaroo—"Annibelle, where is the baby?" Mama Kangaroo—"My goodness, I've had my pockets picked."

Dangerous Pooch

Bing—"What do you mean kicking my dog? He don't even bite." Bang—"Yes, but he raised his leg, and I thought he was going to kick me."

Looks Suspicious

Nurse (in insane asylum)—"There is a man outside who wants to know if we have lost any male inmates." Doctor—"Why?" Nurse—"He says that someone has run off with his wife."

Money Talks

Mr. Penny (to servant)—"Please announce Mr. and Mrs. Penny and daughter." Butler—(loudly)—"Three cents."

Welcome Absences

Young Bill approached the dentist's assistant in trepidation. "I came to make an appointment with the dentist," he began. "He's out just now," said the nurse. Bill's face brightened. "When do you expect him to be out again?"

The Changing Scene

If the tin shortage results in prohibiting canned beer, some of our previously most scenic roadshows will gradually lose their resemblance to Hogan's dump.

Pick Out Big Ones

Customer—"Bring me some fly specks." Waiter—"Whattut ya mean, fly specks?" Customer—"Well you get 'em right here on the bill-of-fare."

That's all, folks. Some girls are like paint. Get them stirred up and you can't get them off your hands.

LOUISA'S LETTER

To Troubled in N. C.—Of course you shouldn't marry this boy. To begin with, you are too young to get married and from your letter I don't think you know what you want to do.

Perhaps, if you behave yourself nicely, your parents will not object to you having friends among the boys. But stop thinking of marriage for the present. Have a nice time and try to learn as much as you can at school, while you have the opportunity.

Good luck, LOUISA.

Dear Louisa:

What are the requirements in order for a girl to take a course in welding or for airplane flying? What are the requirements of a Red Cross nurse or an ambulance driver? How can I get rid of pimples and blackheads? I have tried things but nothing seems to do any good. "WONDERING"—Okla.

Answer:

I presume that the first part of your letter refers to government welding and airplane flying, and I really have no information on these, right at hand. However, I am sure that your local Red Cross secretary or the Director of Civilian Defense in your community can give you the information you want.

There are classes in almost every town for those who wish to take the Motor Corps course or First Aid. To be a regular Red Cross nurse you have to be a graduate nurse from some hospital. Home-nursing classes are also being given by the Red Cross and those who take such courses will be called on for service when the supply of regular nurses gives out, which is very likely in case of air raids or sabotage. So you can prepare yourself with these.

If you live in the country, you might write to the Red Cross secretary in some town which is close to you and get specific information.

As to blackheads and pimples—some people find that they are checked by cutting out fatty or starchy foods. Chocolate is bad for certain complexions. Keep the skin cleaned by steaming with a hot towel once a day. After washing the face thoroughly, rinse with cold water to close the pores. Try not to pick at the pimples because fingers cause them to become infected.

I hope you find out the things you wish to know. You sound very patriotic.

Good luck, LOUISA.

To L. E. P.—N. D.

So many letters like yours come to this office. My advice to you is to try not to worry and try not to let your husband know that you suspect him. There probably is nothing to worry about at all, but there will be if he gets the idea that you think there is. This all sounds very complicated and I know it is hard for you to have confidence in him after he betrayed that confidence once.

But I believe in letting bygones be bygones. If your husband sidestep once and you forgive him, then forget it, and never bring it up again. To do so causes unhappiness and does no good.

Try to make his home a pleasant one and one he likes to come back to. There is no woman more despicable than the one who tries to break up another woman's home, but you are playing in her hands if you let yourself become worried and sad.

Also, there is no fool like a middle-aged man who tries to have one last romance before he realizes his age. But if you love him, and want to keep him, regardless of his behavior, you will do well not to see too much.

Sincerely, LOUISA.

FAREWELL PARTY HELD AT FRANK WHITE HOME

On Friday evening, March 20, as twilight faded into night a host of friends, relatives and neighbors gathered at the home of Frank White, near Millheim, for a farewell celebration. In the near future the White family will move to the Tressler farm at Oak Hill. The evening was spent in playing games. Refreshments, including an abundance of ice cream and cake, were served.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Willard Smith and children, Betty, Willard, Jr., Nerr, Ruby, Carol and Cleo, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Esterline, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Reish, A. G. Cummings, Elmer Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brungard, Miss Miriam Zerby, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Blair and sons, Marvin, Robert, Gerald and Dick, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Shultz and daughter Arlene, Mrs. Ernest Brooks, Covington, suffered a fracture of the left leg Sunday morning when he was thrown from a horse and the animal rolled over on him. Admitted to the Blossburg State Hospital at 10 a. m., his condition was said to be good.

Query & Answer Column

T. T.—Where is the largest Buddhist temple in the world? Ans.—The temple at Boru Buddur in Java is said to be the largest in the world.

C. T.—Who was the author of the "Seaman's Bible"? Ans.—Nathaniel Bowditch, who in 1802 published his valuable work, "New American Practical Navigator," which is often referred to as the "Seaman's Bible."

T. M.—Is the number of cattle on farms increasing or decreasing? Ans.—The Department of Agriculture reports that all cattle on farms on January 1, 1942, totaled 74,807,000 head, an increase of 3,146,000 head over the year before.

H. H. W.—Is it true that snakes always wait until sundown to die? Ans.—This is an erroneous belief probably arising from the fact that snakes continue to squirm and wriggle from reflex action for some time after they have been killed.

D. R.—Is El Salvador the same as San Salvador? Ans.—It is not. El Salvador (The Saviour) is the name of the country; San Salvador (Holy Saviour) is the name of its capital city.

M. W.—Is the level of the ocean the same all over the world? Ans.—It is not. The water masses are affected by the gravitational pull of adjacent mountains, a huge range like the Andes producing a marked effect. Variations, however, do not exceed a few inches.

W. M. R.—How long has there been a Federal income tax? Ans.—The Federal Government adopted an income tax in 1862-72 to help finance the Civil War. The tax of 1894 was declared unconstitutional and it was not until the Sixteenth Amendment to the Constitution was ratified in 1913, that Federal taxation of personal income was made valid.

W. N.—Why is the word jumbo used to mean "large"? Ans.—It derives from the name of Barnum's famous elephant, Jumbo was a large male, purchased from the London Zoological Gardens where he had been used to carry children on his back.

F. L.—In what State was the Half-Breed Tract? Ans.—The Half-Breed Tract was an area of land, now part of Iowa, lying between the Mississippi River and Des Moines River. By a treaty signed on August 4, 1824, the Sauk and Fox Indians set this tract aside for the children of mixed white and Indian parentage.

K. M.—Has the manufacture of passenger automobiles for consumer use been stopped in Canada? Ans.—Production will be halted at the end of March or early in April as soon as existing inventories of parts already fabricated have been assembled.

P. W.—Has there been any official British explanation of the flight of Rudolph Hess to Great Britain? Ans.—Prime Minister Churchill told Parliament on January 27 that Hess believed he needed only to gain access to certain cliques in Britain to overthrow the Churchill government and establish one which would negotiate peace with the Nazis.

F. M.—What is the required height and distance from the road, that a rural route patron's box must be erected? Ans.—The Postal Laws and Regulations simply traveled by a rural carrier, and in such position as to easily and safely accessible for the delivery and collection of mail without leaving his conveyance.

W. W.—Is any anthracite mined in Alaska? Ans.—The coal deposits of Alaska include a fairly good anthracite and a small amount of coal approaching anthracite is mined in Bow Pass, near Barrow, Alaska.

D. L.—What is the highest denomination in postage stamps? Ans.—The largest denomination of United States postage stamps is \$5.

G. M.—Is General MacArthur a Mason? Ans.—Gen. Douglas MacArthur received the first three Masonic degrees on January 17, 1936, in the Philippine Islands. He received the Scottish Rite, or 32nd Degree in Manila, in the same year, and in 1937 was elected Knights Commander, conferred by the Supreme Council in Washington, D. C. and received in the Philippine Islands.

D. A. R.—How can automobile anti-freeze be stored for next Winter's use? Ans.—Gallon glass bottles or jugs are suitable containers. Label each one carefully with the name, date and origin of the material and a poison warning. Be sure not to use these containers for storing foods or beverages at a later date.

M. V.—In what country is the horse race held in honor of the Virgin Mary? Ans.—Such a race is held twice each year at Siena, Italy. Its origin is lost in antiquity but in its present form the race dates from the Seventeenth Century. The trophy is a silken banner, its pallio, which the jockey takes to the parish church for safekeeping.

C. D.—Where is the famous painting the "Assumption of the Virgin" by Titian located? Ans.—It is in the Church of the Prati, Venice. When Napoleon was carrying off art treasures from Italy, this painting was so blackened with candle smoke that the Frenchmen decided it was not worth taking away.

Many metropolitan newspapers who are yelling loudly about aid to farmers would howl just as loudly if unemployment relief was reduced to city dwellers.

Your health is important to you, if to nobody else; take care of your body and live longer.

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