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EDITORIAL

Better not forget the importance of that vegetable garden. They are going to be very popular this year.

Maybe the restrictions on the use of gasoline has enabled some families to enjoy a night together in the old home.

There are some Americans who are putting out the kind of stuff that Hitler would discuss if he was in the United States.

The farm labor situation may require the mobilization of school children to gather the crops. Why not? Food is essential to victory.

Centre county farmers, we are sure, will fight every difficulty, and labor to produce the crops that will feed our soldiers and their fellow-Americans.

If the Red army defeats the German army and gets into Germany before the Anglo-American army gets into Europe, you can expect a Stalin dictated peace. Even so, it will probably be fairer than the Brest-Litovsk peace which the Germans forced on the Russians twenty-five years ago.

London reports that Germany is blanketing the airwaves of Europe with the greatest radio barrage of the war to prevent the German people from learning the full extent of the rout of their forces in Russia. Evidently, something is happening in Russia that the German high command wishes to keep as secret as possible.

SUPPOSING

Just suppose—That the United Nations are planning an all-out offensive against Hitler in April, and

The vast quantities of gasoline and fuel oil must be transported before the attempt is made to knock him out.

That, early next Summer, as a result of the present restrictions upon the use of gasoline, the Allied armies will have what they need and launch a stupendous and overwhelming attack, and

That it will shorten the war and save the lives of thousands of young Americans, maybe a number from Centre county.

Now, aren't you willing to do without your gasoline?

THANK GOD FOR "F. D.'s" HEALTH

This nation is fortunate in having at its head a man who has what it takes. President Roosevelt's physician reports that, despite the heavy strain under which he has been laboring, he has not been ill a day for the last 18 months, and seems in better health than ever.

Most Americans are familiar with the gallant fight the President waged against infantile paralysis, and how by sheer force of will he overcame a handicap that would have relegated most mortals to a state of chronic invalidism.

No man in the wide world, perhaps never before in history, has carried a heavier burden than that on the President's shoulders. Through it all he remains high-spirited, cheerful and optimistic, disproving a widely-held belief that White House service means an early grave.

Regardless of political belief, every patriotic citizen will pray that the President's luck holds and that he will enjoy his health and strength to see through to the finish the gigantic task destiny has assigned him. The world needs him today more than ever before—Labor (Union paper).

CUT AUTO LICENSE FEES

A Legislative objective worthy of serious consideration is proposed by the Keystone Automobile Club. It suggests that motor fees be cut.

The club says it is its belief that every motor vehicle owner is entitled to a drastic reduction in the amount he has to pay for registering his vehicle, in view of the limited use prescribed by the federal regulations and enforced through gasoline rationing.

In the opinion of many motorists, expressed in a survey conducted by the club, it is unfair and inequitable for the states to continue to exact pre-war fees for vehicles which can be used only a small part of the time. With living costs mounting and income taxes reaching the highest point in the nation's history, motorists insist that state financial burdens should be lightened wherever possible.

Opposed to the contention for immediate cut in fees is the argument, advanced by some highway officials, that registration and other fees should be continued on the present basis, to build up a huge post-war road-building fund. The sentiment of motorists on this argument is that immediate financial relief is to be preferred over benefits which may or may not accrue in the future.

There is no assurance, it is emphasized, that the states will scrupulously keep faith with motorist taxpayers and hold such funds exclusively for highway purposes.

Governor James said taxes could be cut. Governor-elect Martin says consideration will be given to reducing them. Here, then, is an item that can and should be cut. It would be no more than fair—Altoona Tribune.

THE WOUNDED DON'T DIE!

The new techniques devised for the treatment of soldiers wounded in battle are performing miracles in saving the lives of these men.

Russian Relief, Inc. says that on the 2,000-mile battlefield in Russia, only 15 per cent of the wounded have died. Nearly forty per cent of the Russian wounded are back in the war and one-third are fighting soldiers.

Commenting on this, Howard W. Blakeslee, of The Associated Press, says that the Russian record is slightly higher than the remarkable recovery rate at Pearl Harbor, when 96 out of each 100 wounded were saved. The Russian recovery rate is 98.3 per cent of all wounded, however, is not as good as "the Guadalcanal miracle" of one per cent of wounded dying.

CERTIFICATE BUYING PLAN

Every American is familiar with the fact that due to war spending there is a quick turn-over of money in the country and a stupendous "inflationary gap" which represents excess of income over goods available for buyers.

To prevent inflation it is considered necessary by financial experts to cut down the excess. Heavier Federal taxes, besides financing the war, play a part in this function and money invested in war bonds does the same, because it is taken out of the current spending total.

The prevention of inflation is one of the prime responsibilities of Government because of the inevitable deflation that will follow. The experience of the last post-war period is enough to convince anyone of the necessity of extreme measures to prevent a repetition of the national misfortune.

Another problem which confronts the nation is the conversion of our industries from war to peace-time operations. This economic change-over is a serious operation and its speed and success will depend, in a large degree, upon the spending power of the people when war is concluded. A heavy demand for consumer products would speed up the change and diminish the prospect of widespread unemployment.

One of the plans which has been suggested would permit individuals with excess incomes at this time to buy preferred claims on post-war products not available now.

The automobile industry will illustrate how the plan might work. Americans who are unable to buy new cars now will need them after the war. They would be permitted to set apart some of the present excess income for the purchase of a car when production is resumed and, in consideration of so doing, would get a "priority" on the first cars manufactured.

The same idea would apply to the post-war purchases of refrigerators, oil-burners or stokers, washing machines, kitchen ranges, high priced radio-phonograph sets, home air-conditioning units, vacation travel by ship, plane and railway and, possibly, the construction of houses. Obviously, it could likewise apply to other purchases.

Rolf Nugent, director of credit policy in the OPA has given some thought to the plan which, he says, has aroused enthusiasm among officials of concerns manufacturing durable consumer goods and among consumer finance companies which would have a part in the program. He thinks that it might absorb a considerable portion of the expected 1943 excess between consumer income of \$130,000,000,000 and \$77,000,000,000 in available goods.

The plan, if it can get underway, would not only provide a market for post-war production but would give the government the use of the money now in financing the war. Thus it would cut down the "inflationary gap" and help provide cash for military purposes.

Leon Henderson suggests that the plan be considered by the public and explained to each purchaser of the certificates would receive 100 per cent of the investment in merchandise, or 100 per cent of his investment in cash after the war. Should the investor want cash earlier, he would be paid the amount invested less sales and collection costs.

The OPA points out that the customary channels of private enterprise would be utilized for selling the certificates. The dealers selling them would receive the down payment and two per cent of subsequent payments. Bookkeeping and delinquent collections would be handled by finance companies and banks. Installments would be paid at telephone, telegraph and light companies, post offices, etc.

A special plan would take care of the interests of men and women in the armed forces who would be given larger terms of payment to compensate for lower incomes. Moreover, sales and collection costs would be avoided and the military personnel would probably be given higher priority than civilians.

There may be difficulties in connection with the application of the proposal, but it seems to us, that the merits outweigh the disadvantages.

Certainly, if the purchase of the certificates develop generally throughout the nation, with individuals indicating present intentions as to the products to be delivered, industry would secure some valuable leads as to the probable demand for products after the war. This would aid private industry in preparing for the post-war period.

"It Takes Both"



It takes both... two fingers to give the Victory sign. It takes both War Bonds and Taxes to make that Victory come true. Continue your purchase of War Bonds, at least ten percent of your income.

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THE BATTLE OF MIDWAY, ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT NAVAL VICTORIES IN AMERICAN HISTORY, WAS DECIDED IN THE SPACE OF 25 MINUTES...! TORPEDO JUNCTION ROBERT J. CASEY

Query & Answer Column

H. W.—What newspaper once printed the Bible in serial form? Ans.—The New Era, a weekly paper of Parker, South Dakota, once printed the Holy Bible in its entirety, taking twenty-two years and eight months to complete the serial story.

S. B. E.—What is the difference between northern seal and Hudson seal? Ans.—Northern seal is the improper name for rabbit, sheared and dyed seal color. Hudson seal is the improper name for seal-dyed muskrat or nutria.

N. S. B.—What countries in Europe achieved independence as a result of the last war? Ans.—New republics formed were Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia. Hungary became an independent kingdom, though without a king. The empires of Russia, Germany, Austria, and Turkey adopted republican governments.

P. D.—From what variety of frog do we get the frogs' legs that are used for food? Ans.—The hind legs of the bull frog provide most of the frogs' legs of commerce.

P. S. B.—Did Negroes ever own slaves? Ans.—Previous to the Civil War many Negroes owned slaves. Many of these were from families who had been able to purchase and hold to insure their not being again sold into slavery. According to the Negro Year Book, it was estimated that at the outbreak of the Civil War there were 6000 Negro slave owners with 18,000 slaves.

A. L. D.—Who are the kings represented on playing cards? Ans.—The modern king on the playing card is a stylized figure with the composite characteristics of many of the kings of history who have appeared on cards at various times. The original four kings are believed to have been Charlemagne, Alexander, Caesar, and Henry VIII.

P. J. Y.—Is it a fact that a flea always jumps backwards? Ans.—The flea, which has a streamlined body, travels tail first, and lands facing in the direction from which it came.

H. F. H.—How long should it take to milk a cow? Ans.—The time required to milk a cow is between two and one-half and fifteen minutes, the average being approximately six minutes. The difference in time is caused by the temper of the cow in letting down her milk and is not dependent on the ability of the milker.

N. S. W.—When did the dirigible Shenandoah crash? Ans.—The Shenandoah was torn to pieces at 5 a. m. September 3, 1925, by a thunder squall while passing over Ava, Ohio. Fourteen of the crew were killed, including the commanding officer, Zachary Lansdowne. There were twenty-nine survivors.

B. F. J.—Is any heat reflected from the moon to the earth? Ans.—The sunlight reflected from the moon to the earth, and the radiation emitted by the moon as a result of the sunlight which the lunar surface absorbs, both send some heat to the earth. The amount of this heat can readily be computed, and is found to be so small that at most it could raise the temperature upon the earth by only about 0.0015 degree Fahrenheit. It therefore can produce no appreciable effect.

F. F. E.—In what year was there so much agitation against football as a dangerous sport? Ans.—It was in 1905 that there was so many deaths and injuries from the game that a number of college presidents banned it as a sport. In the winter of 1905-06 football leaders met and ruled out practically all mass formations, prohibited hurdling and formulated other rules for the safety of the game.

F. R. N.—Is it true that bats become entangled in a woman's hair? Ans.—There is no truth in the belief that bats will stick in one's hair. Bats, apparently, are as afraid of people as people are of them.

E. V. J.—Who was the general who said "War is hell"? Ans.—General Sherman is credited with having said "War is hell!" but he is also said to have remarked that he had no recollection of making the statement.

P. F. L.—Where was the Russian headquarters in California? Ans.—Fortress Rossiya, on the coast of Sonoma county, north of San Francisco, was the chief Russian outpost. In 1812 it was bought and dismantled by Johann Sutter, and the name shortened to Fort Ross.

P. R. N.—What is meant by a receiving ship? Ans.—A receiving ship is a ship, usually moored at a navy yard and unfit for sea, used for new recruits, men in transit between stations, and for other purposes.

P. B. S.—Please give some information about the HL hinge. Ans.—The HL hinges of the 1700's were cut from sheet iron and many were imported. They were called Holy Lord by some, but were so shaped because this was the best way for a hinge to be made that had to take care of a corner joint. They were popularly said to be witch chasers.

W. R.—Why does the tail of a certain breed of sheep grow to such size? Ans.—The tail of the fat-tailed sheep, like the camel's hump, serves as a storehouse of food. After a feast it may be a yard long and weigh eighty pounds. Shepherds construct a small wheel cart on which the tail is held up off the ground.

J. A.—How early does a baby begin to think? Ans.—Karl Buhler in his book, "The Mental Development of the Child," says that the first signs of thinking occur at the age of from ten to twelve months.

N. A. P.—What is meant by an animal's dew-claw? Ans.—This is the name applied to the functionless toe or toes which do not reach the ground. In deer there are two, forming the false hoof. In the dog, the hallux, corresponding to man's big toe, is the dew-claw.

M. B. R.—When did Babe Ruth leave the New York Yankees? Ans.—Babe Ruth left the Yankees in February, 1935.

Y. D.—How are the antipodes determined? Ans.—The antipodes are the opposite ends of a line passing through the center of the earth.

A. S.—What was the first house in the United States to be built by an architect? Ans.—The 300-year-old mansion known as "His Lordship's Kindness" near Clinton, Md., is purported to be the first house built in America under the supervision of an architect, who was imported from England to plan its erection.

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LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Girls:

A few days ago I read a short piece by a noted woman giving sex reasons for marital discord. As well as I can remember, she blamed three of these on men and three on women. First, she said, strange as it may seem, some men never give their wives any allowance for clothes, beauty treatments, etc., and they have to pinch such things out of the household money. Second—some men insist on dominating in the home, and third—they eat breakfast in a rush and come home late for dinner which tends to make them quarrelsome and tired out. The women's faults are these: First—they do not try to economize in the home. Second—they confide family affairs to some intimate friend, and third—they can't cook.

There is a good little deal of common sense in the above. For instance, the man who does not give his wife an allowance for her personal needs engenders a disgruntled and rebellious spirit in his wife, and many times, because of this, she does not economize in other ways. I knew a woman once who had a very stingy husband but he ran an account for gasoline at one of the filling stations which he settled each month. Mrs. L. seemed to take a special delight in using up as much gasoline as she could. She ran a regular transfer for the neighborhood. "Let Tom pay for it," she would say, "I can't get any money out of him for anything else."

On the second count, about men, trying to dominate the household nothing is more out of date in the present era than the man who wishes to boss. Marriage is now considered a partnership between a man and woman, who care too much for each other to try and force their wills upon their mates. They share their fortunes and misfortunes, share and share alike, and in that way they keep each other's love and respect and lay the foundation for a happy home. The man who requires that his word be law loses more than he gains. All that a man gains by continuing this antiquated policy is the reputation of being a bully over his helpless family.

But even so, the wife will do well to keep her troubles to herself. So often the intimate friend in whom she confides, broadcasts her secrets to the community and the wife is looked upon as a spineless creature. Keep family troubles in the family is a good motto.

And then these third items seem to have something in common. True enough, the man who rushes through breakfast and gets home late to dinner is not only quarrelsome himself, but usually has a quarrelsome wife. But I wonder, if he had sat down to a marvelous breakfast, prepared just right, if he would rush off so hastily? And if he knew that he could be sure of a delicious cooked dinner each night, perhaps he wouldn't be late.

So it seems that a fault in one partner brings out a fault in the other.

Those of us who are not making a go of our marriages might check up on ourselves and get at the bottom of the causes and effects of our failure.

Yours, LOUISA



Bessie

"All right, Bessie," said the boss of the little factory which was making jackets for soldiers. "Did you want to see me about something?"

The thin middle-aged woman stood up from the chair in the outer office and looked earnestly at the boss with her huge, grave gray eyes.

"It's about this ten percent," she began.

"Oh, that's all right, Bessie," the boss said. "I'd been meaning to speak to you about that. We don't expect you to pledge ten percent of your pay for War Bonds like the others are doing. We know you have a hard time making ends meet since Jake died. Eleven kids, isn't it? That's quite a lot of mouths to feed. Let's see, you make \$25.50 a week including overtime, don't you?"

"Yes, sir, but..."

"The boss smiled.

"Don't give it another thought, Bessie. You've got your hands full now. Uncle Sam knows you haven't got a penny to spare. Don't let it worry you. We understand."

The boss turned to go back into his private office.

"But what I wanted to say was..." Bessie raised her voice and the boss looked around. "I wanted to say, would a dollar a week be too little? You see, after we get the living expenses paid, there's just about a dollar a week left. Would they be willing to accept a dollar a week?"

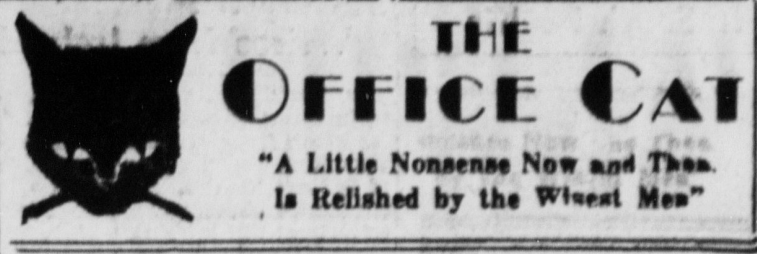
"They'd be more than willing," the boss said quietly. "They'd be proud."

Bessie looked relieved.

"All we have to do is scripp a little," she said. "I'd feel just terrible if we couldn't give something."

Back in the boss' office a representative of the Treasury Department was waiting. The boss shut the door and sat down.

"I've just seen the greatest single sacrifice I know of," the boss said. "Listen, if you want to hear what American women are made of..." (Story from an actual report in the files of the Treasury Department.)



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

Axis to Grind Herr Goebbels released this quotation On air-attack information: "On Germany proper Bombs never will drop." It must have been quite a sensation. Thought Honorable Matzko: "International code's a great joke-o. We make quick about face. Bomb Pearl Harbor Base. Now our Navy is driving him koo."

Weather Prophet A ship arrived in port after convoy duty and gave weekend leave to part of the crew. Before leaving, the men were inspected by the duty officer, an Irishman.

After the inspection, the officer said: "There's a lot of you men 'til-out oiksins, so if it rains hard on Monday morning I advise you to come aboard on Sunday night."

Up and Up "Your references are all right, I'll try you," said the farmer to the boy who had applied for a job on the farm.

"Is there any chance to rise in this work?" asked the boy. "Yes," said the farmer. "You'll rise at four o'clock every morning."

If You Find Him, Please Tell Us Oh where, Oh where Is the guy that said, "A sandwich is MEAT Surrounded by bread?"

Speaking of Cats The following essay on "cats" was turned in by a ten-year-old pupil:

"Cats and people are funny animals. Cats have four paws but only one ma. People have forefathers and only one mother. When a cat sneezes a rat he gets excited, so do people. Cats carry tails and a lot of people carry tales also. All cats have fur coats. All girls without fur coats say caty things about the ones who do have them."

Unduly Alarmed The bride was very much concerned at seeing twin beds in their bridal suite.

"What's the matter, dearest?" asked the attentive bridegroom. "Why, I certainly thought that we were going to get a room all to ourselves," was the reply.

Just a Notion The cop had laid violent hands on the drunk who stood on the corner. Finally the drunk got angry.

"Shay," he said, "I've got a good notion to punch you again." "Again?" asked the cop. "Why you haven't done it the first time." "Well," replied the drunk, "I had the same notion before."

It Could Be The teacher was examining the class in physiology.

"Mary, you tell us," she asked, "what is the function of the stomach?" "The function of the stomach," the little girl answered, "is to hold up the petticoat."

Deserved Something After a special talk in support of foreign missions, when the contribution plate was presented to a certain man, he said to the holder, "I don't believe in missions."

"Then take some out," said the Deacon, "it's for the heathens."

Household Tragedy Teacher—"Now, Johnny, can you tell me what became of Noah and the Ark?"

Johnny—"Baby sucked all the paint off'n Noah, and Pop stepped on the Ark and smashed it."

Conscientious Helper The plumber worked and the helper stood helplessly looking on. He was learning the business. This was his first day.

"Say," he inquired, "do you charge for my time?" "Certainly, you idiot," came the reply.

"But I haven't done anything."

The plumber to fill in the hour had been looking at the finished job with a lighted candle. Handing the two inches of it that remained unburned to the helper, he said sardonically: "Here, if you gotta be so darned conscientious, blow that out."

Absent Treatment He—"That lawyer of mine has a nerve."

Him—"Why so?"

He—"Listen to this item in his bill: 'For waking up in the night and thinking over your case, \$3.'"

A One-Suit Guy An Irishman went into a clothing store to buy a shirt and the clerk tried to sell him a trunk, also.

"What do you use a trunk for?" asked the Irishman. "To keep your clothes in."

"Shure, an' do you want me to run around naked?"

Wanted to Know Said one colored soldier to another: "Say, who-all is this Pearl Harbor that's always bein' attacked?"

Eye Specialist The tailor was recounting his experience to a dear old lady when she interrupted him. "But what rank did you hold?" she asked.

"Ship's optician, lady," was the reply.

"Ship's optician, I never knew there was such a rank in the Navy. What did your duty consist of?" asked the old lady.

"Scraping the eyes out of potatoes," the sailor replied.

Definition It was their first day in a military camp, and the two colored recruits were sitting in the kitchen, more or less industriously removing the skins from potatoes.

"How come," demanded the first, "how come dat officer keeps callin' us K. P.?"

"Hush yo' mouf, ignorance," advised the second. "Dat am de abbreviation for Keep Peelin'—Keep Peelin'."

Monkey Eggs One darkey was looking over a tattered magazine he had picked up, and he said to another:

"Look heah, Mose. Heah's a picture of some colored boys picking coccanuts."

The other said, "What yo' mean—pickin' coccanuts? I thought the monkeys laid 'em."

Worked in Reverse In a mechanics' training school, one of the students was asked to explain to the class the purpose of a bolt with a left-handed thread. This was the reply:

"A bolt with a left-handed thread is a bolt which the tighter it's screwed the looser it gets."

Terrible Dilemma Did you hear about the Scotchman who didn't come out of his hotel room for three days and was found sitting on top of his suitcase, with his head wrinkled in concentration, in front of a sign that read, "Think, have you left anything?"

That's all, folks. We would say: Walter Winchell is a second Abe Lincoln: He's for the peep-hole, by the peep-hole and through the peep-hole. —SCAT.