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EDITORIAL

Pay-as-you-go, or not, your income tax return, with remittance, must go forward March 15th.

A victory garden in your back yard, will help you to be well fed, regardless of rationing orders.

When you hear criticism, it is well to remember that the meanest dog can bark at the greatest man.

The Russian army, entirely destroyed last year by Hitler's Nazis, must be represented by some powerful ghosts.

Rationing or not, there still seems to be plenty of automobiles on the highways and in the parking places yet.

The best way to become financially independent is to learn to say "no" to yourself and keep your money for future use.

If you have no prospect of facing an enemy bayonet, or of being blown up by an enemy shell, you have nothing to grumble about.

Don't forget the Red Cross drive to raise funds to enable this essential war organization to function for the benefit of our men in service.

Patriotism exhibits strange forms, as witness the citizens who are worried about what will happen to Japanese, Germans and Italians after the war.

OUR BLOOD COLORS AFRICAN SOIL

The reverses suffered by American soldiers in Tunisia will have a sobering affect upon Americans who have had the idea that the war is about over and that what we should worry about is the peace to be set up after victory.

The Germans, it appears, are making a strong drive to divide the Anglo-American armies. They are using, or have available, superior numbers at the point of contact.

The strategy of the Nazis, if we may consider it on the basis of present developments, seems to be designed to inflict a defeat upon the United Nations forces, west of Tunisia, before the British Eighth army, in the East, can get into action.

The fighting in Tunisia involves the death of American soldiers, now at grips with the Germans for the first time since the first World War. Our boys, brave as they may be, are not yet trained soldiers; they are amateurs engaged in a match with professional fighters and temporary setbacks are the price of experience.

The warfare now being waged in Africa will not end until Hitler and his freebooters are utterly destroyed but, at last, we are face to face with the appalling price that must be paid in the blood of our soldiers. It is not pleasant to contemplate their sacrifices but, so far as we know, there is no other way to preserve our freedom and civilization.

FARMERS MAKE GREAT PROGRESS

There are individuals in Centre County who do not realize that agriculture has made tremendous progress but they will be better informed if they ponder figures recently released by the National Bureau of Economic Research, which has concluded a three year study of farm production.

One hundred years ago two out of every three Americans were employed in farming. In 1880 the percentage dropped to one out of two and in 1940 it was only one out of six of the working population.

The production of farms, however, shows no corresponding decline. Farm output increased steadily from 1899 to 1930, and after falling sharply during the drought years 1933-34, rose rapidly again and now stands higher than ever before.

In recent years, says Dr. Harold Berger and Hans Lansberg, authors of the study, farm output per worker has risen steadily, particularly in the raising of staple crops, due to the use of gasoline on the farm more than to any other single factor. They point out that there are nearly 2,000,000 tractors on our farms.

The farm labor force in 1939 was 16 per cent smaller than in 1940 and 20 per cent smaller than in 1920. Yet, in recent years, before war-intensified production, farm output was 60 per cent more than in 1940 and 30 per cent more than in 1920.

THE OLD AXIS GAME

President Roosevelt has warned the people of this country that Axis propagandists are "trying all of their old tricks to divide the United Nations," seeking to "create the idea that if we win this war, Russia, England, China, and the United States are going to get into a cat-and-dog fight."

He calls this a final effort, made in the "vain hope that they may settle with one or two at a time" and calls it a "panic attempt" to escape the consequences of their crimes.

Certainly, every American ought to understand the necessity of full cooperation between the United Nations, not only during the present struggle but in the peace that will follow. To become involved in foolish squabbles over minor and insignificant questions will be to play the game of the Axis and give our enemies a chance to win the war and the peace.

ARMY JEEPS FOR FARM USES

Delmar G. Roes, automotive engineer, who designed the Army Jeep, does not believe that the machine has a future, after the war, as a passenger car but he is sure that it will serve small farmers in many ways.

There will be plenty of the four-wheel drive machines for sale when hostilities end and farmers will be able to get them at attractive prices. The designer says they may "profoundly affect the agricultural truck."

TEAMWORK DOES IT

The American Red Cross is a teamwork organization. Its teamwork starts with the American people, who this month are working for and giving to the 1943 Red Cross War Fund. Without this close cooperation and teamwork, the American Red Cross would not exist, and could not carry out its many services for United States fighting men at home and abroad.

Within the American Red Cross organization teamwork among the various units is one of the principal factors in the success of the tremendous war-time job being done today.

When a member of the armed forces comes to a Red Cross field director for help in solving a personal problem, he sets in motion a series of cooperative efforts that may reach across the United States (or literally around the world if the soldier is overseas), while moving through several units and divisions of the American Red Cross organization.

For example: The wife of a service man is troubled over finances, or doesn't feel well the day she writes him, and mentions it casually in a letter. The soldier in camp reads into it a serious situation. He worries, loses his appetite, can't sleep. An officer notices that the man's work is falling off, and learns that the problem originated back home. The man is told to see the Red Cross field director.

The field director queries the Red Cross chapter in the man's home town to get exact information for the soldier regarding conditions at home. When the inquiry is received at the local chapter, a home service worker, quite often a worker who is not paid, makes a home visit and talks with the wife. Back to the soldier, by way of the field director, goes the report that his wife is all right—or if she is not, the information that the local Red Cross is seeking to it that she is cared for.

A similar request for a report on home conditions by a soldier overseas follows the channel from the field director to the home service division at national headquarters in Washington. That office in turn contacts the local chapter for a report.

Red Cross hospital workers and field directors, each with different jobs to do, work closely together. The Red Cross hospital workers can give the field director information as to the location of men, who may have been moved from station hospitals to other hospitals at home and abroad. The field director, in turn, passes the information back to the home where the inquiry originated by way of home service and local chapters.

Working in close cooperation with field directors, the 3,750 Red Cross chapters and 6,000 branches throughout the United States are able to reach any community and literally any family in the United States to obtain reports on home conditions, deliver messages, or perform any of the other numerous services of the Red Cross.

The serviceman is simply one corner of a triangle that extends to the field director at military stations and on to his home through the local Red Cross chapter.

Through national Red Cross headquarters, both the field director and the local chapter form important cogs that mesh into the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva. Through the Red Cross Inquiry Service messages are transmitted to relatives in foreign lands where usual communication channels are broken, and friends and relatives will be located in enemy or enemy-occupied countries. In addition the American Red Cross, maintaining a supply of prisoner-of-war International Red Cross Committee has been delivered as needed to United States soldiers in enemy prison camps.

The American Red Cross is not a series of operating units, each going its individual way without regards for the other. The vast program of services to the armed forces has behind it the close teamwork and full resources of the entire American Red Cross. Home service, field directors, hospital and recreation workers, local chapters, volunteer workers—and even the individual who gives his blood at the Blood Donor Center—each with a job to do—together into one vast organization that operates like a well-oiled machine in meeting military and civilian needs whenever they occur.

And back of this smooth-running organization stands the greatest member of the team—the American Public, which today is going "all out" to see to it that the 1943 Red Cross War Fund goes over the top.

It is this teamwork between the people of the United States and their Red Cross, and within the organization itself, that makes the American Red Cross "The Greatest Mother in the World."

There are people in the United States, who didn't have sense enough to foresee the present warfare, now trying to tell us what we ought to do in the years of peace, after the war.

Judging by what some people write, the United States ought to send diplomatic delegations to Moscow and Chungking to get Russian and Chinese approval for our war program.

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THE DOOLITTLES



Query & Answer Column

L. H.—How was Carpenter's Hall chosen as a place of meeting?
Ans.—On September 5, 1774, John Adams wrote in his diary: "At ten the delegates all met at the City Tavern and walked to the Carpenter's Hall where they took a view of the room and of the chamber where is an excellent library; there is also a long entry where gentlemen may walk and a convenient chamber opposite to the library. The general cry was that this was a good room, and the question was put whether we were satisfied with this room? And it passed in the affirmative." The carpenters had offered the hall.

T. H.—How long did Massachusetts have a law forbidding the observance of Christmas?
Ans.—The law providing a fine of five shillings for abstaining from work to celebrate Christmas was passed in 1659 by the General Court of Massachusetts. It was not repealed until 1681.

D. Y.—How many characters are there in the Chinese language?
Ans.—Out of the 44,449 word-characters contained in the dictionaries, even a well-educated man needs fewer than 3000.

M. E. R.—Please give the names of some noted persons, who were children of ministers.
Ans.—Woodrow Wilson, Chester A. Arthur, Grover Cleveland, Herbert Hoover, Charles Evans Hughes, Dorothy Thompson and Pearl Buck.

C. A. L.—What is the importance of Wilhelmshaven, German city recently bombed by American airmen?
Ans.—It is the home port of the Nazi North Sea fleet and has important foundries and repair shops.

B. D.—Must you surrender ration stamps when you eat meals in restaurants?
Ans.—No. Restaurants will be rationed in the total amount of processed foods they may buy according to the number of meals they serve.

C. M.—For what soup is Marseille famous?
Ans.—Bouillabaisse, made of various fish caught in the Mediterranean, boiled together and flavored with laurel leaves, onions, garlic, tomatoes and saffron.

A. G.—What sport is altogether American?
Ans.—Basketball, originated by the late Dr. James A. Naismith at the Springfield, Mass., YMCA in 1891.

D. R.—America's air power is currently estimated at 25,000 combat planes. Is this about 3, 10, or 20 times the number of combat planes we had at the same period in 1940?
Ans.—About 10 times.

M. S.—What causes did Lucretia Mott, American reformer, champion?
Ans.—Women's rights, anti-slavery, temperance, peace.

L. K.—What were the longest baseball games in major league history?
Ans.—Darkness stopped the Brooklyn and Boston Nationals after 26 innings and 3 hours, 50 minutes in 1939, with the score 1 to 1. Philadelphia Athletics scored three runs in the 24th inning to defeat Boston Red Sox, 4 to 1, in 1906. Time—4 hours, 47 minutes.

N. R. F.—How many electors were there in the first presidential election?
Ans.—The first election of a President was called for on September 13, 1788. By that time, eleven of the original States had ratified the Constitution. There would have been ninety-one electors if all States had been in the Union. As it finally developed, New York did not choose any electors, and two electors each in Virginia and Maryland were absent when the electoral college met. These at times, with the two missing States, left sixty-nine electors who actually voted. George Washington was elected President.

S. T. E.—Who named the George Washington Bridge?
Ans.—It was finally named by the Port of New York Authority on April 25, 1931. For months before the bridge was completed a controversy was carried on in the New York newspapers and New Jersey over the name to be given to the structure. More than 1000 letters were received by the Port of New York Authority from individuals, clubs and organizations suggesting names; over 275 different names were proposed.

B. R. E.—How did the Neck Verse in the Bible receive this name?
Ans.—For centuries criminals who could recite this verse from the Psalms saved themselves from the gallows. The quotation thus became known as the Neck Verse because it delivered men from the noose.

C. C. B.—What was the unusual manner in which the news of the opening of the Erie Canal in 1825 was transmitted to New York City?
Ans.—Cannon were stationed every ten miles along the canal from Buffalo to Albany and down the Hudson River to New York City. These cannons were fired in relays, and the news flashed to New York City in eighty minutes.

D. T. S.—Was "Wild Bill" Hickok ever a United States marshal?
Ans.—James Butler Hickok, popularly known as "Wild Bill" Hickok, became deputy United States marshal at Fort Riley, Kans., in 1866, marshal of Hays City in 1869, and marshal of Abilene in 1871.

C. J. B.—What is the official unit of length in the United States?
Ans.—Contrary to popular supposition, the meter, and not the yard, was made the legal standard in 1866.

H. S. S.—Has any part of the U. S. A. not been explored?
Ans.—There is practically no portion of the United States which has not been mapped, at least on a large scale. However, there are numerous localities, in the mountain States especially, which have not been surveyed nor actually explored in a true sense. Obviously the upper regions of very high mountain ranges, such as the Rockies can not be said to have been completely explored.

T. H. H.—What was the weight of Gen. Robert E. Lee at the beginning of the Civil War?
Ans.—He was five feet eleven inches and weighed 175 pounds.

S. S.—What is meant by "hinterland"?
Ans.—It means "back territory." The term came into general use at the time of the partition of East Africa between Germany and England in 1890. The doctrine of the hinterland is based on the claim of German diplomats that when a power takes possession of a strip of sea coast its rights extend inland indefinitely or until its territory reaches the recognized boundary of some other power.

E. C. H.—What is the title of the native ruler of Tunis?
Ans.—It is Bey, a modern Turkish word derived from the older beg. This has been the hereditary title of the ruler since about 1705.

T. B. B.—Does the roadrunner build a trap for rattlesnakes?
Ans.—This desert relative of the cuckoo is credited with building a hedge of thorn-covered cactus pads about a coiled rattler, to prevent its escape. This is just another nature myth, but the roadrunner does feed principally on lizards, small snakes and insects. It seizes them expertly with its strong bill.

D. F. H.—Do all animals sleep?
Ans.—Many of the higher animals are known to sleep. Horses can sleep standing up and a dog can live longer without sleep than without food. On the other hand, guinea pigs apparently do not need to sleep at all. It is probable that the less intellectual the animal, the less sleep it needs.

LOUISA'S LETTER

Three of today's letters are so very much alike that I will try to answer them all in one message. And, strange to say, all three of these letters are from North Carolina girls.

The first one is from a reader who does not give her age but says that she met a boy a year or two ago and that she is very much in love with him. However, her father forbids her going with him because he has heard that they are planning to get married.

The second girl says that she is twenty years old and has been going with a boy about six or seven months. He has no bad habits but for some reason her mother wants her to stop going with him.

The third reader is nineteen years old and has been going with a man of thirty. Her mother has refused to let her date him and the man has asked her to meet him outside. This she has refused to do.

Well, I think the parents of these girls are the ones who need advice for if there is one sure way of making a girl run off with a man, it is to forbid him to the house.

Naturally, if the man has a bad character and habits, you do not want your daughter associating with him but if that is so, talk to her and give her a good reason for your dislike.

Any girl, who is twenty years of age, whose mother or father forbids her to go with whom she imagines herself in love, is bound to be antagonized by her parents, give no reason but that of personal dislike. Fortunately, this third reader in today's column had more sense than to meet her young man on the street corners, but there are so many girls who are not that wise and when they start slipping out and deceiving their parents they are likely to get into all kinds of difficulties.

To begin with, a girl's home and family lend background and security to her life. A boy never respects a girl as much if she is careful of his behavior if she is willing to meet him on street corners. Also, a girl and boy will sometimes get over their passing infatuation for each other if no drastic steps are taken to keep them apart but let them once get the idea that someone is trying to break up their romance and even if they are not much in love they begin to dramatize themselves and the next thing they do is to run away and make a silly marriage which nine-tenths of them live to regret.

Now my advice to the parents is that unless they know these young men to be very undesirable characters they will be wise to let their daughters have a reasonable number of dates with them.

And my advice to the girls is not to slip behind their parents' backs and go out with these boys. If they know these boys are nice, be open and above board about their dates.

Of course, if these men are undesirable people the girls will do well to follow their parents' advice and look about for somebody else.

BROTHERS to the Editor

THE FARM WAGE-PARITY BILL

February 18, 1943.

The Centre Democrat, Bellefonte, Pa.

To the Editor:

Farmers and the Farm Bloc in Congress are assailed by the press and other wise because legislation is sought that will give the farmer parity on the increased cost of farm labor, and which is going to raise the cost of feed and living costs. Of course it will. Can the farmer absorb this increased cost of wages that he pays out, without recompense. Here are the facts, which are so little understood:

This agricultural commodity which is championed by the Farm Bloc in Congress, does not seek to add, and will not add to parity prices the total amount paid to or allowed for those working on the farms. It merely adds, as a part of the cost of production, the difference or increase in farm wage rate since the base period of 1909-14. That is to say, during the base period the average farm wage without board was \$1.42 per day. On January 1, 1943, as reported by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in the Department of Agriculture, the average farm wage, without board, was \$2.83 per day. That is an increase of \$1.41 per day, and it is this increased wage rate, and only this difference or increase, of \$1.41 per day, that would be added.

For example: The parity price of wheat during the base period was 85 cents per bushel. Entering into the cost of producing wheat at that time was a farm wage rate of an average of \$1.42 per day. But to produce the same wheat as of January 1, 1943, the farmer was paying a wage of \$2.83 per day. Certainly no fair-minded person will contend that the farmer is not entitled to have included, in calculating the parity price of his wheat, this 100 per cent increase in the farm wage rate.

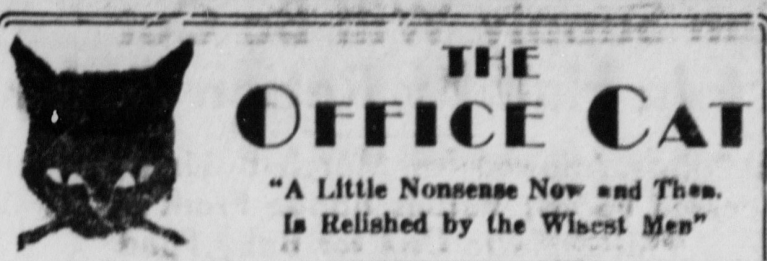
The President, in his message to Congress, on September 7, 1942, set forth the need and purpose of this bill as follows:

Parity is a fair relationship between the prices of the things farmers sell and the thing they buy. Calculations of parity must include all costs of production, including the cost of labor. As a result, parity prices may shift every time wage rates shift.

Wage rates have shifted since 1914—very much so, but farm wages have increased only about one-third as much as industrial wages have been increased.

Therefore, in farm language—"Is not that which is fair for the goose, also fair for the gander?"

WILLIAM H. LOSCH, Jersey Shore, Pa.



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

A Slick Deal

A man once owned a very fine horse which was the envy of all his acquaintances, one of whom, a shrewd trader, often asked to buy the animal. The owner always refused, but when the horse died, he had it sent to the trader.

Some time later the two men met and the practical joker asked the horse trader how he liked the gift. The trader replied, "I made \$3,000 off him."

"How did you ever make that off a dead horse?" asked the former owner.

"Oh," said the trader, "I sold chance tickets." "My dear fellow, didn't anyone object?" "Oh, yes," the trader answered calmly, "the fellow who won the horse objected, but I gave him back his money."

Too Good

A man went to a physician, complaining of prolonged headaches. The doctor told him to stop smoking.

"I have never used tobacco in any form," was the reply. "Well, then, stop drinking." "I am a total abstainer."

"Late hours, then, and fast women?" "I am always in bed by nine. I am a bachelor and live with my maiden sister. Now, seriously, what causes my headaches?" "I don't know," said the baffled doctor. "I guess your halo's pinching."

No Fooling

The Arkansas cowboy applied at the recruiting station for enlistment. "Ever been sick?" asked the recruiting officer.

"None," asserted the cowpuncher. "Ever had any accidents," queried the officer. "Not a one," returned the would-be soldier.

"Then what caused the scar on your cheek?" "Rattlesnake bit me." "And you don't call that an accident?" "None. The errery sonofagun did it a-purpose."

Tough Sarge

A squad of doughboys was marching six Japanese spies out to be shot. They were taking them to a spot about eight miles away, and all along the sergeant heard the Japs complaining. He finally turned to the interpreter and asked, "What the devil's going on?"

"I'm sorry, sir," said the go-between, "but they don't like the idea of an eight-mile hike."

"What have you got to kick about," said the sarge. "We've got to walk back."

Makes a Difference

Mother—"Johnnie, dear, I was hoping you would be unselfish enough to give your little sister the largest piece of candy. Why even the old hen will give all the nicest dainties to her little chicks and take only a tiny one once in a while for herself."

Johnnie (after watching the old hen while)—"Well, mom, I'd do the same thing if it was worms."

Kind of Catty

Clara—"Do you know, I think your cousin George dresses nattily." Bern—"Natalie who?"

Fair With Her

Bold He—"Will you marry me?" Shy She—"Yes, but at this time I think I should tell you that I am a somnambulist."

Bold He—"Oh, that's all right—you can go to any church you want to, and I'll go to mine."

The Reason

Bill—"How did George break his leg?" Phil—"Well, do you see those steps over there?" Bill—"Yes." Phil—"Well, George didn't."

Filling in the Time

Flapper (to casual acquaintance)—"Have a cigarette?" The Spinster (shocked)—"What, smoke, Flap? I'd sooner kiss the first man that came along."

Flapper—"So would I, sister—but have a cigarette while you're waiting."

Doesn't Matter

Big Lump—"What are you doin' wid dat Gar paper?" Little Slack—"Tse writin' mah gal a lettah."

Big Lump—"Go 'way, Nigger, yo' kain't write." Little Slack—"Dat's all right, big boy. Mah gal kain't read."

For Crowin' Out Loud

The minister had just finished an excellent chicken dinner. As he looked out of the window, a rooster strutted across the yard.

"My," said the minister; "that is certainly a proud rooster."

"Sho," said the host, "he has reason to be proud. One of his sons just entered the ministry."

Didn't Last Long Enough

Will—"I've found a wonderful tonic. Every time he extracts a tooth he gives his patient a drink of whiskey to stimulate him."

Joe—"Then what are you so gloomy about; did he run out of drinks?" Will—"No, I ran out of teeth."

Too Many Whiskers

Along a western highway is a billboard advertising Smith Brothers Cough Drops with this catch line: "Take One to Bed With You."

Across the bottom of the board some local wag has written: "I wouldn't sleep with either one of 'em."

According to Rank

"I have a pain in my abdomen," said the rookie to the army doctor. "Young man," replied the medical man, "officers have abdomens, sergeants have stomachs; YOU have a belly ache."

It Could Be

Fat Pedestrian (knocked down by a car)—"Couldn't you have gone around me?"

Motorist—"I wasn't sure whether I had enough gasoline left."

Rastus' Pennance

Minister—"Rastus, don't you know it's wrong to play cards on the Sabbath?" Rastus—"Yes, parson, an' believe me, Ah's payin' for mah sins."

No Discount

The tightwad, out of town on his birthday, sent her a check for a million kisses as a present.

The wife, a little annoyed at his thrift, sent back a postcard: "Dear Jim: Thanks for the perfectly lovely birthday check. The milkman cashed it this morning."

What Section?

A minister was riding on a train when a big strapping rough fellow came in and sat down beside him. Staring up the prelate, he exclaimed, "Where in hell have I seen you before?"

To which the minister replied, "I don't know; what part of hell are you from?"

Tugh in Cold Weather

Headline in San Antonio Express: "Lewis Wins and Loses Union Suit."

Sign in Front of a Movie House

"George Washington Slept Here, with Jack Benny."