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EDITORIAL

Soreheads and sapheads are not the same but they are equally tiresome.

You can travel thousands of miles without finding better people than those who live next door to you.

If you don't get busy and plant a Victory Garden, you might be in the same boat with the ten foolish virgins in the Bible parable.

When a man or woman gets so much religion that he or she is ready to fight everyone who doesn't agree with him or her, you may put it down as "too much" religion.

Since March 15th, when more Americans had to dig deeper than ever before to pay income taxes, more Americans are conscious of the fact that war inevitably brings sacrifices to every individual.

Centre county should respond one hundred per cent to the Red Cross War Relief Fund. Every man and woman should appreciate the wonderful contribution this great organization is making all over the world at this time.

Mohandas K. Gandhi has ended his fast; he did not die and, subsequently, the British did not kill him. The fact that Mr. Gandhi fasted of his own free will and accord and survived does not alter the fact that the British government would not have been responsible for his demise if he had failed to live.

RED CROSS

Great battles are brewing. American troops by the millions will be in the midst of these terrible struggles on war fronts from Europe to the south Pacific.

The Red Cross offers the opportunity to provide that service in an easy way: through contributions to the war fund campaign.

Some may take exception to that phrase, "easy way," for many may have difficulty in meeting the financial calls that are made upon them.

Here is a duty that is none should shirk. It is a war-time duty. For it will be the Red Cross that will be at every battle front with these American men.

Support of the Red Cross drive is a duty that every American owes to our men in the service.

FARMERS FACE INFLATION THREAT

Some of our farmer friends will not like this warning but, nevertheless, it is timely to remind them of the bankruptcy of American agriculture which followed the wild inflationary sprees of the first World War and the early post-war period.

We understand the inevitable longing that every agriculturist has to secure higher prices for his products. In this, the farmer is no different from any other citizen.

The farmer, according to most economists, is the first to feel the dire blight of a depression and the last to recover from its ravages.

A farmer does not have to be a very old man to remember that in the early Twenties farm land had practically no cash value.

In view of the demands that are arising throughout the land for increased prices and higher wages, we are about resigned to the expectation of another great depression.

Consequently, we feel it necessary to warn all farmers to be on their guard, avoiding excessive commitments and the creation of new obligations and, wherever possible, to conduct their operations on a cash basis.

Removes Lime Deposit

The lime deposit that sometimes accumulates on the inside of the tea kettle can be removed by putting some vinegar, to which a little salt has been added, into the kettle and allowing it to stand for a while.

Spring Tonic

A fine spring tonic is stewed rhubarb and prunes, blended, but cooked separately. This is well stocked with minerals necessary for the blood and is a fine "builder-upper."

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa:

My partner has the same income that I have but we lead very different lives. Each summer and winter he and the Mrs. go off on an expensive trip or vacation and have a fine time. They entertain quite a bit and we do very little.

PERPLEXED MAN—Conn.

Answer:

If you are quite certain that your friend is honest and gets no more than his share of business income, then the fault must lie with you or your wife or your friends.

Perhaps you are addicted to expensive fishing trips and poker or your wife loses a lot at bridge. You may give liberally to charitable organizations whereas your friend holds such gifts down to a minimum.

We can usually do the thing we really want to do if we want to badly enough. It may be that, subconsciously, you really don't care about a vacation.

Why not get your friend to explain how he manages to do all he does. One is never too old to learn.

LOUISA.

Dear Louisa:

My mother goes around with such a woe-begone expression and throws a wet blanket over everyone in the house. We are not rich but we are comfortably well off but mother is very envious of the rich.

DAUGHTER—Md.

Answer:

Your mother should be ashamed of herself. She is one of those who love to be martyrs. If she can't be a real one she will try being the synthetic article.

LOUISA.

RURAL FAMILIES URGED TO PRODUCE OWN FOOD

Rural families must have an adequate supply of healthful and protective foods if they are to work and contribute their utmost to winning the war.

A well-planned home production program of fruits, vegetables, eggs, milk, meat, poultry, and butter is insurance that rural families can be well-nourished for wartime jobs.

The 1943 canning budget recommends a minimum of 60 quarts of vegetables and 30 quarts of fruit.

The following amounts of canned vegetables will provide one person with a half cup of tomatoes and a half cup of another vegetable each day for seven months.

To add variety to meals and to conserve garden produce, each family will want to store, dry, freeze, or salt enough vegetables to provide at least one other serving besides potatoes each day.

Although the suggested canning budget for each person is 90 quarts it can be increased to help save surplus fruits and vegetables produced so that none goes to waste.

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Query & Answer Column

D. H.—What is sponge iron?

Ans.—Sponge iron is iron in porous form, or containing many voids; specifically crude iron made by subjecting the oxide ore to a reducing gas without smelting.

L. McN.—What Presidents besides Lincoln were born in log cabins? Ans.—Presidents Jefferson, Jackson, Fillmore, Buchanan, Garfield, and Arthur were born in log cabins.

W. L. B.—When a man has his forty-fifth birthday shortly after registering, is he still liable to be called for active service?

Ans.—If a man reaches his forty-fifth birthday before he is inducted into the Army, he is not subject to military service now under a recent amendment to the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940.

S. M.—Why do goldfish open and close their mouths so often? Ans.—Goldfish frequently come to the surface of the water and open and close their mouths in order to obtain a more plentiful supply of oxygen.

P. D.—What is the amount of variation between the old and new style calendars? Ans.—Since 1900 the difference between the Julian and Gregorian calendars is reckoned as thirteen days.

S. R. B.—What animals have been domesticated since the beginning of the Christian era? Ans.—No animal of prime economic importance has been domesticated in the last 2000 years.

S. Y.—How many soldiers of Napoleon's army returned home after the campaign in Russia? Ans.—Even though Napoleon did not lose a real battle in this campaign, not more than 100,000 of the original force of about 550,000 came out of Russia.

C. P. E.—How long has the moon been in existence? Ans.—Astronomers calculate that the moon must have revolved around the earth for about four billion years.

D. N. C.—How are sizes in hosiery figured? Ans.—The size of stockings is based on the distance in inches between a point on the toe and a point on the heel measured in a straight line.

C. R. S.—Which state has the largest county? Ans.—San Bernardino county in California is the largest county in the United States, with an area of 20,175 square miles.

T. L. P.—When did England adopt the gold standard? Ans.—England adopted the single gold standard in 1816.

O. F. N.—Should a light for reading purposes always fall over the left shoulder? Ans.—Experimentation has shown that the direction from which the light comes does not matter, provided no shadows are cast on the page, and that the rays of light do not enter the eye.

D. M.—What is the legend of the "Song of India?" Ans.—The "Song of India" is from the opera "Sadko" Rimsky-Korsakoff used the legend of the Russian god of music who, having been thrown overboard, went to live in the depths of the sea, where he charmed all with his music, and finally won for his bride the sea king's daughter.

T. F. G.—Have there been any instances of animal trials in the United States similar to those in Europe in the Middle Ages? Ans.—Henrico county, Va., records mention of a trial of a German police dog in Richmond. The animal was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment in the county jail.

S. N. D.—What is a mulch? Ans.—A mulch is any substance which is spread on the ground to protect the roots of plants from heat or cold or to keep certain fruits, as strawberries, clean. It is composed of straw, leaves, sawdust or paper usually.

C. S. H.—What is meant by the term fourth kingdom? Ans.—Plastics are sometimes so called since they belong neither to the animal, vegetable nor mineral kingdoms.

M. E. U.—What bean is used for bean sprouts? Ans.—The mung bean. It grows readily in the United States as far north as the corn belt.

L. B. R.—Why did the Romans adopt the symbol V for the number five? Ans.—According to one theory it is a kind of hieroglyphic representing the open hand with its five fingers.

R. F. J.—Is it correct to use stationery that folds twice for a social letter? Ans.—Paper that folds twice should be used only for business purposes. Social letter paper should be folded only once and fitted into a square envelope.

F. L. W.—What animal has the longest tail? Ans.—The clouded leopard is famous for the length and beauty of its tail. The animal, a native of Asia, lives in trees and is rarely seen in zoological gardens.

L. M. N.—On how many islands is New York City built? Ans.—It is built on three islands, Manhattan, Staten and Long Island, with a portion on the adjacent mainland, the Bronx.

G. B. L.—How many men has the United States lost in the present war? Ans.—The Office of War Information says that as of January 6, 1943, the total casualties of the United States in the current war are 61,126.

N. G. N.—Where is the White House of the West? Ans.—Grouseland, the old home of William Henry Harrison at Vincennes, Indiana, is so called. It is a small, two-roomed house and from it was governed the vast new territory acquired by the Louisiana Purchase.

N. F. L.—Why do moths eat wool? Ans.—Research has shown that moths thrive on ordinary wool because their intestinal fluids are alkaline and ordinary wool is easily soluble in alkaline solution.

E. B. N.—What is the significance of the flashing lights on airplanes? Ans.—The Civil Aeronautics Administration says that according to a new system of the display position of lights on air carriers, flashing lights are used in place of steady lights. It is merely a new way of identifying airplanes.

M. R. S.—How many decorations are awarded by the United States? Ans.—The United States confers ten decorations. They are the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, Soldier's Medal, Purple Heart, Silver Star, Treasury Life Saving Medal and Marine Corps Brevet Medal.

E. V. J.—When introducing or naming a lieutenant is it necessary to specify first or second? Ans.—It is not necessary. Such officers are introduced as Lieutenant, and are so addressed. The designation first or second is used only in official communications.

L. I. S.—What position does Sir Stafford Cripps hold at the present time? Ans.—Sir Stafford Cripps is the Minister of Aircraft Production for Great Britain.

E. N. G.—How much does it cost to build a jeep? Ans.—The cost of a jeep is \$900.

L. McD.—Who invented cold cream? Ans.—Cold cream was invented by Galen, a Roman. His formula is essentially the same as that used today.

J. W. F.—What is the origin of the word stentorian? Ans.—Stentorian was one of the Greeks before Troy whose stentorian voice was as loud as that of fifty men.

HOW YOU MAY SERVE IN THE WAVES, SPARS

(This is the fourth of a series of "questions and answers" published in behalf of the women in this area who are interested in joining the Navy's WAVES or Coast Guard SPARS. Application blanks and further information may be secured at the Navy Recruiting Station in the Post Office Building at Allentown, Atlantic City, N. J., Chester, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Reading, Altoona, DuBois, Johnstown, New Castle, or Uniontown.)

Q.—As a WAVE or SPAR, what pay can I expect? A.—Both enlisted personnel and officers receive the same pay as Navy and Coast Guard men of comparable rates and ranks.

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Q.—Am I entitled to file for dependency allotment? A.—Yes, on the same basis as Navy and Coast Guardsmen. Too, you can buy life insurance at the same low government rates, get reduced rates on transportation, movie and theater tickets where granted, take advantage of the free mailing privilege and benefit from such organizations as the USO, Red Cross and Navy Relief.

Q.—When does my pay begin? A.—The day you report to training school.

Q.—Must I buy my own clothing when I join the WAVES or SPARS? A.—No. When you arrive at training school, you will be provided with an allowance of \$209 for uniforms and other clothing.

Q.—Of what does the complete uniform consist? A.—Soft crowned hat, rolled brim, with black band; short Navy blue jacket, slightly built-up shoulders and new rounded collar and pointed lapel. Blue and white insignia for WAVES and gold for SPARS. Flattering, six-pored skirt; reserve blue and dark blue shirts; black seaman's tie; smart over-the-shoulder leather pouch bag; white gloves in summer, black gloves in winter; beige hose; black ox-fords with heels not over one and a half inches; raincoat and havelock.

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

Careful Deputy Sheriff—"Did you catch that automobile thief?" Deputy—"Nope. We had chased him only six blocks when our 500 miles was up and we had to stop and change the oil."

Good Definition Teacher—"Jimmie, what's a penitentiary?" Jimmie—"A rubber neck."

Not Yet Bill—"It must have been very dark in Noah's ark." Jill—"Yes. Y'see, the arc light had not been installed."

Travel Notes Father (to young son sucking his thumb)—"Hey, kid, don't bite that thumb off. You may need it when you get old enough to travel."

He Did Headline: "Meat Packer Gets Divorce From Nagging Wife." In other words he canned the tongue.

Very Dry Minister—"I hear, Paddy, they've gone dry in the village where your brother lives." Paddy—"Dry, Man, dear, they're parched. I've just had a letter from Mike an' the postage stamp was stuck on with a pin."

Horse Talk Officer (to colored driver who has been whipping his horse)—"Don't whip him, man—talk to him." Driver (to horse, by way of opening the conversation)—"Ah come from N'Awleens. Where does you come from?"

Nothing Owing He was applying for county relief and the young lady official was filling out the customary form. "Do you owe any back house rent?" she asked. "We ain't had no backhouse for years," he replied with great dignity. "We got modern plumbing."

It Must Have Been The ship had just got in from Europe. He held a bottle in his hand and felt rather embarrassed when the customs-officer approached him. The bottle was eyed suspiciously.

Hot Dogs Private Swingle was not stepping very lively during the morning drill. He had a slight halt in one foot. "Hey, you," bellowed the drill sergeant, "pick up them dogs. Have you got an onion in your shoe?" "Naw," wearily replied Private Swingle, "but I've got a bunion that is seriously retarding this pilgrim's progress."

Want Ad in Western Newspaper "Owner of 1940 Ford would like to correspond with widow who owns two tires, object matrimony. Send photo of tires."

New Slogan The old slogan "Join the Navy and See the World" has been changed to "Join the Navy and see what's left of it."

Small Picking An old fellow who had to make a trip to Washington, had heard about the boom in prices but didn't believe all he had been told until he stopped at a lunch wagon for a meal. The hungry visitor looked over the fly-specked menu, hesitating between the \$2.50 and \$3.00 dinner. Making up his mind, he summoned the counter man. "I'll have this \$3 dinner," he said rather airily. "Yes," agreed the counter man. "What'll you have it on—white or rye?"

Sign in a German Tailor Shop "Uniform cleaned and pressed in the rear."

Good For More Mileage A lieutenant colonel, who had been released from duty for physical reasons, was being kidded by a friend who called him a "retread." "I'm not only a re-tread," agreed the colonel, "but am also re-tired."

Hot Remedy Private Morse had been to the infirmary for the relief from the discomforts of a chest cold. The next day he showed up on the sick report. "Didn't that mustard plaster we gave you do any good?" asked the medical officer. "Yas suh, hit was purty fair," responded the patient, "but suh, hit sholy did bite my tongue when ah et it."

From a News Item "The salesgirl was very much embarrassed when the floor walker reached over and slapped her over the bargain counter."

Storm Approaching The husband answering the phone said: "I don't know. Call the weather bureau," and hung up. "Who was that?" asked the wife. "Some sailor, I guess. He asked if the coast was clear."

Saving Time Mr. Dollar (arriving at a dinner party with family)—"Please announce Mr. and Mrs. Dollar and daughter." New Butler (announcing in loud voice)—"Three bucks."

Well Satisfied The Slimy Soap Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. Gentlemen: "Your soap is great. My mother-in-law fell on a cake and busted her jaw."

She's Particular Sign in bathroom in a local boarding house: "Please Clean Tub After Bathing Landlady."

Late Fashion Note There will be slight changes in infants' wear from day to day.

Uninteresting She—"And if I sit over in that nice dark corner with you, will you promise not to hug me?" He—"Yes."

She—"And will you promise not to kiss me?" He—"Yes."

She—"And will you promise not to" He—"Yes