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EDITORIAL

Now that the Japs have murdered American aviators we suppose there are Americans who will love the little brown brothers more than ever.

The Nazis may surprise us but we have our doubts about their ability to take a thousand tons of bombs a night without cracking up industrially.

Now that the April bond drive is over we must remember that the war goes on during May and the government needs more money to keep the fighters going.

It might be a good move for a Senate committee to investigate where the Truman investigating committee got its figures about the merchant ships sunk in 1942.

Now that the commencement season is approaching the problems of the world will be solved in the million, more or less, of learned, more or less, addresses that will make graduating classes sleepier than ever.

With various officials in this country unable to agree as to the program to be adopted for all-out war it seems self-evident that it will be much harder for representatives of foreign nations to agree on an all-out peace program.

The price of farm lands is beginning to respond to the presence of additional money in the hands of farmers; let us hope that Centre county will not suffer the distressing experience of 1921 when farm lands were almost without cash market value.

Any resident of China, which has had war experience with the Japs for years, could have predicted the atrocities that the Japanese have committed against captive whites; it isn't a matter of race prejudice on the part of the Japs who exhibit their natural brutality and blood lust.

"RETURN?"

We see where a group of European churchmen have appealed for a "return to God" as an answer to the problems that beset the world.

This is a generalization often used to those who admit that they are on the inside with the Almighty and that others are in need of advice, instruction and, perhaps, punishment.

We certainly are not ready to admit that mankind has turned from God, even if expounders of religion assert it to be a fact.

The people of the world may not understand God, they may not live perfect lives and they may be too ignorant to solve many issues but, for the most part, they are anxious to serve the living God.

MOTHER'S DAY

Next Sunday, May 9th, Mother's Day, presents mankind with an opportunity to honor the living and revere the memory of departed mothers.

More words cannot adequately proclaim the heartfelt gratitude of sons and daughters whose lives have been blessed by devoted mothers.

The mother, loving and beloved, not only inspires her children, but, more particularly, by precept and example, teaches, trains, uplifts and improves them.

The homage that men and women pay at the shrine of motherhood is but a token of memories deep in their hearts. Adult years, with parenthood and understanding, are often necessary before one fully appreciates the service and sacrifice of mothers.

Let us not forget however that, in the words of Thackeray, "Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children."

Coleridge called a mother "the holiest thing alive," and George Herbert thought one good mother "worth a hundred schoolmasters." A Spanish proverb adds, "An ounce of mother is worth a ton of priest."

Most gratifying is the Yiddish proverb, "God could not be everywhere, so He made mothers."

BOMBS WEAKEN GERMAN POWER

In appraising a terrific aerial bombardment of German cities and industrial plants, it is not necessary to expect a collapse of German morale. It is sufficient to contemplate the physical destruction that multiplies the difficulties of our enemy.

After more than three years of war, Germany is short of manpower and of material necessary to repair structures and facilities destroyed. This is what makes the aerial offensive effective. It comes at a time when German power of recovery is limited and, for that reason, is more devastating than if it had occurred earlier in the war.

The great struggle now going on is an industrial test as well as a military battle. The German armies can fight only so long as German industry can supply the tools of warfare. Every bomb that blasts a German manufacturing center weakens the fighting power of the German army.

There is every indication that the aerial offensive against Germany is just getting underway. In the next three or four months it will be doubled or tripled. Widespread ruin will cover German ports, cities, industrial plants and transportation facilities.

The effect will not be apparent on the fighting lines immediately because of reserve supplies, but, in the long run, the destruction of Axis industries means the destruction of Axis armies.

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa: I met a soldier about six months ago and we fell in love. He is stationed in a camp near my town but his own home is very far away. He has asked me to marry him right away because he does not know how long he will be here or where he will be sent.

I am all upset because while I love him dearly, my parents say that I know nothing about him and will be taking an awful chance on marrying such a stranger. Don't you think I should trust him?

"ENGAGED"—Fla.

Answer: I think that any girl who marries a man she knows nothing about is taking an awful chance.

However, if you are determined to marry this boy, by all means get your father to write his home town and investigate his family and background. This is not for the purpose of finding how he stands in the social scale, of course, but to find out something about his character and his past life. He may be married for all you know, or it may be that he has a bad reputation in his home town.

At any rate, no fine young man should resent his future father-in-law investigating him, and if he does there must be some reason why he does.

But suppose the answer comes back that he is a nice young man and there is no objection to marrying into his family. There are still reasons why you should hesitate before taking such a drastic step. He may go away next week or next month and then you will be left at home—a young girl with nothing to do but wait for someone who may never come back. You may even have a baby to take care of later on. Even if you can follow him around for a while, you will find living around Army camps in wartime a very expensive and lonesome way to live.

On the other hand, if you are truly in love it will not hurt you to wait until he comes back. And, by that time, if either of you have changed your minds or have fallen in love with someone else you will not be tied down to someone you don't care about, and there won't be any children to complicate the situation.

So, my advice is to wait until the war is over, but if you are determined to marry do at least find out something about your future husband and his family before you take the final steps.

LOUISA.

Suggest Price Control Panels

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and the opportunity to do something about "holding-the-line." It is not, however, primarily an enforcement step. Contrary to certain assumptions, price panel members will not be store snoots. Their main function is an informative and educational one. Primarily, they are charged with the responsibility of disseminating information on price control to both storekeepers and their customers and of serving as an information center on matters relating to federal price regulations.

Secondly, it will be their function to examine complaints of violations of OPA price regulations and to make necessary on the spot local adjustments. The price panel members will operate on enforcement matters only after complaint is made by someone from the consuming public. Their compliance function is solely one of securing voluntary adjustments. A consumer who believes he is overcharged should report full details of the incident to his local price panel.

"A friendly visit to the store by a member of the panel will frequently settle the issue to the satisfaction of all concerned. In cases where there seems to be substance to the complaint that a violation has occurred, the matter will be reported to the full price panel. The panel will then endeavor to adjust the case through a process of mediation or friendly persuasion. Cases which the panel cannot adjust, or in which flagrant or repeated violations have occurred, will be referred by the panel to the District OPA Office."

On the educational side, Mr. Joseph said, "it will be the responsibility of this price panel to disseminate material on price control in the retail field; to answer inquiries from storekeepers and consumers; to arrange meetings, panel discussions and other activities of an educational nature, and in general to serve as the center of information on retail price control in the community."

Mr. Joseph said that the new program is "based upon the assumption that the great majority of retailers are anxious to comply with OPA price regulations; that they will comply if they know what they are obligated under the regulations to do; and that the honest retailer must be protected against chiseling by a minority."

The volunteer panels will start at once. In general, there will be from three to five members on each panel. The panels will represent the background of the community and members will be selected from representative groups—teachers, lawyers, bankers, farmers and labor. "The panels," Mr. Joseph explained, "will be flexible as the variables in the community, based upon the considered judgment of the local OPA district director."

Each price panel will be assisted in its educational and compliance work by a group of volunteer price assistants. This group, especially trained in understanding of OPA regulations, will be required to pass an examination and will take an oath of office as OPA employees. The price assistants will serve as the field staff for the price panel in educational work and in promoting compliance with price regulations.

AMERICAN HEROES



The Japs kicked him in the face and stomach, smashed him with their fists, knifed him, jabbed him with a pitchfork and left him for dead, but Pvt. E. O. Moore came through this ordeal. Now you come through. You've done your bit; now do your best—Buy more War Bonds.

Query & Answer Column

N. E. M.—How far down will a gopher dig a hole?

Ans.—A gopher burrows about three feet straight down.

R. B. S.—How much space would a million dollar bills occupy?

Ans.—One million bills of small-size currency may be contained in 35 cubic feet when packed and wrapped by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

P. W.—Who was the Russian Admiral who threw his gold sword overboard in a mutiny?

Ans.—Admiral Koltchak, the last commander-in-chief of the Imperial Black Sea Fleet, threw his gold ceremonial sword overboard rather than surrender it to a revolting crew.

M. C. Q.—What is the origin of the custom of beginning to wear straw hats on May 15th?

Ans.—The definite date for discarding felt hats in summer and straw hats in the fall is believed to have originated in the New York Stock Exchange where Straw Hat Day and Felt Hat Day were made a sort of holiday in which the members indulged themselves in the horseplay of destroying hats that didn't come up to seasonal standards.

K. J. E.—How may last season's golf balls be cleaned?

Ans.—Use lukewarm water, a mild soap and a brush to clean soiled golf balls, and if that is not effective have them repainted.

S. G. N.—When do astronomers begin the new year?

Ans.—The point on the earth's orbit which has been selected by the astronomers to mark the new year is the earth's position on March 21, the vernal equinox.

C. W.—What state has the nickname of "Stubtoe"?

Ans.—The state of Montana.

M. A. R.—Wake Island is famed for the last-ditch defense made by our Marines against Jap assaults. When was it discovered, and when did it first come into U. S. possession?

Ans.—Wake Island was discovered in 1796, and was annexed by the United States in 1909 by American seamen who took possession of the small coral isle in the name of their government.

F. K.—Who owns the Panama Canal?

Ans.—The United States was granted by a treaty, signed in 1903, the perpetual right to construct and maintain a canal through Panama, connecting the oceans. Down payment was \$10 million, and each year the U. S. pays a rental fee of \$250,000. It is like building and owning a house on a plot of rented land.

T. S.—Why is Jesuit's Bark important to the health of our soldiers fighting in tropical regions?

Ans.—Jesuit's Bark is synonymous with cinchona, the source of quinine, the drug vitally necessary to combat tropical fevers.

H. B.—Is plumbago a disease, a fruit, a preserve, or a mineral?

Ans.—Plumbago is a mineral consisting of the elements carbon and iron, and used for lead pencils.

G. M. R.—Please give the words of the Dean of York's prayer for prisoners of war.

Ans.—"Look, O Lord God, with the eyes of Thy mercy upon all prisoners of war, especially those known and loved by us. Preserve them in bodily health and in cheerful, undaunted spirit. Convey Thou to them the support of our love on the wings of Thine own, and hasten the day of release through Him who made us free eternally, Thy Son and Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen."

E. D. N.—Does the President of the United States exercise his powers regardless of the place where he may be?

Ans.—Yes. The official actions of the President need not be taken at the National Capitol. He may exercise any power at any place within the country, or abroad.

V. E. B.—How did the term Blarney originate?

Ans.—The Irish Lord of Blarney kept putting off the fulfillment of a promise to Queen Elizabeth. Exasperated, the Queen finally exclaimed, "This is all Blarney; what he says he never means."

E. K.—How many fish go from fresh to salt water to spawn?

Ans.—The common fresh-water eel is the only American fish known to do this.

D. S. D.—Is the earth gaining or losing weight?

Ans.—The earth gains about 100,000 tons in weight in a year from meteoric material, mostly dust, from the sky.

D. K. B.—Are there more Smiths than Johnsons in the United States?

Ans.—In May, 1939, of the 39,000,000 Social Security account numbers that had been issued, the name Smith led with 470,190. Next in order was Johnson with 348,530.

J. H.—What is the greatest enemy of the rattlesnake?

Ans.—The kingsnake, detected by odor than sight, will overcome and devour the rattlesnake whenever opportunity offers.

G. N.—Of what did Benjamin Franklin make his famous kite?

Ans.—He made it out of two strips of cedar wood fastened crossways, over which he stretched a silk-handkerchief. A sharp pointed iron wire at the top and between the string and the silk he tied a key in which the electricity might be collected.

S. P. D.—Which was the largest of the thirteen original states?

Ans.—The largest was Virginia, with an area of 64,284 square miles.

L. M. B.—What is meant by a Mongolian idiot?

Ans.—Mongolian or mongoloid idiocy is a type in which the person has abnormally short thumbs and little fingers, a flat skull, and slanting eyes similar to those of the Mongolians. This type of idiot has a happy disposition and is lively and imitative.

F. S. L.—When was meat first shipped in refrigerators cars?

Ans.—The first successful year of long-distance shipment of dressed beef was in 1877 by Swift & Co., who shipped meat in 10 cars built to the specification of Gustavus Franklin Swift.

E. B. E.—What flowers are most widely cultivated for commercial purposes?

Ans.—The rose takes first place, followed by carnation and violet.

B. L. V.—When did John Philip Sousa die, and where is he buried?

Ans.—John Philip Sousa died March 6, 1932. He is buried in the Congressional Cemetery at Washington, D. C.

F. N.—Into how many sections is a torpedo divided?

Ans.—The modern torpedo is divided into four main sections: the war-head, containing the explosive; a compartment holding compressed air, the main driving force; tanks carrying fuel, water and lubricating oil; and the mechanical brain which guides the torpedoes and the engines which drive it.

W. E. B.—How many states are there in Brazil?

Ans.—The United States of Brazil comprises 20 states, one national territory acquired in 1902, and one federal district. Each state is self-governing.

P. N. J.—What is the average cost of solid ivory billiard balls?

Ans.—There are three grades of ivory billiard balls. The best grade designated in No. 1, soft and clear and sells for \$22.95 apiece. The next grade is designated soft and bumpy and sells for \$11.95. Grade B, soft and clear, sells for \$16.65.

M. E. Y.—How many men took part in the landing at Dieppe?

Ans.—Ten thousand men landed or took part in the attack by sea or from the air.

HOW YOU MAY SERVE IN THE WAVES, SPARS

(This is the seventh of a series of questions and answers published in behalf of the women in the 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, Pa.; Atlantic City, N. J.; Chester, Pa.; Harrisburg, Pa.; Lancaster, Pa.; Reading, Pa.; Scranton, Pa.; Wilkes Barre, Pa.; Williamsport, Pa.; York, Pa.; Altoona, Pa.; DuBois, Pa.; New Castle, Pa.; Johnstown, Pa., or Uniontown, Pa.)

Q. Supposing that I am accepted for training in WAVES or SPARS, what kind of school life will I have? What will be my hours at school?

A. The hours will depend on the school you attend. However, they will be on a military basis, observing reveille, taps, etc.

Q. Will I learn military drill?

A. Yes.

Q. Will there be organized exercise?

A. Yes. There will be a physical director at each school and the athletic program will be keyed to the type of work you do.

Q. Will there be religious services?

A. Yes. Each training school will make appropriate arrangements.

Q. Am I allowed to have dates during training?

A. Yes. During your free time.

Q. Will I get week-end leave from training school?

A. Yes, at the discretion of your Commanding Officer.

Q. Will I be subject to military discipline after training?

A. The extent of discipline depends on where you are stationed and what sort of work you are doing. Obviously, those living in barracks will be subject to more discipline than those living alone.

Q. What about working hours, leaves, dates after training?

A. All these will be determined by the work you are doing and the post at which you are stationed.

Q. What supervision will there be over my living quarters?

A. Wherever WAVES or SPARS live in groups, they will be adequately supervised and proper living standards will be maintained. Where girls live individually, the Navy will recommend suitable quarters.

Q. As an enlisted woman, will I be subject to the same regulations as an enlisted Navy man?

A. Yes.

Q. May I wear make-up?

A. Yes, a reasonable amount.

Q. Must hair be cut short or worn in any particular style?

A. You may wear it in any style that is becoming to you, but should be short enough not to cover your collar.

Random Items

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has come to put an end to dish-washing.

WEATHER: Looks as though the government and the farmer will have little to say about 1943's crop production. The weather man still has the upper hand and he's been dealing out his most unfavorable weather so far this spring.

PROPAGANDA: Berlin radio has begun broadcasting in its "North American Service" messages from American prisoners of war. In this department's opinion, the only reason Berlin broadcasts the messages is to increase the number of U. S. resident listeners, who will, perforce, listen to the Axis propaganda in order not to miss the messages from prisoners. A Lewistown mother whose son was reported missing in action some time ago, last week received messages from 17 short-wave listeners who reported they had heard from Berlin radio that her son is a prisoner of war in Germany. It was the first word the mother had about her son since he was reported missing. This corner, Good Friday night, copied four messages from prisoners as broadcast from Berlin. Because passing such messages along to relatives of prisoners might be construed as subversive activity—i. e. in advertising Berlin broadcasts—we asked local government agents about it. It was new to them, so to be on the safe side they advised turning the messages over to the Red Cross for delivery. We did. Next day the Lewistown newspapers carried a story about the woman who received word from 17 persons about the message broadcast about her son.

TRACTOR TIRE INFORMATION: Rationing certificate for replacement tires on farm tractors can be issued where facilities for recapping the casings already on the vehicle are inadequate, the Office of Price Administration has announced. The action was taken to avoid making a farm tractor stand idle for lack of tires where there are no recapping molds or the ones available are unsuitable or already overburdened.

The enemies of this country, at the present, are the Axis powers, not the nations associated with us in the prosecution of the war.

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

THE VILLAGE GROCER (After Longfellow)

Under a spreading web of rules The village grocer stands; His brow is all tied up in knots His head is in his hands And there hardly is, from day to day, A rule he understands!

His hair is thin and getting worse, His face is grey or blue; His brow is wet with honest sweat; His set-up is so new! His customers are dizzy but The grocer's dizzy, too.

Day in, day out from morn till night, You can hear the loud disputes, As the women battle for sauerkraut, Waxed beens and processed fruits— And the grocer's lot is some loud Bronx cheers Plus some most discordant hoots.

And children coming home from school Look in at the open door; They love to see how their elders act In a rationed grocery store When both sides figure their total points And dispute the final score.

He goes on Sunday to the church And sees the people meek— And marvels that they are the ones Who fought with him all week; And he's glad there are no value cards When the parson starts to speak.

Toiling, computing, sorrowing, Onward through life he goes; Each morning sees the OPA With new rules to disclose; Each evening sees him totter home Just a wreck from head to toes.

His business isn't what it was; And he knows that he is through With the days he knew what he could sell— And knew all the prices, too! (And when "charts" were things that a sailor used When he sailed the ocean blue.)

Thanks, thanks to thee, my grocer friend, For the lessons that you teach! Into all lives some raindrops fall With a point value for each— (I'll take a can of that apple juice— And how many points for peach?)

"OPA Urges Public to Be Patient With New Ration Charts."—Headline. At what point should patience be frozen, boys?

Marketing Song To market, to market By point card to shop... Home so exhausted I just wanna drop. Arrows and figures And type big and small, Rules and notations All over the wall. Arguments, errors, Confusion and aches; My, but a shopper Must have what it takes!

Recent Fathers, Take Notice There is a baby in Mexico with three lungs! One wonders how much floor-walking mileage a baby can get out of his parents with two lungs and a spare.

She's Through A lady as proud as old Lucifer Is sick of her husband's snuffer. She says she will see, If she ever gets free, Love never again makes a guffier.

New, Isn't It? In Indiana an unidentified man who was felled by a motor car got up and stunked down a dark alley. The hit-and-run pedestrian, we believe, is new.

Mut "Yes," the teacher explained, "quite a number of plants and flowers have the prefix 'dog.' For instance, the dog-rose and the dog-violet are well known. Can you name another?"

There was a silence, then a happy look illuminated the face of a boy at the end of the class. "Please, teacher," he called out, proud of his knowledge, "collie-flowers."

Explained Al Falfa—"Why did Clover Hay quit going with that young horse doctor that she expected to marry?"

Rube Arb—"Just when he was about to propose to her, he made her open her mouth so he could examine her teeth."

Touchie Mrs. Murphy (concluding an argument)—"Every time I look at you, Mrs. Patrick, I feel I'm doin' the government out of the entertainment tax."

Ambulance Case He—"A burglar broke into my house late last night." Neighbor—"You don't say. Did he get anything?" He—"You bet he did. You see my wife thought it was me."

Riding It Out The little sad-faced man was seated on the wooden horse on the merry-go-round. He made no attempt at the brass ring but when the merry-go-round stopped he didn't get off but waited patiently for it to start again.

This continued for several rides, and he looked more and more bored all the time. Finally, someone asked him if he was enjoying himself, to which he replied: "Not a bit, but the man who owns this thing owes the five dollars and this is the only way I can get it out of him."

Not Enough Room A member of a colored church in the South had rheumatism so badly that he was bent in the shape of a try-square. When he died they straightened him out in his coffin and tied him down with straps across his chest and thighs.

During the course of the funeral sermon, the upper strap broke and the corpse sat upright—just popped up. The frightened congregation made a bee-line for the door. After all had gotten safely outside, one old darkey asked another if he had heard what the preacher said coming through the door. "No," was the reply, "what did he say?"

"Damn a church with only one door."

A Short Short-Story An old man had left his beard grow to great length. Being a great hunter, he started running up a steep hill after a squirrel one day, stepped on his beard, walked up it, and broke his neck.

That's all, folks. Many people never know where their