

## SECOND THOUGHTS

By javie aiche

Sam Grobar's chief interest is in the sale of equipment by which milady is either beautified or made so repellent as to arouse the emotions that are a-kin to love. You remember what the poet said about the things of monstrous mien, which, to be pitied need but to be seen, but if too often met with face to face—we first endure, then pity, then embrace.

It is a beautiful picture that has been painted for any one of four candidates for the Presidential nomination of the Republican Party. That's where Sam Grobar comes in. He comes in with a bag of money. He knocks at your door by proxy and Sam speaks to you in the mute but convincing form of a letter handed you by your postman or rural carrier.

Here's what Sam says: "I bet 20 to one that Arthur James will not be nominated for President. I bet ten to one that Tom Dewey will not be nominated. I bet eight to one that Arthur Vandenberg will not be nominated. I bet seven to one that Bob Taft will not be nominated. And Sam also bets ten to one that none of the persons mentioned, if nominated, will win.

To finally clinch the set-up Sam Grobar bets even money that Franklin Roosevelt will accept the nomination, that it is his for the asking further, that Roosevelt will win the election and Sam Grobar his even-money bets on that issue. All this is bonafide, because every letter carries Sam's telephone number and the envelopes bear the return address of the company he operates in Wilkes-Barre for the pulchritudinous desires of the female population.

If you are married and want a target at which to hurl anathema for the cost of trying to keep the wife a walking and posing denial of her age; if you are single and are revolved by red finger-nails that look like it was hog-killing time; if for any other reason you are worth with the barbarity on the distaff side, the shelling of faces, the destruction of hirsute contours and all else that is mistaken for what once was feminine beauty—well, Sam is one of the several gentlemen available to blame. He, and they, sell the torture devices that have made beauty-shops as plentiful as saloons. You get the horrors on all sides.

Now, Sam plays it safe as a bettor. He reserves the right to change his mind without notice, after the manner of the women with whom he deals. For the present, if you doubt Roosevelt or have faith in the Republicans, you can change faith and doubt into good money. Friend Grobar is a business man. The number of beauty shops proves that.

Your correspondent has a bet of his own to offer. It would be on the proposition of a complete change of front if there is a deadlock in that Philadelphia convention. The bet is that if the host Governor, Pennsylvania's chieftain and Luzerne County's Number One Citizen is catapulted to the speaking platform while that deadlock is on, then Arthur James will win the nomination by acclamation.

Unless your correspondent misjudges what is going on in the circles to which Carl Estes is tangent, James will be given the chance to speak. That's all he needs in that kind of emergency.

Old-timers will tell you that's borrowing the strategy of William Jennings Bryan and his speech on "The Cross of Gold."

Well, what of it? There's lots of gold back of James; and Tom Dewey can tell you that of crosses the Republicans have them double. In the voice of Governor James there is more oil than Estes and Pew ever dreamed of. And the G. O. P. is in troubled waters.

## SCRAPBOOK

By "Bob" Sutton

Hello!

Down memory lane for this week, folks. Finding out what they read in The Post a few years ago.

"The fellow who marries in January has to wait until the family reunion in August to find out the gang he has married into."

"If you haven't been denounced by somebody, you're not really popular yet."

"Correct this sentence: I love work; show me some more."

"Peddlers who walk the streets of Dallas are not concerned with keeping our clerks employed."

Here's a little poem, written in 1931 by Miss Elsie Oney, then of Lake Township:

I'M ALWAYS WONDERING  
I'm always wondering  
As time flies by,  
If you do your duty  
And I do mine.

Whether our duty  
Be large or small,  
Do we do it well  
Or not at all?

Do we do it slowly,  
The best we can,  
If it's hard to conquer  
Do we fight like a man?

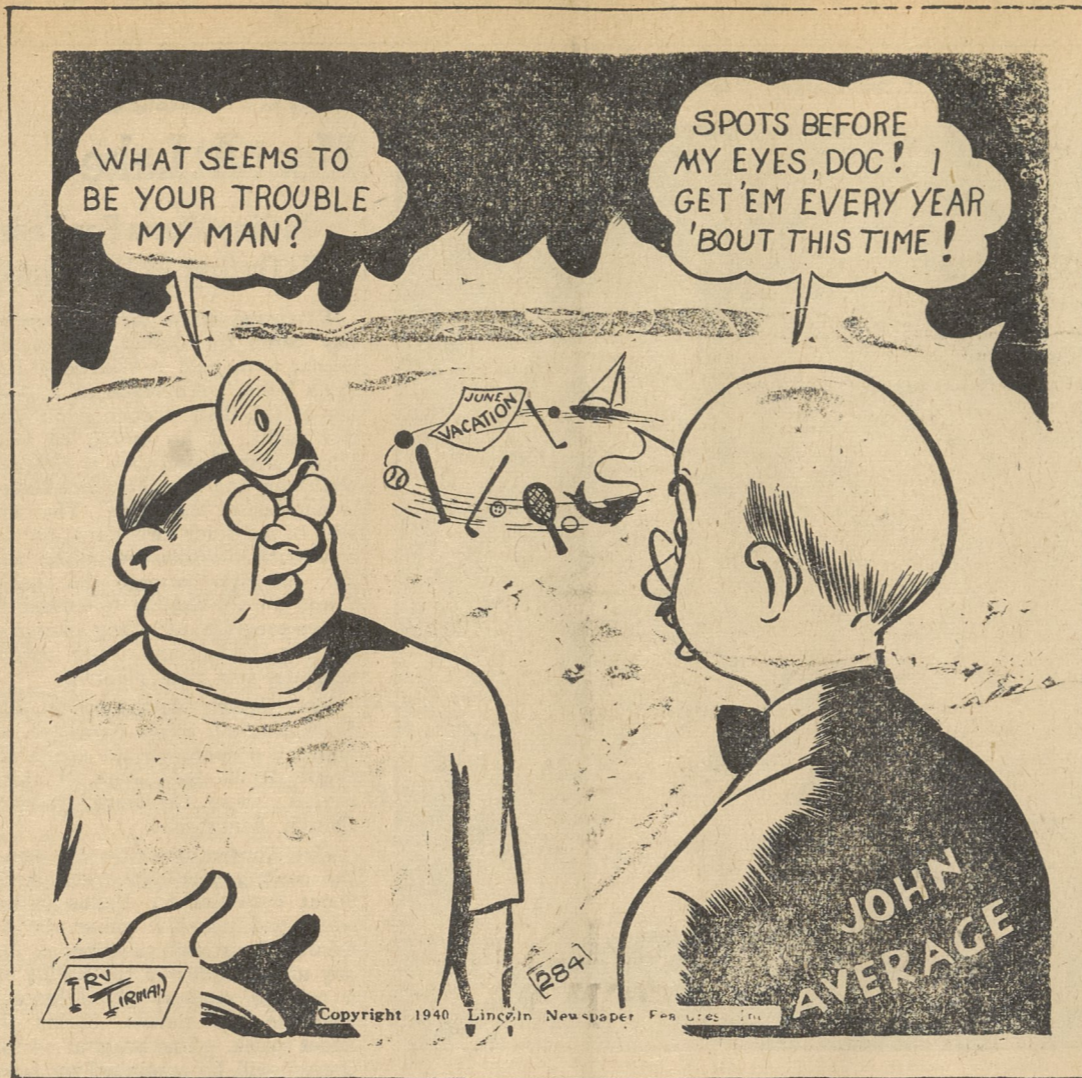
We should do our duties well,  
Be they large or small,  
If you cannot do them well,  
Then don't do them at all.

Back a year for some words of wisdom of 1930:

"The man who says he never makes a mistake probably doesn't know one when he sees it."

"Lives there a stout woman with soul so dead who never to herself has said, 'I must reduce?'"

## A SLIGHT CASE OF VACATION FEVER



## GIMME A MATCH

By FRED KIEFER

Some months ago while making devious researches in conjunction with the Editor of this paper (which, due to the peculiarities of certain publishers, came to naught) it became my particular duty to attempt to ascertain the source of the West Branch of the Susquehanna River.

Realizing that practically everyone the least bit interested knew that ours, or the North Branch rises in Otsego Lake, and that if one didn't know a mere glance at any decent map would quickly show him, I expected the beginning of the west branch to be just as easily disclosed.

However, upon glancing—nay, studying—several maps it became apparent that the answer wasn't going to prove such a snap. Following this waterway back from Sanbury I found at about the Clinton-Lycoming line two equally important streams merging, each coming, of course, from a different direction. One obviously started, if you had the patience to follow its meanderings, up north in Potter County. The other out in the western end of Clinton is again augmented by a stream of approximately the same size which drives up from Indiana County. Still another (and none of these waters seem to be of greater importance than the other) comes to life down south in Cambria County.

I put the maps away and started to read. In a book called, "The Romance of Rivers", by one Mr. Paris, it became true beyond any question of doubt that the branch I was tracing began in one of three springs in Potter County. A second of the three springs spouted forth the Genesee River, which galloped to the north and lost itself in the St. Lawrence; the third spewed up nothing less than the mighty Allegheny, while the first, as I say, became Pine Creek and later on the West Branch of the Susquehanna.

Having settled the question in the first book I laid my hands on I felt quite cheerful and continued to feel so until Ye Editor handed me Bulletin No. 24 of the Pennsylvania History series put out by some trifling department of our great Commonwealth.

Bulletin No. 24 states, "Do you know that the two branches of the Susquehanna have their sources approximately two hundred miles apart?" No, I did not. Bulletin No. 24 continues, "The North Branch . . . rises in Otsego Lake in the state of New York . . ." ha! I was ahead of Bulletin No. 24 there . . . "and the West Branch has its source at Cherry Tree in Indiana County." Well, either Bulletin No. 24 or Mr. Paris was all wet.

So I sat me down and wrote the Department of Forests and Waters at Harrisburg and in a short time had the answer. Umm, hardly THE answer but AN answer at any rate. The engineer of this district says in the letter, "The Water Resources Inventory Report entitled, 'Gazetteer of Streams' states that the source of the West Branch of the Susquehanna River is in Carroll Township, Northwestern Cambria County, elevation 1990.'

By God, somebody's wrong and I give up!

a pretty poor friend to himself. Perhaps you, by understanding his predicament, could help him into a more sane attitude toward himself and toward others. You will need to be very objective in your own attitude toward him, or it won't work.

You must convey to him the thoughts (1) that he will show more nobility and fineness of nature and gain more respect, by acknowledging the good points of others rather than searching for flaws and (2) that it is extremely childish to fear for one's own security because of the achievement of others. Instead of being jealous of success, we should welcome the successful per-

son as a kindred spirit and build our satisfaction from knowing many successful people. So long until next week.

WHEN foreign security holders get through dumping their stocks on Wall Street, watch out. The market will zoom upward and lead us into a terrific boom.

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## RICOCCHETS

By RIVES MATTHEWS

All this war news is making cravens and dullards of us all. We waste plenty of time before our radios shuddering with fear and waiting for a vibrant voice to lead us into action. But where will this voice lead us? When will it rise above the babel of other voices and silence them all. Already the professional critics of national politics are pulling their punches, just dancing about on the sidelines, ready to jump on the right side.

WHAT we need is action, once we have united in making up our minds, and we think this country is big enough and strong enough and willing to sacrifice enough to keep out of this war and to so arrange our affairs on the home front that the loss of foreign markets will not seriously affect us.

RUSSIA is waiting on the sidelines to sell the world communism after it has exhausted itself fighting this "capitalist war." Why don't we continue to stay on the sidelines and offer an exhausted world an example of how democracy can work? Or are we, as Americans, now ready to join with the English and admit the dictatorship is preferable?

WHEN the neighbors' kids start fighting, it is sometimes better to let them have it out. Then, when both sides have bloody noses, a little quiet adult talk will do more than force would have at the start.

BIG SHOT Republicans, on the advice of Miss Dorothy Thompson, are now favoring a Third Term. In our opinion this is a political gift horse the New Dealers had better look straight in the mouth.

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## THE SENTIMENTAL SIDE

By EDITH BLEZ

You might have been wondering why we have neglected to mention our New Young Lady for some time. It isn't that she isn't very much in evidence. It is simply that we have been afraid to get started on the subject of our fair daughter because we have been having a long and very stirring siege with final examinations, and a few other minor tragedies!

It seems that our high school is the only high school within a radius of 50 miles or so which requires good students to take final examinations. Our fair daughter is always in the honor roll, and when examination time rolls around she gets very indignant over the fact that she must take examinations. Frankly, we think we suffer more than our fair daughter, because we have to listen to all the fussing and fuming. She shuts herself in a room for hours on end to study. We can't understand why she must study so much for examinations when her marks have been so high all year, but as usual we do not understand! It seems that there might be just one little thing she might not remember and she simply cannot take a chance!

"Why, Mother, suppose I shouldn't know one of the questions." "Several times we have said, 'Oh Phooey, what does it matter anyhow?'" But our fair daughter thinks our attitude is extremely infantile and she can't understand how we got through school anyhow! We try to tell her that she wears herself out before she arrives to take the examination. But she insists that it isn't the studying, and staying up late, and all the hours of sitting over text books which upset her. Oh, my, no! But who are we to tell a 15-year-old girl what upsets her!

In addition to examination trouble we are having food trouble! Our fair daughter has decided this spring to eat nothing but fresh fruit and fresh vegetables. No bread, no potatoes, in fact, she is dieting. It is bad enough when an adult feels it necessary to diet but a high school girl on a diet is something to reckon with, because high school girls are so definite about everything. They always know and they can't be persuaded they are ever wrong, at least without a pitched battle!

So we are struggling with an always hungry child who refuses to eat things which will fill up that terrific hole she seems to possess somewhere inside her. We know we are in for a bad summer because up until this year our fair daughter has always gone to camp on the Fourth of July and stayed there until school began again. But this year she wants to stay at home. She made the decision while the weather was still cool and the prospect of the mountains didn't seem so inviting. Every now and then we find our fair daughter gazing off into space, and when we ask her what the trouble is she says she is wondering how it will feel to have to ride to a swimming hole, and who will there be to go horseback riding with, and what is there to do at home all summer anyhow. We try to tell her that we have managed for quite a few years and had a right good time, but she usually looks at us and comforts us with the thought that we are old, and doing nothing isn't difficult for us!

We have planned a trip South and when we first mentioned it our fair daughter was delighted because she said the South was filled with birds she had always wanted to see. We didn't pay much attention but now that our plans are definite our new young lady is spending all her spare time looking up bird sanctuaries. She informed us last week that we could do as we pleased on the trip, she was going to spend her time in the series of places she had mapped out! Must we spend our vacation looking at birds when we still can't tell a wren from a song sparrow?

FDR says this war is not going to make any millionaires. Does he mean new millionaires? The big money boys are making plenty right now, and are going to make more.

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## WASHINGTON SNAPSHOTS

By James Preston

In the months ahead, the American people apparently will expect every man to do his bit so the land of the free may resist any foreign oppressor.

That expectation already is leading Washington to do some thinking. Newspaper readers throughout the country might think the nation's capital is a hodge podge of confusion. There is confusion. But amid the hurly burly, many people have time to watch for significant developments.

Numerous legislators, therefore, were interested in reactions to the President's declaration that there would be no new "war millionaires" and that every group, including labor, would be expected to cooperate.

One of the first reactions was a statement by the National Association of Manufacturers, whose members will produce national defense material, pledged "continued opposition of industry to profiteering" and adding: "No man or group should use the national emergency to serve his or its selfish ends."

This pledge, very obviously was not just words, for the President himself reported to a press conference that he saw no need for the government to control prices because prices are being held down to reasonable levels. In other words, industry has pledged its best efforts to see that there shall be no profiteering, and there is none.

Other news, however, points up a surprising contrast to this. In Kearney, N. J., 5,000 shipyard workers went on strike for higher wages. They held up the construction of four warships badly needed by the fleet.

Reports reaching Washington also said that all machinists in the Seattle area except those employed by the Boeing Aircraft Company were out on strike. It was added that the union machinists' contract with Boeing expires soon and that unless higher wages are granted there the strike will extend soon into that national defense industry too.

Some Washington legislators, stirred by these reports, are expressing this view: Labor unions have been granted new privileges in recent years. If they do not know how to use these privileges, and if they cannot accept the responsibilities which go with the privileges, then perhaps the privileges should be withdrawn or the responsibilities made mandatory by law.

In short, they say, if labor unions don't cooperate willingly, then they should be forced to do so. Some of them are talking about forbidding strikes in national defense industry.

The reason for the appearance as well as the existence of confusion is that plans are agreed upon in such a hurry and without consultation with everybody concerned.

For example, both Senate and House leaders said on a Friday that there would be no tax bill this session of Congress. On the following Monday morning, chairmen of the Senate and House tax committees agreed with the Treasury to push a tax bill through. Speaker Bankhead and Majority Leader Rayburn of the House did not know of this agreement until reporters told them.

Furthermore, the tax bill's size was agreed upon without any knowledge that the President three days later would ask another billion dollars for national defense. An interesting but important fact is that the new tax bill, therefore, will fall far short of even paying for national defense, much less meeting the current deficit in other fields.

This year's defense bill will be around five billion dollars. The ordinary deficit is almost three and a half billions. Yet the new tax bill will raise less than 700 million a year. Thus it would be five years before the tax bill would raise enough money to pay off this year's deficit much less the national defense expenses.

It looks as though the current tax bill is simply a stop gap. The really bad news will descend after election.

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