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The basis of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right, and we've it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without government, I should not hesitate a moment to choose the latter. But I should mean that every man should receive these papers and be capable of reading them.
—Thomas Jefferson.

THURSDAY, FEB. 10, 1944

THE RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

The campaign to raise \$200,000, 000 in the nation to finance the huge wartime program of the American Red Cross gets under way the first of March, and Watauga County people are being asked to subscribe \$6,000 as their share of this stupendous fund.

Clyde R. Gruene, war fund campaign chairman, has practically completed his organization, and it is not too early to begin arranging to do your share promptly when the campaign opens. Last year Watauga County raised almost the amount asked this year, as against a quota of \$3,600. But with fewer people in the county this time, the folks who remain are going to have to dig a bit deeper to take up the slack.

Of the \$6,000 asked, \$2,400 will remain at home to finance local activities of the Red Cross, and 20 per cent of the national fund will be earmarked for direct service to men in the armed forces. Local disasters, etc., will be taken care of out of the remaining 20 per cent.

One thousand packages are being sent by the Red Cross weekly to American prisoners of war, huge reserves of blood to save the lives of wounded men have been collected, and a thousand and one things done for the benefit of the men who are fighting for us. To fail to give, and give to the utmost of our ability to the Red Cross, is to "let down" the men who have assumed the burden of our protection, and who are making safe the way for generations to follow. Watauga has not failed yet. Let's be sure that the Red Cross quota is exceeded this year, and thus help the men who are saving us.

ABOVE THE HULLABALOO

By J. LITTLE HULL

ONLY THE PEOPLE CAN KEEP PEACE ON EARTH

The leaders of the United Nations are bending their efforts primarily toward winning the war, and after that, toward winning a peace which will last. There is nothing particularly original in this—it has been attempted times without number after other world wars with which civilization has been plagued. These efforts on the part of leaders of nations have been, as a rule, sincere and honest. But leaders change and the policies of nations change, and—for economic, or radical or political, or various other reasons—international alliances change. And with these changes the old frictions—and some new ones—return, and the fight is on again.

For the last hundred and fifty years, however, a new element has been entering the field of world politics. The new element is "the people," represented by leaders whom they have chosen. And the day is coming, and coming fast, when Democracy—meaning "the people"—will prevail not only in the United States, Great Britain, France, etc., but all over this earth. It may take slightly different forms, and different names; but it will mean—as it does in our nation—rule by, for and of "the people." And when that time comes, and Autocracy is finally eliminated from off this earth, and the leaders of all nations are put in power by the people for the purpose of fulfilling their wishes—war will cease to be the fashion because THE PEOPLE don't want it, and they will see to it that their leaders don't start it. War will cease to be the plaything of irresponsible Autocrats and will become the prerogative of the people.

The day of the Autocrat is nearing an end and war will have spelled his doom; for the Autocrat and his followers have been responsible for wars ever since history records. "The people" don't start them—"the people" are slightly bored with them. Some aggressive leader, and his followers, gets ambitious and no other leaders are clever enough to stop them except by force. Only the peo-

ple could stop him.

Before our nation was created, and individual and collective freedom became a recognized state of being, nations fought, bled and died at the behest of the Autocrats and never dreamed any change in the routine was possible. But the whole scene has altered. Today the people of every nation on earth realize that they can overthrow the government provided they have sufficient urge to do so. They have seen the peoples of the United States, of France, of Britain, and of numerous other nations, take the law into their own hands, and do away with Autocracy. There will be a great awakening before this war is over, and this—and the certainty of far greater and more devastating wars to come through the agency of one or another autocratic regime—may spell the end of autocratic government the world over.

So if the present leaders of the United Nations can so devise that this world can have peace for but a few years, the people may take up from that point on and taboo war just as democratic public opinion has tabooed dueling or any other form of murder. But it can only be the people—for in all the world there is not, nor ever has been, any individual or any group of individuals clever and wise enough to maintain peace on earth.

Dale Carnegie

AGE HAS A PLACE IN INDUSTRY

The head of a department store chain once told me that the most important lesson he ever learned in business is the value of employing both youth and age. He combines them. He puts a young person and an old person in the same department. He claims that youth has the enthusiasm and energy; age has wisdom and experience; and together they make a perfect combination.

E. H. Little, president of the Cotgate-Palmolive-Peet Co., told me that when he could not get young men for his sales department due to war conditions he was obliged to take on old men. These older salesmen turned out to be better than his young men.

Let me tell you of one employer who would rather hire old people than young people! In other words, if a young man of 20, and a man over 40, with equal ability, applied for a job, this employer would take the older person.

She is Mrs. Ora Snyder, the Illinois housewife whose husband fell ill and thus placed upon her the responsibility of earning the living. Mrs. Snyder knew nothing about business, so had one of its traditions to follow. She started on a nickel, and finally managed to open a tiny little candy store in Chicago. Following the depression of 1929, when stores were closing right and left, she opened five. Today she has 16 stores, and 300 persons in her employ.

She told me one of the secrets of her success has been in employing older people. And when she says old she means old. She hired one man who was 86. He was an excellent candy maker and did his work well.

In fact, Mrs. Snyder told me that in the 30 years she has been in business she has never discharged anyone because of age.

Her hard-candy maker at 76 made better candy than when she first engaged him. He studied the art of hard-candy making, went to all the exhibits, read everything on the subject. "A man like that is never old," says Mrs. Snyder.

I have a secretary who has been with me 22 years. I recently engaged a bookkeeper, who is 68. So don't be afraid of hiring the oldsters. They have a sense of loyalty that is seldom found in young people. And with modern machinery and modern methods to supplant possible loss of vitality, they can do the work just as well.

TODAY and TOMORROW

By DON ROBINSON

STALIN labor
It may be significant that, during his conference with President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, Joseph Stalin proposed a toast to American "machines" instead of American "labor."

In stating that the war would have been lost if it wasn't for the production in our country, Mr. Stalin may have avoided giving labor the credit for two reasons:

First, he probably realized that the term "labor," which we associate so closely with the activities of unions, is a word that has lost caste in our country—a word that, whether rightly or not, reminds most of us of the seamy side of our war effort which we do not want advertised.

In the second place, although Mr. Stalin is a champion of laboring classes, he undoubtedly is even less tolerant of strikes during wartime than we are. Although labor, by comparison with the rest of the population, probably gets more breaks

Bomber Mechanic



Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss., Jan. 25—The Army Air Forces Training Command announced today the graduation of Pfc. James P. Marsh from the B-24 Liberator bomber mechanics school at Keesler Field. Pvt. Marsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Crater L. Marsh, of Boone, has just completed a course of approximately 17 weeks of training in all phases of servicing the heavy bomber, its fuel, electrical and hydraulic systems, instruments, engine operation and inspection.

in Russia than it does here, such a thing as a strike in a war plant is unknown in Russia and would invite the harshest form of punishment if it were ever attempted.

Mr. Stalin, on the other hand, has the greatest respect for production, which he sees as the thing by which a country's greatness and power is measured. In his toast he therefore aimed to compliment all who have contributed to production, including labor, but took no chance of his toast being interpreted as showing sympathy to a condition which has aroused the anger of every patriotic American.

LEWIS freedom
I have heard people compare John L. Lewis with Joseph Stalin, but actually there are probably no two men who have such diametrically opposite views. There is no doubt that Stalin would be highly insulted by any suggestion of a resemblance.

For in Russia, a man who demanded that a group of workers put their loyalty to him above their loyalty to their country wouldn't last for two minutes. The thing that probably amazes Stalin most about our attitude toward labor is the fact that we continue to let John L. Lewis remain free. With 90 per cent of the American people ready to vote for Mr. Lewis as the man who has done most to interfere with our war program, it is remarkable, even in our freedom-loving country, that we not only permit him to remain unpunished but have so far refrained from putting any curb on his activities.

Since we have gone this far without taking any adequate steps to stop strikes or to curb the activities of union leaders who encourage stoppages of war production, it hardly seems likely that anything will be done along this line for the duration. But even though strikes may quiet down at times and quick action may be taken by the government when they do develop, it would be exceedingly dangerous for us to let the labor problem become a secondary interest. For even the unions which are behaving themselves now are undoubtedly making plans for new action after the war—and the future of our country could easily depend upon the post-war plans of labor unions.

FUTURE danger
When we talk about postwar plans today, we think of them primarily in terms of how many people companies like General Motors will employ, how fast they will produce the goods we want and whether industry will be able to avoid a period of inaction.

In considering these complicated problems, we are apt to forget that labor could, if stirred up by ambitious leaders, completely upset any plans which industry might make.

Take the automobile industry as an example. Suppose the leaders of that industry get together and work out a plan for converting their equipment to make automobiles in a minimum time. Suppose that plan necessitates the fast production of millions of dollars worth of new tools and machines before actual production can go forward. Suppose they even work out a plan to avoid layoffs during the conversion period, but find it necessary to reduce pay until production can be started. With plans and schedules all set, it is evident that a union leader would be apt to object to any temporary pay reduction and might not only call the automobile workers out on strike but paralyze the production of new tools until the industry agreed to reinstate the old wage schedule and guarantee the men a certain amount of overtime.

That may not happen. That example is given merely to show how unions, if they wanted to, could completely disrupt any postwar planning. There is no doubt that

congress should have made strikes illegal during the war. But it may be even more important for legislation to be passed now to make strikes illegal during the adjustment period following the war.

FORMER WATAUGA MAN WRITES FROM CANADA

Editor Democrat:

Enclosed please find money order for the sum of \$3.00 for which please renew my subscription. Am sorry my subscription lapsed before I noticed it as I hate to miss a copy of the good old home paper. It's like getting a letter from home. I would like to compliment you on the different editorials in your paper and I would like you to know several of them have been used in speeches and programs here in Southern Alberta, Canada, and one I handed to our leading newspaper, which was printed and quoted as being taken from the Watauga Democrat of Boone, N. C.

I would like to tell you just a little about our country in Alberta. We have a great wheat and livestock country. My farm is located between one of the largest wheat farms on the North American continent, and the largest livestock ranch on the American continent, being nine miles from the wheat farm and seven miles from the stock ranch. You can drive for days through wheat country in Alberta. The land is fairly level all over, and most of the wheat is grown on dry land. We have seven large irrigation projects but most of this land is planted to hay, potatoes and sugar beets, as well as a lot of truck growing.

We have a hunter's paradise here, as we have lots of lakes which draw thousands of wild ducks, wild geese and swan. We also have lots of quail, prairie chickens and Chinese pheasants, and it is very common to see 50 antelope in a band on the prairie.

And for the anglers we can furnish plenty of sport as fish are very plentiful. As to our climate, some winters are very cold at times, but our cold spells do not last long until we get a Chinook wind and may melt all snow and ice any time in the middle of the winter. This winter has been an exception; we have had no snow to date. The rivers have not frozen over and we have no frost in the ground.

I will close by saying I am fond of my old home town of Boone. When I read in your paper of all the new industries that have sprung up in the last few years.

Yours truly,
F. A. NORRIS,
New Dayton, Alta., Canada.
Jan. 25, 1944.

Reduce Flea Beetle Damage On Tobacco

Research studies by the State College experiment station has demonstrated that tightly constructed tobacco plant beds will protect the seedling plants from much of the damage caused by flea beetles, according to Director L. D. Bayer of Raleigh.

The protection of newly set tobacco plants by means of single applications of insecticide, either in the plant bed just before pulling or in the field immediately after setting, has been given attention by the research men. The tests show promise of an economical means of protecting small plants from flea beetle damage during the critical stage.

If the plant beds are destroyed after transplanting to the field, it will remove a prolific breeding place from which flea beetles move

to the fields, the scientists points out.

It was shown that fall plowing

and cutting of tobacco stalks after priming will prevent the build-up of infestations of horn-worms.

WANT ADS "OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS HERE"

RADIO BATTERIES—Just received another shipment of 1100-hour AB packs. Western Auto Associate Store. 1c

FOR SALE—Two good used saw-mills, one 4-side planer, 3 balers and engines. Dewey D. Carr, Mountain City, Tenn. 2-10-4c

FOR SALE—One mare; weight about 1,400 pounds. Works good. Will H. Hayes, Boone Route 1, 3 miles from Boone. 2-10-2p

FOUND—Ladies' wrist watch near college. Owner can have same by identifying and paying for this ad. Andy P. Mast, Junaluska Road, Boone. 1p

BABY CHICKS—Place your orders early for baby chicks. Also let me have your eggs early for custom hatching. Mrs. Roby S. Isaacs, Sherwood, N. C. 1c

WANTED—Washing machine, good condition. Call 41 or write Box 393, Boone, N. C. 1p

FOR SALE—Good baled hay, \$1.75 hundred. Also grist, hammer mill and roller stand for buckwheat, on hardsurface road. Will sell or trade for house and lot in town or small farm. B. H. Phillips, Route 2, Boone. 1p

FOR SALE—One 9-tube Majestic electric radio in A-1 condition. 37½c per pound. Dacus Radio Shop.

FOR RENT—Good farming land. See or write Mrs. Etta Brown, R. F. D. 2, Boone, N. C. 1p

NOTICE
To all concerned: I forbid anyone in Ashe or Watauga counties to feed, bed or clothe my son, Fred Rash, 14, who has left home without my consent.
R. E. RASH.
This 5th day of February 1944
1p

IF YOU HAVE A FARM to rent, cash rent, write me at once in care of this newspaper. M. O. Brannon, Brevard, N. C. 2-3-2p

FOR SALE—Hand loom, complete, in good condition. Joe C. Mast, Valle Crucis, N. C. 2-3-2p

FOR SALE—Two Hereford cows, 3 and 8 years old. If interested, see or write Joe C. Mast, Valle Crucis, N. C. 2-3-2p

DR. L. E. WELLMAN, optometrist, invites you to come to Mountain City, Tenn., for your next glasses. You will receive a thorough scientific examination and the finest of lenses. The latest styles in frames or rimless mountings at a very moderate cost. Office days, Wednesday-Thursday each week. 12-30-7c

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OLD GOLD WANTED—We buy old gold watch cases, rings, dental gold, etc. Highest prices paid. Walker's Jewelry Store. 12-14-4f

Special Announcement

As you all know, there will be no more new radios until after the war and used radios are becoming almost exhausted, therefore, we urge you to bring in your old radio or radios that you have stored away and not using, and probably with the impression that they were not worth repairing, and sell them to us, so that we may be able to make one radio out of two or three, thereby helping to keep the families of Watauga County, probably your own neighbor, with a radio for the duration. Then after the war . . . Television?

We now have for sale a few thoroughly reconditioned electric and battery radios, equipped with new tubes and battery.

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SPECIAL—Large family size 5 mg tablets, vitamin B-1, a month's supply for family of five. \$4.98. Boone Drug Co. 1-14-4f

DR. C. G. BAUGHMAN, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist of Elizabethton, Tenn., will be at the Hagaman Clinic in Boone the first Monday in each month for the practice of his profession. 12-14-4f

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