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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 were 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, JAN. 31, 1946

GOOD SERVICE

In connection with the agitation concerning the condition of the secondary roads in the state, it is interesting to note that so far as we have been able to learn, Watauga and Ashe are the only counties in this section of the state which have been able to maintain operation of all the schools during the severe winter weather, which has damaged the roads to a degree unknown since the inception of the good roads program in the state.

Due to the diligence of the district highway maintenance engineer, Mr. C. A. Hayworth, and Mr. E. Ford King, county road supervisor in Watauga and Ashe counties, the roads have been kept open all through the rigid weather of the past three months, and no schools have been closed during this period.

Working day and night, Sundays and holidays, since before Christmas, local highway employees have been able to keep the roads open, and maintain normal traffic in the face of unprecedented weather conditions. For this fine service, our local highway officials and employees deserve the commendation of the people of this area. The record they have made during the severe weather hasn't been duplicated in the state, so far as we know.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Saturday, February 2, will be the first day of the first moon after the sun shall have entered Aquarius, which, as United China Relief points out, means New Year's Day for more than one-fifth of the earth's people.

This date begins the 4643rd year of one of the oldest recorded human histories, that of the Chinese people. It may prove the dawn of the most important epoch in all their long history, holding as it does the promise of peace, progress, freedom and a chance for the good life for the hundreds of millions of China.

The Chinese year is reckoned by the old lunar calendar, which divides the year into twelve months, the length of each month based on the moon's journey around the earth, rather than on the earth's trip around the sun.

The moon's journey takes twenty-nine and a half days, so in China some months are assigned twenty-nine days and others thirty, to make a year of 354 days. The difference between the lunar and our solar calendar of 365 days is adjusted every two or three years when the Astronomical Observatory of China declares an extra month, thus decreasing Chinese leap year.

Chinese history has been recorded from the first year of the reign of the Yellow Emperor (2696 B. C.)

LESS SUGAR IS PREDICTED FOR NATION

Washington, Jan. 29—Representative B. J. Jonkman, of Michigan, said today that the sugar shortage is about to become "seriously worse." He blamed officials of the agriculture department for the situation.

Jonkman, subcommittee chairman of the Republican congressional food study committee, charged in a speech prepared for the house, that the agriculture officials were guilty of "gross negligence and mafeasance" in their administration of the sugar program.

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ARCADY QUADRUPLETS EXPECT SISTER OR BROTHER . . . At eight months of age, the famous Arcady "quads"—three bulls and a heifer—now weigh over 600 pounds and are making better than average gains on the Dyer, Ky., farm of Charles Lucas. They are looking forward to March 9, when at least one new arrival is expected in the family. The "quads" weighed only 40 to 50 pounds at birth, but now are above average weight. The tender in the photograph is Miss Maureen Coine.

THE EVERYDAY COUNSELLOR

Rev. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

The most certain thing in life is change, and yet that is the most difficult thing for most of us to accept. The circumstances of life and our attitude towards them change daily. Some months ago I related a beautiful old Jewish legend which was given me by a correspondent, which I am giving again by request.

Shortly after his coronation, King Solomon announced a great banquet for his chief officers of state and military leaders. Two weeks before the event he called in his most trusted advisor and gave him a strange assignment. The King said he wanted a ring to wear on his hand, for a double purpose. Should prosperity, popularity and success come upon him to such an extent that he became proud and forgetful of God, a glance at this ring should remind him of his danger. Should trouble and adversity so descend upon him that he would despair, then by looking at the ring, he would be reminded that God is "a very present help in trouble."

The more he thought of the impossibility of the task, the more frantic Solomon's advisor became. With only a week left, he turned to an old jeweler in the city of Jerusalem. He explained his assignment. The old man told him not to worry, that he would provide the necessary ring in one week's time.

True to his promise, on the opening day of the feast the jeweler delivered to the King's advisor a ring on which was this inscription, "This Too Shall Pass Away." The King's request had been met.

All of us could profitably wear such a ring, because we need its message. It will give balance to life.

This old story reminds me of a poem in my scrap book by Lenta Wilson Smith:

When some great sorrow, like a mighty river, Flows through your life with peace-destroying power, And dearest things are swept from sight forever, Say to your heart each trying hour: "This, too, shall pass away." When ceaseless toil has hushed your song of gladness, And you have grown almost too tired to pray, Let this truth banish from your heart its sadness. And eases the burdens of each trying day: "This, too, shall pass away."

When fortune smiles, and, full of mirth and pleasure, The days are flitting by without care, Lest we should rest with only earthly treasure, Let these few words their fullest import bear: "This, too, shall pass away." When earnest labor brings you fame and glory, And all earth's noblest ones upon you smile, Remember that life's longest, grandest story, Fills but a moment in earth's little while: "This, too, shall pass away."

BUSINESS SUIT?



ONCE a shop owner, this Greek war victim now has only broken baskets to hold his small stock. He needs clothing as he prepares to build a life and business again. Give your spare clothing, shoes and bedding to the Victory Clothing Collection for overseas relief

TODAY and TOMORROW

By DON ROBINSON

TALK meetings
"What do they talk about at these conferences?" my wife asked me.

She was reading the front page of a newspaper which headlined one conference after another about strikes.

"I don't know," I said, "I suppose they discuss labor's demands and try to see if they can come to some agreement."

"But," she complained, "these headlines always say just about the same thing. They either say that no agreement was reached or that another conference is being planned. In some of the strikes people have been meeting for months and nothing seems to happen. I can't see what they talk about all the time."

My reaction—a sort of defense of the male—was to try to point out that men of importance don't sit around together by the hour without discussing subjects of weighty concern. Women might, yes. But not busy business executives. But as I tried to build my case, I too, began wondering what on earth did keep the conversation rolling at these long-winded conferences.

CONFERENCE delay

After struggling with this mysterious problem for some time, I finally came to the conclusion that one of those many conferences between Mr. Anderson of General Motors and Mr. Thomas of the United Automobile Workers must have gone something like this:

Mr. Thomas: Well, are you going to give us 30 percent?

Mr. Anderson: No.

Thomas: What's your best offer today?

Anderson: 13 percent. And that's final.

Thomas: You know we won't accept that.

Anderson: You know we won't go any higher.

(Thomas lights a cigar 30 percent longer than the average cigar. Anderson lights a short pipe. They sit at the conference table glaring at each other. After an hour of silence, Mr. Thomas clears his throat impatiently.)

Thomas: Any change yet?

Anderson: Nope.

(Each get out a newspaper and begins reading. After another hour Mr. Anderson breaks the silence.)

Anderson: Ready to take 13 percent yet?

Thomas: Nope. Still 30 percent.

Anderson: It's getting late. Shall we call off the conference?

Thomas: Okay. What will we tell the papers?

Anderson: I've just written out a statement. Here.

Thomas: (reading) "After conferring until midnight, no agreements were reached although the union representative indicated that he would be willing to consider a compromise proposal."

PUBLICITY repetition

Of course, if Mr. Anderson did hand Mr. Thomas a statement like that, the conference would continue in a more explosive vein. Like this, perhaps:

Thomas: Whatdoyuh mean, I am willing to compromise?

Anderson: You made that very clear two hours back when, after I refused 30 percent, you asked for my best offer.

Thomas: Well, we're not giving any statement like that to the papers.

Anderson: Then what do you want to tell them?

Thomas: I want to tell them that you are trying to stop progress, that you want to beat down the working man, that you won't bargain with us, that . . .

Anderson: What I want to say wouldn't be fit for print, but do you want to get together on a joint statement?

Thomas: I just want to give the public the facts.

Anderson: You mean you want to confess that the union is trying to high-pressure us into increasing the cost of automobiles, that you

We Hope This Hog Continues to See His Shadow



State College Hints For Homemakers

When thawed before cooking, poultry cooks more evenly and with greater economy of fuel.

It may be thawed slowly in a refrigerator. A three or four pound bird will take overnight or longer to thaw completely, or it may be thawed at room temperature, in which case it should be watched closely. Once thawed, cook poultry without delay because thawed meat is more perishable than meat freshly killed.

Don't try to hurry thawing by soaking the frozen meat in water, hot or cold. Soaking causes loss of good juices.

Sometimes a room hides its light not under a bushel but under layers of dust. Even a very thin film of dust can obscure considerable light, household management specialists say.

If your home suddenly looks dim and gloomy, it may need a little extra dusting and polishing of all light centers, lamp bulbs and shades, windows and mirrors as well as all decorative objects.

Dust often clings to volatile oil from cooking or smoke which has settled on light bulbs, windows and mirrors. Washing is usually a better way to remove greasy dust than dusting.

White spots on varnished furniture may be caused by standing water, hot dishes or alcohol, according to wood experts and furnishings specialists. If the spots are slight, they may be removed simply by rubbing with camphorated oil or oil of peppermint—get 10c worth at the drug store. Or they may disappear when the surface of the furniture is washed with a mixture of 1 quart of warm water, 3 tablespoons of boiled linseed oil, and 1 tablespoon of turpentine; then dried with a soft dry cloth, and rubbed with furniture polish.

For more severe white spots a mixture that may be used is salt and salad oil. Dip the finger in oil, then in salt, and rub. Repeat until the spot disappears. Then dry and polish. Or use a paste made of powdered pumice and linseed oil, and rub over the spot with the finger or soft cloth until the spot disappears. Don't rub too hard—you might remove the varnish.

A good tailor does not press wool completely dry, for it scorches very easily. Rather, he lifts the wool garment from the pressing board while the last bit of steam is still rising from it. Then he pats or beats out that little whiff of steam with his hand. This keeps the wool from having a hard-pressed look.

It is a good idea to be particular

will admit the fallacy of seeking higher wages when production is at a standstill, that . . .

Thomas: Don't try to be funny. I guess we have to issue the same old statement. Have you got a fresh copy?

Anderson: You mean the one headed "Conferees Fail to Agree" or "Conference to Be Continued"?

Thomas: Haven't we got any others? My members are getting fed up with those.

Anderson (thumbing through papers): Let's see. Well, here's one we haven't used for a month—"Conferees Explore Areas of Agreement."

Thomas: Okay, give them that one. And next time let's go home earlier. I've been missing out on 30 percent of my sleep.

about the cloths used for pressing. When using new material for this purpose, wash and rinse it thoroughly so that not a bit of starch or sizing remains. Keep the cloths clean always and wash out every trace of scorch, if by any chance the iron gets too hot. A scorched cloth can discolor the garment underneath.

Absorbency depends on the amount of pile or loop surface a towel has. The more pile yarns to

the inch the greater the drying power. Long loops make for a soft flurry towel, but for good wear too long loops are not advisable. Loops about one-eighth inch long are considered a desirable length.

A good bath towel is one that absorbs moisture quickly, and doesn't hang on the rack soggy and heavy for hours. That's the bath towel's viewpoint—and a very sound one. But there are also other factors to be considered when you shop for towels.



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