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The basis of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first objective 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, JULY 3, 1947

GOLDEN GLEAMS: Life is not measured by the time we live.—Crabbe

Youth is a blunder; Manhood a struggle; Old age a regret.—Disraeli

The measure of a man's life is the well-spending of it, and not the length.—Plutarch

I count life just a stuff to try the soul's strength on.—Robert Browning

Life is real! Life is earnest! And the grave is not its goal; Dust thou art, to dust returneth, Was not spoken of the soul.—Longfellow

JULY 4, 1776: "We hold these truths to be self-evident—that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights; that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. That, to secure these Rights, governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the Governed.—Declaration of Independence.

JULY 4TH GLORIOUS ANNIVERSARY: Independence Day means much to the United States and other struggling nations as well. In 1947, with power politics the way of most of the world, it is important that the significance of the day be impressed throughout our country and the world.

On July 4th, 1776, twelve colonies, all the original thirteen except New York, through their representatives in the Continental Congress, approved of the Declaration. Two committees had been appointed by the Congress on June 10th to draw up a Declaration and articles of confederation. These committees were appointed after a motion by Richard Henry Lee, which was seconded by John Adams on June 7th. Action on the motion was deferred until July 1st and it was passed July 2nd. The committees were then appointed and the Declaration was approved and signed on that day only by John Hancock as President of the Congress. It was not until August 2nd that 53 members of the Congress signed the Declaration.

This Declaration led to the first war of the young country which finally gained its freedom from Great Britain. That Declaration was not long ago, as time is measured in history, only 171 years. But in that brief time, this free nation has become the leader for most nations of the world. We have fought half a dozen wars in the effort to maintain freedom and the security of our country. This far, we have never lost a war with a foreign country, and today we are striving to keep ourselves prepared for any new threat to our security.

The Fourth of July reminds the people of Watauga county that they have much of which to be proud. In a world of imperfect men and imperfect governmental systems, we have begun and successfully continued a government that is a people's government. We do not hold that it is a perfect government. It can and will be improved. But we are jealous of its great blessings. We must constantly recall the glories of our system and the democracy that is our heritage.

The Fourth of July—it is a day of celebration, a remembrance of a great day and a great time. Among the other nations of the world, too few have such a day to celebrate.

Sugar for home canning of fruits, fruit juices and for preserving will be made available to institutional users, and to household users who intend to sell their products, according to an announcement from the USDA.

The total of sales of North Carolina's principal commercial truck crops in 1945 was estimated at \$17,372,000.

Dale Carnegie

Talk about getting a late start well, here's a good example. About someone you've heard of. When he was 52 years old he had accomplished nothing. In addition, his financial assets added up to exactly a dollar. Well, he turned out all right, for that was Samuel F. B. Morse, inventor of the telegraph.

He had worked eleven years on his telegraph and had got nowhere. Friends who believed firmly in the eventual success of his ideas, had tried to get Congress to help him, with an appropriation. But Congress adjourned without handing him a dime. He borrowed money and went to England to get a patent; was thrown out. He went to France and tried to get a patent. Was granted one there, but there was some crooked work at the crossing and the patent was appropriated and other people got the money. He came back, and Congress at that late day, did pass a bill handing him some money with which he could experiment. Well, those experiments were a whopping success. In ten years he was known around the world. He got a late start; but he came down the home stretch a length a head of his nearest competitor.

Interviewed Dr. John Harvey Kellogg when he was 87 years old. He was, to list one of his accomplishments, owner of the Miami Battle Creek Sanitarium, in Miami Springs, Florida. He had three secretaries, and one of them confided to me that he kept them on the jump from morning till night, regardless of the difference in ages. Altogether an astonishing man. (Maybe you read in the papers two months ago about his death.)

He told me that he did not know what he was cut out for until he was 50 years old. He said that often the man who makes a slow start is the one who runs longest.

Maybe you've seen Samuel S. Hinds in the movies. I once had dinner with him at a club in Pasadena (I can't remember the name of the club except that it had "Oak" in it) and he told me that he had never stood in front of a movie camera until he was 55. Until that age he had been a business man. He lost his money, had to start over again. On appearing in a stage play at Gilmore Brown's Pasadena Playhouse in Pasadena, California, he attracted the attention of the moving picture producers, and landed in the movies. He got a late start, but is galloping along like Whirlaway in his prime.

In 1929 there was an event in Chicago which attracted the most brilliant educators in the country. People came for thousands of miles for the occasion. Not a football game; not a political powwow. No, the occasion was the inauguration of a young man of thirty as president of the fourth richest university in this country: the University of Chicago; a university with an endowment of seventy million dollars.

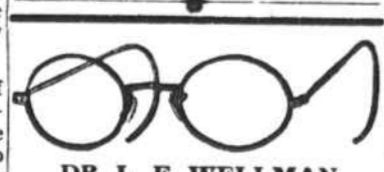
The young man who was to be inaugurated as president had worked his way through Yale as a waiter. But now the great sat at his feet: Robert Maynard Hutchins.

I was not there, but I got a glimpse of it from the late Dr. Jefferson Davis Sandefer, formerly president of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas. Dr. Sandefer sat on the platform next to the father of the new president. Turning to him he said, "I notice that one of the newspapers made a bitter attack on your son today."

This was stating it mildly, for young Hutchins had not only been attacked by the newspapers and by the educational bigwigs, but had been bitterly denounced.

Dr. Hutchins' father sat for a moment, thinking, then said quietly: "Yes, that's true. But remember, no one ever kicks a dead dog." Remember that the next time someone attacks you. The moment you raise your head even slightly above the water level of mediocrity, you will discover a lot of jealous, envious, critics on the banks of the river ready to throw mud balls at you. Some of the mud balls will have rocks inside. This has been true throughout the ages; and it will be true until human nature changes. La Rochefoucauld, the French philosopher, said many years ago: "If you want enemies, excel your friends; but if you want friends, let your friends excel you." Why is that true? Because when our friends excel us, it gives them a feeling of importance; when we excel them, it gives them a feeling of inferiority. So if you accomplish anything in the world, expect to be attacked, denounced, condemned. That was the fate of Robert Maynard Hutchins, of Abraham Lincoln, of Socrates, and of all the good, capable, and great men who ever lived.

The total value of North Carolina's wheat crop in 1945 was estimated at \$3,436,356.



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From Our Early Files

Items From The Democrat Of July 2, 1908

Bruce Rhea and sister, Miss Margaret, Shoums Tenn., have been visiting in Watauga since Monday.

Prof. Kerley, superintendent of the Mooresville graded school, has been added to the faculty of the A. S. T. The teaching staff now numbers twelve.

Mrs. Penn, son and little daughter, stoppers at the Critcher Hotel, are off for a few days visit to Creston, Ashe county, the girlhood home of Mrs. Penn.

Mrs. A. V. Bennet of Charlotte, is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Winkler, for the summer.

Stuart Hodges came from Blowing Rock Sunday and had a little memento of his trip, a rattlesnake that he killed between the village and Blowing Rock Hotel. It was four feet long and had seven rattles.

Capt. E. F. Lovill left Tuesday morning for Denver, Colo., where he goes as a delegate from the eighth North Carolina district to

the Democratic National Convention, which will convene in that city next Tuesday. He will spend a few weeks with his brother in Denver and probably visit relatives in other states before his return.

The telephone switchboard has been moved to its new quarters in the Mrs. Toppings home in East Boone.

Messrs Milton Coffey and Alex Penley have purchased the Will Green steam sawmill and are putting down near the turnpike a short distance below the Episcopal church on a plot of land bought of R. M. Green. A planer and other machinery will be added.

E. S. Coffey and J. C. Fletcher returned from the State convention Tuesday. They went to Charlotte very enthusiastic for Craig, and returned loyal Kitchen men, that is the idea. This is no time for a division in the Democratic ranks if some were sad, disappointed over the defeat of Locke Craig.

BRIEF NEWS

Jinnah is evasive concerning plans for Pakistan state in India. British potteries increase output to meet American demand. Glass capsules are planned to enclose AAF pilots in jumps.

Jim Tully, hobo who became author, dies on Coast at age of 56. Ration banking comes to an end; no more deposits accepted. Mexico is plagued by shortage of dollars; tourist trade slumps.

Canada to study Newfoundland bid to join the Dominion. Improved air safety held possible amid inherent hazards. NAM urges maintenance of adequate merchant marine.

European cooperation in free enterprise seen needed by world. Federal control of consumer credit near end.

Net income of 228 industrial concerns up 305 per cent in last year.

Olympic games of 1952 are voted to Helsinki, Finnish capital.

Geneva trade talks progress despite United States wall bill. British say Soviet zone program ignored will of Germans.

China pleads for United States help in Manchurian war. U. N. making study of crime to lay basis for uniform controls.

Public apathy is held a hazard to reducing traffic deaths. Dulles says democratic countries must be protected.

Germany called "frustrating mess" by Sinclair Weeks. Black rocks Haifa after United Nations inquiry unit departs.

World Bank funds, U. S. methods urged to spur Ruhr coal. Eastman house to be a photographer center at Rochester.

Cochrane says United States must be prepared for emergency. Ample supply of steel for nation is seen by end of the year.

Clay sees German recovery fitting Marshal plan for Europe. British will suffer unless Europe recovers, Morrison warns.

Lehman calls militant democracy defense against dictatorship. Hoover is asked to head a drive on food waste in the nation.

Army, Navy reveal they face shortage of aviation gasoline. 5,070,000 "normal" families found to have two bread winners.

Life here merits the fullest of patriotism, Eisenhower asserts. Dulles urges U. S. moral leadership to block communistic states.

U. S. planes with six jet motors are studied at Wright Field. The first authentic example of a planned city is the Egyptian city of Kahun, built as a housing project for the men who worked on the Illahun pyramid.

BREVITIES

Poultrymen save from seven to 15 per cent in grain and mash feeds by growing pullets on good range pasture rather than on bare range.

About 39 per cent of America's farms are operated by tenants. The USDA announced that the July 1-September 30, civilian sugar allocation of 1,970,000 short tons, raw value is about 350,000 tons greater than usage during the same period in 1946.

Producer supports of 6 cents a pound for 1947-crop common ryegrass seed grown west of the Rocky Mountains, and of 7 cents a pound for seed grown east of the Rockies, have been announced by the USDA.

Towels and toweling will be the third largest domestic end use market for cotton by 1950, according to the National Cotton Council, unless an increase in cotton prices gives other fibers a stronger competitive position than they now enjoy.

USDA announces a supplemental allocation of 34,600 pounds of edible soybeans and 150,000 pounds toilet soap to the Republic of the Philippines to meet established needs (commercial procurement).

Total production of tobacco in 1945 was estimated at 2,042 million pounds. There were approximately 25,000 unoccupied dwellings on North Carolina farms in 1945.

The word "tobacco" is thought to have originated from a reed called tobacco that the Caribbean Indians used as a pipe in which to smoke a weed or from a province now referred to as Yucatan, where tobacco was first grown.

A loan of \$2,669,000 to rural electric cooperatives in six states was approved by the REA. These funds will be used to finance rural electric facilities including 1,562 miles of rural distribution lines to serve 4,366 farms.

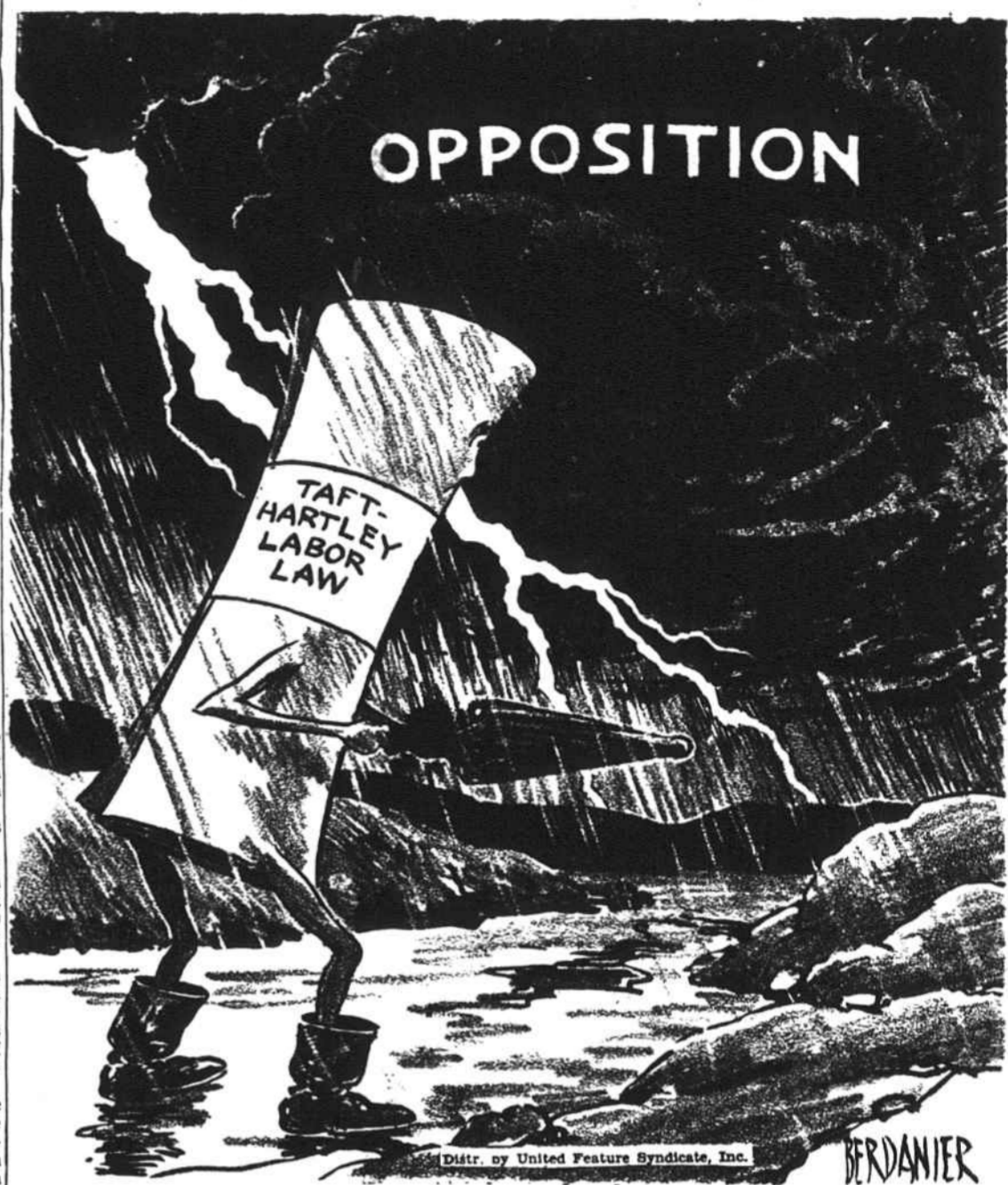
NO WONDER IT HURT: Oswego, Kan.—A patient told a dentist that his false teeth "are hurting me like thunder." The doctor investigated and found that the man was cutting a wisdom tooth beneath his plate.

Quincey, Mass.—Henry Nieland, Jr., recently received his wallet, lost three years ago, with an anonymous note explaining the long delay—it was just an oversight. The wallet contained nothing but papers.

Johns-Manville chairman sees 90% of the people "better off."

INTO STORMY WEATHER

By Paul Berdanier



KILLS MANY FOXES

Bloomfield, Ind. — Dennis Graves left his brooder house door open for the night and the next morning found 80 of his 102 chickens dead. Their bodies and feathers were strewn over his farm.

Suspecting foxes, he and his dog set out on a search. They followed a trail of feathers and tracked the culprits to their lair, where more dead chickens were found.

Summary vengeance followed. The dog entered the den and returned with a dead criminal. He made repeated trips until he had killed and brought to the surface six foxes, all about two-thirds grown.

Top soil throughout the nation averages about six inches in depth.

MOTHER-IN-LAW MIXUP

Tulsa, Okla.—Jeannie Madsen became Mrs. Lee Odom, expecting a minimum of mother-in-law trouble.

Her marriage made her mother, Mrs. Charles Madsen Odom, her mother-in-law.

The mother, a widow, previously had married Lee Odom's father, J. T. Odom.

Now, young Odom is the son-in-law of his step-mother and a step-son-in-law of his father.

The bride is the step-daughter-in-law of her own mother, and her former stepbrother is her husband.

Remember that barring off corn with a turn plow, 4 to 5 inches deep and close to the plant, destroys the surface roots of the plant.

Louis title fight off until fall; Joe to retire next year.

CHESTNUT WOOD HAULERS!

who have wood booked with me, please do not bring this wood until I give you notice by postal card as plant has closed down for repairs.

B. F. COOK

West Jefferson, N. C.

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