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Damage At Home

As a people, we Americans do things in a mysterious way. We will do all in our power to help release foreign nations from the hands of dictators. Then we will accept a labor policy here at home which, if not corrected, will nullify all the help we seek to extend to others.

The list of defense industries that have been or are struck is too long to enumerate. Take but one as an example, the Southern coal mines. Without coal, our defense efforts would be paralyzed. It is estimated there is only a 15 days' supply of coal above the ground. The mines were closed through April with one strike. Yet labor leaders threaten another coal strike to enforce demands, instead of accepting arbitration.

The President's declaration of a national emergency may prevent it. But all the people have suffered and stand to suffer more from such methods.

There are different types of national undermining. Our nation's safety is endangered by the domestic as well as the foreign brand.

Borrowed Comment

NO TASK AT ALL
(Statesville Daily)

"Today's boy," says the Christian Science Monitor, "fuming at his chore of washing the car, may think he has a hard time of it, but he never had to sponge the mud off 64 buggywheel spokes in the pre-paved road days."

Nor can he call today's job anything like comparable to coming home bitter cold nights and having to remove the frozen mud from old Kit's feet before stabling her—the while he smells ham frying in the kitchen and can't get to it until the old jar-head has been manicured.

And washing the family flivver is one grand sweet song compared with rising long before the burst of dawn to make three-four fires, which happened to be only the prelude to a day's work that was not completed until it was too dark to see—in the days when our dreamers had not thought up wage-hour laws and such.

The modern lad has a veritable gravy train. He doesn't even have to wash behind his ears.

Next to having the door knob come off in the hand, you'd think the emptiest feeling would be driving miles to "see a black-out."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

All is confusing with a nearby amateur gardener. He thinks now that the lilac he planted some years back by mistake for a syringa may yield a pear.—Detroit News

A Berlin spokesman says Germany cannot understand Swiss nervousness. Perhaps not, but a rabbit in a den of hungry wolves might.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Sunday is dad's day, and come the first of the month he can pay for it.—Greensboro Daily News.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

By
Rev. Walter E. Isenhour
Hiddenite, N. C.

It's great to find life's better way
And walk therein from day to day;
To pray and hope and smile and sing,
And to the right forever cling.

THE PATHWAY TO THE GOAL

There is a pathway to the goal,
Though it is steep to climb,
And only men of heart and soul,
And aims that are sublime,
Can ever make the upward grade
And reach the climax grand,
And show the world the life they've made
When with the great they stand.

No man's excluded from the race
If he desires to run,
And will but use the means of grace
Until his work is done;
So shall he bless, while living here,
His fellowmen of earth,
And when he's gone he leaves to cheer
A life of mighty worth.

Who'er ascends the upward path
That leads to Heaven's goal
Must turn away from sin and wrath
That would defeat the soul,
And then be good, upright and clean,
And sow the best of seeds,
And overcome the low and mean
By good and noble deeds.

No one e'er fails who does his best,
For God will see him through,
And at the goal of heav'nly rest,
With saints and sages true,
He'll get a never-fading crown
And life that never ends,
Where sorrows never bring a frown
And peace and glory blends.

Abnormal Absurdities

By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

LIGHT MATERIAL FOR WORRIED MINDS

The young man asked by his prospective father-in-law if he could support a family replied that he only wanted one of the family.

When the preacher dramatically ended his sermon with the declaration that all liquor should be thrown into the river, the congregation stood and sang "Shall We Gather at the River."

Joe, the sailor, had broken with his girl. After ignoring several letters, requesting the return of her photograph, he received one threatening to complain to the captain. Deciding to silence her for the time, he borrowed all the pictures of girls available on the ship, sending them to her in a large bundle with the following note: "Pick yours out! I've forgotten what you look like!"

A police dog what doesn't look like a police dog must be in the secret service.

Notice in Scotch church: "All in the habit of putting buttons instead of coins on collection plates will please use own buttons and not buttons from the cushions on the pews."

"If this girl is only seventeen I can't marry you without her father's consent," said the justice of the peace to the prospective bridegroom. "Consent," yelled the groom to be. "Who do you think this old guy with the rifle is, Daniel Boone?"

THE YOUNG FOLKS?
First Old Timer (in a thin, piping voice)—"Say, Lem, ye reckon thar's as much spoonin' going on as thar used to be?"

Second Old Timer—"No, Henry, don't seem thut they be."

First Old Timer (after a thoughtful pause)—"Don't quite agree with ye thar. I calc'late thar's just as much of it goin' on, but I 'speat it's a different crowd what's doin' it."

COULD SHE TRUST HIM?
Little Girl (to policeman): "Can I trust you?"

Copper: "What?"

L. G.: "Can I trust you?"

Copper: "Why, certainly. All little girls can trust policemen."

L. G.: "All right, then, please button my panties."

OFTEN WEAKENS
Shapely Showgirl: "I want you to vaccinate me where it won't show."

Doctor: "Okay! My fee is ter dollars in advance."

Showgirl: "Why in advance?"

Doctor: "Because I often weak en in such cases and don't charge anything!"—Clipped.

PRACTICING PATRIOTISM
A state highway patrolman happened along one of our lonely country roads and found a car parked too much in the road.

Upon investigation he found the car, as you may suspect, occupied by a young man and a young woman. The patrolman asked what they were doing (silly question) and the young man said he was "just being patriotic."

"Whadda Ya mean, patriotic?" the officer bawled. "We're conserving gasoline," was the youth's prompt reply.

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That in turn gives us a bright idea. At a certain young age why not have every boy and girl take an oath not to break any laws. Then we wouldn't have to have courts, jails, penitentiaries, etc.

Far fetched and silly, you may say—but not more so than the crackpot plan of the University trustees.

Son Of Ronda Family Graduate Of Alabama Polytechnic Institute

Mrs. Effie Sprinkle and daughter, Mrs. Hubert Paff, were guests of Mrs. J. B. Crouch, of Mayodan, last week on their return from Auburn, Alabama, where they attended the graduation of Mrs. Sprinkle's son, David Sprinkle, who received a degree as doctor of veterinary medicine from Alabama Polytechnic Institute. Immediately upon graduation Dr. Sprinkle was appointed to a post in a government hospital at Wilmington. Young Sprinkle starred in athletics during his days in Washington, D. C., Eastern high school. His family will be remembered by friends at Ronda where they lived for many years.

A U. S. Senate resolution calling for Congressional investigation of the federal parity price system is aimed to find a more favorable yardstick for farm prices.

NOTICE OF LAND ENTRY
Land entered by S. M. Estep.
Entry No. _____
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
WILKES COUNTY
Office Of Entry Taker
June 5th, 1941

Notice is hereby given that S. M. Estep of Wilkes County has this day entered 3 1-2 acres of land, more or less in Wilkesboro Township, Wilkes County on the waters of _____ creek, branch and adjoining the lands of James Jones, et. S. Ogilvie and others; bounded as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING on a red oak, Jim Jones corner in the John Pearson line running South 8 poles with the Pearson line running to an iron stake in the Harper Adams line running West with the Adams line 71 poles to a stake then North with Minton's 8 poles to a black gum Jim Jones corner, thence East with Jones line 71 poles to the beginning, containing 3 1-2 acres, more or less. And running various courses for complements. If no protest is filed within 30 days, warrant for same will be issued.

C. C. SIDDEN,
Entry Taker
6 30-4tm

Poultry Income Reported Lower

Raleigh, May 5.—A reduction of 20 per cent in cash income from the sale of chickens in 1940 compared with 1939 was reported today by Russell P. Handy, junior statistician of the State Department of Agriculture.

"North Carolina farmers sold 7,289,000 chickens last year compared with 9,255,000 in 1939," he said, basing his information on a Federal-State Crop Report. "Chickens sold last year returned producers an average price of 50 cents a head for a total cash income of \$3,644,000 compared with the 1939 cash income of \$4,628,000."

The value of chickens consumed in the farm household was estimated at \$5,882,000, or five per cent under the 1939 value. The 1940 total gross income from chickens (which includes cash income from sales plus the value of home consumption) was estimated at \$9,326,000, or about 12 per cent under the previous year. Among the South Atlantic states last year, North Carolina ranked second in the number of chickens raised.

"North Carolina farmers raised 20,678,000 chickens last year and of this number, 55 per cent was consumed in the farm household, 35 per cent sold, eight per cent lost and two per cent kept for breeding purposes," Handy

said. "Egg production in the state totaled 679,000,000 last year, showing an annual average of 83 eggs per bird for the 8,121,000 hens and pullets on hand January 1, 1940. Of the total eggs produced last year, 51.3 per cent was sold; 45.7 per cent consumed in the farm household and three per cent used for farm hatchings."

"The 344,000,000 eggs sold last year, the largest number sold since 1928, brought Tar Heel farmers an average price of 19.9 cents per dozen, or a total cash income of \$5,705,000 compared with \$5,362,000 in 1939."

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