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starving nations does not give us assured protection.

As the Journal also says: "Clearly the insulation of this country from the disease consequences of war will provide a colossal task and will require the most careful planning and effort." Fortunately for the United States, we have the finest medical service in the world to act as our main line of defense against the bacterial killers. Nowhere else in the world has medical research progressed so far. Nowhere else in the world is the average doctor so well fitted to perform the dual tasks of preventing and curing disease.

The scientists are working to protect you from the four horsemen. All of the 130,000,000 people in this country will benefit.

Politicians Poor Example

The whole theme of the defense program can be expressed in the single word, sacrifice. Public officials from the President down have rightly emphasized that modern mechanized war requires appalling quantities of a nation's resources. Home owners and consumers must of necessity depart from normal American living standards. The manner in which the people of America have responded to the call for ever greater cooperation, is exemplified by the recent aluminum drive. Citizens of communities from Maine to California, "chipped in" to fill parks, civic centers, and street corner bins with mountains of aluminum. Their response was unhesitating.

Have the nation's lawmakers been equally cooperative? They have not! Pork barrel politics has been carried on as usual. When President Roosevelt attempted to iron out some of the inequalities in the new tax bill, and recommended that exemptions be lowered so that the income classes which are receiving the bulk of the war spending would be taxed, the House killed his request at once, with hardly a hearing.

Crowning congressional ignominy followed the President's statesmanlike veto of the \$325,000,000 "strategic" road construction program, on the ground that it did not give enough consideration to military needs. Due to the ease with which it can reach "politically" strategic areas, road construction is a natural pork barrel activity. The Senate overrode the President's veto 57 to 19. The fact that the House later upheld the veto, by a hair-line margin, does not excuse the Senate's action.

It is high time, to put it bluntly, that the people of this country demand that their representatives practice what they preach—sacrifice. Millions of citizens stand ready to do their part in guaranteeing a better world for the future. It is too much to expect our public officials to do the same?

Fire Prevention Week

Each year in October, Fire Prevention Week is observed by proclamation of the President of the United States. It is a call on the citizens of this country to reduce loss of life and property by fire.

That week is always important. This year, with the country engaged in the greatest defense drive in all history—a drive which means that a large part of the human and material resources of this country must be turned to the gigantic task of making us militarily impregnable—the week is a hundred times more important still. It has been said many times, and it should be said many times again, that fire is the enemy of defense. Fire is the waster, the implacable destroyer of time, of human effort, of life, of resources. Fire fights against the swift production of airplanes and cannons and battleships and tanks. Fire fights against the nation's safety.

In the past years, it has often happened that fire losses have gone down during the week and the period immediately following, only to rise sharply thereafter. In other words, we Americans have had short memories. The lessons learned during the week were quickly forgotten, and we relapse into our old careless, thoughtless habits.

That must not happen now. We must regard every week as a fire prevention week. We must regard every day as a day in which to keep in mind the hazards that breed fire, and the means of eliminating them. Only if that is done, can fire, our ever-present foe, be beaten. The war against fire is a war for American safety in which every one of us can play an aggressive part.

Every reform, however necessary, will by weak minds be carried to an excess which will itself need reforming.
 —Coleridge

Abnormal Absurdities
 By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

A little ways south
 Five miles from town,
 All were coxy and snug
 After riding around.

Parked in a model T Ford
 Beside a pile of chaff,
 The only sound that one could hear
 Was an occasional, stifled laugh.

One broke her watch
 Another broke her glasses
 What kind of fellows were they,
 A bunch of wild jackasses?

OH, MY GOSH!
 "Why, Mary, what a lovely nude. 'Good heavens!' It's of you! Did you pose for it?"
 "No, No, Grace, Ralph just did it from memory."

WEDDING IN MASS
 Can you visualize what a Mormon wedding would be like? Our conception would run something like this:
 Minister to groom—"Do you take these women to be your lawfully wedded wives?"
 Groom—"I do."
 Minister—"Do you take this man to be your lawfully wedded husband?"
 Brides—"We do."
 Minister—"some of you girls in the back row will have to speak louder if you want to be in on this."

FUTURE GOLFERS
 Children who use bad words when playing marbles grow up to be golfers.

TOO MANY BEDS
 The bride was very much concerned at seeing twin beds, in their bridal suite.
 Groom—"What's the matter, dearest?"
 Bride—"Why, I certainly thought that we were going to get a room all to ourselves."

DOWN TO BUSINESS
 The latest golf story strikes a celestial note.—St. Peter was playing St. Paul. St. Paul drove off and his ball landed squarely in the cup. St. Peter drove off and his ball likewise landed squarely in the cup.
 "Well, what do you say?" said St. Peter as they approached the second tee. "Let's cut out the miracles and get down to business."

Centennial For Caldwell County

Addresses by Gov. J. M. Broughton, Hon. Smith W. Purdam, Asst. Post Master General, and the Honorable Robert L. Doughton will be some of the main features of the Caldwell County Centennial Celebration to be held in Lenoir September 14-17 inclusive. The addresses will be delivered from the reviewing stand on the Public Square.

A monster Floral, Pioneer and school parade is set for Tuesday, September 16th, which promises to surpass any parade of its kind ever attempted in Caldwell county, with floats, bands, marching bodies, horsemen, a Pioneer section with covered wagons, oxen, etc. and a school section of all schools in the county.

The City streets and store fronts will be gaily bedecked in flags and bunting in keeping with a celebration of this kind. Merchants' windows will display old antiques and a museum of old relics and gowns, guns, etc. will be a feature of the Celebration.

On the Public Square will be rides of all kinds. There will be an old fiddlers contest, hill billy band contests, Vaudeville Acts, band concerts, and street dancing nightly on the Square, as well as the Queen's Ball to close the Celebration on Wednesday night at the Armory following the last showing of the spectacle.

A mammoth historical spectacle will be presented nightly at the Athletic Field of the High School, with a cast of 500 performers in beautiful costumes, with special scenes, backgrounds and lighting effects. A water curtain will be used to change the different scenes of the 18-episode spectacle.

In addition to the large cast will also be seen approximately 40 head of horses, oxen, dogs, sheep and cattle as well as covered wagons, automobiles, a locomotive, aeroplane, buses, bicycles, etc.

The spectacle will be presented nightly at 8:00 p. m.

The celebration will be not only a Home-Coming Festival, but people from all over the State and from other states will be in attendance.

WORMS
 Pin and tape worms were found to be the cause of death to 14 hens in the flock of Harold Winstead, Person county farmer, reports County Agent H. K. Sanders.

Ads. get attention—and results

LIMESTONE
 Davidson county farmers will complete orders for 100 cars of AAA grant-of-aid limestone by September 15 says County Agent P. M. Hendricks.

RAMS
 Purebred Hampshire rams averaged \$28.50 in a recent cooperative sale by farmers of Watauga county at Boone, says County Agent H. M. Hamilton.

LIBERTY Thursday-Friday

A GOOD WOMAN... A BAD WOMAN... He needed the love of both!

Your most thrilling emotional experience in the theatre... brought to you by three great stars... the director of "Gone With The Wind!"

SPENCER TRACY
INGRID BERGMAN
LANA TURNER
 in VICTOR FLEMING'S Production of
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
 with DONALD CRISP • IAN HUNTER
 BARTON MacLANE • C. AUBREY SMITH

PETER S. KYNE'S
"THE PARSON OF PANAMINT"
 CHARLIE RUGGLES
 ELLEN DREW
 PHILLIP TERRY

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 — ALSO —
Color Classic Cartoon
 PETE SMITH SPECIAL
"WATER BUGS"
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School Days

Today all the schools in this vicinity had begun or were beginning the new term.

School opening is always an interesting event for students, teachers, parents and friends of all the participants.

The educational processes embodied in the public school system offer a diversion from ordinary ways of living in addition to opportunities for preparation for living.

From the six-year-old who timidly walks into the school building for the first time to the eager high school senior, is a space of about 11 years, the actual formative stage of the characters of the boys and girls.

The kind of foundational characters which are formed during that time will determine the future citizenship of our community, county, state and nation. What happens there will determine the course of human events which can influence, or make, the history of the world during the next period which we refer to as a generation.

Schools are so important that any who put personal or group ambitions and desires for gain above welfare of the children in the formative stage of life are hellishly criminal.

Theirs is not a crime of one injuring another, but is a devastating offense against all future citizenship, results of which can in later years loom as a curse to all mankind.

Thus it behooves all to be intensely interested in schools, in all activities which influence the lives of children. It will seem only a short time until the children in the schools become citizens.

Those who have the responsibility of management and operation of schools, who select the personnel, the course of study and affect the environment of school life have a moral responsibility unparalleled in human endeavor. If they fail the only course is a plea for divine mercy on all who are affected.

There is a great responsibility on teachers, who should endeavor to teach every child a maximum of knowledge and try to instill in their young lives the fundamental principles of truth.

Parents are responsible for proper training of the children in the homes in preparation for school and they can determine the attitude of the child toward school. The activities of the parents will determine whether a child looks on school as some place they have to go or whether they consider schools an opportunity.

While observing the gaiety and play of school children we are prone to forget the solemn seriousness of school life and responsibilities of all participants. Nothing short of the best that can be accomplished in school management, teaching and parental training is good enough.

The Four Horsemen Ride Again

"Again the four horsemen of the apocalypse are riding," says the Journal of the American Medical Association. "Once more war, disease, hunger, and death destroy mankind. The horsemen of today travel with the increased speed of mechanized transportation. Today the possibilities for sudden and widespread outbreaks of disease arising far from their endemic foci are more likely than ever previously."

News dispatches and other reports from Europe are not comforting. Typhus is being held in check only with the greatest difficulty, and in some areas, notably Poland and the Baltics, this killer is rumored to have reached serious epidemic proportions. Other potentially murderous endemic diseases are malaria, yellow fever and plague. And the fact that we are far from the battlefields and the stricken,