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## Of People and Things

### Will Dewey Do?

In his speech of acceptance, Governor Dewey was quite rough on President Roosevelt. He denounced him for "wrangling, bungling and confusion."

He said the President is nothing but a "tired old man, who cannot be entrusted with the task of securing peace after the victory is won."

He intimated that he and his party could have done a much better war job than Roosevelt and his crowd of New Dealers.

But it so happens that the country has the record on Governor Dewey, and he will have a hard time explaining a number of things before the campaign is over in November.

For instance: When President Roosevelt in 1940, seeing the danger threatening America, called for an air force of 50,000 planes and an annual production of 50,000 planes, Dewey said in a speech at Dallas, Tex., May 27, 1940:

"What is the good of talking about 50,000 planes unless we knew what we are talking about? To produce 50,000 planes a year it will take a plant four and a half times as large as our present plant, including all plant capacity under construction. Experts estimate it would take 4 1-2 years to accomplish this."

Within 3 years after Dewey's speech, America was producing, under the advice of Franklin Roosevelt, 100,000 planes a year, and four years after Dewey's speech was building 9,000 a month.

This is a specimen of Roosevelt's "bungling and confusion," and an example of Dewey's judgment and patriotism.

Who has been asleep, that "tired old man at Washington" or the bright young Governor of New York who thinks he could have done the war job better?

### Build a Road to the Park

It is a crying pity that beautiful Hanging Rock Park cannot be reached except by traversing several miles of unimproved and at some places dangerous roads.

There is a real pile of unspent cash in the State coffers earmarked for roads. Many millions of dollars lying idle. But if owing to war reasons, this money cannot be used for construction now, the State highway authorities should certainly repair and widen this road to Hanging Rock Park, which will be used by countless thousands of our people of this section of the State from now on. The trail from the Camp up a mile or less is positively vicious.

Nature has provided this mountain spot with wondrous beauty, and the authorities have greatly further embellished it. The main thing lacking is a road that may be negotiated with pleasure and safety.

### The Fourth's Casualty List

Without anything but sympathy and pity for the nearly 500 people of the United States who died in the festivities of the holiday just over, it is passing strange and worthy of comment how many people are determined to get themselves killed every Fourth of July.

Of course the automobile leads in the death list. Many, many people starting out for a good time, do not have enough sense to stay alive till night. The ideal group headed for the funeral parlors is always the three barehead youths riding on the front seat of a roadster. The wise young guy at the wheel imagines in his beer that he is an expert and cannot go wrong. When you see an outfit like this coming down the highway, do not be traveling so fast that you cannot with safety get out of the road and let him have it. He is always headed for the devil, and nothing will stop him. Then there's the fellow who tries to beat the approaching train at the crossing. And the idiot who is in such a hurry that he is willing to take the risk of passing the car ahead of him on the curve. And the guy who wants to show his girl how fast his roadster will run before the blowout comes. And so on.

But of all the nincompoops who so eagerly want to end their career and that of their companions it is the holiday party in a boat, off for a picnic down the river or across the lake. Very soon after the start the star idiot begins to rock the boat, and laugh so sillily when the girls begin to scream. Soon the party is in the water for a few minutes till all is still. An hour later dredging parties are hunting for them. We must not forget the nit-wit who thinks he can swim a mile and then back without letting down. Some are even idiots enough to let you nail them up in a barrel so they can go over Niagara Falls, and make a world's record, and be in the headlines tomorrow. He is generally in the headlines, and you may bring flowers. Of all who persist in being eliminated, we always think the fellow who gets himself foolishly drowned is the outstanding imbecile.

### Will His Shortage of Gasoline Be the End of Hitler?

Russell Hill, correspondent for the New York Herald Tribune, wires his paper that at a conservative estimate 75 per cent. of the natural and artificial oil plant capacity in Germany and in German-held Europe is idle today.

The terrible raids of American and British and Russian air forces are bringing Hitler to his knees. Hardly any opposition by German aircraft is now offered our planes as they continuously day and night blast down the oil

### What Is a Slacker?

Not necessarily one who has evaded the draft, and skulks at home to save his hide, while others offer their lives that you may continue to be free.

But the person who has money to spare and refuses to buy war bonds with which the boys fighting on the war fronts may be comfortably fed and clothed, and armed against the foe—if you are that kind of a person you are a slacker, and when the boys come home they will know it, and you will not be envied in your position of betrayal to your own boys or to the boys of your neighbors and friends.

Do you know that when you try to hold your money and make more money with it, and take advantage of these times when it is easy to make money, while those who do not have an opportunity to make money—but are giving their all that you may live easy in security and make more money—you are just as much a slacker as the fellow who hides in the woods to stay away from the war?

Do you know that if we lose this war that the folding money in your pocket or in the bank will be absolutely valueless, and not worth the paper it is printed on?

Do you know that the money in your pocket is not worth as much as the bonds which the government is offering you—the best security in the world? The difference is that the bonds draw interest, and the money does not. Both are exactly alike in their safety—just a promise of the government to pay.

We hope that the people of Stokes county who have money and who realize the terrible seriousness of this crucial time, will not let Stokes county fall down in its quota. We know that there are many thinking and patriotic people in our county, and we believe that before next Saturday when the drive is over, everybody will buy all the bonds they can buy.

All the great banks, insurance companies, corporations, and individuals who are intelligent and business wise will tell you to buy bonds to your limit.

You will be glad and prosperous when victory comes—and it is just as sure to come to the arms of the Allied Nations as that the sun will rise tomorrow.

### resources of the Nazis.

Some of the best military experts of the world are saying now that the war can hardly last till Christmas.

Let us hope they are right, though the power of the German armies is still tremendous. But motorized divisions cannot run on dry cylinders.

When the last resources of German oil are gone, the German war machine is bound to stall.