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Will The Foundation Be Destroyed?

Visitors to New York, and there are many of them these days, marvel at the great material achievements bound up in the fair and city. They tell you about the wonders existing in Radio City, how the vast network is interwoven into a trunk line for throwing the voice into hundreds of thousands of homes. They are impressed with the top and never think about the foundation, the foundation that is built upon the lowly millions who support the activities at the top.

Let the awe-stricken visitor close his eyes, and turn his thoughts to the slum areas, the mill sections, the poverty stricken and eroded farms all over the nation and he will be puzzled to understand how our great material developments are able to stand up. He will then wonder why there continues a concerted drive to lower the wage scale, increase the rents and beat down farm prices.

The casual visitor at Radio City might not think so, but the countless building stones would fall and crumble into one big pile if the receiving sets were caught off. The radio broadcasts and does little receiving, but if the manipulators of men and wealth succeed in their drive to such more blood from the masses, the great radio stations will then receive news that will jar them into a lasting silence.

Many of our material developments are due to fall and crumble just because they are based on poverty and want. No one wants to see them fall, and no one can deny those at the top in industry whether they be steel magnate or tycoon a just return for their visions and thoughts. But it does seem possible the top and bottom could be linked together with a common bond of understanding that the top may not crumble and the bottom perish from the earth.

Need For An Association

The great need for a local merchants' association presented itself last week-end when a proposal was advanced for the observance of a double holiday yesterday and today. Whatever action the business operators took is beside the point here, for, after all, it is the business of the merchant as to whether he will close one day, two days or not at all. But the haphazard method employed when it comes to determining a holiday or the length of a holiday causes confusion, and possibly results in some temporary damage to the business house.

If the merchants were to form themselves into an organization and determine holiday schedules and decide other problems in a business-like manner and then announce their decisions as unanimous it is honestly believed that the results would be more readily accepted and reflect a better judgment on the part of business itself.

Plans for a chamber of commerce are still pending, and it is possible for merchants to cooperate with the proposed agency, help promote its organization and decide their problems around such an organization conference table and not let it be aired before the public.

Should Be Enforced

Reports from registers of deeds in North Carolina indicate that the new marriage law has reduced issuance of licenses to wed by more than fifty per cent. In fact they are complaining about it, because in the course of a year, money contributed from this source helps to pay for the wear and tear of the government machinery.

These officials figure that many couples are marrying outside of the State and are failing to file the required certificates upon their return. Particularly is this the case in the border countries.

The loss of revenue involved is not the chief concern: defeating the purpose back of the law—the safeguarding of the public health—however is a serious matter.

The new marriage law was enacted primarily to aid in the fight against venereal diseases. If it is drastic it is because there was need that it should be. The objective justifies the caution and inconvenience and even the extra cost in-

olved. For couples that cannot bear the extra expense had better not wed; those not sufficiently interested in the future health of their offspring to indulge this inconvenience can hardly be regarded as desirable citizens; and certainly those whose knowledge of their own afflicting prompts them to avoid the health tests are nothing short of criminals and should be regarded as such.

If there is no decrease in marriages, only fewer of them performed as the law requires, then you have a flouting of the law that is ominous; if marriages have actually been curtailed by anything like fifty per cent, then woe be unto us, human nature being what it is.

This situation resolves itself into something that those who are charged with the responsibility of law enforcement should be concerned about. The law specifically requires that parties to out-of-state marriages must submit to the required examination upon their return. It should be somebody's business to find them and see that this law is complied with. We have had other marriage laws that should have been enforced but were not. By all means give this one a chance to prove its merit by observance and enforcement and not let it die because of official indifference.

The Constitution Survives Again

The Chicago Daily Tribune has celebrated the close of the Supreme Court term with a long and serious editorial entitled, "The Constitution Is Dead." "In a real sense," says Colonel McCormick's paper, "we are no longer ruled by the Constitution. The reality is that the Constitution as we have known it and as it has existed for 150 years, is dead."

Dead. Croaked. Kicked the bucket. Ausgespielt!

There it is on the word of the Trib. But is it news? Hardly. Turn the calendar back to 1823. Chief Justice Marshall is speaking: "Should Jackson be elected, I shall look upon constitutional government as virtually dissolved."

Come down to 1836. Jackson is President and he has appointed Taney to succeed Marshall. Grievous Daniel Webster: "Judge Story thinks the Supreme Court is gone, and I think so too." And Chancellor Kent joins in the dirge. Says this great shaper of American law, "I have lost my confidence and hopes in the constitutional guardianship and protection of the Supreme Court."

When Taney neared the end of his service in another generation, he saw the Constitution dying another death—at the hands of the Lincoln appointees. He hoped he wrote, "to linger along to the next term," but "very different, that court will be from the court as I have heretofore known it. Nor do I see any ground for hope that it will ever again be restored to the authority and rank which the Constitution intended to confer upon it."

Countless laments at the Constitution's passing down through the years might be cited. We call up but one more. It is the day the gold clause cases are being decided. Chief Justice Hughes has spoken for the majority. The dissent is having its innings. "It is not too much to say," cries Justice McReynolds, "that the Constitution is gone."

It has been killed off a good many times, the Constitution has. But it always comes up standing. If the Trib still has doubts, we suggest it ask I Am Not the Law Hague of Jersey City.

There Are Other Debts

Elkin Tribune. If you are among those who cannot see anything to commend in President Roosevelt's program, maybe you'll agree that his wife sometimes gets off on the right foot. In her simple, direct way she often points out something worthy of the thought and consideration even of our statesmen.

The other day in Washington Mrs. Roosevelt told a Worker's Alliance conference that she is more concerned with social than with monetary debts affecting the nation's future, and urged a more intelligent use of the ballot to guide in such matters.

"There are some people who are talking about the piling up of debts our grandchildren must pay," she said. "I know other ways also in which we are piling up debts that our grandchildren must pay—underfed children."

We take it that Mrs. Roosevelt referred to "underfed children" merely as a symbol of all those responsibilities that we have been taking as a matter of course, and not to be shouldered; making it possible for everyone to earn his keep and in all segments of American life, proper educational facilities; decent health conditions; adequate care for the mental delinquent—all of which we have merely been making a stab at relieving, and all of which even now represent national deficits more important than the dollars we are all grumbling about.

Much of the spending for these things has been profligate and without studied purpose. Saturated with politics, in many instances it has failed in its objective. Yet these are debts that are cumulative and some day will have to be paid—with interest—just as our monetary obligations must be met at the expense of all of us.

We think Mrs. Roosevelt has something there.

It is hard to believe the noble game of baseball is only, 100 years old. There are umpires who haven't been right for longer than that.

The charm of vegetable stew is that you put in whatever you've got and get a nice surprise when you taste it.—Winchester Star.

HINTS FOR HOMEMAKERS

By Mrs. EUNICE FIGG, Home Service Director, Virginia Electric and Power Company.

PICKLES AND JUICES TO BE CANNED

Watermelon Rind Pickles
Cut off all the green and pink part of watermelon, then cut the white rind into small cubes, about 1 inch size. Let stand in salt water overnight. Drain, cover with hot water and cook until tender. Drain. To each cup of vinegar, add 2 cups brown sugar and about 1-2 tsp. of whole cloves. Bring to the boil, add watermelon rind and bring to the boil again. Fill jars with the pickle, add a few pieces of stick cinnamon and cover with the hot vinegar. Seal.

Bread and Butter Pickles
8 cups thinly sliced cucumber
2 cups sliced onions
2 cups white sugar
1 cup brown sugar
1 tsp. white mustard seed
2 tsp. celery seed
1-2 tsp. tumeric
3 pieces 1 inch cinnamon
2 tsp. salt
2 cups cider vinegar
Combine cucumber and onions. Sprinkle generously with salt. Let stand for one hour. Drain. Put in sauce pan with vinegar and sugar, mustard seed, celery seed, tumeric and cinnamon, and simmer 20 minutes. Boiling makes pickles soft. A few lumps of alum may be added if a crisp pickle is desired.

Pepper Relish
15 Red Sweet Bell peppers
15 green peppers
15 medium size onions
Run through food chopper. Boil ten minutes in enough water to cover. Sprinkle 3 tbsps. of salt and let stand a few hours. Drain. Add 1 qt. vinegar, 1 tbsps. celery and 2 1-2 cups sugar. Cook about 20 minutes and seal.

Chow Chow Pickles
1 qt. chopped cucumbers
1 qt. green tomatoes
1 qt. onions (small or cut)
1 medium cauliflower
1 large bunch celery
1 lb. snap beans
6 bell peppers
Let stand for one hour in 1-2 cup salt and water to cover. Drain.
10 tbsps. dry mustard
2 tbsps. tumeric
3 cups sugar
1 cup flour
2 qts. vinegar
Cook until thick, mix with vinegar, and cook 15 minutes. (Boil).

Grape Juice
To 3 cups grapes add 1 cup water. Cook soft and strain. To 3 cups of juice add 1 cup sugar. Bring to boil. Seal in steril jars.

Tomato Juice
Wash, scald to peel, cut in sections. Simmer until soft. Strain. Boil about 5 minutes and seal.

Strawberry Acid
Six lbs. of berries. Sprinkle on them 2 1-2 ounces of tartaric acid. Then add 2 quarts of water. Let stand

Demonstrate New Farm Tractor

Detroit — The mechanized farming unit which Henry Ford asserts will "revolutionize agriculture" and "make the horse and other draft animals economically obsolete" was brought out for its first public demonstration recently.

It was shown in the process of construction on an assembly line set up in the famous "B" plant at Ford's River Rouge factory, where submarine chasers were built during the World War, and in action on the acres adjoining the Ford home in suburban Dearborn.

Ford invited news writers, representatives of farm magazines and agricultural experts to witness and participate in the demonstration.

The motor manufacturer described the new tractor and its related implements the invention of Harry G. Ferguson, an Irish engineer, as an economical, fool-proof and practically automatic unit of mechanized farm equipment that "will displace the horse on the farm just as the automobile displaced him on the road."

It will, Ford reiterated, shorten the work day of the average farmer, make farm work more attractive and thus bring about a "much needed return to the land."

A new age of mechanized farming, Ford said, "could have a most important economic effect, if adopted on a world-wide scale, of relieving the pressure of 'land hungry' nations for greater shares of the earth's surface."

Ford, ardent exponent of the philosophy, that there is a use for everything grown in the soil—"even weeds"—added that "a widespread application of mechanized farming would concentrate the mind of people upon productivity and do away with fundamental threats to world peace."

The new tractor, a four-wheeled vehicle, has many revolutionary features, including an hydraulic mechanism that keeps the implement automatically at any desired depth regardless of the irregularities of the land surface, and a principle of automatic weight shifting that makes it impossible to up-end the tractor should the plow point become wedged under tree roots, rocks or other obstructions.

Of unusually light weight, the tractor operates on three forward speeds and a reverse, the speed being regulated by a small hand throttle. The tractor has a device for braking separately the huge, cleated, rubber-tired rear wheels. Thus, turning in a small space is possible. The plow, harrow, spreader or other implement coupled to the tractor can be lowered from the driver's seat.

48 hours. Then drip from a bag. To the juice add 1 1-2 pounds of sugar to each pound of juice, stir well. When sugar is dissolved put in good bottles corked. To serve, fill glass with crushed ice and pour strawberry acid over ice.

Settles Old Debts From His Pension

Manteo — The board of commissioners of Dare County were much pleased the other day to get a letter from a citizen in this county, thanking them for the county's help in getting him an old age pension. This citizen, who always was a public spirited man, who helped his community and who paid his debts, but who, in his older years, got in hard luck while trying to make a living from his fishing, was much distressed over being behind in his taxes. He did not feel right about taking tax without squaring his own obligations. Here is what he wrote:

"I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the county commissioners through and by Mr. A. J. Daniels, Chairman of the board for the Old Age Assistance check which I have been receiving. By no fault of mine, but through hard luck at fishing, I had gotten behind in my taxes. So when I began getting the Old Age Assistance check, I at once started making regular monthly payments on them with it. Up to this date I am very near caught up on all my taxes. It has been a great pleasure and benefit to me to get my taxes paid up this much as well as some other small bills I have used it on."

"Now again, I wish to thank one and all who had a part in getting my name on the list to receive the Old Age Assistance Check. I assure you it has been a pleasure to me to receive it, and I will greatly appreciate anything you can do for me in the future."

Things To Watch For In The Future

Leg cosmetic, a new liquid preparation to make stockingless legs look more attractive during the summer. Sales slogan is "Pour yourself a pair of stockings." The Trike, a tricycle propelled with a chain drive like a bicycle. A new wood finish, which requires only one coat instead of the three used in present finishing methods. It is expected to cut time for finishing furniture from 20 hours to five hours or less. A parcel post egg box made wholly of paper, yet able to stand a compressive load of 5,000 pounds, according to Designer Frank Watson, Baltimore packaging engineer. The box has double thickness at top, bottom and sides, holds four dozen eggs. A new concoction which produces bubbles in bath water.

Attending Chevrolet Convention
Mr. John Henry Edwards is attending a Chevrolet convention at Wrightsville Beach for a few days.

EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Having this day qualified as executrix of the estate of M. D. Ayers, deceased, late of Martin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all estate to exhibit same for payment on or before the 2nd day of June, 1940, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please come forward and make immediate payment.
This the 2nd day of June, 1939.
MRS. ANNIE AYERS,
Executrix of the estate of
June 6-39 M. D. Ayers, Deceased

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