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**Loafers, Beware!**

If you are a man between 18 and 55, with health and no job, you had better start looking for a job, because sooner or later, you will find yourself before the employment service, being offered a job or else take the penalty under the new law.

The Herald likes the plan inaugurated by the Jackson County War Mobilization Board in having competent secret committees in each community to report any person within the age limit who is physically able to work and won't.

The secret committee can go a long ways toward getting an accurate list of those without jobs, and the county committee will find its work more effective and done quicker than by having the committees named.

We predict an early elimination of loafing when there is so much work to be done.

**Fire Prevention Week**

Fire Prevention Week always includes in the period the date of October 9, the anniversary of the great Chicago fire of 1871, the most disastrous fire of this country.

Fire is said to be one of the oldest enemies as well as one of the oldest friends of mankind. It is our enemy chiefly because we are careless of it. Yet simple precautions, if we formed the habit of them, would save thousands of lives and millions of dollars worth of property each year.

Property loss in the United States during 1942 totaled \$314,295,000. Fire reduces our war production almost a million dollars a day, according to T. Alfred Fleming, chairman of the N. F. P. A. Committee.

Fire records show that approximately 60 per cent of all fires occur in the home. In the United States nearly 10,000 persons (more than half of them women and children) lose their lives in fires each year and approximately 50 per cent of the total number of lives lost in fires annually are lost in dwelling fires.

The majority of fires in the homes can be traced to seven major causes: (1) rubbish; (2) defective chimneys; (3) combustible roofs; (4) defective heating apparatus; (5) matches and careless smoking; (6) gasoline, kerosene, etc.; (7) electrical defects.

We are told that most, if not all of home fires are preventable. Home owners are urged to observe Fire Prevention Week with a "room-to-room" check for fire hazards.

The majority of industrial fires are traced to four general causes: (1) open flames; (2) friction; (3) electricity; (4) chemical reactions.

**The Freedom of the Press**

(This is an article to acquaint our readers with the various functions of the Press in an American community, and printed in connection with National Newspaper Week, October 1 to 8.)

Great men of history who have left us the legacy of democratic government all seem to have been of one mind, that the preservation of freedom depended to a large degree on the preservation of the freedom of the press. That is why in all truly democratic states a free press is more than just a tradition—it is an essential principle of democracy.

One of the prerequisites of an autocracy is the abrogation of the freedom of the press, because this freedom has essentially, through the centuries, shown itself to be the one great force which has seen to it that the freedom of the individual has been preserved. When freedom of the press is abolished other freedoms go with it. There is little

need at this time to stress that point. There are so many poignant and tragic examples in the world today of a subservient press, that it must be obvious to any intelligent person that the freedom of the press is synonymous with the freedom which is democracy.

There have always been those, who often for reasons of personal aggrandisement or lust for power, would rob the press of this precious jewel in the crown of liberty. There have been others who cry out for personal freedom of expression, but who would deny this right to the press. It has been claimed that this freedom can become license, but this is one of those half-truths which unthinking people are likely to accept at its fact value.

Actually the press enjoys a freedom which gives it no privilege above the individual. It must conform to the laws of the state. Its freedom is bound by the laws of libel and slander. It certainly offers no greater opportunity for defaming any person or institution, than does the inherent right of free speech with which every citizen is endowed as a birthright. Abraham Lincoln in a debate on the constitution once said: "The liberty of the press is the tyrant's scourge; it is the true friend and the supremest supporter of civil liberty." The principle of freedom of the press, as it exists today, is the result of a long and bitter struggle between those who believed in civil rights and constituted authority, and those who feared the exercise of those rights.

It is significant that the first amendment to the Bill of Rights of the American Constitution, adopted in 1791, is one that relates to the freedom of the press. It reads: "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or the prohibition of the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances." The very wording of this amendment places freedom of the press on the same level, and of equal import with freedom of religion, of speech and of assembly.

A Rhode Island State provision sums up the question of a free press in a few words when it says: "The liberty of the press being essential to the security and freedom of the state, any person may publish his sentiments on any subject, being responsible for the abuse of that liberty, and in all trials for libel, both civil and criminal, the truth, unless published from malicious motives, shall be sufficient defense to the person charged." Many other democratic countries have passed similar legislation, because from a wide study of the dangers of a subservient press, they have learned that a free press is the best assurance of a free country.

To be fully comprehended, the freedom of the press must be accepted by democratic peoples as a typical example of the privileges they enjoy as individuals in a democratic state. To abolish the freedom of the press, is to invite the abolition of all freedom for the individual.

**Encouraging**

Fatal accidents among North Carolina industrial workers are declining steadily, according to E. G. Pdagett, industrial commission safety director. He believes that the reason is due to the increased interest in accident prevention manifested by industry generally, plus the work of the commission's safety division.

The director points out that employees generally realize that time is the most valuable thing we have and that none of it should be wasted through needless accidents to men or equipment.

This has been brought about to a large extent, it is claimed, by the constant preaching of the need of carefulness in preventing accidents an durging efficient use of the latest safety equipment by the state supervisors who travel over the state.

**The Lions Do Good**

The local Lions Club is doing a splendid job in providing clinics and glasses for those who need such services here in this area.

Already this year the Club has furnished 34 people with glasses, and another clinic later this fall will add a number of others to the growing list.

Such organizations with programs built around helping others is what makes this a better world in which to live.

The Herald speaks in behalf of the entire country when it says: "Lions, you are a distinct asset to Jackson County. May your work continue, because we need more organizations like yours."



**HERE and THERE**

By  
PIERCE WYCHE

What's the most eloquent one-word sentence you ever heard—barring cuss-words, of course?

Down home I knew a 16-year-old half-wit, who made up in power what he lacked in phrasing. Nip (here named) couldn't take a verbal hurdle longer than one syllable, and that often threw him. But he could speak his mind, all right.

In Sunday school he never graduated from the beginners' class. At Thanksgiving, one year, the teacher asked him what he was most thankful for.

"Huh!" chuckled Nip—"Gir!" He winked knowingly, meaning "the girls."

Nip used to pass our house regularly, riding his bicycle, carrying a brother his noon lunch. One day I was surprised to see him walking—pushing the wheel with one hand, the lunchbox in the other, held with extra care.

"Nip," I called, "why don't you ride?"

With never a glance toward me, he merely gazed at the lunch-box and murmured—"Soup."

What's the most eloquent one-word sentence you ever heard? Answers welcome, to appear in this column.

The phone rang. It was Mayor Herbert Gibson speaking.

"Hey, you are missing the world series; come around—better hurry."

I glanced at a pile of waiting copy on my desk, but base ball, and especially a world series, is my weakness. I hung up—and hurried.

The field was a 30-foot street, so the diamond was necessarily elongated. The team not at bat was short two outfielders, probably due to parental insistence on chores first, so two little girls were condescendingly permitted to act as temporary fillers.

Home runs were a dime a dozen; ditto strike-outs; ditto errors—likewise bawling out by team captains. Of course, the girl players shrieked and squealed—but one of them had a whip in her good right arm like Walter Johnson's.

"Where's the base?" demanded a runner who had just lined a two-bagger.

"You are on it," replied the keeper of the second station.

The base was imaginary.

Fast and furious sped the play. Louder grew the shouts. Two little colored boys appeared and took the places of the girls, who were ready to adjourn probably to paper dolls.

I never could be right certain, but am reasonably sure my New York "Yankees" won.

Just think: I may have been looking at some future Babe Ruth or Ty Cobb. Things as wonderful happen on streets and sand lots. And something more wonderful did happen—there was not a single broken window.

You'll never find a cleaner town than Sylva, go where you will. I have been especially impressed with the absence of drunkenness, the self-respecting sobriety of the crowds, and the absence of profanity.

Why, I had been in Sylva two weeks before hearing the word here delicately indicated by a "d" and a dash, and that, my friends, in this era, is impressive in any man's country.

On Tuesday, the 28th, as guest at the Rotary club, I listened to the most entertaining address I ever heard on "TVA."

As Mr. Christenbury's splendid talk proceeded, I wondered what a listener in the next room might think, if not "in on" the topic. We heard of Fontana, Muscle Shoals, Cherokee, Watts Bar, and other big—DAMS.

Imperfectly heard, there would have been at least some reason to believe that I was catching up—on my DAMS.

One day, when quite a youngster, I was playing at a little friend's home and we were talking about a fishing party—on a mill-dam. Our discussion was overheard and sadly misunderstood. Here came my pal's mother, with soap and water, to wash out his mouth. I legged it for home.

The mouth-washing took place, all right, and for a good year that kid always spoke of the mill-durn—and he whispered it. Fact.

**Voice OF THE People**

QUESTION: Are you interested in the World's Baseball Series? If so, which is your favorite team?

Miss Pearl Rogers: "Surely, I'm interested—but I have no favorite team; just like baseball. May the better team win!"

Rev. B. S. Hensley: "I'm a fan, all right. I'm pulling for the Cardinals, though, this year my favorite

**Inside WASHINGTON**

Washington Sees Battle For Italy Costly Affair | Fall of Fascist Power Brings Crisis in War

Special to Central Press

● WASHINGTON—As an aftermath of the capitulation of Italy, Washington officialdom finds itself with the worst case of conflicting emotions since the beginning of the war. On the one hand, there is unbounded jubilation over the unconditional surrender of one-third of the Axis enemy and a pervading opinion that the United Nations are really "getting on with the war."

But, on the other side of the ledger there are sad thoughts that the toll of American and British lives will mount alarmingly in the coming weeks as Italian occupation forces face a really large and well-equipped German army for the first time since the dark days of Dunkirk, three years ago.

**Wehrmacht Still Big.** All responsible government leaders, from President Roosevelt on down, are currently embarked on a campaign of public education to bring about a realization of the fact that the fall of Italy, far from ending the fighting in that area, actually has brought about a crucial period in the war, and that decisive, large-scale battles are in the offing that will shape the future course of the war in Europe and have a vital effect on the length of the struggle.

**HOME FRONT**—Domestically, the returning congress will serve to focus public attention on internal problems arising out of the war—taxes, rationing, the fathers' draft and a rising tempo of political discussion as time carries the legislators ever closer to the Republican and Democratic conventions next summer.

Incidentally, on this latter point, sage political observers in the nation's capital are certain that President Roosevelt will be a candidate for re-election for a fourth term. In fact they contend that he already is running and has been for some time.

● THERE WERE PRETTY SUBSTANTIAL REPORTS around the capital that President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill were a bit upset over the way the announcement of Italy's surrender broke into print in the United States.

According to insiders there was to be a joint statement from the two leaders to coincide with the announcement from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower which, under original plans was to come at 12:30 p. m., Sept. 8. However, there was a "leak" and the news of the unconditional surrender was flashed on press association wires long before 12 o'clock. There was no official statement from Washington.

Only White House comment on Eisenhower's communique was "It is General Eisenhower's story. Let him tell it." That's all that was said, but there were some red faces.

● IN CONGRESSIONAL CLOAKROOMS and over cocktails in Washington the betting today is going this way:

Even money that the war will be over in Europe in six months; that Japan will be defeated by next July. (One will get you three on a parlay.)

Two-to-one that Germany will go down via an internal crack-up.

One-to-two that the Nazis will have to be beaten on the battlefield.

Four-to-one that congress will ban the drafting of fathers.

Five-to-two that F. D. R. will be in the White House for another four years (although with Italy out and an earlier end of the war in prospect the odds are evening out somewhat).

Three-to-two that the Democrats will split the New York administration and elect the state's lieutenant governor in November.

Five-to-four that New York's Governor Thomas Dewey will lead the G. O. P. ticket in 1944.

Six-to-five that Mussolini will escape with comparatively light punishment (odds takers insist on calling all bets off if Il Duce is found dead, assassinated or commits suicide before he is brought to trial.)

team is not playing. It's Cincinnati."

W. J. Fisher: "Strange to say, I'm not a baseball fan. Just never have got interested."

Cpl. H. A. Kirsch, on leave from army unit: "Yes, sir, I'm inter-

ested! I'm for the Cardinals, of course!"

C. J. Manous: "I always look forward to the world series, and I'm backing the Cardinals to win."

Postmaster Chas. N. Price: "I'm very fond of baseball; it's my choice of all sports; but I must SEE a game to enjoy it; hence, I'm not interested in the present series."

W. B. Cope: "I am very fond of baseball, but don't care for broadcast games. I want to watch, so I'm not interested in the world series."

Sam Brown, Asheville salesman: "Watch my Cardinals win!"

Miss Viola Thorpe: "I'm not a baseball fan. Basketball is my game. Haven't a favorite team; love any good basketball game."

J. F. Frieks: "You bet, I'm interested! The Cardinals are my team—and they are going to win."

J. E. Buckner: "No, I'm not interested. Fishing is my sport. Just wait till next summer, and I'll show you some fine trout."

L. T. Reed: "Yes, I'm interested, and I'm backing the Cardinals."

J. B. Cunningham: "No, I'm not a baseball fan. I like basketball; used to play. My favorite basketball team is Webster High."

J. L. Little: "Yes, sir! Baseball is my pick of all sports. I'll be right by my radio, pulling for the Cardinals."

There was found in Sylva not a single adherent to the New York Americans, to keep company with the lone editor of this column.

**Letters To The Editor**

**LIKES THE HERALD**  
Editor The Herald:  
I get your paper every week, and think it is wonderful. It really keeps me informed of what is happening in Jackson county.

PVT. MONROE L. WILSON,  
Camp Campbell, Ky.

**SIGN ON GARBAGE TRUCKS**  
BURLINGTON, Vt.—Drivers of city garbage collection trucks hold their heads high these days. Embazoned in large letters on each side of the trucks is: "Used Vitamin Convoy Service."

**Reverence for God**

HIGHLIGHTS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By NEWMAN CAMPBELL

(The International Uniform Lesson on the above topic for October 10 is Exodus 20:3-7; Matthew 4:10; 6:9; John 4:23, 24, the Golden Text being John 4:24, "God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.")

REVERENCE FOR God is the subject of today's lesson. Reverence for He who made us and every living thing on the earth or anywhere in the universe.

The first three commandments, as given us in Exodus, come first of our Bible references. "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me."

Next, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth."

It is difficult for us to think of bowing down before a golden calf or any idol like that. But the idols we bow down before, very often, are ourselves, or our desires, or some one or something we love very much and feel we cannot live without. These, too, are idols against which we are warned. God should come first. The parents' attitude toward their Maker usually is reflected in their children's.

**Temptation in the Wilderness**  
The reference in Matthew is to Jesus' temptation in the wilderness. The last temptation was when Satan took Him into a very high mountain and told Him that he would give Jesus all the world to be seen from the mount if He would bow down and worship Satan. Jesus answered him sternly, "Get thee hence, Satan, for it is written thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve."

The devil then knew himself to be beaten and left Him, and angels came and ministered unto Him. Even when we pray we are not to ask first for those things we want, but to declare our reverence for the holiness of God, for Jesus instructed His followers that thus should they pray:

"After this manner therefore

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