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Wanted--A Simpler Form

Our phone rang during the past week and a feminine voice asked us if the paper could not give some information regarding income tax forms in a simple manner so that the people in general could understand.

We admitted that if we could offer a simple recipe for such complicated forms we would be glad to tell the world, but alas, we could give no such desired information.

One reader has recently compared some of the conflicting sections of the forms to the explanation about the Pullman berths—how the upper became lower because it was higher, while the lower was higher, because it was not so high.

Frankly, some of the items in the form are just about as complicating to us. It looks like Congress has overestimated the American public's ability to understand its schedule for high pressure taxes.

Boy Scout Week

Will it be possible after this war ends to create a world brotherhood among men, dedicated to peace, without sacrificing love of one's own country?

Everyone acquainted with Scouting, which this week celebrates its 34th anniversary in America, knows that the answer is yes. The Boy Scout organization is almost world-wide.

Not everybody likes world brotherhood. Adolf Hitler, on coming to power abolished Boy Scouting in every occupied country. Yet it continues "underground".

It takes better boys today to build a better world tomorrow. The success of the Scout movement, in America and in other United Nations, proves that the principles of Scouting will triumph in the end.

Hundreds of the soldiers and sailors who have been decorated for heroism in this war were former Scouts. It is estimated that one third of the officers and enlisted men in Uncle Sam's armed forces were once Scouts or Scoutmasters.

Since February 8, 1910, more than 11,400,000 men and boys have been actively identified with Scouting in America. The birthday anniversary will be observed in every city and town in the nation and in hundreds of villages and communities.

We join with the local Boy Scouts in asking your support of this outstanding influence in the lives of our boys today, who will be our citizens of tomorrow.

Straight Ticket

Kerr Scott, commissioner of agriculture, has been mentioned as a potential candidate for a number of offices. Some of his friends have stated he might be a candidate for the senate, or maybe for governor.

"I'm running for the kingdom of heaven on a straight Democratic ticket."

William Allen White

The late William Allen White had a unique place in American journalism. He lived in a small American town, and he wrote of his own people, recording the events in their daily lives, yet he possessed to such degree the power to express the common needs of all mankind in his reporting that the world soon knew of Emporia and its editor.

He was a straight shooter, but his fairness and his sense of humor always took the sting out of his writings. He should ever serve as an example and an inspiration to the small town paper that should have ever before it, the ideals of serving the community in which it calls home.

White became through the very human quality of his writing a citizen of the world and was at home with the great of this earth, he was first of all a citizen of Emporia.

He looked for the good and found it as shown in the following from his writings:

"Every friend of my childhood is my friend today. I have never had a major quarrel with anyone, and I am not conscious of having an enemy. No one ever tried to do me wrong. No one ever betrayed me, nor so far as I know ever tried to hurt me or to swindle me. I have found humanity good, with much more that was fine than false."

His life blazed a new trail for the small town paper, and today upon his passing, he is acclaimed as the "greatest American editor" by many. He left the small town newspaper a valuable legacy, if we who edit them will only claim it for our own.

Human Understanding

We have read a great deal during the past weeks on the all vital problem of post war planning. There have been numerous theories put forth by various authorities. A recent editorial in the Raleigh Times presented an angle that will have a large part in the plans, yet it seems to have escaped many of the specialists now prescribing for that era.

The Times points out that a new world, free and at peace would have been ours long ago if money could have bought it, or if muscle or scientific cleverness could win it. The historic fact that we materialists cannot bring ourselves to accept is the inescapable one that peace and freedom—whether on a personal world or world level—are morally and spiritually won.

The paper quotes a soldier as saying, "The world is just one big goodbye", knowing that things were not meant to be that way. There arises the question that has troubled many of us: Why do peace and freedom so stubbornly escape us?

We have proved that superior military force can bring us victory. We have not yet proved that military victory can ever bring more than an armed truce.

This war demands, as the Times points out, that we go beyond being experts in military production and strategy. We need to be experts as well in the art of human understanding and teamwork, which produce sound homes and the sound industrial and political structure of the new era.

We have drifted away on a high tide of materialism from the moral and spiritual moorings of civilization. So today we find ourselves surrounded by suffering and death—a world aching like one big goodbye, according to the soldier who is said to have continued, "We need to make the world into a big hello, but that will take something brand new in a mighty lot of people."

We have shown that we can organize our nation into one powerful army almost over night from a peace loving people, so we should be able to restore our moral standards as well when it is over, if we start with the right viewpoint and determination. Surely the price we will pay before the war is over will teach us some constructive ideas on human understanding.

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"THE DAILY GRIND"



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

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doubt if they could be engraved on their hearts, many of the problems of discipline would vanish.

We have heard of a good many versions of dice throwing, but the latest use is past all belief. We see where dice are being thrown in the psychological laboratory of Duke University to study what the Professor in charge calls the "psychokinetic effect".

The following on Safety was contributed to this column during the week, with the request, "Please use".

Speedwell News

Pfc. Fred W. Bumgarner has returned to McDill Field, Tampa, Fla., after spending a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Bumgarner.

Mrs. Evelyn Jenkins and small son, Tommy, left this week for Camp Wolters, Texas, where she will spend several days with her husband, Pvt. Leroy Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Conner announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Carolyn to D. S. Pressley on January 29th, in Clayton, Ga. The couple are making their home with Mr. Pressley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Pressley, for

the present. Ben L. Davis, of the U. S. Navy, is spending several days with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Knight.

Mrs. Beulah Tilley and daughter, Bonnie, of Marion, S. C., are visiting relatives here. Alvin Bumgarner left last week for Greensboro, where he will begin work with the Gallimore Construction Co.

NOTICE

NORTH CAROLINA, JACKSON COUNTY. Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Alex Conley, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned, at her home in Dillsboro, N. C., within one year from the date hereof or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery thereon.

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Inside WASHINGTON

Fight Over Renegotiation Could Kill New Tax Bill Japanese Thought Able to Increase War Production

Special to Central Press WASHINGTON—Do not be surprised—or disappointed—if there is no tax bill passed at all by congress.

A battle is shaping up over the measure that will at least delay its enactment, but the fight has nothing to do, strangely enough, with taxes.

The controversy is over the changes voted by the senate finance committee in the war contract renegotiation law passed in April, 1942, and designed to recapture excessive war profits.

House Bill Rewritten By Senate So, if the tax bill carries with it changes in the renegotiation law which war agencies feel would impair their ability to recapture excessive profits, it is entirely likely President Roosevelt would veto the bill.

There is an added likelihood the president might veto the act. If the bill, as finally passed, contains the finance committee provision freezing the old age benefit payroll tax at present levels, it is likely to meet with executive disapproval.

Finance committee changes which have aroused greatest administration opposition are those exempting certain manufacturers from renegotiation. For example, all makers of "standard commercial articles" would be exempt and exemption also would be granted machine tool manufacturers, retroactive to the time the law went into effect.

A formidable array of legislators has announced opposition to the measure as it now stands. Among those who have announced they will fight it to the limit are Senate Majority Leader Alben Barkley, and Senators Harry Truman, Hatch, Walsh and Robert LaFollette.

AMIDST ALL THE TALK about manpower needs and increased war production, the word "unemployment" has a strange sound. But a little-noted paragraph in a recent OWI report on curtailments of war production had a portentous ring.

THE FOREIGN ECONOMIC ADMINISTRATION, in predicting German war production cannot be increased to meet the crushing attack to be launched against the Reich soon, pointed out also that Japan probably can expand its output of materiel.

The Nipponese, formerly the world's greatest imitators, have advanced technically and are now doing creative work of their own. However, there is an optimistic note. The Japs have failed to exploit their conquered territory and resources fully, principally because of lack of shipping.

The size of the Japanese war machine is determined directly by steel. Presumably after current steel stock piles are exhausted the Japs will be in bad shape. The FEA thinks Japan, if left undisturbed for 20 or 30 years in possession of its conquered areas, might easily reach the front rank of industrial nations.

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