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Vacations

We read that a vacation boom is apparently assured, which means that here we will get our share of the great traveling American public.

It is estimated that 20,000,000 cars carrying about 60,000,000 persons will take to the highways. About 70 per cent of the vacation trips will be jammed into the three months of mid-summer.

The American Automobile Association estimates that the average family will spend around \$100 per person in the course of the average motor tour this year.

As a sign of the expected travel, it is reported that accommodations for overnight visitors in the national parks which have hotels and camps are now already completely sold out.

It Could Be Worse

Most of us are pretty much tax conscious this time of the year and feel a little low in funds after the great annual take by our government—that is until we read of the taxes some of our neighbors across the Atlantic are paying.

For instance, take great Britain. England's levy is 44 per cent of national income against our 29 per cent here.

Some of the taxes include, a new purchase tax of 66 2-3 per cent on domestic heating and cooking appliances.

While there are some reductions there are other taxes boosted and all in all the United States burden of taxes, whether reductions are voted or not, appears light when compared with the load of local and state taxes borne by the British taxpayer.

So while we feel inclined to let off steam about our problems in this country, when we look across the oceans on either side we realize that we are escaping, despite our burdens, a lot that others are having to endure and take.

Regrettable

We regret to note that long distance telephone wires have been reported damaged in certain areas in both North and South Carolina.

We feel sure that this type of sabotage does not meet the approval of the big majority of the strikers, but they will have to carry the burden of the blame, regardless. The action will not help them or the good sportsmanship of the public who has accepted the strike and carried on in a remarkably uncomplaining manner.

Signs

It is strange how often in life things are needed and we drift along, and then up comes something drastic and we take action.

Now with another way to pass it up, we are taking definite action. We congratulate the Chamber of Commerce on taking the matter up and putting it through with definite results.

Who knows, with the proper kind of signs, we may do just as well being a "side trip" as serving as the main thoroughfare, for then those who have no intention of stopping, will not crowd our traffic.

The 1947 season is here, so we hope that the signs will be put through with speed and ere long we will read them ourselves with renewed appreciation of what we have to offer the public and a greater inspiration to live up to what we are publicizing.

1947 As Seen By 4047

The currently much-publicized English historian, Albert J. Toynbee, recently lecturing at Bryn Mawr college, ventured some prophecies, based on the last 6,000 years, as to how the present era will look to historians of 4047.

Apparently Toynbee believes a kind of world religion is developing now from the interaction and impact of what he calls the four higher religions with world-wide missions existing today: Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Far Eastern Buddhism.

While these long looks into the future may offer no practical aids for today's complexities, such a mental exercise gives man a sense of perspective. The present, and his part in it, become merely an episode in the long stream of civilization.

No Celebration

If Adolph Hitler, who is said to have committed suicide in Berlin at approximately 3:30 p. m. on April 30, 1945, had lived he would have been 58 years old on Sunday, April 20.

In view of his life, his birthday anniversary will never be a day of celebration to the people of the world, and even the few close, if there are any left, associates in his own country, we doubt have deep in their hearts any desire to observe the date.

When one contemplates the direction of his powers of organization, his strong leadership, there comes the thought, suppose this great urge to influence the lives of others had been on the side of making the world a better place to live, with his efforts "spreading the milk of human kindness."

What He Deserves

We have more or less always "put in a good word" for Henry Wallace, but now we understand, better than ever, why President Roosevelt did not want him for a running mate and chose instead President Truman.

It is a disturbing thought to contemplate what might have happened had he been the vice president at the time of the death of President Roosevelt.

One of the things on which this nation was built was freedom of speech, but there are times and places when good taste does not let a man speak too freely his mind and air out his opinions.

In America, while it would be embarrassing to many of us, Mr. Wallace might speak his mind regarding criticism of the policies of our President, but on foreign soil it seems not only disloyal to one's native land, but in very bad taste.

We had given Mr. Wallace credit both for better taste and better judgment, for even on foreign soil he is coming in for a fire of criticism which he justly deserves.

ONLY AS STRONG AS ITS FOUNDATION



HERE and THERE

By

HILDA WAY GWYN

When one sees a picture like "The Song of the South," one always wonders why there are not more pictures of this type dealing with the wholesome, familiar and traditional stories.

We were recently asked if we did not get weary of writing about weddings and brides. Now

you might think that we did after so many years at the job, and perhaps if all the brides we write about were total strangers, it might become pretty monotonous.

Inside WASHINGTON

Watch Reaction of Soviet Satellites to U. S. Policy Russian Bulletin Boasts Red Army "Won the War"

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Diplomats are watching with interest the possible reaction that President Truman's new foreign policy will have on the attitude of Soviet satellite states toward the United States.

Some foresee the possibility that those nations will become even more restrictive in their domestic controls, such as the lessening of democratic liberties.

So far, little information has been given the peoples of countries like Yugoslavia and Poland of the aid policy toward Greece and Turkey.

Meanwhile, United States officials are letting the matter rest, trusting that in time the news will be heard. They foresee a powerful weapon in diplomacy if Greece is restored to something like normal prosperity while the Russian satellite states have a tough time making ends meet.

The proposed direct relief appropriations means that aid will be withheld from unfriendly states. This policy is likely to break down, however, if starvation faces any large segment of the population in such states, since success of the American plan depends on the hope that the masses, finding nothing to gain in Communism, ultimately will force a return to democratic ways.

THE RUSSIAN CONCEPTION of "who won the war" was stated bluntly by the Soviet embassy Bulletin, official voice of Moscow in Washington.

The Bulletin went on to say: "The theater of war over which the Soviet army struggled had an area roughly six times that of all the other theaters of war where Allied troops battled the German-Fascist coalition."

It is also a fact that the human losses sustained by the Soviet army were more than six times the losses of all other Allied armies combined.

No mention was made of the billions of dollars in war material poured into Russia at a time when the Red forces were fighting with their backs strictly to the wall.

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, which houses many objects associated with the progress of civilization, has become the possessor of a device linked to one of modern man's most awesome demonstrations of destructive power.

Norden bombsight No. 4120, used when the Army Air Force dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945, recently was presented to the institution.

Dr. Alexander Wetmore, secretary of the Smithsonian, remarked in accepting the historic bombsight that he hoped there never again would be a conflict requiring the use of such an instrument.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

What is your favorite season of the year?

John Boyd: "I like all of them pretty well. We have a good year-round climate here and I like all the seasons."

DeGrady Fisher: "Spring is my favorite although it isn't the time when I feel most like working."

F. C. Wilbur: "I like this season. It always makes you feel better."

Richard Geringer: "I'll take spring. This country has more to offer in spring than at any other time of the year."

H. H. Holt: "Three hundred and sixty-five days is my favorite season. I guess I like autumn best, though."

Joe Casabella: "Right now, when the weather brings out the beauties of nature. And the fishing season is at its best."

gives the old worn out song, if usage could make it so, a brand new meaning.

No, we do not get weary of writing of brides for we watch something of their happiness and we feel young again ourselves. Their parties and their preparations are among the big moments of their lives, and with the final event, will become in years that follow, stored up memories to bring out in the dull hard days, which are inevitable in any life.

Not long after we were asked the foregoing question someone brought up the subject of "all the modern fuss and feathers" about getting married, and how they wished they lived in the days of long ago before this modern way of having so much excitement over a wedding.

NEW YORK—There is a mushrooming dislike among the younger set on Broadway to start at the bottom and get experience in the ancient traditions of apprenticeship and tortuous ladder-climbing. It would be most disastrous for anyone like you or myself to attempt such a swift onslaught on success, but when you have millions as has 21-year-old Ed Luckenbach, heir to a steamship fortune, normal problems have a strange way of smothering themselves in a fashion most alien to

Capital Letters

FOXPAW—Congressman R. L. Doughton was in the Governor's suite at the reception prior to the Jefferson Day dinner. In somewhat of an expansive mood, for Farmer Bob at any rate, he was praising W. B. Umstead, United States senator.

Washington Letters

HALIFAXES COMING BACK TO VISIT TEXAS RANCH By JANE EADS WASHINGTON—The Earl and Countess of Halifax, who made a wide circle of friends in this country when the earl served here as British ambassador, are heading for the capital and a brilliant round of partying.

BROADWAY

NEW GENERATION TAKES SHORT CUT TO BROADWAY FAME NEW YORK—There is a mushrooming dislike among the younger set on Broadway to start at the bottom and get experience in the ancient traditions of apprenticeship and tortuous ladder-climbing.

Advertisement for Budweiser beer featuring an illustration of a man and a dog, and text: 'WHAT ABOUT THE BEER? WE'RE IN LUCK - I GOT BUDWEISER. Until we can again expand the facilities of the world's largest brewery, everybody who wants Budweiser is in the same boat. There just isn't nearly enough to go 'round... but we are making it available equitably if not abundantly. So, to get your share, don't say 'beer', say Budweiser. IT LIVES WITH GOOD TASTE... EVERYWHERE.'