

### WANT NO PART?

Apparently the present Republican leadership wants no part in the national defense program. For when two of their best men, Col. Frank Knox and Henry L. Stimson, were selected by President Roosevelt for two important cabinet posts, the Republicans immediately turned them out of the party. Can it be the Republican party wants no part in protecting this nation against whatever dangers the future holds?

Of course the G.O.P. announced their reasons for disowning their late brethren. It means the President is getting ready to go to war, they said, and is building a war cabinet. Then they let their hair down and fall back on that out-moded phrase that politicians have used to their own advantage since the last war: "Not one drop of American blood must be spilled on foreign soil."

As far as we can see, there's no call for American boys to go to foreign lands to fight and die. For France is beyond help, and England is so filled with her own men and the men of her empire that some of them are likely to

be shoved out into the ocean for lack of space in which to stand.

But—and let's hope it never happens—there could come a day when foreign armies might attempt to invade America or its possessions. Would the Republicans—or that type of leadership that is apparently in vogue at Philadelphia—object to an attempt to stop them? Would they still find war so distasteful that they would oppose the United States fighting in self defense? If

so, then they would probably be kept pretty busy reading other Republicans out of their own party, because not all the Republicans put selfish political interest ahead of their country's interest.

Of course the Republican argument is apparent. They will claim that Mr. Roosevelt's move in nominating two Republicans to his cabinet was a political move made solely to flabbergast the Republicans. They can't conceive of a man in the White House—especially a Democrat—being big enough to put the nation's welfare ahead of party warfare. So, they rave and rant in their usual futile fashion—and hope against hope that the voters in November will return this country to them so they may inaugurate another typical, do-nothing era so characteristic of the last Republican administration.

We agree with an opinion we heard expressed just a few minutes ago—that the Republicans, in taking the attitude that resulted in ousting Knox and Stimson from their party—did their party more harm than the Democrats have been able to do it in the past eight years.

### THIS AND THAT

The Jonesville school bond election case made it look for a while like the minority ruled, but the supreme court's decision last week put the matter back into the hands of the majority.

There's no doubt but that Hitler and Mussolini will go down in history. However, we'd be plenty satisfied if they just went down.

Mussolini can feel sure that when he goes down in history he'll go away down—low.

We tuned in on the Republican national convention Monday night and heard a bit of the key-

note address. It reminded us so much of the last Republican convention, held back in 1936. The oratory was there, and the shouting and cheering when the speaker took a slam at Mr. Roosevelt. But as we listened, we remembered how, despite the whooping and hollering of the last convention, the Republicans carried only two states in the election.

We didn't hear the entire address, due to static and having a bit of work to do, but it seemed to us that the applause was a bit half hearted when the speaker spoke of domestic affairs. However, when he spoke of the necessity of clearing the country of fifth columnists, there was more gusto. Despite the apparent enthusiasm, the convention is playing second fiddle to the war.

To us, politics at this day and time, seem out of place. Why can't the politicians devote their time to a full share of preparedness effort, rather than rant and rave about how the country is going to the dogs, and how the other party is responsible for it and all that kind of political bunk and hokum. In a couple of weeks from now the Democrats will have their convention. They'll rave and rant too. We'll be mighty glad when the conventions are over.

But Republican keynote addresses always make us mad. The Republicans point to Mr. Roosevelt's record with scorn and tell how things would be done if they were in office. They criticize a great man who took over the reins of government at a time when the Republicans had had it for years—and found one of the greatest messes in the history of the nation. Mr. Roosevelt was frank to state when he took office, that some of the things he was going to do might not prove successful, and some of them haven't been. But he didn't loaf on the job; he never had troops run a bonus army of world war veterans out of Washington; no such scandal as Teapot Dome has ever disgraced his administration.

The Republicans shout that the Democrats have coasted along, failing to prepare this nation during the past seven and one-half years. Wasn't it under a Republican administration that numerous war ships of the United States navy were scrapped following a disarmament conference? And how much cooperation do you think the administration could have gotten out of Republican members of the Congress prior to the European war scare of recent months, had a wide scale armament program been planned. Some of them are still sleep walking to this day. This sleeping will probably turn into a nightmare come November.

We couldn't help but note one statement of the keynote speaker Monday night. He said, in summing up the so-called evils of the New Deal, "that many men of business made pleas for help" to the Democratic administration. What he didn't say was that their pleas were not nearly so loud as in 1932 following years of Republican administration.

He also didn't mention that no banks are failing in these days and times, as under Hoover. And when he spoke of giving the army of unemployed jobs, he didn't explain how that army of unemployed happened to come into being during a Republican administration.

The oldest elephant of the Philadelphia zoo died as the Republican convention got under way.

The elephant is the symbol of the Republican party.

Coincidence or omen?

### LONGTOWN

There will be an all day homecoming at the Longtown Methodist church Sunday, June 30, which will also be the beginning of a revival meeting.

Rev. Dwight Mullis, the pastor, will be assisted by Rev. Floyd Duncan, of Lincolnton. There will be Sunday school at 10 a.m., preaching at 11, and dinner, picnic style, at 12 o'clock. In the afternoon there will be a special song service with preaching again in the evening at 8 o'clock.

All former members are urged to be present, and a special invitation is extended to other churches and quartettes. Those attending are asked to bring a basket dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Swain, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with Mr. Swain's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Swain.

Miss Esther Reinhardt had as her Wednesday night supper guests Miss Lillian Reinhardt and Mr. Beecher Shore and Mr. Bobby Palsgrave, of Frankfort, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shore had as their Sunday dinner guests Rev. and Mrs. Dwight Mullis, of Jonesville.

### MOUNTAIN VIEW

Rev. J. L. Powers, of East Elkin, conducted communion service at Mountain View Baptist church Sunday at 11 a.m., and also delivered a fine sermon at 8 p.m. to an attentive audience.

Mr. Truman Harris, Misses Eulalia Richardson, Lois and Nancy Shore toured across the Blue Ridge mountains Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cheek and children, Alda, James and Bobbie Joe, spent Sunday in Winston-Salem, the guests of Mrs. Cheek's brother, Mr. Beecher Stokes, and Mrs. Stokes.

Rev. J. L. Powers was the Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Miles King.

Mrs. Vallie Shore had as her Sunday dinner guests Mr. and

Mrs. Hubert Cooper and family, of Elkin, Mr. and Mrs. Arphew Shore and Mr. and Mrs. Orie Harris and children, of Brooks Cross Roads.

Little Miss Wilma Love Stanley returned to her home Sunday

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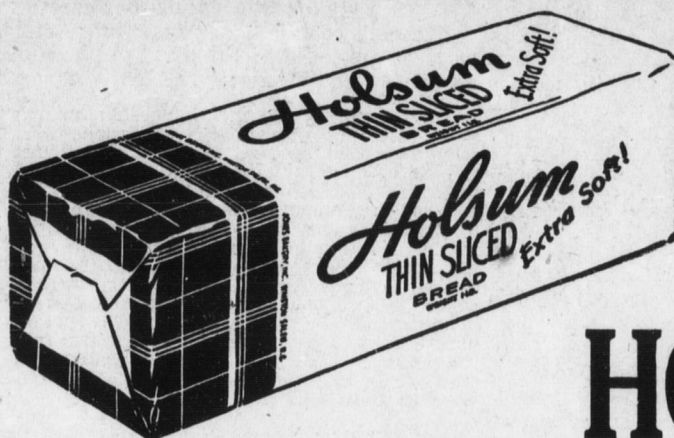
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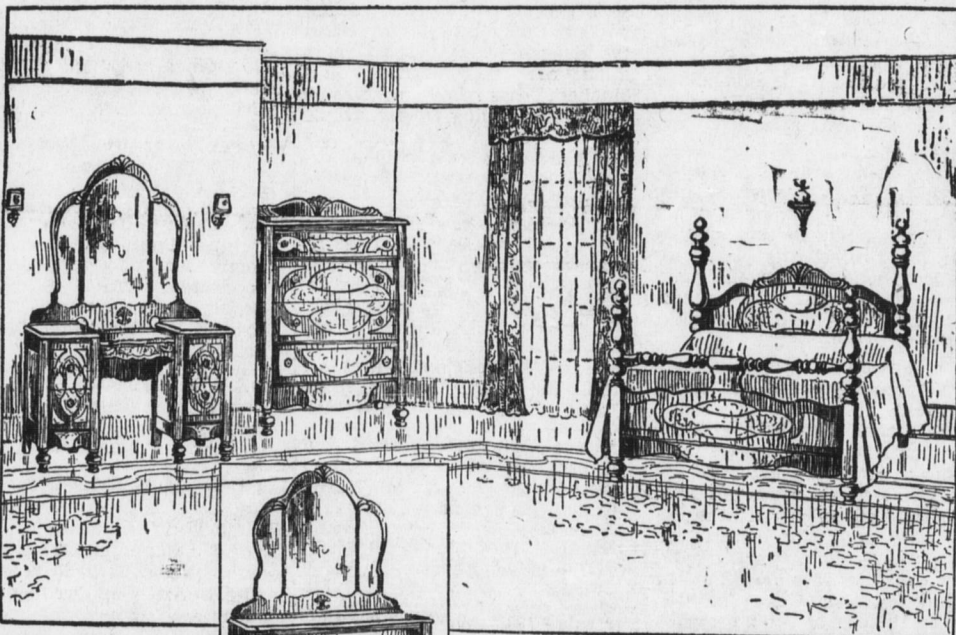
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