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Looking at WASHINGTON

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THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY SHOULD DECLARE AND UPHOLD A FOREIGN POLICY

For one thing, the crisis that developed in Europe several weeks ago about the Sudeten area of Czechoslovakia with the threat of immediate warfare, aroused the interest of the people of the United States in what is generally referred to as "foreign affairs."

The average American found it hard to believe that the world was on the brink of a great war. At the same time, there were snappy phrases to the effect that "We won't get in the next one," and words of similar import affirming the absolute determination of our people not to become involved in war at any time.

WHAT IS OUR POLICY?

This leads us to wonder whether the people of the United States, as a whole, have any idea of what the foreign policy of their nation should be, what it has been in the past, or what it is today. Our people, in general have not accepted any responsibilities in connection with the world situation although insistent upon all rights and privileges that, they think, belong to the United States.

FIGHT? FOR WHAT?

It is a very dangerous thing to demand rights unless they are recognized or the party asserting them is confident that they can be upheld. In the present condition of world affairs, it seems, the only worthwhile argument in a dispute involving certain nations, is the willingness and ability of a nation to use force to protect itself and its vital interests.

WILL AMERICA FIGHT?

Naturally, the impression exists in many foreign countries that the people of the United States are so anxious for peace that they will not fight under any circumstances short of an actual invasion of the continental area of this country. It is, no doubt, assumed in some quarters that the demand for peace is so strong in America that nothing short of a violent assault upon our homes and our persons will arouse the people of the United States to a fighting pitch.

It is assumed everywhere that we, as a people, will fight to defend our country. It is by no means fixed in the minds of foreign observers whether we will go to war to defend outlying possessions, to defend South America from European or Asiatic attack, or to protect our just rights in connection with commerce anywhere in the world. It is doubtful, in foreign circles, whether the people of the United States will fight, in the future, to uphold a treaty to which we are parties but which is violated by some other signatory power.

HAVE WE DECIDED?

In short, the foreign policy of the United States is uncertain and not understood by foreigners. The assumption that it is certain and understood by either the people of the United States or the government of the United States would be a violent presumption. The truth is that the people of the United States have not passed upon foreign policies with any degree of exactness and consequently, even the government itself is not in a position to know what the people of this country actually desire as a foreign policy.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE?

There have been assumptions from time to time, such as the belief that popular opinion supports the Monroe Doctrine, even to the defense of territory anywhere in this hemisphere from attacks of European and Asiatic powers. So far as we know, however, there has been no direct expression of the will of the people on this lone policy. Certainly, there has been nothing like a popular acceptance of the burden of argument that such a policy entails in the face of present world conditions. In fact, there is hardly a general understanding of the ne-

cessity for armaments even in the face of a conviction that we should uphold the Monroe Doctrine.

There has been the assumption, often repeated and proclaimed, that the people of the United States are in favor of a nationalistic policy in world affairs, insistent upon complete isolation from all obligations and responsibilities that might lead to "complications"; that they do not want to spend money for enlarging the Navy or equipping the Army that should be spent on internal public improvement and that, in a haphazard, hazy way our people are for peace at any price because they believe that war is the worst evil that can befall a people.

HERE ARE SOME "IFS"

There is no general agreement, so far as we are aware, by the population that the United States should declare war upon Japan if that nation snatches the Philippines before we turn them loose. Who knows whether the people of the United States have determined to fight to prevent Italy and Germany from instigating a "revolt" in some South American country in order to take over territory in that continent? Would we, as a people, fight for Hawaii, Alaska and Guam? Would we fight to retain the right to trade with other nations if a fascist bloc controlled the seas and asserted the same right in regard to world trade that Japan, is, in fact, asserting in China.

WE MUST DECIDE

There are questions that the people of the United States must consider and eventually decide. Certainly, if the people are to decide by popular vote whether the United States shall go to war, they must be informed as to world affairs, understand the rights of this country and the importance of such rights, the interests of the nation and their effect upon domestic welfare, and numerous other questions that arise in "foreign affairs."

Certainly, if we intend to be what we insist we are, the leading nation of the world, then we must know, and let others know, where we stand in regards to world affairs. Our foreign policy would be clearly understood in order to understand its full implications, with all liabilities and assets, in order to know how much money to spend on our Navy, our Army, our air forces and coast defenses.

DIVISION DANGEROUS

There can be no worse mistake for a great people than to be divided upon vital policies. This is particularly dangerous in relation to affairs that touch other nations say time and extremely perilous in the world that exists today, when great nations define their rights and make nations define their rights and make of their armed might and the willingness of their people to fight for what they want.

Under Japanese law, there is no provision for alimony.

All birds molt or shed their feathers at some time during the year. During molting ducks and other water birds are temporarily unable to fly, due to losing all wing quills at the same time. Birds very rarely sing while molting.

NASH BABY CLAIMS NINE GRANDPARENTS

Infant Son Of Momeyer Residents Has More Than His Share

Spring Hope, Oct. 17.—Many babies are born that never see or know a grandparent—that is not news. One full set of grandfathers and grandmothers is a wonderful thing in any youngster's life. But when a baby is born that has nine living grandparents—that is news. If the popular sentiment of doting grandparents spoiling their first-born grandchildren is true, then the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Baines, Nashville, route 2, is certainly on the road to becoming a pet. (Please turn to page four)

NEGRO IS STABBED

Woman Waives Hearing On Charge In City Recorder's Court

Margaret Strickland, Negro woman of 614 Holly street, waived preliminary hearing on charges of fatally stabbing Willie Watson, Negro of 511 Goldleaf street, here Saturday. Vice Recorder Jack Murchison bound the woman over to Edgecombe superior court under \$1,500 bond.

The woman admitted that she stabbed Watson with a butcher knife during an argument Saturday afternoon at his house, according to Police Chief J. R. Thomas. The man died about two hours later in a local hospital.

Arrested by Officers P. C. Zimmerman and M. N. Hinton, the woman was jailed within an hour after the stabbing, Chief Thomas stated.

Oscar Riggins, Negro accused of frightening a Negro girl with a realistic-looking toy pistol, was released with an admonition against repeating the trick.

Other cases were: Jiggs Nixoa, stealing \$8.75 from James Freeman bound over to Nash criminal court under \$100 bond. Forrest Bulluck, stealing doughnuts from Day-Lit Bakery, 60 days. Max Lindsay, stealing shoes from Russell Langley, three months. Dock McAllister, drunk, \$11. Fletcher Jones, drunk, 30 days or \$11. Mance Rargrove, possessing pint of illegal liquor, \$50. Roy King, R. L. Simpkins and W. R. Lee, parking on left side of street, \$2 each. M. L. Parnell and H. Beck, parking overtime, \$2 each. Charles Braswell and Joe Parker, parking double file, \$2 each. John Joseph, at-fray, \$4.50.

MEMBERS INITIATED AT HI-Y CLUB MEET

Officers And Members Inducted By Junior Girls' Group

Officers and new members were inducted into the junior girls' Hi-Y club at the regular weekly meeting held last night at the Y. M. C. A.

The new officers are Lauro Ann Parker, president; Jean Marshburn, vice-president; Carolyn Bass, secretary; Anne Bennett, treasurer; and Miss Ethel Sheridan and Miss Bessie McDearman, adult advisers.

New members of the club are Elsie Adams, Natalie Atkinson, Margaret Barber, Nancy Bean, Jean Cherry, Elizabeth Fant, Norma Garland, Polly Harris, Alice Innes, Nancy Johnson, Virginia Lee Knight, Betty Jane Oliver, Mar y E. Speight, Sarah Thorne, Anita Wholesale, Barbara Yates, Edith Longest, Virginia Woodard, Frances Gardner, Betty Atkins, Molly-Boseman, June Wharton, Margaret Page and Lala McGee.

C. M. Edson presented the high school speech choir at the meeting of the senior club. The club decided to sponsor a Halloween party on October 27.

SERVICES HELD FOR WALTER JERNIGAN

Funeral rites for Warner C. Jernigan, 48, prominent farmer of the Avention community in Nash County, were conducted at 2 o'clock from the Fishing Creek Baptist church. The pastor, Rev. J. E. Hoyle of Whitakers officiated, assisted by Rev. W. Rosser of Whitakers. Interment was made in the church cemetery.

Mr. Jernigan died Thursday night in a local hospital after an extended illness. He had been in declining health since last spring.

Mr. Jernigan was born in Vance county near Henderson. He was the son of Mrs. Margaret Jernigan and the late R. L. Jernigan.

He was a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Survivors include, besides his mother, his widow, Mrs. Alma A. Jernigan; two brothers, J. H. and R. S. Jernigan of Nash county; three sisters, Mrs. E. L. Ivey and Mrs. Bob Light of near Enfield, and Mrs. A. W. Strickland of near Middlesex.

Active pallbearers included William Avent, Jesse Avent, Wade Avent, Clifton Bass, William mRicks, Fred Hicks, Jr., Jacob Fox, and Herman Shearin.

Honorary pallbearers were as follows: T. E. Ricks, J. A. Sanders, F. V. Avent, A. W. Cooper, G. D. Ward, T. M. Ward, J. R. Ward, A. R. Shearin, J. L. Yountz, and I. T. Valentine.

No Arrest — Just Protection



ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. . . . This is no arrest, just protection for the world's most expensive bathing suit, valued at \$250,000. Miss Atlan's City of 1938 (Miss Eileen MacSherry) modeled the suit made of platinum, pearls, rubies, and diamonds on the Steel Pier, while acting as hostess to the 50 priceless beauties who competed for the title of Miss America. This costly suit, was designed by Harold A. Brand.

Use Government Money For Ball Park-Swimming Pool. Time To Stop Spending

Some time back the Rocky Mount Herald suggested and asked the question, that with all the government money that had been spent and that was to be spent, why it was that some of this money could not be used toward building a larger and more sanitary swimming pool. With the great amount of money that has come to Rocky Mount we expect that there is no city in the state that has less permanent improvements for the benefit of the people from this government money than Rocky Mount. We do not believe that the tax payers of Rocky Mount should be called upon to pay out large sums of money toward building a swimming pool when the government is sending money here that could be used for this purpose and would give a great deal of happiness and pleasure to the young people of Rocky Mount. We do not believe that the old swimming pool should be junked or torn up, it is a valuable piece of property and with some few changes we are told that the old pool can be made just as sanitary as a new pool but the way the population of Rocky Mount has increased it makes this pool inadequate unless the number that goes in are limited. There is room in Rocky Mount for a new pool and there is room in Rocky Mount for the old pool. Swimming is a sport that all the young people enjoy and since this government money is available we should by all means take advantage of it if we can get a grant. A large amount of money has been spent on the baseball park, in fact much more has been spent than the public knows or realizes. This is a sport that is enjoyed largely by those who make good salaries or have good incomes and is not within the reach of the average citizen. We think the time has arrived now when we should stop spending on baseball parks and do something for the youths. There should really be a statement given to the public of the expenditures that have been spent on the stadium and athletic field. This statement should include the bond issue, the work done by the city in pouring cement and grading and also the grant from the Federal Government and just let the people of Rocky Mount know what they are paying for and what it is costing.

NEW POST OFFICE GOING FORWARD

The contractor is making splendid headway on the enlargement to the post office. A new entrance for the use of the public has been added on Rose Street. This is a splendid and much needed improvement. The old building only had one entrance and on busy days there was much congestion and confusion. The new part of the building blends in with the old. While we are writing about the post office this thought occurred to us as it has many times before. Why is it necessary that the post office which serves everybody in Rocky Mount, should be closed from Saturday noon till Monday morning. If one desires a stamp they have to ask an accommodation of the drug store which is a burden placed on them for which they receive no pay. We feel quite sure that there are employees connected with the post office that would be glad to make the overtime. Mail comes in Saturday morning and it is not delivered until Monday morning. We believe in reasonable house of work yet the public is entitled to its mail and there are people who need employment and it does look like somebody might be worked out by which the general delivery office could be kept open and a window for the sale of postage stamps etc if no other part of the office. This article of course is not any criticism of the local management.

ROCKY MOUNT FAIR

Next week is Fair Week in Rocky Mount. The fair opens on Tuesday morning and continues throughout the week. Mr Chambliss states that there will be splendid exhibits and that greater attention is being paid to the exhibits of agriculture than ever before. Many improvements have been made in the building and grandstand and all the fences and buildings have been white washed and painted and every indication points to a greter and larger fair than we have had before.

In Ancient China the highest praise that could be bestowed upon an Emperor was to say that his goodness extended to animals.

Hong Kong is not only a city but a small British island colony off the China coast.

PROFITS FROM BEANS

T. A. Bateman of the Kyle section, Cherokee County, reports a net profit of \$91.08 from eight-tenths of an acre of snap beans. He produced and sold 190 bushels at 67 cents a bushel for a gross income of \$127.20. His expenses were \$36.22.

ROCKY MOUNT FAIR TO BEGIN TUESDAY TWENTY FIFTH

Rocky Mount, Oct. 19.—One of Eastern Carolina's Greatest Events, the Rocky Mount Fair, will open in all its splendor here next week. The formal opening has been set for Tuesday, October 25, and the 1938 exposition will continue through five glorious days and nights of fun and educational features for the entire family, to Saturday, October 29, inclusive.

The Rocky Mount Fair this year will far excel its forerunners in reflecting the progress of Nash and adjoining counties. An abundance of educational features, together with all-new entertainment features, will be ready for all fair visitors, with a number of brilliant events never before offered at this exposition.

With agricultural exhibits being stressed this year, the various exhibit departments will offer the greatest array of displays ever to be shown, with the people of Nash, Edgecombe and all adjoining counties profiting by an increased premium awards list.

Huge interest is being shown in the exhibits this year, according to announcement from Allen Herrington, resident manager for the Rocky Mount Fair. Every available space has already been taken at this time, Mr. Herrington has stated, and it has become necessary to provide an extra tent to take care of an overflow in the exhibits.

Premium awards have been greatly increased for this season, as well as several new additions in exhibit departments.

One of the features of fair week this year will be the observance of Farmer's Day which has been scheduled for Wednesday, with a special program being planned that will be of utmost interest to all farmers in this section and throughout the state.

As for entertainment features, all attractions will be furnished through George A. Hamid, world's leading producer of outdoor shows, and a sensational program of outstanding grandstand events will be offered for the approval of all visitors to the fair. The grandstand events will be featured by the performance each evening of the lavish revue "Revelations of 1938," with 20 thrilling and separate circus acts each afternoon and evening in front of the grandstand, headed by "jinx" Hoaglan and his hippodrome sensations.

Mr. Herrington has further announced that the Cetlin and Wilson shows, one of the largest travelling shows in the world, will bring their outstanding carnival unit here for the midway attraction. The Cetlin Wilson shows fill bring a brilliant array of entertainment features that will feature 20 modern riding devices and 15 shows.

"Children's Day" will be observed for Tuesday, with all white school children of the Rocky Mount City schools being admitted free at the main gate; and Friday with all white school children of Nash, Edgecombe and adjoining counties being admitted free at the main gate. Special children's day programs have been arranged with special events that will delight and entertain all children.

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L. L. LANHAM DIES OF HEART ATTACK

Funeral For Plumbing And Heating Contractor Held

L. L. Lanham, well known plumbing and heating contractor, died of a heart attack shortly before 10 o'clock. He suffered the attack at a local hospital, where he had been taken following a previous heart attack last week.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock from the home at 325 S. Franklin street with Rev. R. Dwight Ware, pastor of the First Methodist church, and Rev. A. E. Simerly, pastor of the First Christian church, officiated.

Mr. Lanham is survived by his wife, who before marriage was Miss Lena Rivers Proctor of Rocky Mount; two sons, William L. and Cecil F. Lanham of Rocky Mount; one daughter, Mrs. Richard Costley of Matinea, Virginia and two grandchildren.

Mr. Lanham was the son of the late Willie Lanham and Ann Colliett Lanham. He was born in Petersburg, Va., and would have been 48 years old October 31. He has been engaged in the plumbing and heating business here for 20 years.

Following the funeral, interment was made in Pineview cemetery.

N. P. EDGE PASSES SUDDENLY IN CITY

Funeral Services Were Conducted From Home

Funeral services for N. P. Edge resident of Rocky Mount for 30 years who died in a local hospital were conducted at 11 o'clock.

Rev. R. Dwight Ware, pastor of the First Methodist church, of which Mr. Edge was a member, conducted the funeral from the home at 232 S. Franklin Street. Interment followed in Pineview cemetery.

Stricken Saturday, Mr. Edge was taken to a local hospital where he died at 11:45 o'clock.

He is survived by his wife, who before marriage was Miss Elba Covington of Geneva, Georgia, and two sons, N. P. Edge, Jr., and William Edge; and one sister, Mrs. W. T. Ricks of Reynolds, Ga.

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LEADERS ARE SELECTED FOR Y. M. C. A. DRIVE

Jasper Cummings To Serve As General Chairman Of Annual Membership Campaign

With 1,500 as a goal the annual membership campaign of the Rocky Mount Y. M. C. A. will be held during the week of October 24-31 in conjunction with the drives of the other Atlantic Coast Line Y. M. C. A. at Florence and Waycross.

The goal is the highest in recent years for the local institution and tops by 500 the marks set for Florence and Waycross.

A strong campaign committee has been organized for the drive with Jasper L. Cummings as general chairman. R. Graham Dozier will be at the head of the city division, with W. B. Middleton as chairman of the railroad division.

Captains in the city division include E. E. Adkins, John King, C.

Gordon Smith, E. H. Reeves, A. Hicks, S. Marion Justice, W. G. Robbins, J. W. E. Joyner, R. I. Sturtevant and I. D. Thorp.

Captains in the railroad division include L. E. Pollard, C. G. Grigg, E. H. Powell, H. A. Blankenship, L. W. Green, D. N. Cameron, E. J. Haley, Archie Amos, I. B. Hall, J. A. Holdren, W. D. Quarles, W. S. Holman, R. H. Foreman, W. L. Parrish, O. N. Monroe, F. M. Arrington, B. B. Johnson, O. A. Daughtridge, J. Q. Robinson, J. W. Allen, J. W. Chambliss, R. M. Settle and J. D. Brown.

A breakfast meeting of the captains and workers in the city division will start the campaign next Tuesday morning. The breakfast will be held at 8 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. dining room. Wednesday night the drive will be closed with a supper meeting at which all workers will attend.

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