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EDITORIAL

WHAT ABOUT THE LAST QUARTER?

● ● A committee from various organizations in the city will meet this afternoon to decide on the fate of a Summer Recreation program for some 3,000 children of Roanoke Rapids.

The program last year, carried on for some ten weeks during the Summer vacation period, was most highly successful. There has, however, been some talk of curtailing this program because of lack of funds.

Records show that some 1,000 children per play-day came under proper supervision last Summer and we would like to know why this same program should not be carried on again; why the same financial aid should not be obtained.

It is recalled there were five playgrounds last Summer; one at each city school; in addition, there was the Rosemary pool for swimming in the afternoons. We should have this program, at least, and we hope the committee will see to it that this program is carried out as it was last year. We know of no good argument why not. If there was any solicitation from private persons or from the business places, that part could be taken from Community Chest as was the plan and purpose, but other donators should give, at least, as much or say their money was not well spent last Summer.

For our part, we cannot see why we should spend a vast sum of money to take care of our children's minds, bodies and spirits for nine months and then spend nothing or a pittance for the remaining three months.

GETTING SOMEWHERE

● ● May we continue our editorial of congratulation of last week on the manner in which Roanoke Rapids has accepted the results of the recent city election.

This because of the report received of the fine feeling displayed by both winners and losers at the meeting of the City Board of Commissioners this Tuesday. Not only was there good feeling displayed, but also there was much work, much good work, accomplished in a meeting where differences were forgotten, and the needs of the whole city became the first and only order of business.

And in only that way can we go forward. With restraint, sometimes almost impossible; with tolerance, sometimes almost unattainable.

CLEAN IT UP, COLORED FOLKS

● ● The colored folks out in the new section near the Chaloner School had better start policing on their own, lest they get the reputation that such a settlement is not conducive to good citizenship and is a menace to nearby communities.

We want it clearly understood that we favor such a settlement and know that as long as the better element asserts itself there will be little

trouble; but the time has come for that better element to assert itself and show neighbors that it means to clean up a bad situation. A brutal murder, whether in first or second degree, is not to be ignored by those who want to see us have a decent city.

It has been said of the colored race that they refuse to tell on each other. That is a good trait when properly used. But, when used to protect one who should receive proper handling by the law or when done because of fear, it no longer becomes a good trait.

This argument is not advanced in order to get colored folks to "squeal", a trait which does not belong to them alone; but it is advanced with the idea of trying to tell them that when justice should be done, their duty is to tell the facts and the truth in order that justice might prevail and their own future rights and lives might be protected.

And just to put the bee on those who would try to tell you this is not written in good faith, we only ask you to go to the colored folks who know the writer. They will tell you who their friend is.

BE PREPARED

● ● What need to repeat what we have been saying in this column for months except for the purpose of saying we told you so. War is coming.

Perhaps not tomorrow, but it has been in the cards for a long time and the cards grow blacker as the days lengthen.

We are not trying to scare anybody; we certainly would not profit by war. We just want our country fully prepared when the time comes and we do not make a thin dime out of the program; as a matter of fact, it will cost us plenty.

As an old Boy Scout, we recall and glory in that motto: Be Prepared. If it doesn't happen, fine; if it does, America will be ready.

IN MEMORIAMs

● ● It is remarkable how few people say they read this page and yet how many people we hear agreeing with arguments we strive to put forth each week on this page. Can it be that by some strange spell, they pass this page and in the passing mysteriously absorb?

Or is it a case of great minds running in the same channel?

Our only check is when this page makes a mistake. Then we hear plenty of boos. So what does that mean?

Now, for another check which is not nearly so good. Will our readers and subscribers please realize that our space is limited each week and we cannot print long In Memoriams. Little, tiny, short ones, Yes! But long ones, No! Please realize that most newspapers charge money for the space used, while we do not. Or did we make another mistake?

FOR DEMOCRACY'S FALLEN DEFENDERS (Contributed)

We Americans are thinking more about democracy and valuing it more highly these days because its destruction in other countries has made us consider what life here would be like without it. We are determined that its institutions of freedom shall be kept secure for America, no matter what the cost.

In 1917 and 1918, likewise, Americans did not count the cost of defending democracy. The cost for some was their lives. They gave their all in answer to the nation's appeal for protection from autocratic force, then embodied in the might of the Kaiser.

On Poppy Day, Saturday, May 27, we will have opportunity to pay special tribute to the men who died for the cause of democracy. We will be asked

to wear their flower, the poppy from the fields where they fell, to show that we still remember and honor their sacrifice.

We will have opportunity, too, to help those who sacrificed health and strength in the conflict, their families and the families of those who have died. Our contributions for our poppies will help lighten the burden for those still paying the cost of democracy's victory in suffering and privation.

A poppy on our coat on Poppy Day will mean that we honor the dead who fell for democracy and that we are aiding the living who gave health and strength in patriotic service to America.

LETTERS from Our Readers

May 10, 1939

Honorable John H. Kerr
Washington, D. C.

RE: House Bill No. 270
Dear Judge:

House Bill Number 270 for \$300,000 for County Sanitation, Malarial Control and Drainage Supervision is now before the committee.

The minimum necessary to carry on this work is \$500,000, the same amount as appropriated last year after \$750,000 had been requested.

We folks in Roanoke Rapids are particularly interested in this work because it was not so many years ago when the mills here were forced to close down because of malaria fever. This type of work has eradicated malaria in our section but there are other sections of the county which need malarial control and drainage. Will you please use your influence to get this appropriation raised from \$300,000 to the needed \$500,000?

Yours very truly,
CARROLL WILSON

Household Hint

Extra pieces of linoleum left over from the floor or walls can be put to good use as coverings for tables, window-sills and other flat-topped kitchen surfaces. After they have been measured, cut and cemented to the desired surface, they should be washed with soap and water, dried thoroughly, then waxed like the kitchen floor.

Household Hint

It is always best to launder new linens, as they may have been handled by unclean hands. Efficient laundering enhances the beauty of such household equipment. Linens that are packaged are usually exempt from this rule of washing.