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TOP OF THE MORNING

Make good, but do not sacrifice in making good the gifts of life that are best...

Bruce Barton

For Greater Safety

City Manager A. C. Nichols has wisely cautioned motorists to observe city speed limits in the recently annexed areas...

It would be well for the public to combine with the police for a new high record in traffic safety in 1946.

Welcome Winnie

Winston Churchill's visit to this country this month is described as a vacation. He will spend some six weeks in south Florida.

It is to be hoped that, as long as he is coming primarily for recreation and relaxation, and assuredly deserves both...

This should not be so hard as he is not scheduled for a stop at Washington even to visit the President and his only announced public engagement is an appearance in New York on his way back to England from Miami and points south and west.

Nevertheless, it might be reasonable to expect him to chat about world events on a fishing trip or two with, say, Secretary Byrnes, to whom he could impart much valuable information...

He is supposed to adjure politics, but can no more do so than the old fire horse can help pricking up its ears whenever an alarm sounds.

Service For Veterans

The Rev. J. O. Walton of the Southside Baptist church has announced a special service on January 13 (one week from tomorrow) for veterans of World War II.

The significant feature thereof is that printed questions will be distributed among the former service people, which they will be asked to take home

and mail the replies to the pastor after due consideration.

By this means they will have opportunity to discuss their personal problems without making them public and receive counsel for their guidance in the difficult task of readjusting themselves to civilian life...

Who knows? Perhaps in the spiritual advice they receive they will find the answer to many of their temporal problems too.

Truman's Radio Address

President Truman made his radio appeal for support of his legislative program directly to the fundamental source of power in this democracy—the people.

The plea and the complaint present vistas of what is wrong with the country. The people have the power to force action on any legislation but because they have refused to exercise it...

And we fear there is nothing in Mr. Truman's earnest appeal for public support that will arouse the people to the performance of their full duty as citizens of this democracy.

The address, in other words, was not a clarion call, not a challenge to stir favorable mass reaction.

Furthermore, there are proposals in Mr. Truman's program which the people as a whole are not willing or ready to support. There is, for example, a wide division of views on his plan for fact-finding boards for industrial disputes with the board empowered to examine the employers' books.

Nor is his "full employment" proposal, with increased compensation for idle workers generally supported. Many Americans see in it a means of creating a loafer class at the expense of the taxpayers...

Universal military training and compulsory health insurance are equally objectionable to large sections of the population.

Perhaps the only items in the President's program which enjoy full public backing are comprehensive scientific research and a better method for the presidential succession.

It is apparent that Mr. Truman will have to be prepared to compromise many of his favorite proposals, if he is to have a successful year with Congress or the blessing of public opinion.

Marshall As Mediator

About the "only good news" that has come out of China in a long time is that the communists have agreed to accept General Marshall as mediator in the dispute with the Central Government.

We may be sure that if General Marshall is to arbitrate the differences between the main Chinese factions which have already delayed peace in the Orient he will see to it that all fighting or so much as belligerent gestures are halted forthwith.

General Marshall will insist on a square deal for everybody. If the communists and Chiang truly mean what they say regarding the desirability of a settlement, they will abide by his decisions.

The Mightiest Year

By ARTHUR KROCK

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—When the American past is held up for the inspection of the future, however often and however soon the survey is made, current judgment must be that the year now closing will be marked as the high point of achievement thus far in the nation's history...

The rise of a great nation to a peak of military production not even before conceived. The global massing and activity of military forces that destroyed every strategic concept. The great discovery that shattered one of the last locked doors of science...

The Pacific spanned and its furthest shores stormed by amphibious power, refuting the military maxim that the elephant can never turn whale and the whale never turn elephant successively as war requires.

The first important attempt, again led by the United States, to establish a stable world economy in which restraint of currency fluctuations will be included.

The first full acceptance by the United States of the role of world leadership, despite the fact that this involves long terms of occupational service abroad for American troops and civil servants...

These are shadows on the year—larger and blacker in conformity to the rule of nature which prescribes that the more intense the light the deeper the darkness.

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The note bluntness reminded the Big Three that France was "interested in all important questions concerning Europe, or any region whatever of Europe." It expressed the wish that countries such as

Finland, Italy, Romania, Hungary and Bulgaria be permitted a voice in the treaties they will have to sign.

France volunteered to play host to the conference, declaring that the conference's principal "for examining projects of peace treaties is received with great favor."

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During the breezy hot spell of last summer the surface of our Canadian lake was warm. As we daily dove and swam from our rocks we found ourselves in the grip of a great truth.

In all of life and learning, the principle holds: the deeper one goes, the more refreshing the result. Superficial paddlers on the sea of knowledge and experience miss the rewards of those who dive deep.

Were all the wasted motion and duplicated effort eliminated the typical Washington bureau could get along with half its present working force without imposing any extra duties on a single employe.

There are countries where food actually is being bartered for votes and independent thought coerced by promises of material aids of various kinds.

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THE HOPE DIAMOND



France Asks Larger Voice For Small Nations At Forthcoming Peace Meet

PARIS, Jan. 4.—France has asked the United States, Britain and Russia in a diplomatic note announced today to give the smaller nations of the world a bigger voice in the 21-nation European peace conference to be held in Paris before May 1.

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At London, the French said, the procedure provided for inviting other governments when questions interesting them particularly were discussed.

Only nations which actively waged war against the enemy countries were invited to the peace conference. In another note, whose text will be disclosed tomorrow, France accepted the Moscow proposals for control of atomic energy and outlawing its use in war, under the supervision of a United Nations Commission.

Religion Day By Day

By WILLIAM T. ELLIS

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The Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS

POEMS, by Franz Werfel, translated by Edith Abercrombie Snow (Princeton, \$2).

Those who know Werfel's memorable novel, "Forty Days of Musa Dagh" and his play, "Jacobowsky and the Colonel," will be surprised to find him claiming, in the preface to these 50 poems, that he regards his poetry as "the most important" part of his life-work.

But they will be inclined to agree as they savor the lines collected here, the first volume of his poetry to be published in English...

"The Calendar of Sleep," which is fine solace for a busy, ageing man; "Body in the Mirror," which is not; "Despair," the lament of youth; "Early Spring," "Night Rain," "The Wayfarer Kneels" and "Permanence," written by the exile in California, "without fold, without land," are richly imagined full of deep emotion.

The poet composed a one-page foreword last July, shortly before his death. In it he pays eloquent tribute not only to the present translator but to other careful and sensitive translators, who are all too few.

"Translated poems," he writes, "are an impossibility." But whenever the impossible is achieved, the translator "becomes a poet in his own right."

TRIBUTE TO THE ANGELS, by H. D. (Oxford; \$2).

There was a time... I'm sorry it's past... when H. D. would have taken pleasure in reducing these 30 pages to one. This vision of a new life rising out of catastrophe seems more poetic lore than poetry; she writes about something, she doesn't create it. She calls in vain on mandrags, mandragoras, the seven fires, even

OVERSEAS PACKAGES SHRINK UNDER NEW P. O. REGULATIONS

A change in Postal Regulations regarding the combined measurements of overseas packages was announced yesterday from the office of the Wilmington assistant postmaster, J. D. Doscher.

The length of the package plus its girth, that is, the measurement around the package at its greatest width, may not exceed 72 inches. This is a reduction of four inches from the previous maximum, it was explained.

Maximum overall length of any package may not exceed 42 inches and top weight has been set at 11 pounds, it was stated.

Three State Highways Closed By Neuse Floods

GOLDSBORO, Jan. 4.—(U.P.)—High water in the Neuse river has closed three rural roads north of Highway 70, an east-west artery through Goldsboro, and it appeared unlikely today that the roads would be open for several days.

Swelling in its second flood of the past four months, the Neuse is not expected to reach its peak before tomorrow. The Raleigh Weather Bureau predicts a stage of 18 feet by then.

Rural roads are reported to be badly cut up in this section as a result of continued rains.

Azael, Raphael, Gabriel Uriel and Astarate. SEA PIECES, by Clare Murray Foshee (Harbinger House; \$1.50).

Ms. Foshee's first published volume shows a talent for imagery, considerable strength and an economy of means unusual in a first book. The sonnets, except for "Query File" for the "Future" and "Meeting for the Future," and "Meeting for the Future," are at least well. I recommend "Fog," "Remedy," "After Storm," "Back of Us Forever," "Majorities, Minorities" and "Tennessee."

NEW GADGET PUTS GLOSS FINISH ON LOWLY SOAP BAR

RICHLAND, Va., Jan. 4.—(U.P.)—A method of giving that glossy look to cakes of soap, a machine for making a new crinkled synthetic fabric and a method of making a hard wax directly from sugar cane, are among the 444 patents granted this week by the United States Patent Office.

Four patents were given for various inventions involving textiles, twelve patents were assigned to the General Electric corporation this week, five to the Radio Corporation of America, and ten to the telephone industry represented by Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc., and Federal Telephone and Radio Corporation.

The method and apparatus for treating soap products was patented by Thomas Penny, of Bridgeport, Bebbington, England, and assigned to Lever Brothers Company, of Cambridge, Mass. Bars of soap are put into a steaming chamber, each bar separated from contact with any other piece of soap. After the steaming, the soap is sent into a drying chamber, where dry air finishes the glossy, shining process.

Franklin S. Smith, of Bethany, Conn., patented the method and apparatus for the treatment of insecticide in flour. The patent is unassigned. As the flour or other solid product which can be passed through a casing-like structure, it is rotated and then sent through a sieve-like trap at the bottom of the structure. All flour particles fall through the openings, but the insects and other extraneous particles which are larger than the flour bits are left behind.

A fumigating method for treating insect-infested grain stored in bins was patented by Fred W. Fletcher and Gene Kenaga, of Midland, Mich., and assigned to the Dow Chemical company, of Midland. A volatile fumigant composed of a solution of from two to 20 percent of ethylene bromide in carbon tetrachloride is injected in the top of the bin and onto the surface of the stored grain.

Two tables of different heights are utilized in the sandwich-making machine patented by Bengt A. Arvidson, of Villa Park, Ill., and assigned to the Miller Wrapping and Sealing Machine company, of Chicago. A conveyor on the higher table has pockets for bread slices, and as the bread moves along, every other slice is spread with the filling for the sandwich. Then the bread steps off to the lower table, the coated slice falling first. The plain piece of bread falls right on top, and there's the sandwich—butterless.

The three inventors of a new crinkled plastic fabric know that some fabric stretches when it is wet. This principle they have utilized in their patent, assigned to the Celanese Corporation of America. Yarns of thermoplastic material and those of a non-thermoplastic material are associated in the same direction in a fabric. The material is moistened, stretched and dried while it's in a pulled-out condition. When the tension is released the non-thermoplastic yarns spring back farther than the others, and the result is a substantially permanent crinkle effect in the yarn. The inventors are Cyril M. Crott, Walter H. Hindle, and Robert W. Pinault, of Cumberland, Md.

The production of sugar cane wax, patented by Werner F. Gosefert, of Oradell, N. J., is accomplished by heat and chemical treatment of sugar cane mudds.

A convertible attachment that makes a bicycle a four-wheeler was patented by Clyde R. Kull, of Sioux City, Iowa, and is unassigned. The spares are attached to the rear wheel of the bicycle and are the same size as the other wheels.

HOSE DULL THUDS YOU'VE HEARD JUST STUMP BLASTING

To clear up the many inquiries received yesterday by the Star, the dull thuds heard by many Wilmingtonians were caused by blasting operations on stumps in the entrance channel area of the Brunswick River ship lay-up basin river mouth last yesterday.

The stumps are an accumulation of years of dumping in that section, it was explained. More than 25 years ago, when the old-type bucket dredges were employed in operations in this district, it was the practice to dump stumps collected in the course of dredging in that area making the present blasting necessary, a river authority stated.

U. S. Engineers expect completion of the channel dredging about January 10, with completion of the whole project in about 10 months.

HERE'S YOUR HOME—IF YOU CAN MILK

RICHLAND, Ind.—(U.P.)—Any serviceman who will milk a cow each night can rent three partially furnished rooms in the village of Webster, five miles northwest of Richmond.

Allen Crye, Wayne county servicemen's officer, who is helping veterans with their housing problems, said the offer came from a woman who said the veteran could not only rent the room but could also keep the milk.

She would do the morning milking, she said.