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TOP OF THE MORNING He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the Lord.

Assistant Next Now that the City Council and the Economic Industrial Committee are in agreement on the additional services of John H. Farrell, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, as industrial agent, and that this work which is counted upon to bring new plants into this area shall be conducted from the Chamber of Commerce headquarters, providing a competent assistant to take over the conduct of that office under his supervision becomes a primary need.

Widen The Breach The United States and Britain are "treating Russians as infants," says Joseph E. Davies, former United States Ambassador to Moscow, in defending the Reds in their attempt to learn what they can about the secret know-how of atomic bomb manufacture through spying.

Curley Conviction Men who hold public office are under especial obligation to avoid even the appearance of evil. Their constituencies in particular and people in general look to them for leadership in the highest type of citizenship.

Glass Houses Probably the saying "People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones" is as old if not older than Aesop. But it has lost its pertinence.

QUOTATIONS The first commercial uses of atomic energy probably will be along conventional lines to drive generators. Later it may be possible to convert atomic energy directly into electrical energy without turbines.

Farmers would only have to keep their products on the farm for three days, and the (price) problem would be settled.—Henry H. Rathbun, president Dairymen's League Cooperative Association.

Statistics now show that the holiday sale of toys was a record breaker. Father simply has to be entertained.

Miracle Needed The price of food, shelter and clothing, says Chester Bowles, former Office of Price Administration chief and present economic stabilizer, can be held at their present level under President Truman's new wage-price policy.

Wise enough He qualifies his forecast with the stipulation that cooperation of the whole nation will be necessary if the Elysium he envisions is to be unfolded throughout the land. If he is to secure the cooperation of the people he must first bring the production of consumer goods not merely up to but above normal, because of the greatly increased spending power of the populace.

Wage Increases Stalled Productivity This is a fairly obvious item. I cannot pat myself down upon a piece of paper and stick it into my desk drawer and forget about it until next Tuesday. It is an item over which I become a choleric purple each time I am reminded of it—and I cannot sit down in a restaurant, walk along Front street, or go anywhere without being reminded of it.

McKenney On BRIDGE Harold Karp of New York gave me a couple of interesting freak hands, one of which I will give you today. Suppose you held the North hand, your partner has opened the bidding with one spade, and the next hand bids two spades.

Religion Day By Day I am denied the luxury of sweeping generalizations concerning any class or group, because I know too many persons in all classifications. In early boyhood I began to work at manual labor, and I have never gotten over my sense of identity with the wearers of overalls.

Remnants of the German fleet have been divided between Britain, Russia and U. S. Davey Jones still remains the big winner.

Three Oklahoma men who stole \$500 worth of musical instruments landed in jail, where they will face the music.

Fair Enough

By WESTBROOK PEGLER (Copyright, 1946, By King Features Syndicate) The Political Action Committee of the C. I. O. started incidentally and soon reached into the White House and the outposts of the Farm Security Administration by way of the department of Agriculture, the American Veterans Committee Inc., a similar political group and not necessarily benign, invites watchful and critical attention.

The expressed aims of this organization are such as Sidney Hillman and his P. A. C. could endorse, and Hillman's program, be it remembered, has been so consistent with the line of the communists that they joined him with wild whoops in the 1944 campaign and drove out of the so-called American Labor Party of New York, the entire socialist faction who now called the party a communist front out loud.

The UCLA means the Los Angeles house of the University of California. Mr. Harrison is a UCLA man and was chairman of the Student Religious Board and editor of the university daily paper.

In February, 1944, Harrison "contacted" Charles Bolte, an American veteran of the British Army who had lost a leg in Africa. Bolte took an office in New York and, by inner processes of his autogenous nucleus, became chairman. This small founding group, obviously because of political compatibility, rather than by coincidence, includes two members of the Lawyers Guild, two former employees of the Office of War Information, one former officer of the Allied Military Government in Italy, one alumnus of the London School of Economics, one former bureaucrat of the NRA, the fascist experiment of the first new deal; one public relations director of Hillman's P. A. C., two men associated with Time, Inc., and one veteran of the Office of Civilian Defense in Washington, that fantastic boon-doggie which introduced a female dancer and a male Hollywood beauty, friends of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, in the role of salaried public morale-builders. The Lawyers Guild, O. W. I., and the AMG attracted many communists, and the London School of Economics might be called, with equal truth, the London School for the Study of Communism. Time Inc., is something special with political peculiarities all its own.

Although Bill Mauldin, the left-wing political cartoonist, has insisted that veterans who join the A. V. C. should remember to be citizens, not veterans, his picture, published in the bulletin, shows him in uniform and helmet. All publicity concerning Bolte carefully notes the fact that he lost his leg and he is coming along to rival Long John Silver. And John McNulty, now 41 years old, a New York politician and ex-judge and official of the Lawyers Guild, served only 15 months entirely with the A. M. G., apparently starting from scratch as a captain at the age of 38 in 1943. Appropriate mention is made of the fact that William J. Caldwell, the treasurer, flew 68 missions as a gunner and radio operator. The bulletin does not tell us whether McNulty might have been drafted as a private had he not been commissioned.

On the average, the official roster of the A. V. C. would seem to be no more representative of combat veterans than any typical roster of the American Legion or the Veterans of Foreign Wars who have been derided for their strong and narrow nationalism. Its veterans of heroic service are adequately recognized even as they would be in the Legion or the V. F. W. and due respect is given individuals who served in less perilous commands, it being theirs not to reason why.

That man had a sense of honor and patriotism and democracy. He did not believe in special privileges for himself, I heard him once in a panel discussion of the labor question, and his views were American and Christian, as were also those of the representatives of labor who participated.

PEACE WORK



Could There Possibly Be Something We Men Don't See In Women's Hats?

BY JOHN SIKES There're few things that disturb me anymore, in case you're interested. This isn't due to any belated callousness or indifference. I have simply decided it's injurious to tranquil living to become too much upset over this problem and that dilemma. Things have a way of working themselves out provided you don't introduce too many of your own personal prejudices and obsessions.

Yesterday I was sitting in a restaurant getting ready to enjoy a good meal. Just when the first shrimp in the cocktail was being prepared for a savory mastication, in walks a lady with a face whose contours reminded me for all the world of a full moon in late October. She was one of these dumpy little creatures who'd obviously given a great deal more time to the raiment she squeezed her fulsome frame into than to the frame itself.

Well, really, I didn't give the frame anything other than a passing thought. I've seen too many of the type rigged out in slacks. (And why do some ladies, when they allow themselves to get far beyond the svelte figure stage, insist upon wearing slacks, no camouflage at all for the bulges that inevitably follow too much preoccupation with the dinner table?)

It could not have been a hat, unless the nightmares somebody like Dalí dreams up can be called hats. It was a little round affair with the circumference and depth of an individual chicken pot pie. Factly, a chicken pot pie would have been far more attractive because it would have had the added appeal of tastefulness.

Now, I'm not going to mention the hundreds and thousands of other such millinery I have noted here because to do so would just invite another spell of high blood pressure. I simply want to direct one or two or more questions to the ladies: Why do you wear these things? Is it because you all have an entirely different standard of beauty than we men, or are we men not privy to some esoteric and subtle ideal of beauty which is perfectly obvious to you ladies, or do you wear those darned things just to have some wrought up male like I am sit down and ask such foolish questions as these?

STAR Dust The Right Place One night O. Henry deserted the lowly haunts where most of his stories were laid to glimpse the bright lights of Broadway. At Forty second street he was suddenly accosted by an acquaintance, who exclaimed, "Gosh, I never thought I'd catch you over here. I suppose you're strolling about, picking up character."

The Doctor Says— VITAMIN C AIDS VICTIM OF SCURVY By WILLIAM A. O'BRIEN, M. D. Scurvy has been known since ancient times, when it was a serious disease in those undertaking long sea voyages, or in times of famine. But it is a modern disease, too, a nutritional deficiency disease caused by lack of vitamin C (ascorbic acid). Patients usually respond quickly to treatment with the missing vitamin.

The Literary Guidepost By W. G. ROGERS WINTER MEETING, by Thor Vance (Little, Brown, \$2.50). The affair Grieve, that's Sir Grant's term for the love of Sir Grieve and Lt. John "Slick" No-vak, U.S. submarine hero. After reading about Slick's exploit in the papers and seeing him in a newswreel, Stacy makes his acquaintance at a theater opening. Fond of meeting people and good places, he invites the hero to dinner and, to fill out a foursome, adds his friend Susan and his secretary Peggy.

LETTER BOX CONGRATULATIONS To The Editor: I congratulate you and your staff on Sunday's Star-News. Not only conveys a picture of what is going on in this area, but also portrays possibilities for the future.

FURTHER SERVICE ASKED To The Editor: In behalf of the Community Council of Wilmington I wish to congratulate the Star-News upon the excellent Sunday's issue. It was a most enlightening and informative presentation of our city's industrial and business ramifications.