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TOP OF THE MORNING If you were busy being glad, And cheering people who were sad,

P.T.A. Points The Way Attention is invited to a letter, reproduced on this page, from the Youth Welfare Committee of the county PTA council,

The Wilmington mothers whose names are signed to the communication are but a few of the city's parents who have properly been alarmed for the decadence of nation-wide moral and spiritual standards which stem at least in part from the glamorization of wrong-doing in current fiction and moving pictures.

The letter is particularly welcome, and should encourage other residents to hope for much needed reform, particularly as it indicates the PTA council is not content to wring its hands.

Their effort can be materially helped if other Wilmingtonians take up the cry. "Out of the mouths of many witnesses the truth shall be established."

An Azalea Bowl

Efforts to arrange a New Year's Day football game here, with the High school Wildcats representing Wilmington, fell through for a variety of reasons, none of which seems adequate.

Perhaps by another year the school authorities and all interests concerned will look with favor upon a "bowl" game.

Meanwhile the county commission will have time, if it hurries, to put the stadium in first class condition, with attractive approaches, comfortable seats, and even paved approaches with lined-off parking space.

Too, the Wildcats, which had a good season, all things considered, and never failed to draw capacity audiences, will have benefited by another year's training under Coach Leon Brogden and

should come mighty near winning the conference championship. It is not improbable that the 1947 playing season will end with the team on top.

Furthermore, as Wilmington is definitely set to take advantage of its azaleas and is planning for an azalea festival in 1948, the city would not lack for an appropriate name for its "bowl."

With proper publicity for an "Azalea Bowl" game on New Years, the festival scheduled a few months later would get advance advertising that could not be bettered.

This Time Lewis Surrenders

Eight times John L. Lewis called strikes in the bituminous coal industry and won out. The ninth time he lost. When he issued the order on Saturday ending the strike which had already caused untold suffering and put the brakes on industry, it was he who surrendered—not the government of the United States.

But it would be wrong to assume that by knuckling down, however humiliating that may be, however hard a blow it strikes at Lewis' egotism, the miners' czar has become, as we say, a back number. He ended the strike only because he knew full well that he could not win, and took the course he did in the hope of softening the judgment of the Supreme Court in the contempt case against him personally and the union he has so long misled.

Of course what the Supreme Court does cannot be forecast, but one thing is certain. Lewis violated a contract he had made with the government, and was not only guilty of contempt but precipitated what he acknowledges to be an "economic crisis." For doing that he is as guilty today as he was before he cancelled the strike.

Too much emphasis cannot be placed on this "economic crisis" of Lewis' creation. The country's average bituminous coal production is 2,000,000 tons a day. With production suspended, on his order, for seventeen days, the coal shortage reached 34,000,000 tons.

John D. Battle, secretary of the National Coal Association, has shown in a statement made in Washington that instead of working fifty-four hours a week, as Lewis had claimed, coal miners in September spent an average of 41.4 hours in the mines, including travel time, and received an average of \$61 a week, or about \$1.48 an hour.

One result of the strike's end is that the Krug-Lewis contract, made last May, will remain in effect until its calendar expiration next March. This means that Congress will have ample time to pass new legislation or revise the Wagner Act, so as to place the same responsibility upon labor unions that now rests upon industry, and require them to employ collective bargaining, without strikes during the necessary negotiations, before the contract expires.

Another result may well be that other union leaders who have prepared to call strikes in their unions will understand that their day of dominating the government and the people of the United States is drawing toward a close.

them alone. If labor itself suffers, they, again, must bear the blame.

They have sought to be dictators. The country has been slow to act, but at last has roused itself to the realization that in a republic like this there is no room for imitative or potential Hitlers.

As Pegler Sees It

BY WESTBROOK PEGLER (Copyright by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—All the better criticisms of John L. Lewis that are being heard today could have been uttered when he was the political ally of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Lewis has not changed. His methods and principals are the same.

These same objections to Lewis' conduct that are heard today were heard in those days but were howled down by the Roosevelt government and its political subsidiaries and proteges as the cries of American fascists.

It is wrong, it is dishonest to abuse Lewis today. He is not to blame. We do not blame a man for asserting his rights under law and, whatever the courts may decide as to whether Lewis has technically overreached his rights, there have been many cases in which individuals claimed rights under phases of law which had not been clarified.

If Roosevelt, in creating this monstrous power as a favor to a political protege, was false to his oath to guard domestic tranquility and promote the general welfare, what can Wagner say now to reconcile his law with his own professed purpose to promote interstate commerce?

In this strike we have heard, as though it were news, that Lewis is a dictator over the mine workers. But he was a dictator when Phillip Murray, now the president of the CIO, and an enemy of Lewis, was one of his subordinates on the national roster of the United Mine Workers.

Today we hear that Lewis is a sly one; that by using the stratagem of merely refusing to work "without a contract" he not only clears himself of the charge of calling a strike but saves money for his treasury by withholding strike benefits. This is "discovered" now in condemnation of Lewis by men who knew all about this lawyers' slick-trick years ago and applauded it. It was all part of a plan whereby the state treasuries were to take over the burden of unemployment benefits to workers made idle by union orders, leaving the unions' millions intact.

Lewis refuses to work "without a contract" because in going to work, his subjects would be guilty of trespass on the private property of the owners. But that position, often admired as a shrewd technicality, was abandoned when the vandals and rioters who formed the United Auto Workers of the CIO under Lewis, occupied plants during his sit-down strikes.

West having shown out, dummy returns the small club, and when East splits the honors, declarer wins with the queen. A small diamond is led to dummy and the eight of clubs led. Now East is helpless, and declarer loses only a heart and a spade.

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MAYBE HE'D BETTER DISCARD THAT ONE



GOP Boasts Wide List Of Leaders From Which To Choose '48 Nominee

By GEORGE GALLUP Director, American Institute of Public Opinion

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 7.—The resurgent Republican party turns toward 1948 with nearly a dozen popular leaders in the limelight as

McKENNEY On BRIDGE

Bridge game layout showing cards and player positions. Includes a table with South, West, North, East and a Dealer position.

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY America's Card Authority Written for NEA Service

If you hold a six-card trump suit to the ace-queen-nine, dummy held three to the king, would you lead to the king or to the ace of trumps?

Naturally, with declarer's trump holding, the only way he can lose a trick in trumps is to find one of the opponents with all of those missing. If West holds all four, there is no way for declarer to avoid the loss of a trick.

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possible G.O.P. nominees for the presidency. The air will likely be thick with hats hopefully thrown into the ring, because whoever wins that nomination has a better chance of being elected president than any Republican has had since 1928.

Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York is out in front at the moment in popularity among the rank and file of Republican voters, a new poll just completed indicates. His popularity increased after his re-election as governor Nov. 5.

Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, also enjoys wide popularity in the party. Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan, John W. Bricker, Governor Earl Warren of California, and Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio likewise have a steady following, although not as large as in the case of Dewey and Stassen.

The latest poll was conducted to determine how the outcome of the Nov. 5 elections might have affected the popular standing of various leaders with the rank and file of Republican voters.

Table showing poll results for various candidates: Dewey 52%, Stassen 17%, Vandenberg 9%, Bricker 8%, Warren 6%, Taft 5%, MacArthur 2.5%, Eisenhower 2.2%, Saltonstall 1.1%, Others 2.3%.

The figures represent the vote among those expressing an opinion. About one-fourth (23 percent) in the latest survey said they were undecided at this time about their choice of candidate. In the pre-election survey, 33 percent expressed no choice.

A candidates chances of winning the nomination are not necessarily improved by popularity at this time, a full year and a half before convention.

A year and half before the 1948 convention for example, the name Wendell Willkie was not even mentioned by Republican voters polled. Governor Dewey was leading in popularity then, with Vandenberg and Taft next.

Willkie started a meteoric rise in popularity just a few months before convention time, and ended up by taking the nomination away from those who had been in the limelight for a much longer period.

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The Doctor Says— B COMPLEX AIDS BODY, NOT MIND

Many people believe that extra amounts of certain members of the vitamin B group are required for optimal mental performance. Drs. Harold Guetzkow and Josef Brozek of the University of Minnesota have established, however, that the mind is not necessarily affected by the absence of vitamin B complex.

Vitamin B complex probably is composed of 12 or more constituents each of which plays an important role in health maintenance. To cite examples, a deficiency of thiamine can cause the patient to develop degeneration of the nerves or beriberi; a riboflavin deficiency causes soreness about the lips and tongue; and the lack of niacin (nicotin acid) is the cause of pellagra.

The importance of an adequate amount of vitamin B complex in the diet cannot, therefore, be overestimated. But the importance is purely physical and in no sense mental. This fact Drs. Guetzkow and Brozek established in a carefully-controlled scientific test.

They placed eight physically sound young men on a standard diet for 41 days, following which part of the thiamin, riboflavin, experimental diet for 161 days. After this period of vitamin-B complex semi-starvation, some of the subjects were deprived of vitamin B complex altogether for 23 days, then given thiamin alone of the complex constituents for 10 more days. The diets were normal in every other respect.

Deficiency of vitamin B complex has been reported to cause forgetfulness, decline of mental alertness, and flightiness; but it caused none of these in the test subjects.

The mental improvement which is reported to have followed the administration of vitamin B complex to demented elderly persons and mentally retarded children might be explained on other grounds. When vitamin B complex is important to general health, we have scientific proof that its absence does not necessarily interfere with mental performance.

QUESTION: I am 36 years old and desire a family. My husband considers the physical risk too great at my age. What is your opinion? ANSWER: You are not too old to have a baby.

books, good radio programs would not only teach the children but the parents. Of course, we realize the responsibility lies with the parents, but in so many instances nowadays parents are estranged or work and the children from necessity are making their own decisions when they really are not able to do so.

We feel the integrity of our country is really in jeopardy, and we, as a group of parents who are trying to bring up our children in honor and decency, raise our "small voice" to protest. If it is possible for you to start a crusade in the newspapers anywhere in the United States to raise a larger voice in this, one of the most important issues of the day, this crusade for better influences on the lives of our youth, we shall be most grateful.

We have written to our legislators, to the Attorney General, and to the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers; with a request to the latter that they make it the main objective for their new year.

With the hope that we can awaken our nation to the seriousness of this issue, we are,

Cordially yours, Youth Welfare Committee of the New Hanover Council of the Parent Teacher Association. Mrs. I. J. Sutton, Pres. Mrs. C. E. Bond Mrs. Robert Dannenbaum Wilmington, N. C. Dec. 7, 1946.

Letter Box

PTA TAKES STAND

To the Editor: Your editorial of November 14 "For Cleaner Novels and Films" struck a responsive chord in the minds and hearts of the members of the New Hanover Parent, Teacher Council. We very definitely feel that "the filth and smut and marital infidelity paraded through the pages of current fiction and in moving pictures" is contributing largely to the moral breakdown of our country; not only the children and teen ages, but the parents as well.

Visual education can be a stimulus for man's higher or baser motives and the origin of all deeds is his thoughts. Good pictures, good

WHY WE SAY "TO SHOW ONE'S HAND"



This expression is used to describe an open and frank person. It's a real Americanism coming from the poker table where a player shows his hand, proves he isn't bluffing and takes the pot.