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TOP OF THE MORNING

The Word is a lamp unto my feet and a Light unto my path. Ps. 119:105.
 The Word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the Gospel is preached unto you. I Peter 1:25.

KAY KYSER'S DENIAL

"Kyser Tags Governor Rumor Joke" was the theme of headlines appearing in many North Carolina newspapers last week.

It's good to see this loyal Tar Heel, who has used his wide prominence in radioland to publicize the state beyond its borders more than any other in a similar position, quash such talk.

Variety, the show world's top publication, started it with a report that he was having sponsor trouble stemming from his "anxiety to get his campaign started for Governor of North Carolina, which has been in his craw for sometime." He lost little time in terming such as "preposterous, absurd and one of the biggest jokes I ever heard of."

Many, although they wouldn't admit it, in Raleigh and elsewhere welcomed his denial. A colorful personality who keeps his ties with his old home state in good condition, Kyser would poll a substantial popular vote. It would be large enough to disturb the plans of many a conventional politician.

But this is not a "sound truck or hill-billy band state" politically. In only one major instance have such tactics paid off. Others who have tried that means to office have failed. Despite his good deeds, especially in behalf of the medical care and hospital building program, we cannot see Mr. Kyser as a potential winner as other entertainers have been elsewhere. It's best that he remain in his present field and leave the Tar Heel political one to more experienced professional hands. We're glad Kay sees it that way, too.

GEN. LUCAS CLEARED

The oft-debated issue of whether the Allies' Anzio assault forces should have dared to fan out immediately into the Alban hills or remained, as they did, on the small beachhead has finally been settled.

The authority—Field Marshal Albert Kesselring—is qualified to end the three-year-old military argument. It was he who led the German effort to drive the Americans and British back into the sea in one of the bloodiest campaigns of World War II.

In an interview in Germany, the veteran strategist said:

"It would have been the Anglo-Americans' doom to over-extend themselves. I was quickly gathering my first five divisions to attack. The landing force was initially weak, only a division or so of Infantry, and without armor. It was a half-measure as an offensive that was your basic error."

That this mistake was corrected, initially by the bravery of the first force and later by the pouring in of reinforcements, is now history.

Marshal Kesselring's words will be extremely interesting to American Maj. Gen. John P. Lucas, beachhead commander who was replaced by Maj. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott within a month because of "too much caution." The first high-ranking U. S. commander to be vindicated by statements from a former enemy, perhaps there will be others as more "other side" accounts come from sources comparable in authoritative to the former German field marshal.

THE MEANEST YET

To say that a thief "would steal from a blind man" is placing him in one of the lowest classifications of larceny.

But recently we have learned, with considerable regret, that there are some in our midst who are even lower than that.

They are those who, in the past, have pilfered the boxes placed in restaurants and other public places to receive contributions to the annual March of Dimes. These mean individuals are stealing from crippled children, helpless victims of infantile paralysis whose principal means of assistance is from this money.

Pointing out that seven of these receptacles were taken here last year with considerable loss, William K. Rhodes, Jr., chairman of the campaign, has called on city and county police to keep an especially close watch against such mean and low individuals. Such a thief is not easy to apprehend but you can cooperate by reporting any suspicious circumstance to the proper authorities.

The theft of the seven boxes last year meant that some child failed to receive the extra treatment their money represented. Because the fight is hard enough without having these vandals retard it, all efforts should be taken to end this nefarious practice during the current March of Dimes.

SCHOOL EMERGENCY

The report that more than 100,000 students in rural North Carolina are studying under teachers "not properly qualified" is a disturbing one to forces of education seeking not only to maintain but improve the state's standards. It came from Dr. James E. Hillman, of the State Department of Public Instruction.

He said that figures compiled during the past two months show 24.5 per cent of the 12,583 instructors in non-urban schools have less than Grade A certificates, which most superintendents agree is the minimum acceptable standard. He bases the total number of youngsters receiving sub-standard instruction by allowing 35, a conservative figure, to each teacher.

These facts illustrate further the deplorable condition existing in the schools today.

We agree wholeheartedly with Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, Superintendent of Public Instruction, that until the state has appropriated every dollar it can to increase teachers' salaries, "it has not done its duty to its children." He made the statement at a Raleigh gathering designed to launch an "Educational Crusade" to relieve the tremendously serious teacher-shortage situation.

Teacher personnel is fast slipping away and replacements are not attracted by the meager salaries. Because the shortage is nation-wide, the North Carolina situation is being made even more acute because numerous Tar Heel instructors are departing for those states offering higher salaries.

The situation is the greatest emergency—it reached that point simply because the salary question was ignored too long—confronting us today. It demands extraordinary action. The General Assembly, after considerable wrangling, has approved a substantial bonus. But its action in the near future on a long-range program will determine the quality and quantity of hope the people of North Carolina may have for a return of school standards to the proper level.

HAND IN HAND WITH SCIENCE

The U. S. Navy intends to lose no time in preparing scientifically for any future national emergency.

That's our feeling upon learning efforts to activate a Naval Electronics Warfare company here are under way.

Separate from the Naval Organized Surface Division 6-29, it will be composed of five officers and 40 enlisted men. It will train exclusively in radio, radar and sonar, related fields of electronics which fulfilled a tremendously important place in achieving victory in the late war. The unit, according to present plans, would be one of 30 companies and 125 platoons to be formed in the Sixth Naval district. Aside from the general preparedness feature, the program shows the Navy is today working closer than ever with science in the national defense program.

If any belief that it is reactionary toward new ideas and developments remains, this should help eradicate it. When man fights again—and he will unless permanent machinery for peace is set up—he's going to let science, from radar to giant guided missiles, be responsible for a big part of the awful burden. Because of this definite trend, it's fine to see the Navy extending the opportunities for acquaintance with these new weapons and defenses into all qualifying communities.

If the spirit that has accelerated other Naval Reserve organizational efforts here continues into this new endeavor, it should be but a matter of weeks before the unit is engaged on its valuable training program.

Along Broadway

BY WALTER WINCHELL

Notes of a Not-So-Innocent Bystander
 The Scoop of the Decade: The Daily Worker inquires: "Is the reason behind Walter Winchell's propaganda campaign to run FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover (for President) the fact that Hoover has a secret dossier on Winchell a mile long—including some particularly nasty items? Hoover permits no one to see this report and he will never know the name of my informant, who was never supposed to see it in the first place. Whenever Winchell who, alas poor lad, still has ambitions of becoming known as one of the nation's leading liberals—gets out of hand—Hoover merely eyebrows—a reminder of the dossier. The ironic thing about all this is that Hoover hasn't as much on Winchell as Winchell thinks he has!"

The Daily Worker, which so strongly advocates secondary boycotts, is now going into secondary hudegnings. . . . It has the nerve to say that John Edgar Hoover, uses dossiers against prominent citizens. Imagine Pravda saying something like this about the head of the Russian police . . . This brings up a question which has been troubling us for a long time. Just how much free speech is a foreign agent entitled to when it masquerades as a newspaper? The question should be answered not by the 1st and 10th of the U. S. Supreme Court, but by the rifle butts of the U. S. Marine Corps. . . . In any event, it's about time that a fourth class publication lost its second class mailing privileges.

The First Nights: The reviewers celebrated Bobby Clark Week, arriving in Victor Herbert's "Sweethearts," the matchless cut-up sets a howl-a-minute pace. Every laugh is a belly-whooper. Critics frisked the dictionary for every joyous adjective in an effort to translate their guffaws into words. Brooks Atkinson's mash note: "Is Bobby's personal and to steal a word from 'Finnis Rainbow' he is sort of grandish' . . . Who said aislemen are tough? The last three musicals to bounce into town earned plaudits aplenty . . . 'Temper the Wind' is probably the only show that has ever snared scoops. Many of the events that the play dramatizes are being confirmed by the daily bulletins from Hiltville.

The Cinemagicians: Mark Hellinger's latest dandy is "Swell Guy." The title is ironic, for the cinema is a superb study of a 7-letter male who is lower than a fallen arch. A tender beautiful, "The Yearling" sends its poignant message via the telegraphy of heart-beats. Gregory Peck and Jane Wyman are the super troupers. . . . "Dead Reckoning" rockets another bang Bogart sure-firecracker. Elizabeth Scott helps him light the fuse. . . . "Lady of the Lake" comes out first with a unique murder meller, while aimed by Bob Montgomery. . . . "Her Sister's Secret" offers the usual Hollywood. . . . "The Brute Man" displays a listless frightmaker that aims for the boyzerman and settles for the sandman.

The Wirelensers: Ruth Etting returned on the Vallee stanz like she had never been away. The lovely lady can still coo a lil, until it purrs with delight. . . . Those doliouesicians are the reason why vaudeville would rather be dead. A decent corpse wouldn't want to be caught dead in their presence. . . . Abbott and Costello are kernels off the old cob, but their hairy capering evokes an acceptable quota of chuckles. . . . Jacques Haley's shenanagging is jolly enough, without that embarrassing stage. . . . The continued circuit of Fieber McGee's wholesome frolic should be a lesson to the obnoxious vorices whose tasteless clowning could make a gargoyle vine.

The Press Box: The N. Y. Post on the 21st paid a reader \$1 for this pepigram: "The only thing that handicapped the Rankin and Dies Committees wasn't a lack of funds, but a lack of facts." A word-of-word lifting from this column of Jan. 17th. Mrs. Mollie Kallman of Brooklyn, who took that umbrageous dollar, will we presume rush it to the Dabney Ruyon Memorial Fund (for cancer research) in care of us. . . . Headline: "Margin Relaxation No Spur to Stocks". . . . Evensakest! You mean nothing will help, even when we but out? . . . The only people who are happy in the Durocher mess must be the National League umpires. . . . Following the exclusive report by this Sunday night on the air (that the Astor Hotel had been sold, which it was) Arthur Collins (vice-president of the realty firm) confirmed it to the N. Y. Sun's late editions Tuesday afternoon. . . . That night (in an early edition of a Wednesday paper) he denied it. As did Walter Monsees (in charge of Astor interests) at 21 W. 26th Street, who said: "I know nothing of any negotiations." . . . The hotel president, Robert Christenberry, declared to that paper: "It has not been sold!" . . . It also reported: "Officials of the City Bank Farmers Trust Co., trustee, said they knew nothing of any such negotiations." . . . Such responsibly. Moral: Tune in on that awful irresponsible Winchell on Sundays and get some leads.

Now Read This! A Providence publisher (at a meeting of editorial writers the other day) said that "in the 1920s the editorial page waned and the prestige and influence of the press diminished. . . . Of a sudden the news report, still accurate as to fact, became chaotic, bewildering, meaningless to most of us. It was at that period that so many publishers went to the market to buy syndicated columns of any trained scribe who could pretend to unravel the bewilderingments of the news for his readers. . . . I don't pretend, mister, I just report the news. Just like newspapers, mister, honest. Just like newspapers.

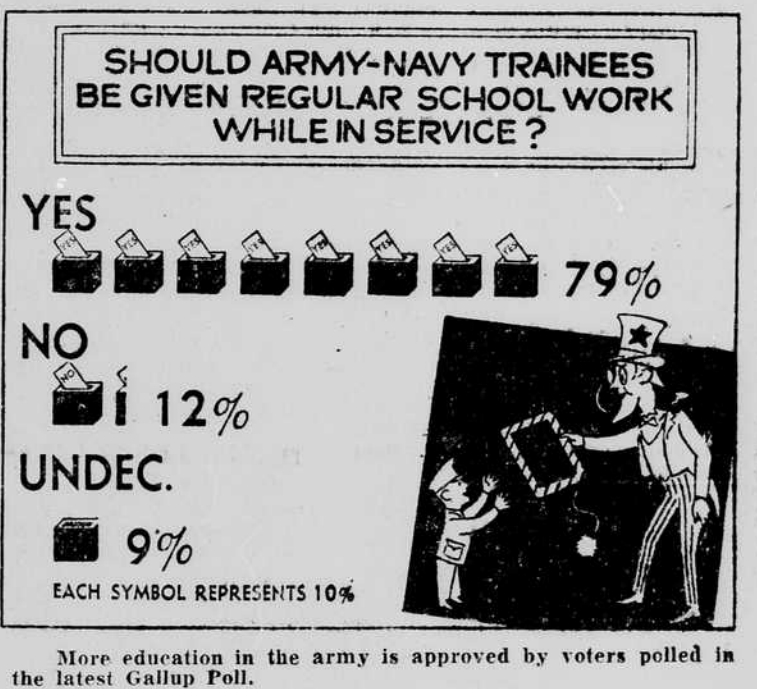
The Word Magicians: J. P. Stone (author of "Underground to Palestine") relayed a touching yarn via a Sabbath book store: Among those seeking to enter Palestine was a Gentile. He had saved two Jewish boys in Poland during the war and refused to be separated from them. Now several magars are featuring. Say, who do they think they are—colymists? . . . A newsmag tags Taft as "the best informed man in the Senate." That must be quite a jolt to the other 95 Honorables. Best informed? Just gaudy mis-garling misinformation prior to Pearl Harbor. . . . "Cities and Crusaders" (Holt) is an inspiring monument to the Unknown Civilian—men who devoted their lives to fighting for decency.

"KEEP YOUR HAT ON, WE'RE GOING PLACES!"



GALLUP POLL: More Education In Military Training Favored By Public

By GEORGE GALLUP, Director, American Institute of Public Opinion
 PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 25.—If Army and Navy training programs included classroom work that would count as credit toward high school or college diplomas, there is evidence that volunteering would be considerably more popular.
 For one thing, more close relatives—parents, brothers, sisters, etc.—say they would then advise the young men in their family to volunteer.
 Complaints are coming from many young men in army training camps that much of the work they have to do does not seem useful or constructive; and in some cases there are complaints that they do not have enough to do.
 To see what the attitude of the general public is toward the present military training program for young men, the Institute has conducted a coast-to-coast poll on various aspects of the situation.
 First it asked adults whether they would advise a young man of 18, 19 or 20 years of age to volunteer for service in the Army or Navy.
 Only a little more than half said they would recommend volunteering. "If you had a son or brother 18, 19 or 20 years of age, would you advise him to volunteer for service in the Army or Navy for a year?"
 The vote:
 Yes, would advise . . . 53%
 No, would not . . . 37%
 No opinion . . . 10%



More education in the army is approved by voters polled in the latest Gallup Poll.
 Working on the service might change people's attitudes can be seen from the results to the next question asked in the poll.
 "If the Army and Navy changed their training program to include regular high school or college courses, would you then advise him to volunteer?"
 The vote of the people who have a son or brother 18-20 years of age:
 Yes, would advise . . . 61%
 No, would not . . . 28%
 No opinion . . . 11%

In short, there is a substantial increase in the proportion saying "yes" when the idea of adding educational training to the service is introduced.
 There is also general approval of having military authorities try to work out a system whereby educational training in the service would count toward high school or college diplomas.
 "Would you be in favor of giving these volunteers enough regular school work in the Army or Navy so that they could earn one year of high school or college credit each year in the service?"
 The vote:

All voters	79%	12%	9%
Those with son or brother 18-20	80%	13%	7%

 Working out such an arrangement would, of course, involve many difficult problems. Schools and colleges have shown a tendency to be jealous of their own prerogatives in educating young people and have raised objections to the idea of the Army going into the business of general education. Army authorities, too, have raised questions as to whether it is the proper function of the Army to give the young men anything beyond basic drill, familiarity with weapons, and enough technical training to make them soldiers.
 But today's survey shows that the general idea of more education in the Army does have wide popular appeal and would undoubtedly meet with a favorable reception from public opinion as a whole.

Girl Offers To Disclose Slayer Of 'Black Dahlia'

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25.—(AP)—A husky blond girl who offered to name the "Black Dahlia" murderer "if the reward is big enough" was questioned by detectives here tonight while members of the homicide squad fanned out to track down a dozen new clues gleaned from a letter mailed by the "geomaniacal" slayer.
 Carol Marshall, 21, of Tulare, Cal., a six-foot one-inch, 160-pound blond, was brought here from Barstow, Cal., for further questioning after she told Barstow police: "I know who killed Beth Short (Elizabeth Short) and if the reward is big enough I'll talk."
 Detectives said they might ask her to confront Jirodeck John Jirodeck, who said he met Miss Short Jan. 13—a two days before her body was found—with a "big bossy blond." If Jirodeck's story is correct, he would be the last known person to see Miss Short alive.
 The letter, containing the slay girl's birth certificate, a personal address book with several pages torn out, a half dozen snapshots of pretty girls and one of a man, prompted an immediate emergency conference behind closed doors of every officer on the homicide squad.
 The letter was addressed to Los Angeles newspapers.
 "This is the big push," Capt. Jack Donahoe announced after the meeting. "Our men are fanning out now to bring in the killer."
 Detectives were also checking the names of the slay girl's friends through the little black book found in the envelope with the letter.
 They believed the letter eventually would break the case and give away and brazen murder who mailed it.
 "This contains the effects of the 'Black Dahlia,'" the note said. "Another letter will follow."
 The note was pieced together from whole words and single letters clipped from newspaper accounts of the torture murder of the pretty former movie extra, whose hacked body was found in a west side lover's lane Jan. 15.
 The Marshall girl was arrested with a diminutive male companion on suspicion of auto theft in Barstow, after they tried to sell a 1942 Chevrolet for \$700.
 Police turned to questioning her the "Black Dahlia" case after four persons reported over hearing her in a bar saying: "I know who killed Beth Short but I'm afraid to tell."

State Plumbing Board To Examine Applicants

The State Board of Examiners of Plumbing and Heating Contractors will meet for the purpose of examining applicants on February 19th to 21st inclusive.
 Due to congestion at State college, all examinations will be held in the Carolina Room of the Carolina Hotel Raleigh.
 Executive secretary, W. R. Morrison, says that approximately 115 applicants will attend in all professions, including plumbing, heating and air conditioning, and further that the public is invited to review the manner in which these examinations are given.
 Members of the Board are as follows: W. H. Sullivan, Chairman, Greensboro; L. L. Vaughan, Raleigh; J. M. Jarrett, Raleigh; H. G. Baily, Chapel Hill; R. V. Sisk, Charlotte; R. H. Haley, Charlotte; and C. C. Davis, Wilmington.

Two Negro Women Killed In Wreck

FAYETTEVILLE, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Two Negro women, identified by Cumberland County Coroner Joe W. Pinkston as Sarah Boyd, 40, and Stella Hamlett, 42, both of Kingstree, S. C., burned to death following an accident on highway 301 this afternoon.
 They were killed, Pinkston said, when the dump truck on which 14 Negroes were en route to a funeral in Rocky Mount overturned about 16 miles south of here.

Letter Box

TO THE EDITOR
 As a citizen I would like to make a few suggestions in regard to a revenue measure to be enacted by the legislator.
 In my opinion the franchise tax should not be reduced at this time, particularly a 1/4 cent reduction, as are paying more Federal taxes than state taxes. The \$1,400,000 in taxes that will be saved by the reduction in the franchise tax would be used to advantage in other ways.
 The franchise tax is levied by taking the physical property of a plant after allowing for depreciation, adding the inventory and then multiplying the total by \$12 for each \$1,000.00 value.
 The principal owners of utilities and other corporations are the only capitalists reported to be worth 100 million dollars before the tax was passed to his credit, some years ago paid less than \$100,000 in taxes in North Carolina. He was born here and had a home here but maintained his citizenship in another state.
 The dominant group in the moving picture theatre business in North Carolina are as ruthless a group as ever scuffled a state. Through their financial strength and strong arm methods they prevent competitors from getting the best pictures and gather up themselves most of the money being spent on amusement within our borders. A special tax placed on the ownership of these theatres would not protect the weaker theatres but would return to the public part of the enormous funds being spent for amusement. There is an obsolete two years ago known \$400,000.00 tax on the budget commission's recommendations.
 My next suggestion is a kilowatt hour tax on electricity, reducing the rate the same amount as the tax, in other words leaving the consumer just where he is today. Crump did this in Memphis, turning the saving on the public treasury instead of to the individual. The State tax is collected before the Federal tax and in recent years has been much less.
 Last year the Federal Government collected more than \$9 million dollars extra taxes on tobacco in North Carolina. This tax is set up as an expense head of State taxes, greatly reducing the amount of taxes North Carolina otherwise would get. As a matter of fairness part of this revenue should remain here. Last year the Federal Government returned to Porto Rico \$1 million dollars extra excise taxes collected here at Porto Rican tobacco and tax. Why should they not do as much for North Carolina?
 JOHN W. CLARK
 Greensboro, N. C.

LEGION PLANNING STATE CONFERENCE

Carolina Beach Members Attending Durham Parley To Further Plans
 W. L. Farmer, post commander, Wilmington American Legion and W. F. Matthews, post commander at Carolina Beach, left for Durham last night, where they will complete plans for the American Legion convention to be held at Carolina Beach June 14, 15 and 16. Both men will represent Carolina Beach at the American Legion Post Officers' Conference, January 25, 26 and 27.

While there they will also attend the distinguished guest committee meeting at which Gov. R. Gregg Cherry will act as honorary chairman.
 Farmer urges all persons who might have rooms to rent during the convention, to contact him at 2-2070 or George Applewhite, general housing chairman, Carolina Beach.
 Over 15,000 Legionnaires are expected to attend the convention in June.

CORONER'S JURY HOLDING DRIVER

Fort Branwell Man's Bond Continued At \$2,000 After Hearing

NEW BERN, Jan. 25.—(AP)—A coroner's jury, calling a 21-year-old man especially to the fact that he failed to stop after the fatal accident, recommended that Oscar Virgil Bryan, of the Fort Branwell station, be held for the grand jury in connection with the death of Daniel Barker Wilson January 14 on Highway 55 near Fort Branwell.
 Coroner Raymond Pollock Jr. continued Bryan's bond at \$2,000. Bryan is said to have been driving the automobile which struck the lad while riding on a bicycle and then struck Audrey Wooten, 12, and her brother, Jesse Wooten, 10, who were on the road with a small wagon. The two children were injured.
 When traced by highway patrolmen, Bryan is said by officers to have admitted driving a car that struck the children but to have been too frightened to stop. He said he didn't know for sure whether or not they were actually hit. He said he was being held by the bright lights of an approaching car and that the bicycle carried on Highway 55 did not testify, being represented by an attorney.

St. John's A. F. & M. Hold Special Ceremony

A special meeting of the St. John's Lodge No. 1 A. F. & M. was held yesterday afternoon, according to Charles B. Nevels, secretary.
 The ceremonies began with conferring of the Degree of Entered Apprentice at 2:30 o'clock, followed by the Degree of Fellow Craft at 4:30 o'clock and the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at 6:15 o'clock.
 Supplies for members was held at 7:15 o'clock and labor was resumed at 8:15 o'clock.