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"The basis of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first objective should be to keep that right, and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without government, I should not hesitate a moment to choose the latter. But I should mean that every man should receive these papers and be capable of reading them."—Thomas Jefferson.

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 1951.

LIGHT ATTENDANCE

Note on democracy at work; from the Associated Press:

"Washington, May 10.—Secretary of Defense George Marshall played to a scanty house when he took the stand today for his fourth day of Senate questioning. Of the 26 members of the two committees studying our Far Eastern policy, only 11 were on hand as Marshall resumed his testimony."

It is to be remembered that this hearing business—the unfortunate casting about through the controversial foreign policy of the government, did not take place at the behest of General Marshall, or any of the other witnesses. It was the work of the national legislators, who don't seem to care to attend the thing they produced. It is to be assumed that the eleven on hand are perhaps sidin' with the witness, while the 15 absentees might be more or less agin' him. At any rate the government would appear to the folks to be much stronger if the folks in the legislative branch would "show up" in creditable numbers, at a time when the fate of the nation and even of civilization is said to be in the balance.

NINETY-FOUR YEARS AGO

With the speed and tensions of the machine age, the maddening rush of the folks for gold, and for power and for position, we are used to viewing with terror "the confusion and frustration" rampant in the nation, and usually wind up with the observation that "things were never in such a mess."

Truth is we've always had our troubles, economic and otherwise, and once in a while it's interesting to note that other generations figured the jig was up. In this connection a reprint from "Harper's Weekly" of October 10, 1857, fairly oozes gloom and despair. We quote:

"It is a gloomy moment in history. Not for many years—not in the lifetime of most men who read this—has there been so much grave and deep apprehension; never has the future seemed so incalculable as at this time.

"In our own country there is universal commercial prostration and panic.

"In France the political caldron seethes and bubbles with uncertainty; Russia hangs as usual, like a cloud, dark and silent upon the horizon of Europe; while all the energies, resources and influences of the British Empire are sorely tried, and are yet to be tried more sorely, in coping with the vast and deadly disturbed relations in China.

"It is a solemn moment, and no man can feel an indifference—which happily, no man pretends to feel—in the issue of events.

"Of our own troubles no man can see the end. They are, fortunately, as yet mainly commercial; and if we are only to lose money, and by painful poverty to be taught wisdom—the wisdom of honor, of faith, of sympathy and of charity—no man need seriously despair."

But the country rallied from the troubles of the fifties, from the ensuing Civil War, from panics and depressions and all manner of evil, and again, the might of the land will prevail, and there will be happier days and fairer skies and peace for a time. Unreasoning despair has no valid claim on the life of America.

IGNORANT OF ISSUES

General Matthew B. Ridgeway, supreme allied far east commander, whose troops are distinguishing themselves this spring, particularly in stopping cold the May Day offensive of the Communists, is alarmed because America does not seem to understand the issues in Korea.

Doubtless the General is unable to understand why America is so indifferent, so callous to the terrifying implications of the Korean conflict, while her leaders concern themselves with day by day exhibitions of political bickering and maneuvering for advantage in the quest for office. At any rate he writes to his church, and makes quite plain the unspeakable terrors of the Korean conflict, at the same time envisioning a sim-

ilar fate for our people, if we do not face the issue.

General Ridgeway says:

"Would God the American people might see a full length movie of current events here in their true setting. It would, I think, make crystal clear the issues for which their sons fight and are content to fight. Yet America seems not to know.

"Hundreds of thousands of poor people, the old, infirm, infants, the sick, fleeing night and day across country, over the ice of frozen streams, in temperature at zero, no shelter at night but that obtained from huddling together and from such of their belongings as are on their backs or on ox or small two-wheeled carts, driven to all this by one seemingly overpowering fear, the fear of government by Communists.

"Is not the issue truly whether some day our women, our babies, our sick and our aged are to be driven forth by Asiatic masters, or now while yet there's time, this America and our allies may extinguish all petty issues and unite with all they have to destroy the greatest peril we have ever known?"

DALE CARNEGIE . . .

TENANT OF THE MIND

More than twenty years ago, C. T. Danielson, Minneapolis, Minn., got the same bad news that came to thousands of people one dark day in November, though at the time, no one knew how really bad the news was going to prove to be. This was when the stock market crashed and the great depression started that lasted until the beginning of World War II.

One day his telephone rang. His broker on the wire, needed additional margin for operating. Everything Mr. Danielson owned in cash and securities had already been deposited at the beginning of the break; he could no more. The end had come. His account had to go "at the market." It was four days before he learned his fate. Yes, his entire hard-earned thirty thousand dollars had been wiped out. Not only that, but he owed the brokers eight hundred dollars more which he couldn't pay. Dead broke and with a wife and two young children!

Of course his nights became sleepless; of course his days were beset with nervous fears, made worse by the knowledge that everyone around him also was suffering. Every man he met was ill at ease, wondering which road to take to that land called Security. By and by his hands were trembling, also his voice; his heart action became turbulent. He went to the doctor; toxic goitre was developing. This last mean an operation.

Fortunately for him, the doctor who attended him was a man wise in the ways of humans. Before going to the operating room, this wonderful man sat down beside C. T. Danielson and said, "My good friend, I want to tell you something. Right in here (he placed his hand on Mr. Danielson's fevered brow) is room for only one tenant. The choice as to the type of that tenant is yours, definitely yours. No two types can claim joint priority leases on the occupation of your mental premises. Only one tenant has that right and privilege. If Old Man Worry takes possession, the walls of your mind will be plastered with Fear, Gloom, Despair and Certain Failure. And you will be wrecked. But if you take Courage for your tenant, you will have a helpful Comrade. Now take your choice."

Well! C. T. Danielson made his choice, right then and there, and he says he is even thankful that it was necessary for him to have that operation for he might not have learned the lesson that has meant so much to him for 20 years and which will be valuable to him to the end of his days.

THEY SAY . . .

HAROLD W. DODDS, president, Princeton University: "The sure way to provoke World War III is to leave Europe open to easy conquest by the Kremlin."

LONDON ECONOMIST, British publication: "No war with Russia could be won without the Western powers controlling the Mediterranean."

BENJAMIN F. BARBER, Presbyterian preacher: "Something has happened to our ideas of right and wrong in private and public life."

OTTO GRIEBLING, circus clown: "Comedy is sadness."

ANTHONY EDEN, former British Foreign Minister: "It was the United States alone that saved the life of Western Europe."

REPORT, Senate Crime Investigating Committee: "Gambling profits are the principal support of big-time racketeering and gangsterism."

GEORGE SANTAYANA, 87-year-old philosopher: "A Christian calls himself a sinner, but he seldom regrets his sins and hardly ever corrects them."

FIRMAN E. BEAR, head of Soils Department, Rutgers University: "There is reason to believe that many weeds make highly important contributions in mobilizing minor elements in the soil."

GEORGE C. MARSHALL, Secretary of Defense: "Our objective in Korea continues to be the defeat of the aggression and the restoration of peace."

DOUGLAS MacArthur, General, U. S. A.: "The first blow in the next war may well be the decisive blow."

HARRY S. TRUMAN: "We cannot go it alone in Asia and go it in company in Europe."

PICKED UP . . .

CHANGE

If the news of the world is distressing, you can get change of pace by speculating on the size of your taxes for the coming year.—Christian Science Monitor.

DIFFICULTY

In getting up statistics on literacy and illiteracy, a difficulty is the in-between case, as represented by the small son's first letter home from camp.—Denver Post.

ART

Counterfeiters once more are active, though no one knows exactly why. Considering the actual value of a buck, the homemade imitation can only be art for art's sake.—Portland Oregonian.

Recreation Funds

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softball program \$150; indoor equipment (ping-pong, shuffleboard, et al) \$100; mowing, \$50.

Mr. Shackford urged an immediate and ready response when the campaign is under way, suggesting that the minimum amount could be met as easily as 50 business establishments giving \$10 apiece. Few businesses, he reminded, but would realize far more than \$10 out of the additional trade that an active recreational program would stimulate, to say nothing of the benefit to the members of the community and the attraction it would offer summer visitors.

The appeal was repeated for enrollment of teams for the softball program. Leagues are planned for the following: Boys, 6-8, 9-11, 12-14; Men, 15 and up; Girls, 8-12, 13-18. Mrs. Charles Wilfong has accepted supervision of the organizational work of the girls' leagues. Bill Murray has been selected to head organization of the Men's league, of which only teams from the Methodist Church and the College faculty have been reported.

Horseshoe - pitching competition has been placed under the supervision of John Justice, Alfred Adams, and Watt Gragg, the latter two persons claiming the unofficial championship for Watauga County.

General playing area for the recreational program will be the high school softball fields and other facilities of the schools in cooperation with Dr. Herbert Wey and Mr. John Howell. The Dougherty family has granted permission for the use of the lot between the Baptist and the Methodist churches for the pre-school playground.

Anyone who will supervise an area of the program such as a softball league, swimming for young boys, weekly hiking trips, fishing jaunts, or scenic tours, is requested to contact Mr. Shackford immediately. The program will be a volunteer one, and only wide cooperation and assistance by members of the community will make such a program work.

Mrs. J. D. Brown, 82, Is Mother of Year

Mrs. J. D. Brown, 82 years old, was honored Sunday by the Blowing Rock Baptist Church as local mother of the year, and beautiful Mother's Day floral tributes were presented her.

Mrs. Brown is a charter member of her church, which was established in 1903.

There are nine sons and daughters, as follows: James H. Brown, Phoenix, Arizona; Mrs. Rose Edna Garvey, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Nell Banner, Americus, Ga.; Conroy D. Brown, Spokane, Wash.; Clarke Brown, Jefferson, N. C.; Mrs. Gladys Lee, Greenville, N. C.; Glenn Brown, Asheville; Kent Brown, Blowing Rock; Wade E. Brown, Boone. There are 17 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

J. Edgar Hoover warns that crime rise endangers U. S.

KING STREET

Continued from page one) east of "the square" and recalls how the leading folks of the town cursed him—later approving his actions, wishing he had made it wider . . . Mr. Hahn recalls that when he came here from Gastonia in 1921, he and his family "boarded" for a while in the suburban home of Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Perkins, where they lived "off the fat of the land," for \$1 per day per capita . . .

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the "Lord Prayer" and will show its relation to personal living and world problems.

The following seniors are now candidates for graduation and when they pass final examinations and meet course requirements for this semester will be presented their diplomas by Dr. Herbert Wey, principal, on May 25. The candidates are: Bill Bentley, Clay Beshears, Bill Crawford, Kermit Dacus, Joe Edmiston, Leonard Greer, Dixon Qualls, Janet Bingham, Cleo Bolick, Lynn Brown, Pearl Brown, Wynona Buchanan, Betty Lee Burkett, Marie Carroll, Mildred Clawson, Faye Cook, Edith Critcher, Mildred Dean, Maryann Fairchild, Betty Raye Greene, Lenore Greene, Pauline Greene Wilcox, Lena Greer, Nadine Greer, Doris Hartley, Jean Hartley, Barbara Hodges, Cecil Greene, Jack Hardy, Glen Hodge, John Idol, Bill Miller, Bill Moretz, Bobby Miller, John Moretz, Milton Moretz, Keith Moretz, Guy Norris, Lloyd Rogers, Bill Well-

born, Albert Winebarger, Peggy Honeycutt, Ramona Hardy, Betty Hughes, Pearl Jones, Sara Jane Lewis, Janet Maine, Betsey Norris, Betty Jean Norris, Neva Norris, Betty Joyce Norris, Faye Norris, Mary Frances Norris, Beatrice Presnell, Marjorie South, Betty Steelman and Jean Winebarger.

Appalachian High School seniors have been busy for the past several weeks getting ready for final examinations and graduation. Approximately twenty of the seniors, accompanied by senior sponsors, have just returned from a weeks trip to Washington, D. C. The trip was very profitable and was enjoyed by all. Those making the trip were Clay Beshears, Bill Crawford, Cleo Bolick, Marie Carroll, Mildred Dean, Betty Raye Greene, Lenore Greene, Nettie Lou Rogers, Cecil Greene, Glenn Hodge, John Moretz, Milton Moretz, Bill Wellborn, Betsy Hughes, Janet Maine, Betsey Norris, Betty Joyce Norris, Neva Norris and Marjorie South.

Following the trip to Washington, all seniors took a full-day trip to Lake James where they swam, fished and picnicked during the day. Last Tuesday,

the senior class was the guest of the Women's Worthwhile Club at a picnic on Harmon's Hill. The senior girls defeated the senior boys in a tug of war. They also enjoyed other games. Following the picnic all seniors were the guests of Mr. Bob Agle at the local theater where they enjoyed a delightful movie.

Immediately following the graduation exercises a reception

was held at the home of Mrs. Betsy Norris. The graduates and their families were given a special luncheon. The graduates are now entering the new school year at the college.

for the seniors and their families is being given by the faculty in the high school study hall.

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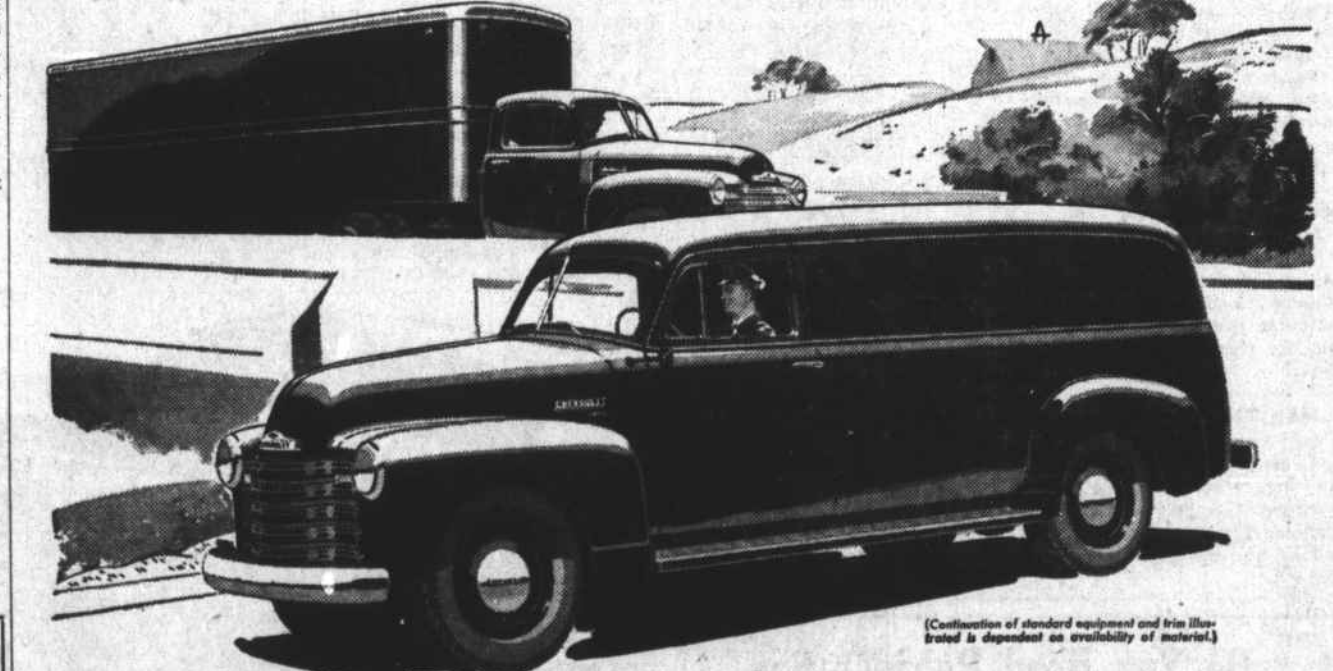
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