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The influence of weekly newspapers on public opinion exceeds that of all other publications in the country.—Arthur Brisbane.



POPULATION DATA (1930 Census)

Table with 2 columns: City Name and Population. Includes Salisbury (16,951), Spencer (3,128), E. Spencer (2,098), China Grove (1,258), Landis (1,388), Rockwell (696), Granite Quarry (507), Cleveland (435), Faith (431), Gold Hill (156). Total (Population Rowan Co. 56,665)

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 1935

TREE MONTH

It is one thing to quote Joyce Kilmer and sentimentalize about trees that lift their leafy arms to pray. It is another to come to their rescue.

April is a month of Arbor Days in the states. It is a fitting time to assay America's first serious movement to reforest naked wasteland and eroded hillsides.

According to Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the American Tree Association, last year saw more than 85,500,000 trees planted on 84,000 acres of state forest land, and some 78,000,000 trees set out in 77,000 acres of national forests. This year there will be many more state plantings and at least 150,000,000 trees started growing in national forests.

Spring plantings along the "shelter belt" project alone will aggregate 2,000,000 trees, a small beginning compared with the 10-year program for this magnificent adventure in soil saving and water conservation. FERA also is financing tree-planting projects for highways and city parks.

The chief factor nationally in forest rebuilding is the Civilian Conservation Corps, which last year tripled normal plantings in national forests, and will do much better under the new enlarged program. The states have piled up creditable records. New York with 40,000,000 plantings, Wisconsin with 15,000,000 new trees, and Michigan with 12,000,000, led the states last year.

Encouraging as are these projects it is equally important that private timberland be protected from destruction. The conservation of timber on the privately owned three-quarters of our total forests should be assured. Stricter conservation between the Government and the industry is required.

A MATTER OF DISCRETION

Members of the President's family inevitably occupy a very delicate position. Their activities are certain to be watched with keen interest. Partisan critics may be expected to publicize every act of questionable propriety and to impute improper motives to transactions that are at most merely indiscreet. To avoid unfavorable comment of this kind a son of the President must hold himself aloof from positions and associations out of which any possible suspicion may grow.

It is impossible, of course, for members of the President's family

to hibernate on a desert island during his term of office. Nor is it fair to ask them to forego remuneration for work they may be well qualified to perform. There are, however, certain positions from which any close relative of the President should be excluded by discretion if not by precedent or law. In this category must be included all lobbying jobs and others in which political influence might be employed.

The reason for observance of a high ethical standard in this respect is obvious. No one supposes that any President would be influenced to favor some special interest represented by a member of his family, even if some member should be so injudicious as to discuss his personal interests at the White House. But Government bureaus, commissions and members of Congress often find it difficult to assume an impartial attitude when a member of the President's family is known to be interested in the subject before them.

Two of President Roosevelt's sons have been named in congressional discussions of political influence during the last fortnight. In neither of these cases is it even suggested that they solicited favors for firms they represent. But the Senate Munitions Committee has shown that the name of James Roosevelt was used in soliciting contracts for the construction of two Navy destroyers.

Unpleasant incidents of this kind can be avoided only by complete aloofness on the part of the President's kin from the arena of political influence.

TODAY AND TOMORROW

—BY— FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

UTOPIA . . . More's book One day last week Pope Pius XI did two things. He denounced all persons who seek to bring about war, and he approved the canonization of John Fisher and Thomas More, two Englishmen who were beheaded in 1535 by order of King Henry VIII, because they set the authority of the then Pope above that of the king.

I imagine the Pope's denunciation of war may have a powerful effect in Europe, but I am wondering whether His Holiness did not smile inwardly over making a saint out of Sir Thomas More. It seems so appropriate to these times, when the whole world is experimenting with new schemes of government designed to make everybody happy, to glorify the author of the first modern schemes to do just that.

"Utopia," Thomas More's description of a mythical island where a perfect system of government was in force and all human relations were adjusted and regarded so that there was no poverty and no unhappiness, was the most sensational book of its time. Published more than four hundred years ago, it affected the political thinking of generations of Englishmen. Its title has come to symbolize the ideal social state, or rather the dream of an unachievable ideal of perfection. I think Thomas More will be remembered longer for "Utopia" than as a saint of the Catholic Church.

HAMMOND . . . at 80

Forty years ago a young American mining engineer was sentenced to be hanged in South Africa. He had taken part in a raid by English adventurers against the government of the Dutch South African Republic in the Transvaal. He wasn't hanged, but got off with a fine of \$125,000, and on the 31st of March this year John Hays Hammond celebrated his eightieth birthday by bringing out his autobiography.

The Jameson raid, however, resulted in a war between Great Britain and the Transvaal Republic, which began in 1899 and lasted three years, ending with the absorption of the Transvaal into the British dominions. It was a good deal like the prospective war between Italy and Abyssinia, and just as the sympathies of most Americans now are with Abyssinia, so we were almost unanimously on the side of the Boers.

This won't be a perfect world so long as powerful nations continue to gobble up weak and unprotected countries.

SCOUT . . . who knew I can't think of the South Afri-



WE COULD tell you the name of

THIS COUPLE, but perhaps half

OF OUR readers will guess it right

QUICK ANYWAY. "My dear,"

SAID THE husband to his wife

WHO FOUND him in the bed-

ROOM WITH a wet towel Clasped

TO HIS brow, "I simply can't

STAND THESE people any long-

ER. I'VE got a splitting headache."

HIS WIFE protested, "but I can't

POSSIBLY ASK them to go home.

THEY ARE our guests, remem-

BER." He gave her an agonizing

LOOK. "CERTAINLY you can't

PUT THEM out," he said, "but

YOU COULD at least go and seat

YOURSELF AT the piano."

I THANK YOU.

can war without recalling my old

friend Major Frederick Russell

Burnham, still living at 74, Born

in Minnesota, he escaped the Indian

massacre at New Ulmy being hid-

den as a baby under a corn shock.

He grew up to be one of the best

scouts of the Southwest in the days

of our Indian wars. Then he went

to South Africa to help the British

pioneers in their efforts to control

and pacify the native tribes. Zulus

and Matabeles. I have sat with

him many a night while he told me

enough hair-raising tales of his ad-

ventures to fill a book.

When England decided to go to

war against the Boers, Lord Roberts—

Kipling's "Little Bobs"—was

appointed to command the troops.

Before he left England he asked

men who knew what the army

would need most. "Scouts," he was

told. "Scouts who know the coun-

try; and the best of them all is

Fred Burnham." Burnham had

come back to America. A cable was

sent to the British Embassy in

Washington to get hold of him at

any cost. Burnham had just reach-

ed Juneau, Alaska, and was about

to start inland for the goldfields

when the message reached him. He

turned around and went back to

South Africa, as chief of scouts of

the British Army.

It was from his admiration for

Burnham and the qualities which

the American drilled into his scout

corps that General Baden-Powell

got the idea for the Boy Scouts or-

ganization. That is, perhaps, the

most far-reaching result of Fred

Burnham's adventurous life.

CANADA . . . new boss

A Commoner has been appointed

Governor-General of Canada, John

Buchan, Scottish novelist, historian

and dramatist.

It is hard to imagine John

Buchan maintaining the almost

royal state of the Marquesses,

Dukes and Earls who have pre-

ceded him. In my boyhood, close

to the Canadian border, the Mar-

quess of Argyll, afterwards Duke of Argyll, was Governor-General, and his wife was the Princess Louise, daughter of Queen Victoria. Later in life I came in contact, as a newspaper reporter, with two Governors-Generals, Lord Aberdeen, an affable, courteous gentleman who rather liked newspaper men, and the Earl of Minto, who never felt comfortable except on horseback.

Canada, under Governor-General Buchan, will keep on running its own affairs, as it has really done for a hundred years. And sometimes I think they have made a rather better job of it in many respects than we have on this side of the border.

HANDY . . . the autogiro

The handiest contrivance I've heard of yet is the new combination flying machine and automobile which the Department of Commerce has just ordered. It's an autogiro with folding vanes, that one can keep in his home garage. When you want to fly, just run it down the road a piece till you come to a good place for a take-off, then soar.

I hope the blame thing works. But I'm wondering what's going to happen to all our magnificent highway system when everybody travels by air. Maybe we'll just leave the concrete roads to the trucks. It will be a relief to get away from them.

PICAYUNES

Q. When was San Francisco founded?

A. It was settled at a fortified town and Spanish mission in 1776.

GEORGE'S OATH

Q. Give the chapter and verse in the Bible on which President Washington took his first oath of office.

A. It is a Masonic tradition that he kissed the open Bible at Genesis 49:14. The page was adorned with a picture of Issachar as "a strong ass, crouching down between two burdens."

HOOVER SUMMER CAMP

Q. Where was the "summer White House" during President Hoover's Administration? Does President Roosevelt use it?

A. President Hoover spent long week-ends in his camp at Rapidan, Va., in the Blue Ridge Mountains. After he retired he deeded the camp to the State of Virginia for recreational purposes. President Roosevelt has visited it, but he does not use it during his summer holidays.

GRAY

Q. Is gray spelled with an a or an e?

A. Either is correct, but grey is more common in England, and gray in the United States.

U. S. INCOME

Q. What was the national income of the United States in 1933?

A. It was estimated at \$46,800,000,000.

COINS

Q. Are there any United States coins with heads on both the obverse and reverse sides?

A. No.

KING EDWARD VII

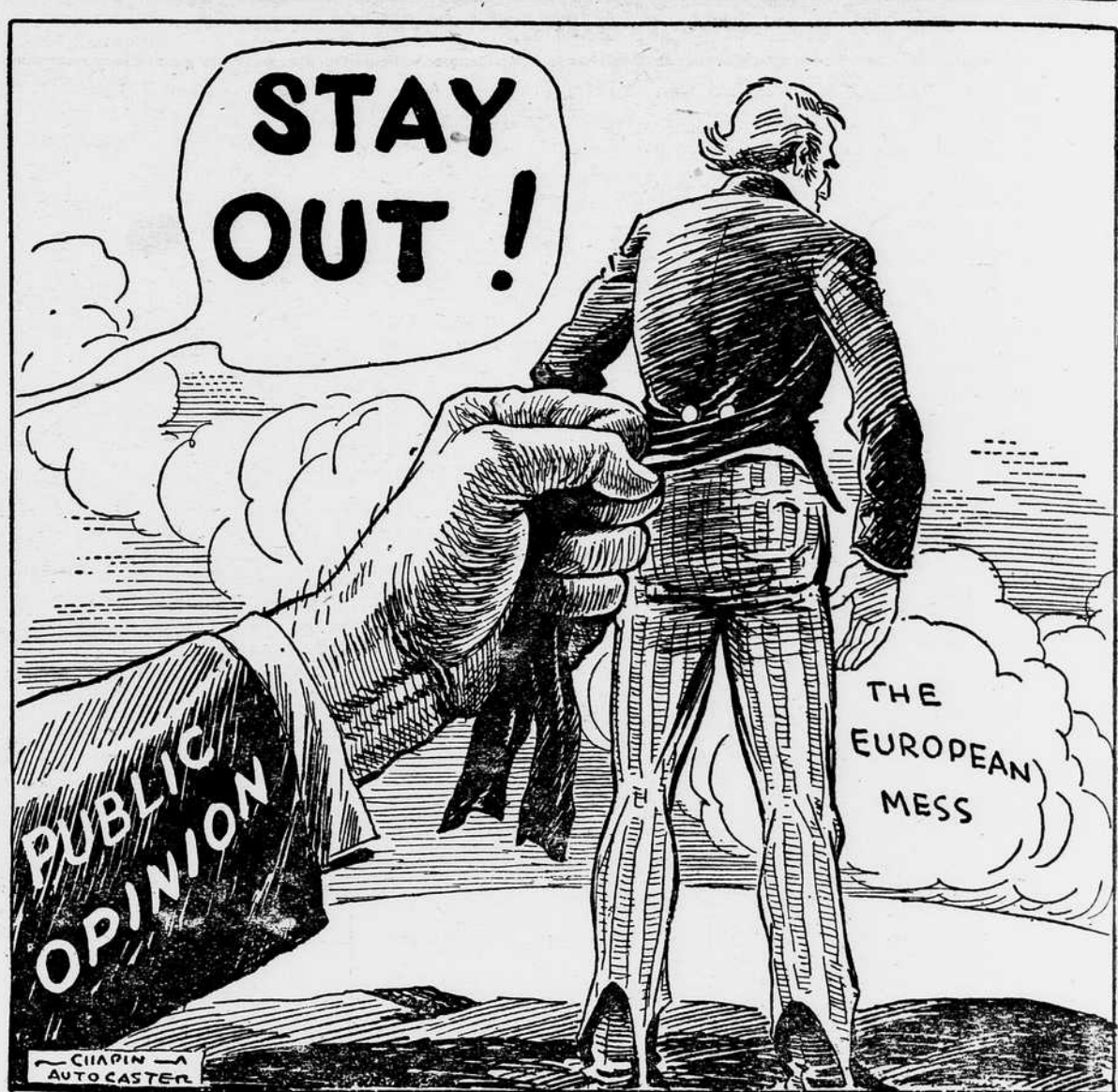
Q. When did Edward VII succeed to the British throne and when did he die?

A. He succeeded Queen Victoria on Jan. 22, 1901, and died May 6, 1910.

POMIFORM

Q. What does pomiform mean?

In No Uncertain Tones — by A. B. Chapin



A. Apple-shaped. absolute zero contains heat. Mrs. Hadley: "Our baby is very smart. He's only a year old and he's been walking since he was eight months old." Stoudemire: "He must be awful tired by now."

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