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Few literary men worry about clothes declares a writer. Although many an author has learned the value of an attractive jacket.—The Humorist.

Leading citizens should be compelled to take every seventh year off for the good of the community. — William Feather Magazine.

Courage Needed

Because Columbus conquered the many difficulties which confronted him in his efforts to raise funds to start on the great adventure; and because he would not let his sailors dissuade him from his purpose even when they thought even God wouldn't know should they die, we have been able to grow up in this country where personal problems are more easily conquered than anywhere else on this globe. With this in mind we present the following very unique arrangement recently brought to our attention:

- C—stands for Courage to sail on towards the west,
- O—for overcoming each sailor's best.
- L—is for love, of adventure and right,
- U—for Unwilling to give up the stiff fight.
- M—is for Mutiny he had to put down,
- B—for the Birds, telling land would be found.
- U—for the Union of races to come.
- S—for sure Safety in their new western home.

This nation today needs more men with courage; men who are not afraid to tackle knotty problems for fear they will make an enemy; men who dare stand by their convictions even in the embarrassment of standing alone.

And this nation today needs women with the courage of those who first braved Atlantic's storms to settle a new world; women who would be willing to sacrifice a social engagement in order to back up and help the kind of men we tried to describe in the paragraph above.

Nations are made of individuals and no nation is stronger physically, spiritually, or mentally than its people.

The New Labor Law

One result of the new Wage-and-Hour law, which has just gone into effect, is bound to be some new decisions by the courts of what constitutes interstate commerce. The whole question of the line where Federal authority begins and State rights end is involved in this Act of Congress, which is a far-reaching statute and likely to give employment to lawyers for a long time.

The essence of the new law is that any person, firm or corporation doing as much as 20 per cent of its business in interstate commerce must pay its lowest-paid employees a minimum of 25 cents an hour for all time worked up to 44 hours a week, and if they are required or permitted to work more than 44 hours, they must be paid time-and-a-half for the overtime.

It is difficult for the ordinary business man to decide for himself whether he comes under the scope of the new law. What is interstate commerce? How much of the raw material used by a local builder, for example, has to come from another state before the construction of a house comes into the stream of interstate commerce?

The house itself is, of course, not an interstate transaction: it remains in the state where it was built. But the lumber may have come, and often does, from a state a thousand or more miles away; and nails, hardware, electric fixtures, plumbing equipment from other states. Does the builder's business come under the scope of the Wage-and-Hour Act or not?

Election

During the past week the main topic of conversation in Wilkes has been the election.

It is interesting and refreshing to note that in all the conversation there has been a minimum amount of allegations of election irregularities.

In spite of the intense rivalry between the two parties there were no major disorders, no fights of serious consequences and no election contests.

The county board of elections and precinct election officials of both parties deserve a word of commendation for conducting the election in a manner which seems to have met with the approval of a vast majority of the voters and interested parties. The absence of friction and contests continued throughout the canvassing of the returns and certification of the winning candidates.

Those Mounting Taxes

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States alleges that the increase of taxes by Federal, state and local governments, by diverting a high proportion of the national income from private enterprise to non-productive governmental uses, is a powerful brake upon the growth and activity of business and industry.

In its recently-issued booklet, "Facts about taxes and public spending," this national organization of business men gives some surprising statistics.

Since 1923 the volume of money collected in taxes in the United States has nearly doubled, it says. The tax burden of the individual citizen has increased from \$79.86 a year to \$130.75, of which practically half is in Federal taxes, the rest by other governmental units.

The increase in the proportion of Federal taxes, from less than a third to nearly half of the total tax burden, has not kept the national Government from going into debt. On the contrary, Government is still spending nearly 50 per cent more than it collects in taxes.

Out of every dollar of national income taxes take 17.6 cents, while expenditures run at the rate of 24 per cent of the earnings of the people. Since 1930, the Chamber says, the Federal Government alone has spent \$24,000,000,000 more than it has received.

There are only two ways in which the annual deficit in the national budget can be averted. One is to reduce Federal expenditures drastically. The other way is by increased taxation.

Borrowed Comment

BE WORLD-MINDED
(Reidsville Review)

It is necessary to teach our children tolerance and sympathy for others in becoming world-minded and less biased by opinions of embittered oldsters. Children realize the importance of world trade through their study of geography, its nations, peoples and commodities. They are aware of the importance in our lives of these goods from foreign shores. They are appreciative of what other nations offer in the way of literature, art and music, which is the property of the world in its beauty, rather than the possession of one country. Travel books are widely read by our young and that is worthwhile reading. To be sure that all literature that is placed before them is unbiased and free of propaganda is most necessary in cultivating a true appreciation for world-mindedness. There is a great difference between propaganda and news that is often very hard to distinguish between the two. It takes more than a childish mind to separate them, and should be handled by old heads and level ones.

Our boys and girls are our ambassadors of good will and neighborliness and it is in their hands that lies our future. We must show them the need of understanding the rights of individuals and the need of love and harmony in dealing with nations as well as with men. They must realize that international affairs affect them and to admire world heroes of peace rather than of war. This nation is a democracy and a country able to instruct its children in the ways of nations not called democracies. But to do this it is necessary to be cautious and aware of both sides of every discussion. Better still, drill into the young mind the fact that religion and government cannot be separate states—they must go hand in hand. No nation is great without religion, and our children have been taught the principles of love and faith.

Pioneer Snapping Turtle Captured

Topeka, Kansas.—The number of fish, waterfowl and fur-bearing animals required to bring a snapping turtle to the weight of 132 pounds is beyond calculation, State Game Warden L. C. Webb reports to the National Wildlife Federation.

Mr. Webb has officially inspected the largest turtle in the history of Kansas, caught on a set line in a small creek.

It is called an "alligator snapping turtle," and looks like the common snapping turtle, except that it is vastly uglier. Its head is eight inches across and it would easily be capable of pulling down a full-grown mallard or trapping a five-pound bass.

The snapping turtle seizes water-fowl by the feet. Its method of capturing fish is to lie motionless on the bottom. With its shell heavily covered with moss, the turtle looks like nothing alive. In fact, it probably seems to a fish like a good hiding place for minnows or crayfish. Once within range of the long neck and knife-like jaws of the snapping turtle, a fish is doomed. The turtle, clumsy and sluggish as it appears to be, strikes like a rattlesnake.

Since twelve years is required for a snapping turtle to reach maturity, it is not unreasonable to suppose that the Kansas giant is at least a hundred years old.

NEW WALLPAPERS HELP DECORATION

The growing use of Swedish modern furniture by decorators has induced wallpaper manufacturers to develop a number of new patterns which complement the blond woods and pastel upholstery typical of the new scheme of decoration.

The Property Improvement Credit Plan of the Federal Housing Administration provides a way for home owners to obtain financing for new wall coverings. The money is supplied by private lending institutions which are qualified by the FHA under its plan.

Yvonne — Whatever induced Dora to take up golf so suddenly? Yvette—Oh, she read a newspaper article about somebody finding a diamond in the rough.



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