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National Unity Needed

This is being written on election day several hours before the result of the election could have been known.

To some of you the election went your way. Others feel blue and disappointed over the results.

But the important thing is that all people of America need to unite in one common cause to make this country strong, far stronger than it has ever been.

The campaign which closed with election day was one of the hardest fought in the history of the Republic. In some places the campaign became "hot", to use an American slang expression.

Many bitter remarks were dropped and the opposition was blasted in no uncertain terms by spokesmen of both sides. Many charges were hurled, some true and others only half truths or outright falsehoods.

But the campaign is over and America has spoken. If it spoke wrong it will have a chance to correct its verdict in future elections provided the electorate does not grow soft and feel too secure with the right to vote.

To make America strong we must have unity. To have unity does not mean that you cannot disagree with the leadership, regardless of what political complexion it may be. Even in disagreement the people of the country can have unity in one common cause, to bolster democracy, which gives the right to disagree, and to make our nation a physical, economic and spiritual giant in the world.

It All Takes Time

Industrial production is really going places now that it is being given the "green light" in our national defense program. Its current activity stands in marked contrast to the period of four months when political dalliers were supposed to do their part of the job.

But, even as planes and tanks and the rest of our armaments are beginning to roll off the assembly lines, it is wise to remember again the tremendous task that faces industry. The complexity attached to turning out a single finished piece of war equipment is truly staggering. Naturally it takes time for industry to do this work and do it well. A few facts will give some indication of the problems involved:

There are about 78,000 rivets just in the fuselage of a pursuit plane.

There are 6,000 separate parts in an airplane engine, many of them of more than hairbreadth precision.

In some cases, there are more than 500 subcontractors involved in the making of a big plane.

The raw materials used in building a heavy bomber come from 33 states. It takes from a year to a year and a half to build an airship of this type, at a cost of about a million and a quarter dollars.

We'll have adequate armaments and the best of all types in the world, but let's remember that industry, unlike certain of its critics, isn't accustomed to promising that it can produce rabbits out of silk hats at a moment's notice!

Strikes Unnecessary

Everyone hears about the strikes that happen. But little attention is given to those that didn't happen.

Those are the strikes that are settled by conciliation—by a meeting of minds of the various interests involved. During the past year, for instance, the United States government conciliation service handled more than 3,700 situations involving over 1,400,000 people. In the majority of cases, a settlement was reached and the strike avoided.

John T. Daly, Commissioner of Conciliation, recently observed that "every strike

is an economical loss to somebody, management or labor." And in these days, the element of loss goes farther still—to the whole country. A major strike taking place now might slow the defense drive to a standstill. The decision of a few willful men, possibly taken in contravention of the desires of the workers, might imperil America's safety.

The public is sick of unnecessary strikes. It is sick of racketeering elements in both labor and industry which make such strikes. There never was a strike which couldn't have been prevented, and an equitable agreement reached, if those on both sides had honestly faced the facts and met around the arbitration table in a sincere spirit.

If both labor and industry refuse to arbitrate, if they permit strikes to be called, only one thing can happen—the establishment of some dictatorial government authority which will make and enforce decisions whether labor and industry like it or not. In the interest of self-preservation alone, it is vital now for labor and management to get together and settle all disputes before the strike stage is reached.

Read Your Insurance Policy

Many a joke has been made concerning the long provisions, usually printed in small type, in life insurance policies.

Their purpose is to make the life insurance contract absolutely definite and specific. There's no guess-work involved.

Read your policy, and understand exactly what it provides. If you have difficulty interpreting the legal phraseology, ask your agent to explain it to you—that's one of his jobs.

Only if you understand your policy perfectly, can you be sure you're getting precisely what you want and need.

Borrowed Comment

HOW TO BEAT THE WAR JITTERS

(Reidsville Review)

War jitters, if unchecked, will take a serious toll of American happiness, health and human lives, warns William Moulton Marston, noted psychologist.

"The increase seriousness of American war jitters," declare Dr. Marston in an article in Your Life Magazine, "makes it important to understand the nature and source of this mentally contagious malady. Certainly its origin is not to be found in any immediate threat of devastation like that which England faced after Hitler occupied the Channel ports. It was too late then to indulge in war jitters. England couldn't afford to go off on an emotional bat—and she didn't."

"With us it is a question, first, whether German invasion will come at all, and second, if it comes, whether the pains-taking German planners will require two years or twenty to perfect their elaborate preparations.

"That gives us time to stage a few emotional tantrums and still get ready to meet the worst that Nazi destructionists can produce. But what Americans fail to realize is that uncontrolled war jitters may do more for Hitler than all the Stukas and 80 ton tanks that German factories can turn out in twenty years."

To meet—and beat—the war jitters Dr. Marston suggests:

1. If you can't help the people you feel sorry for, think about something else.
2. Face the worst thing that can happen and prepare for it.
3. Recognize the fact that strong might often conquers weak right and remember that you can neither kill nor reform the devil.
4. Remember the wars Americans have jittered themselves into and put a stern check-rein on your hates and enthusiasms.
5. Relieve your unhappy war feelings by doing something—work for Red Cross and refugees, keep tabs on how our defense billions are spent.
6. Remember nature's law that trees cannot grow in the sky, and be comforted.

Old timers can recall when about the most interesting curiosity imaginable was the milkshake machine which some "furnisher" always operated with foot power at the Fourth of July barbecue.—Greenville News.

"Dogs nowadays have learned to keep out of the way of automobiles with an instinct almost human," says a prominent dog fancier. Superhuman, we should say.—Worcester Telegram.

The Palace of Peace in Geneva Switzerland, is now four years old and we'll bet the League of Nations would rent it to you on reasonable terms.—Macon Telegram.

Interesting Items From Ferguson

FERGUSON, Oct. 30.—A birthday dinner was given last Sunday in honor of Mr. Andy J. Gould, aged and honored citizen. All of his children were present except his only son, John Gould, who lives in the far west. His daughter, Miss Betty, who resides in Winston-Salem, was present and brought a number of her friends from there. In addition to the family a large number of friends and relatives from the community were present to do him honor on this his eighty-eighth birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Andrews and children from Tallahassee, Fla., visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Walker last week. They also visited other relatives here and in Caldwell county during their visit. It will be recalled that Mr. Andrews is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Horton Andrews who lived in this community for many years.

Miss Janie Spicer, who has been rather indisposed for several days received the news that her great nephew, Burrell Seagars, of Dairzell, S. C. was severely injured in an automobile wreck near Charlotte last week. Recent reports are that Mr. Seagars is rapidly improving from his injuries.

Mr. Victor Heffner, of Karrisburg, Ore., visited Mrs. Ida Hartley and family last week. Mr. Heffner has charge of Mrs. Hartley's farm at Karrisburg.

Miss Eleanor Ferguson entertained a number of her friends and students of the high school at her home Monday evening with a Halloween party. About forty boys and girls were present and many of them came in costumes fitting for the occasion. A special feature of the evening was the weird ghost stories told in a very interesting manner by Billy Profit, Jr. Refreshments were served by the hostess and all went away expressing themselves as having a very delightful time.

We have been hearing and reading a great deal of the story "Tangled Justice" appearing in the papers and some of the leading magazines recently written by our good friend Will England of Lenoir, the Will Rogers of North Carolina. This article which is a true story (apparently) in the life of one of our friends and neighbors, Hamp Kendall. The article is the more interesting because we were in school at Lenoir when the celebrated trial was on in the courts of Caldwell county and we heard a good part of it. We hope that Mr. England's very complete portrayal and analysis of this case may be the means of righting a wrong against an innocent man.

The Ferguson P.-T. A. met last Tuesday night, October 22, the first time during the school year. Some business was transacted and a committee was named to nominate officers for this year.

The local Grange met last week in regular session and quite a few new members were initiated into the order. There were representatives from this Grange at the State meet in Salisbury, October 23 to 25, and a very fine convention is reported by the delegates.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ferguson and family were very delightfully entertained at dinner Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Cranor at their home in Wilkesboro. Mrs. Cranor proved herself a very gracious hostess and she was as-

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listed by her daughter, Miss Ferguson, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. William Swanson.

All the local farmers spent the week-end at their respective homes.

Market Offered For Black Walnuts

Americans consume fifty million dollars worth of nuts each year, and about one fifth of these are from wild trees in the forests. In other words, ten million dollars picked from the ground, not including the nuts consumed by thousands of farm families who have their own.

With this in view, R. W. Graeber, Extension forester at N. C. State College, suggests that North Carolina farm families, especially 4-H Club boys and girls, add the growing of black walnut trees as a sideline to their agricultural enterprises.

"No less than \$150,000 worth of nuts are sold in North Carolina each year," he declared, "and the possibilities for growing black walnut, both for nuts and lumber, are good. The market is far from saturated."

This is only one of the angles of "tree farming" stressed by Graeber in his forestry educational program. Continuing, he says "Each year eight hundred million dollars are brought into the American bank account through the sale of forest products, making this one of the chief sources of our income. Six million people are directly or indirectly employed in our forests; and if it was not for wood, another 122 million or more would have a hard time making a satisfactory living."

"The house we live in is usually made of wood, as well as the bed we sleep in, the chair we relax in, the table we eat at; and the stove we cook with consumes a lot of wood. Even when the newspaper arrives, it is printed on paper made of wood. Our shoes would be so stiff we couldn't bend them if they were not treated with tannic acid, which is extracted from chestnut, hemlock or oak bark.

"There are more than 4,500 different uses of wood. This counts plastic as one use and paper as one use, but there are thousands for each of these."

Questions

Question: What is the best tobacco plant bed fertilizer?

Answer: The Agronomy Tobacco Work Conference, composed of agronomists of North and South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Florida and the U. S. Department of Agriculture, recommends a tobacco plant bed fertilizer

containing 4 per cent nitrogen, 3 per cent phosphoric acid, and 3 per cent potash. The addition of one per cent available magnesium will be beneficial in certain cases and its inclusion is generally recommended. The agronomists also strongly urge that a fertilizer practically free of chlorine be bought.

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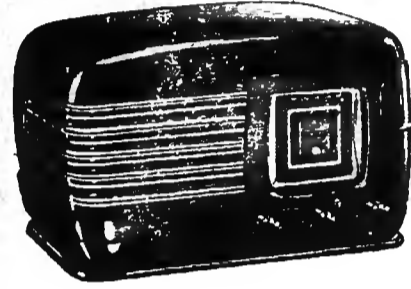
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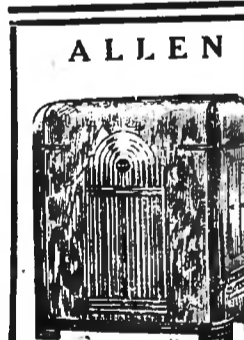
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