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Your Names, Please

Recently this newspaper has received a number of news items, including announcements of two marriages, and there was nothing to indicate who furnished the information.

We have stated numerous times that news items not accompanied by the names of persons furnishing them cannot be published. This must be strictly adhered to for the protection of the public as well as this newspaper.

As far as we know, the news items we received without the names accompanying them may have been all right, and then they may not have.

Let it be understood that the names of persons furnishing the news items will not be published unless so requested; neither will this newspaper reveal names of persons submitting news if the information is correct.

Recently there was announcement of a marriage which was supposed to have taken place outside of the state. The item was signed "A Subscriber." There may as well have been no signature at all because we have no way of knowing which one of thousands of subscribers it was.

We presume that the announcement correctly stated facts, but we cannot operate a newspaper on presumptions. The announcement could have been an attempt to play a practical joke on the parties named in the announcement, who may not be married. We don't know.

If people could only realize that the name of the person submitting news is essential, it would mean that more news could be used and that your newspaper could render more news service.

Our Nation's Strength

In a recent radio address, A. C. Mattei, president of the Honolulu Oil Company, said this of the war: "Victory will emerge on the side which has access to the greatest number of natural resources. Victory will remain with the side which makes of these natural resources the most intelligent use."

"The natural resources of the United States are our greatest material asset. We have been endowed with an abundance of oil, coal and natural gas—with water power and timber—with vast deposits of iron, zinc, lead, copper and a host of other important materials."

"Peacetime thinking takes most things for granted—including the high state of development of natural resources. Under the stress of war, we begin to think because we must. Then only, do we realize that such development as ours did not happen by accident."

"It is the immediate and tangible result of the initiative of free men—of labor and capital operating on the basis of free competition—operating under a free economic system."

A few figures show what that free system has done for us. Last year, we produced 80,000,000 tons of steel—half the total production of the world. We produced 450,000,000 tons of soft coal, which furnished two-thirds of the heat, light, power and energy used by the nation. We produced 1,250,000,000 barrels of petroleum, which drove our 28,000,000 automobiles, fueled the navy, lubricated our machinery, heated homes, etc. And we produced 280,000,000,000 kilowatt hours of electric power for the industries, homes and farms of America.

No nation on earth can point to a record even remotely comparable to this. The free enterprise system—a system which assures all individuals the greatest possible degree of economic and social freedom—has given us a productive plant of unpre-

cedented size and efficiency, even as it has given the people unparalleled luxuries and earning power. This is the system we are fighting to defend with all our wealth, all our energies, all our man-power. The winning of this war will depend on how well that system is used.

Too much politics—too much tampering—too much tearing-down of the system which makes us great—these have hampered the American war effort. They have produced waste, discord, red tape, malingering. We have the resources. We have the industries and the men who know how to use them to maximum effect. They must be encouraged to do a job which will have two endings—victory in foreign war, and the preservation of liberty at home.

All Important Objective

To say that Americans are not awake to the fact that the nation is at war is silly.

But it is true that a majority of Americans have not awakened to the danger facing the nation and the importance of putting forth every effort to win the war. This applies as much to many in Washington as well as to the man on the street or on the farm.

American labor in war industries and others vital to the victory program certainly are not awake to the danger to their country or are lacking in patriotism.

As long as workers strike over the closed shop issue or a question of unionism, or when they become greedy for wages in excess of what their work is worth, it can be truthfully said that they are not awake to the danger of domination by Hitler, Mussolini and Japanese war lords who have herded conquered people into factories to work for an existence far below what we call a decent level.

Men who seek by unfair means to evade service in the armed forces either lack patriotism, are cowards or are not awake to the national danger.

As long as "gimme this and gimme that" is the motto of men in high and low places it can be emphasized that the people do not realize the gravity of the situation.

Sometimes we think that a few enemy bombs dropped at certain places throughout the country would accomplish good results. It would make people know that this war is a dangerous threat to our national existence and that winning this war supersedes any and all objectives and desires.

Lose this war and we lose everything we have accomplished in our national existence since 1776.

If you can figure it any other way, let us have your solution.

What Matters Most

"We cannot take this war too seriously. We cannot do too much. Until the war is won and the Japs and the Nazis get the licking that is coming to them, nothing else matters, nothing else is important, nothing else is worth living for." When Walter D. Fuller, Chairman of the Board of the National Association of Manufacturers, said that in a recent speech he outlined the future for every American.

"What we have done so far is not enough," Mr. Fuller warned. "Sustained morale is not enough. We must have minds and hearts all-out in this war effort. The people of America must rise to new heights of determination. The spirit that makes for victory must burn ever brighter until the day of our final success. We are made of stern stuff. We can do it."

"The force of millions of determined Americans, fired with the will to victory, is a force unlike anything else in the world. With all our petty differences and personal prejudices we stand united today in our nation's cause. We may not agree on details but we are unanimous that this is a war that America must win and will win."

The differences and the details can wait. The job of every one of us is to get busy and do whatever we can to help turn out weapons. The thing that matters most now is continuous and uninterrupted production for victory.

The way to unity among the people of this country, as they face a bitter war, is through sacrifice, not fault-finding and political maneuvering.

What has become of the politician who maintained for many years that no nation would dare attack the United States?

A Washington correspondent, grumbling about the conduct of the war, merely exhibits his discontent with the news that officials release.

Abnormal Absurdities

By FREDERICK NICHOLS, et al.

EXCUSE IT, PLEASE
This column has been absent from this newspaper for the past few issues. However, we have inquired into the cause of every death in this part of the state and have not learned of any who died from disappointment.

DEFINITIONS
We have just received a letter from a college man who is to receive his sheepskin (wool, blood and all) next in May. And he was kind enough to say that he had happened across a new definition for a word—putting. He said that putting was examination of the anatomy by the Braille system. Some day we intend to inquire as to how he learned that definition.

BUSINESS EVERYWHERE
The bus station tells this tale: The young man who recently came into a lot of money rushed into the station with his usual air of wanting to impress someone with his importance. He threw a \$20 bill on the counter and said "Gimme a ticket and keep the change." "A ticket to where?" the ticket agent asked. "Oh, it doesn't make any difference. I've got business everywhere."

CONVULSIONS MECHANIZED
One of our patriotic young men who is using a motorized scooter was going down the street at a rapid clip and about every 250 yards he and his machine would go up in the air like a horse jumping burdles. A cop decided to investigate and when the machine stopped he asked why the jumping. "I've got hiccoughs," the driver said.

QUALIFIED FOR JOB
A man applied for work in a shop where precision was all important. The foreman told the applicant that he must work to very fine limits and asked if the man had any experience. "Yes, sir, I used to slice ham for sand wiches in a drug store."

FEEL LET DOWN
W. Tom Bost, who writes very interestingly from Raleigh for the Greensboro Daily News, wrote a story about the vast amounts of liquor billed by a wholesale house outside of the state to liquor men in Wilkes, whose addresses were given as North Wilkesboro and Perdue.

And when he comes back with another story saying that all that liquor maybe does not come to Wilkes and that dealers here and at some other little towns are only pawns for bigger liquor men who use their names for billing purposes, or words to that effect.

MORE ABOUT LIQUOR
It is of course true that no such amount as 12,850 gallons was used here in December and distributed locally by two dealers. Of course, the greater part of that vast amount went elsewhere as bootleg liquor in other counties legally dry. The intimation is that the dealers in this section were wholesalers for little fellows elsewhere. And then there is a possibility that names of the dealers in Wilkes were used only for billing purposes for delivery of liquor to dealers in bigger towns.

And then there is another possibility which has not been considered. Local men in some cases buy and haul the liquor for dealers elsewhere and use the names of the dealers to whom deliveries are made for billing purposes at the wholesale liquor houses.

That has been done, according to grapevine telegraph information just received.

Play At Ferguson

On Friday Night
A play, "Aunt Samantha Rules the Roost", a farce in three acts, will be given at Ferguson school, March 27, at 8 o'clock. The admission will be 10c and 25c. The play is being directed by Miss Addie Casey. The cast is made up of the following:

Aunt Samantha, an old maid, Mrs. Bernice Greer; Serena Simpkins, her older niece, Mrs. Mary Triplett; Sophie Simpkins, her younger niece, Beatrice Sebastian; Polly Paine, maid of the Simpkins; Bessie Brock; Annie Ambrose, the village dressmaker; Helen Stanberry; Blanche Bowens, a woman of very few words; Addie Casey; Lucian Littlefield, a farmer; S. F. Miller; Blair Boswell, who likes Serena; Zelotes Walsh; Frank Fairfield, who likes Sophie; Lee Bettle; Lawrence Lovell, a stranger; O. M. Profit; Betty Perkins, the grocery boy; Sam Prehn.

Mountain View School Reports

The Camera club of Mountain View school was organized from Activities period on March 19—10 take pictures. We took many amusing pictures of the Camera Club members. The camera club consists of eight girls of the senior class and it is a very worthwhile project.

The Senior class of Mountain View school is sponsoring a box supper at Mountain View school on March 23 at 8 p.m. Besides the box supper there will be plenty of music and entertainment, a beauty contest for the girls of Mountain View school, cake walk and a contest for the dirtiest man. Everybody is invited to attend, so come on girls and bring the boxes to be sold to the highest bidder, and boys, come and vote for the best-looking girl.

We have all enjoyed the little vacation we had from school because of the show and bad weather.

The eleven'h grade are still planning to take that trip to Washington in the spring. Rules have been made to use the fire drills throughout the year and the plans will also be used in air raid drills.

The seniors are progressing rather well in the first aid course. We have come to realize the importance of training in first aid as a means to accident prevention and as the appalling loss from accidents and the need of immediate first aid is being more and more appreciated by the public in general.

Mountain View basketball boys won a thrilling victory over the Stoneville boys March 9. Played in Winston-Salem. Mountain View winning the game 48 to 51. Taylor played an excellent game and also did the other members of the Mountain View team as was broadcast over station WAIR.

Mrs. James Porter Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Susan Higgins Porter, age 75, wife of James Porter, of Rock Creek township, died Saturday at her home. Funeral service was held Sunday, 12 noon, at Rock Creek Baptist church with Rev. A. B. Hayes in charge.

Surviving Mrs. Porter are her husband and the following sons and daughters: Alonzo Porter, Viney Porter, North Wilkesboro; Hays; Marsh Ellis Porter and Mrs. Maggie Miles, Cycle; Mrs. Dora Grimes and Mrs. Bertha Grimes, Hays; Mrs. Nellie King Booneville.

\$13,000,000 cruiser Jauneau commissioned at N. Y. Navy yard.

Navy Now Needing Good Binoculars

The Navy wants binoculars, but they must be in good condition and meet certain specifications. The department said today. Recently the Navy sent out an appeal to patriotic Americans to donate their binoculars for use by the U. S. Navy. The request followed the precedent of World War I when binoculars were first called on to furnish "Eyes for the Navy."

Specifications which the binoculars must meet are: they must be made by Bly or six by thirty types of Bly or Bly and Lomb manufacture.

Because the Navy is not authorized to accept gifts or free loans, the binoculars accepted will be purchased for \$1.00. If they are still in use at the end of the war, the Navy will return them to the former owners. Lognettes, mother-of-pearl opera glasses and other articles of this nature are not acceptable and a binocular of less than 7x power is of little use, the Navy said. Glasses not accepted will be returned.

Binoculars should be carefully packed and shipped to the Naval Observatory, Washington, D. C. An identification tag bearing the name and address of the sender should be securely fastened to each instrument.

TRIPLED

This year America will produce three times the weapons and supplies of war that were turned out in the 18 months from the start of defense preparations until the United States' entry into the war.

SILAGE

Normal Jenkins of Judson in Clay county says the feeding of ensilage is the best winter feeding practice he has ever used for his cattle, reports farm agent Phillip E. Brinthall.

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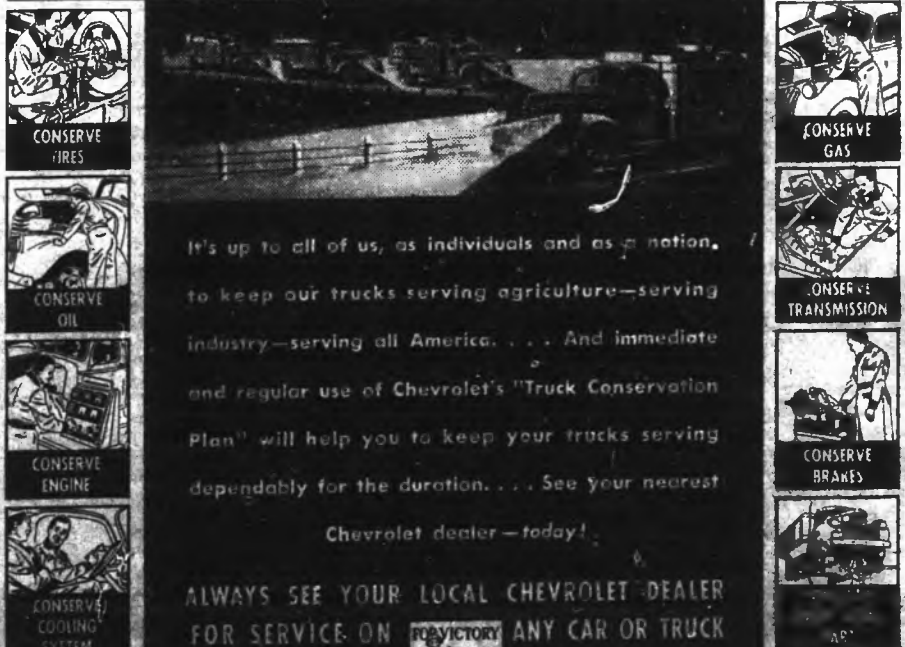
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