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## THE HOSPITAL AND TAXES

No voter, to our knowledge, has objected to the county wide hospital system because of the cost. In fact, there is no particular objection by anybody to the effort to provide adequate hospital facilities and we feel confident that the Saturday election will carry.

Every registered voter, however, should go to the polls as the vote is against the names recorded on the books. There are about 4,600 registered voters, so the majority cannot start until half the number of 2,300 have voted. We hope that the full 4,600 will vote for all four issues on the ballot because when bond investors bid for our bonds they are inclined to make their best offer if they know the obligation is generally favored by the taxpayers.

Cleveland county's bonded indebtedness is low. On June 30th of this year it was only \$538,600. Of this amount \$332,000 was for schools and the balance of \$206,600 was for other purposes. There is scarcely a county in the state in as sound financial condition as Cleveland. This is true because we have had conservative and business-like management.

What tax increase will be necessary to take care of the proposed \$500,000 bond issue? That will depend on the interest rate and the length of time the bonds run. We have reason to think the bonds can be sold to bear two per cent or less. It is probable that the hospital bonds will raise the rate about eight cents on the \$100 valuation. An individual having a \$2,000 tax valuation would pay \$1.60 a year, or on a \$10,000 valuation \$8 a year. Whatever the rate increase might be, the total rate will be much below the peak years and certainly everybody is better able now, and more willing, than ever before to invest a few dollars annually in the health of our citizens.

At present the county levies a rate of 2.8 cents per hundred county-wide for hospital charity. This should be sufficient to maintain for the present the charity work the hospital is called upon to do, but if the maximum of 5c maintenance tax becomes necessary, the increase from the present rate for this purpose would only be 2.2c per hundred—a very small increase compared to the good the institutions will do for suffering humanity.

## ALL ARE INVESTORS

The Seventh War Loan is coming to a close and it is gratifying to note that the sale has exceeded the offer by billions of dollars. In fact the over-sale is far greater than any of the previous six war loans, which indicates not only a healthy economic condition but also the continued whole-hearted support of the people in the second war and we hope the last war.

Everybody is an investor in war securities whether buying E, F or G bonds, treasury notes or whether they did not directly buy bonds of any designation. Men and women who work and look forward to the time when they retire on social security are investors. Those who deposit their savings in banks and postoffices or invest in savings and building and loan associations, or any type of financial institution are actually investors in war bonds, whether they know it or not. The institutions and agencies, as trustees, have made the investment for them.

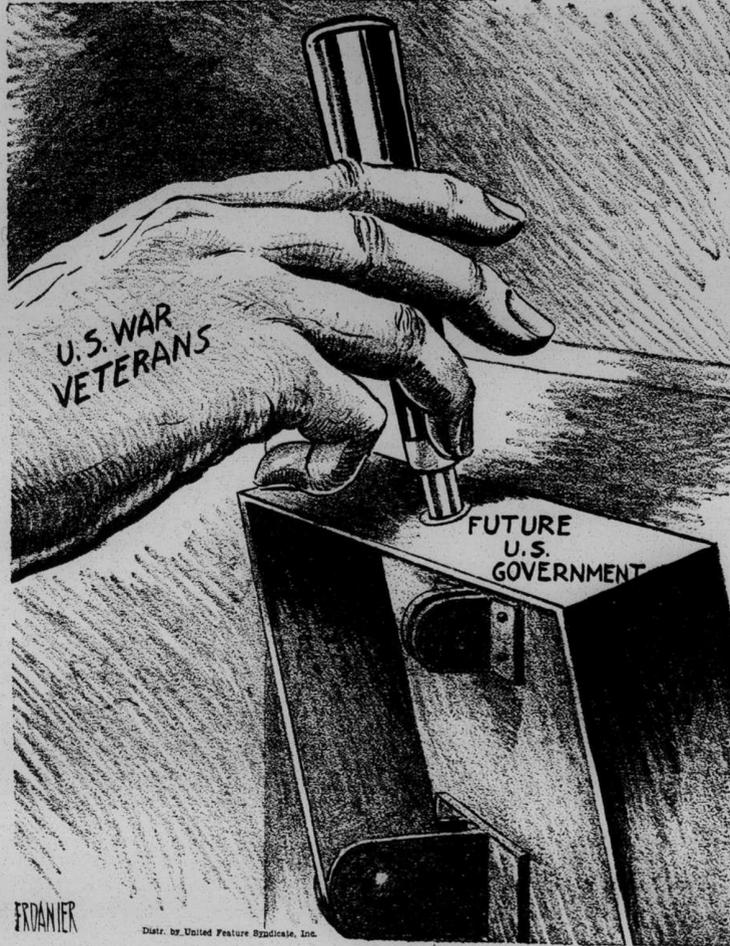
The Unemployment Compensation commissions in the 48 states have nearly seven billion dollars in reserves invested in government bonds, not to speak of the billions which employes and employers have set aside through the Social Security Act.

The point we are making is that the American economy is so interwoven and interdependent between all classes and groups that the humblest citizen is of necessity an investor and therefore likely to be a well-wisher of our government. The future well-being of every citizen, be he a powerful executive or humble backwoodsman, is at stake in this war and the economy that follows. We must all sink or swim together.

Fortunately, too, this government has determined not to let bonds drop in price as they did following the last war. The financial center of the nation has moved from Wall Street to Washington and a fund has been created to avoid any effort that might be made to depress the price of bonds.

We can confidently expect that war bonds and securities will not suffer the fate they encountered after the last war and that the savings, social and economic security of individuals, however humble or mighty they might be, will be carefully safeguarded.

## A NEW AND POWERFUL HAND



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## A Daily Prayer In War Time

FOR PATIENCE WITH NEWS

Confessing that we are slaves of the moment, instead of steadfast servants of the deep today and the long tomorrow, we come to Thee, O Eternal God, with the plea that Thou wilt stabilize our spirits. We acknowledge our inconstancy and mentalism. One day's news sends our spirits soaring in blind optimism and the next day's news plunges us into deep depression. Bestow upon us new constancy and conviction and purpose. Make us strong enough to endure the bitter and not to be overwhelmed by the sweet. In maturity of purpose, may we pursue diligently the path of loyalty and duty, assured that the event is in Thy hand, and that the Judge of all the earth will do right. We crave the perfect peace that is promised to those whose mind is stayed upon Thee. May we even enter into somewhat of the vastness of Thy will, to whom a thousand years are as a day. Thus, with fixed hearts, we would be efficient soldiers in the world's great war for the establishment of righteousness. Our prayer is before Thee, in the name of the unfaltering Christ, Amen.

## If Today Is Your Birthday

By STELLA

FRIDAY, JULY 6—Born today, your loyalty and generosity are well known to everyone. You like to be contented and happy. Unless you can be in harmonious surroundings, you are incapable of adjusting yourself and doing your best work. Fond of art and literature, you naturally attract others of similar tastes. Thus most of your acquaintances will have alert minds and charming personalities. Although basically religious, you will not force your ideas upon others even though you yourself are devout. On the other hand, you are a commercially-minded world; you will cope with things as you see best. Although you are deeply interested in the welfare of others, and will do all you can to help them, you have the feeling that by becoming influential and successful yourself, you will be in a better position to help. You women are highly emotional and are apt to have more than one romance before you find the "one person." You women are also likely to be a little more frivolous than is good and should learn to take life a little more seriously.

## What This Army Needs Is More Bad Shooting

GUNLOCK, Utah.—(P)—Sgt. Rex A. Leavitt, a Gunlock cowboy before he entered the army, missed his target by 200 yards with a mortar on Luzon—and blew up a Japanese ammunition dump. Leavitt had been firing at 18 different ranges under directions from his company commander, and the latter ordered him to return to his original target. The Utaher misunderstood but as the commander was telephoning him about the error, the dump exploded. It kept exploding for three hours.

## The Everyday COUNSELOR

By DR. HERBERT SPAUGH

"Mental, or psycho-neurotic cases among returning servicemen call for special and thoughtful treatment by civilians," observed Chaplain Henry L. Reeves of Charlotte, N. C., who is assigned to Army hospital ship duty. "The most important rule to remember," he said, "is that these men do not want their physical and mental handicaps noticed; they don't want pity. This is particularly true of the psycho-neurotic cases," he declared. "These men who are out of balance mentally, emotionally, and spiritually are often some of the finest men in the service. Many are energetic men of creative and executive ability. As a result of this, coupled with battle conditions, their mental and spiritual lives have been thrown out of balance."

For a number of years medical doctors and psychiatrists have known that these mental and nervous cases need treatment which will draw their attention away from themselves. Forms of "occupational therapy" are used, which means that they are taught to do physical work with their hands and feet. At the same time they must be treated by others as if there was absolutely nothing the matter with them.

Such mental and nervous cases are by no means limited to the military front. There are thousands of them among civilians. They all have a common denominator, a common basis—mental, emotional, and spiritual unbalance.

Many of these cases start as childhood misadventures which are ignorant of the fact that a normal human being is made up of body, mind and spirit, which must develop together, permit or encourage their children to overdevelop one side of their natures. There are parents who consider bodily development most important; others their mental development; others their spiritual development. In permitting one side of their children's nature to develop beyond the other, they are planting the seed for later psycho-neurosis.

Let this be an urgent appeal to parents who read this to exercise care that their children have equal opportunity to develop the three sides of their nature equally. Our hospitals are now full of casualties of this unbalanced living, which had their beginnings back in the homes of yesterday. Most psycho-neurotics are found to be spiritually deficient. This isn't difficult to understand when we realize how rapidly this nation had drifted away from God when the war broke upon us. The Bible says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these (temporal) things shall be added unto you." Balanced living is the answer for the psycho-neurotic whether a ca-

## Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS

"Tolstoy And His Wife," by Tikhon Polner, translated by Nicholas Wreden (Norton, 2.75). With things Russian very much in the public mind at present, this stirring account of the great novelist and moralist who lived in the old Russia but won the indorsement of the new is very timely. The book is much more, however. It records the life of a genius, Polner, friend of both count and peasant, is more interested in the man than the penman. Assuming we know "War and Peace," "Anna Karenina" and the other unforgettable novels and essays, he gives a brief, rounded portrayal of the young officer who had the reputation of sowing wild oats, the perplexed suitor, the husband inflamed by hot passion and hot temper, and the troubled philosopher who reasoned, from observation of the world, that poverty was preferable yet was unable to break away from his riches until almost the end of his life. Sonya Behrs was still in her teens when Tolstoy, 34, married her. It is long and arduous journey from the early days when he wrote that "each day I spend away from you I worry and think about you more vividly and passionately" to the wretched time when he confided to his diary: "As long as I live, she will be a stone tied with a rope around my neck."

Before the end came, the countess, fighting desperately to preserve for herself and children the big estate created by Tolstoy the novelist but menaced by Tolstoy the practicing Christian, would be caught rifling his papers in the dead of night. Faithful church member in youth the writer eventually attacked organized religion so rashly that he was anathematized. In his personal life he attempted to revert to a primitive state.

He was compacted of contradictions. His relations with his wife, whom he made in his own likeness but could not make over in his next succeeding likeness, was only one example. He condemned money wrested from the poor, but kept on using it. He disapproved of charity, but was fabulously charitable. He refused royalties on his plays, but when the countess accepted them, he took the money to succor the needy.

Quality of the battle front or the home front. This means restoring the spirit, mind and body of a man into their proper balance. And remember the first place is God's.

## Brazil Adds 4 Ships To Its Growing Fleet

RIO DE JANEIRO.—(P)—Brazil's navy has added 4 units to a fleet which Naval Minister Adm. Aristides Guilhem says has increased by at least 60 vessels since Brazil went to war in 1942. The new ships, constructed in the shipyards of Rio's Guanabara Bay, were the destroyers Acre and Apa, and the submarine chasers Rio Pardo and Rio Negro. They will join a fleet which, according to Guilhem, has already conveyed more than 2,901 ships of all nationalities in operations reaching into the Caribbean and Mediterranean as well as along Brazil's coast.

## Merry-Go-Round G.I.'s Suffering From Unfavorable France Exchange

By DREW PEARSON (Lt. Col. Robert S. Allen now on Active Service with the Army)

WASHINGTON — A significant, off-the-record meeting took place between Secretary of War Stimson, one-time Republican candidate for governor of New York, and Democratic Governor Herbert Lehman, five times governor of New York, now head of UNRRA. Lehman has been greatly troubled about the danger of acute starvation in Europe next winter, and fears the United States will get the blame. Actually, there is food in Europe; but it is unevenly distributed and difficult to transport to cities. Meanwhile, European railroads are overburdened. Ex-Governor Lehman, therefore, went to see Stimson to point out that the U. S. army had 80,000 trucks in Europe, and he wanted to borrow 50,000 of them for food distribution. Stimson listened briefly, but turned the subject to the political situation in Europe. He seemed much more interested in whether Europe could keep the peace, apparently forgetting that people with full stomachs are more peaceful than those half-starved. Lehman got no definite answer, and still has been unable to get an answer from Stimson's generals. They keep saying they need trucks for "deployment."

BRASS HATS IN HOT WATER. The same subject, plus other important matters, was debated in a secret session of the Mead committee last week. Present were representatives of UNRRA, the State department, War department, Foreign Economic administration, Treasury and Marine commission. All got in hot water during the three-hour closed-door meeting except the maritime commission and UNRRA. Unpopular brass hat General Brehon Somervell, who showed up with a small army of 60 aides, took the worst thumping of all.

Somervell admitted under questioning that the army has at least 50,000 surplus trucks in Europe. New York's hard-working Senator Mead then asked Governor Lehman if he had been able to pick up any of these trucks for relief work. "Do you want any of these trucks?" asked Mead. "Do we want them?" replied Lehman. "The trouble is we can't get them. We can't seem to get them released. I've got a telegram from Yugoslavia here telling that one hungry Yugoslav city, Sarajevo, has only three trucks to feed thousands of people. Why they're burning the food, just a few miles away in the same country because they can't move. A year from now the army will be begging us to take trucks. Then we won't need them. We want them now when they can save lives."

Several senators quizzed Somervell as to why UNRRA hadn't received the trucks yet. All the general could reply was, "The War department's working on it." After more discussion, Lehman, whose anger was rising, stood up from the back of the room, looked straight at Somervell, and said: "There's all that surplus army stuff, especially in Italy. Why can't we get it?" Somervell hesitated. "We want to cooperate," he said lamely, "and we're going to." GERMAN EQUIPMENT FOR CHINESE? Ohio's Bob Taft then took over the questioning. "General, you're planning to arm thousands of Chinese troops. They've been trained by German officers. Why don't we use captured German equipment to arm them? You must have a lot of it by now."

"I felt the same way about it at first," Senator Somervell replied. "But it would only ball up our transport and create a lot of time-wasting headaches if we tried to send all that German stuff to China. In the long run it will be cheaper and faster to send new supplies from here. Besides, we'd have to retrain those Chinese who've already been taught to use German weapons."

Taft then moved in on Admiral Land of the Maritime commission, asked him how the Russians were able to transport war material on American liberty ships flying the Soviet flag without being attacked by Jap subs and aircraft. "Senator," replied Land, "I'll be damned if I'm going to let the Japs find out the inside story on that one."

Several senators then asked why our G. I. Joes were taking such a beating in France because of the unfavorable exchange rate. "Since when does the G. I. have to carry the burden of inflation in France?" asked Michigan's shrewd Republican Senator Ferguson.

"They don't have to spend their money in France, you know," replied one of Somervell's aides. "They can ship it home." This burned the senators up. One demanded why the men who fought in Europe shouldn't have a chance to spend their money and enjoy life now that the shooting had stopped. Ferguson asked what the army was doing to improve the situation.

Brig. Gen. Kermet Royall replied that the army was expanding the post exchange in France so that men could buy everything, including gifts, at reasonable prices.

## Behind The FRONT PAGE

By HOLT McPHERSON Managing Editor

BY THIS TIME, I TRUST, THE VOTERS OF THIS COUNTY HAVE made up their collective minds to give the hospital bond issue the overwhelming support in tomorrow's special election that will make the thing a mandate from our people to furnish Cleveland hospitalization that will distinguish it as it is in many other ways.

If there is anyone whose mind isn't made up to support this proposition, and I hope there is none, I want to cite six good reasons why North Carolina—and Cleveland is an important part of the state with the obligation to take care of its own part—desperately needs a hospital and medical care program. This state stands ninth from the bottom among all the states in the tragedy of infant mortality, eighth from the bottom in mortality of mothers at childbirth, sixth from the bottom in number of hospital beds (Cleveland is eighth from the bottom among the counties in that respect in the state, so figure that one for yourself) per 1,000 population, third from the bottom in doctors per capita; at the very bottom in the number of men rejected for the Army for physical unfitness, far down in the scale in provision for competent care of mental and nervous cases.

If the individual counties will meet their respective challenges, as I confidently expect Cleveland to do tomorrow, North Carolina would lift herself from this humiliating condition that burdens our present and our future as well. The answer and the correction of those sad figures is in the hands of our people.

THAT WAS A TREMENDOUSLY MOVING PAGE ADVERTISEMENT Lutz-Austell had in Wednesday's Star to list the names of the 107 Clevelanders who have given their lives in defense of freedom's cause in the course of this war. To the end that they shall not have died in vain, an appeal was voiced to GO NOW AND BUY BONDS. I hope everyone who was touched by the power of that appeal has done just that, and I hope the concern didn't stop there. Those who are to live in a better world because of the sacrifice of those men and others like them have now the obligation to write that Roll of Honor in golden letters of service that, indeed, they did not die in vain. A lot of our good people feel that the county hospital program, dedicated to the alleviation of human suffering and the prolongation of human life, constitutes as fine a memorial as we can erect to those who have died and to those who have given and are giving best years of their life to the nation's service.

FORMER DEAN C. H. SULLIVAN, WHO WENT FROM GARDNER-Webb to a teaching post in the physics department of the University of Chicago, writes that he misses Cleveland county and hopes to visit when he can because his affection for the college, the county and friends endures. He reveals also that his brother, a captain with the Seventh Army, was seriously wounded in April in the drive across southern Germany and is in such critical condition he may not live. Why the word was so belated in coming through is puzzling him.

RIDE-SHARING DEPARTMENT—LADY WISHES SHARE expense ride to Washington, will help with driving, next weekend. Also, a soldier's dad wants an April, 1944, copy of Cornet magazine for an article about a dear friend of his lad.

## Washington In Wartime

By Jack Stimson

WASHINGTON—A few political observers are pondering what may well become a phenomenon without precedent in national politics: If Gov. Thomas E. Dewey is reelected Governor of New York by a decent majority in 1946 then two years before convention time there should be little doubt as to who the 1948 nominees for the presidency will be. All President Truman has to do to clinch the 1948 Democratic nomination is give the party a reasonably good administration. It may be too early to judge, but the way he has taken hold in one of the most critical periods in his career—and most important of all the way he has given some semblance of unity to the Democratic party—is certainly an indication that he is just the kind of leader the Democrats felt they so sorely needed.

According to observers here, the New York situation isn't that clear. If Governor Dewey has to cross swords in 1946 with Sen. James M. Mead, who is believed to be eager for the governorship, he might very well get beaten.

Some of Dewey's friends here concede that. But those same friends think the New York governor has a big ace in the hole. If Sen. Mead elects to run for governor, Dewey can switch to the Republican race for senator. With Mead out of the Democratic race would be hard put to find a strong senatorial candidate, at least one strong enough to defeat Dewey. The New York observers say flatly there's none such in sight.

There is, of course, the unbroken tradition that the G.O.P. never renominates a defeated presidential candidate, but it is hardly likely it would stand on precedent if it could see its way clear to pitting a winner in New York state, with its huge electoral vote, as well as an easterner with a midwest background.

Several senators quizzed Dean Acheson and Will Clayton of the State department as to who had fixed the unfavorable rate of exchange with the French. Both replied they didn't know. Actually, President Roosevelt had done it personally during the Casablanca conference. Senator Tunnell of Delaware then asked Governor Lehman how much farm machinery UNRRA was shipping overseas. "I don't want to mislead this committee," Lehman replied. "Percentage-wise it's practically nothing, perhaps two or three per cent of our total production. However, we asked for 171,000 tons of food to feed Europe's starving people. We're getting less than 80,000. Now some people are complaining because we've given them machinery to grow their own food."

ground, against a man for whom the heavily populated east would feel no sectional loyalty.

The whole situation arises, of course, out of the death of President Roosevelt. Democratic politicians here are positive that if he had lived the 1948 convention would have been a dog-fight, with the party split into practically all of those cliques and factions of which it is composed.

Any effort on the President's part to name his successor would have been fought fist and foot. That's all changed now. In the death of the greatest leader the party ever had, the Democrats have found another leader. Today they aren't giving a thought to 1948's nominee. That's all settled.

The next play is up to the Republicans. Taking another look at their cards, they are finding that Governor Dewey, with a winning New York vote in 1946 behind him, would be the biggest trump they have.

New York off-year elections are always important, but never any more than 1946's may turn out to be.

## Myrtle Beach To Be Site Of Air Force Redeployment Move

MYRTLE BEACH, S. C., July 6.—(P)—Approximately 300 officers and enlisted men will arrive at Myrtle Beach army air field early in August to participate in a huge air force redeployment program. Col. Richard O. Harrell, jr., base commander, has announced.

The base will represent the half way mark between two wars for the veterans whose training period before moving off to the Pacific will vary from a few weeks to a few months. Many of the men's families will accompany them and Myrtle Beach residents were asked to cooperate in finding housing and recreational facilities.

Col. Harrell recently took command of the bases, succeeding Col. Gunn who has been reassigned.

## Production Cycle

COVENTRY, England.—(P)—The British motorcycle industry has built 400,000 motorcycles for the military since the war began.

## Aching Tender Inflamed Feet

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