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## STUPID TALK

There has been some unjust and stupid talk in connection with the shortages of merchandise on counters during this holiday period. We refer to the allegation, carried glibly on the tongues of gossipers, that manufacturers are making goods but holding back supplies until the year end, either because taxes will cut less out of their 1946 profits, or because they hope for higher prices.

Contrary to this rumor, an article in Business Week reports that inventories will be shorter than ever for next spring's sales. This may be partially offset by less consumer purchasing power or at least less of an inclination to spend. However, the general opinion is that buyers will fight for everything in sight.

Irrespective of this, however, on their face, these stories about the great quantities of goods being withheld from the market to avoid taxes or for higher prices do not make sense. They do not make sense because few manufacturers can afford to carry huge inventories just to avoid a pittance of taxation or on the remote hope that prices will increase at some mythical future day.

For the most part, manufacturers are hardheaded business men and are in business not for their health, not to outguess the market or to run from the sight of the tax man. They are in business to sell and deliver the goods they make under conditions as they exist. Moreover, in most instances they will not keep on piling up goods just for the fun of making them and for the fun of watching what may happen in a highly conjectural situation.

## GET A SPADE

Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault, former commander of the American volunteer forces in China from all evidence is a brave soldier and has a keen military mind.

That is why we read with interest his advice in a recent interview for this nation to go underground as fast as possible as a defense against a possible atomic war. He even advocates putting the Pentagon building underground though where in this world he is going to dig a hole big enough for it is more than we can see.

"We've got 25 years to do a double job," said the general "build for peace and burrow for war."

All that we are moved to remark is that if this is what victory for the freedom loving nations in World War II brought them for their trouble, they might as well have lost the war in the first place.

If citizens of these nations, supposed to have won the right to take in the fresh air of freedom through their nostrils, are driven into a rabbit warren system in the bowels of the earth they may find their lung's intake slightly musty.

Nevertheless, the General must be a very smart man. He certainly knows what the dangers of war are and if, after a look around the premises, seeing the atomic bomb and such, he decides the best thing to do is to burrow, who is to gainsay him?

Move over moles.

## REAL LEADERSHIP

Presentation of the Distinguished Service Medal by President Truman yesterday to General George C. Marshall as he retired as army chief of staff, position which he held throughout the war, serves to emphasize the kind of leadership we had for our military forces in time of combat.

This retirement to a degree parallels the relinquishment of command of the third fleet by Admiral William F. Halsey, who went over the side of the battleship South Dakota last week. After a month's temporary duty in Washington he will retire from 45 years service in the navy.

Of all the fuming the United Nations are doing over what to do with victory, now that they have it, not a single one will question the efficiency and methods by which it was accomplished.

General Marshall, Admiral Halsey, just as true as any soldier or sailor under their command, gave all that they could for their duty in its hours of need. They withheld no energy and spared not themselves in their trusts.

Both have earned their rests. We join with Americans everywhere in applauding them as they move from the world's stage after enactment of one of its most gripping and dramatic scenes.

Bevin urges big powers to put cards on the table, says a headline. The main trouble with this is, they don't know how many aces each other is holding.

The main point in the meat situation is no longer in your ration book but rather where are you going to get it.

## NIGHTMARE



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## The Everyday COUNSELOR

By DR. HERBERT SPAUGH

"The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord," says the Bible. The truth of this is illustrated in an old story, "The House of Many Lamps." It tells of a little Church built in the 16th century by an aged duke who had ten beautiful daughters, whom he loved dearly. When they were small he watched them affectionately at their play. After they grew to womanhood, his devotion continued. When the time came that they wished to marry and make homes of their own he protested.

It was with sadness that he saw them leave the ancestral castle one by one. Because of their love for their father, each year the daughters would return on his birthday. Then one year the circle was broken and one of the daughters was absent because of the long journey required. Knowing she would be missed, she sent a band of musicians from her court to play for her father. But this would not comfort the old duke, who was much depressed.

Fearing that his other daughters might follow the example of the first, and leave him on his birthday, he planned to build a little Church so beautiful that all who came to worship there would be impelled to kneel in devotion the moment they entered the door.

When the Church was finished, the duke brought all his daughters to see it. They were delighted and filled with admiration, but the daughter who had absented herself from her father's birthday, asked, "Where are the lamps for the Church?"

"The duke replied, 'There will be no hanging lamps; each one who enters will carry his own. I have provided small brass hand lamps for everyone.'

"But father, isn't this queer?" exclaimed the daughter. "No, dear daughter," replied the duke, "it is not queer. When my daughter is not around my board on my birthday there is a dark and lonely place. So, in the house of God there will be a dark and lonely place if all of his sons and daughters do not come to worship him at the appointed hour."

Fifty hundred years have passed since the beautiful Church was built, yet when the bell calls to worship, the village people still respond, carrying their own lamps. The Church is always filled for no one wants his place to be dark and empty.

The lights of the Christian gospels shine only from the lamps which burn in the hearts of men. For each of us there is an appointed place to shine. Is your lamp burning?

EDITOR'S NOTE—Dr. Spough's new book, "The Pathway to Contentment," will come from the press about December 1st. It is being published in response to the request of many readers, and contains material which has appeared in this column. The price is \$1.00.

## Literary GUIDPOST

By W. G. Rogers

METHINKS THE LADY... by Guy Endore (Duell, Sloan & Pearce; \$2.50). Of all the ingenious books I've read, this is the most ingenious. A novel is "just a tease," says one character, and Endore seems to subscribe to that, for this is a monster tease. Again it is remarked that some people go around the world to cross the street, and that happens here, too.

It happens to Mr. and Mrs. Spence Gillian. When the burb writer asks whether the wife betrayed her husband, or stole, or murdered, it's not merely a rhetorical question; you'll rack your brains over the answer until you get it, 10 pages from the end.

There is shoplifting, an unexpected pregnancy, a murder. Gillian is a psychoanalyst; his wife, though desperately in need of his counsel, doesn't get for he believes, fondly, that out of an entire world which is all mixed up, she almost alone is absolutely normal.

Mrs. Gillian undergoes some terrifying experiences, and you share them in a breathtaking way. How much of it is true story, says the author implies, I couldn't say. But certainly kleptomania, encephalitis, Doppelsaenger, schizophrenia, lagophthalmia... which means sleeping open-eyed... never combined before into such a thrilling yarn. You, too after this, will sleep with your eyes open.

THE PORTABLE F. SCOTT FITZGERALD, selected by Dorothy Parker, introduction by John O'Hara (Viking; \$2); THE PORTABLE POE, selected and edited with introduction by Philip Doren Stern (Viking; \$2). These two "portables," running to 600 and 800 pages, set in type large enough to read in a handy format to fit the hand, are first-rate buys for that public more interested in literature than in collecting. They won't look bad on the library table, but they'll definitely adorn the mind.

The Fitzgerald includes "The Great Gatsby," "Tender Is the Night" and short stories. In the Poe you find short stories, poems, letters and other prose.

## S. C. WOW Meet To Be Held In Gaffney

GAFFNEY, S. C., Nov. 27—(AP)—The annual state meeting of the Woodmen of the world will be held here Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of next week, with about 150 delegates attending.

R. E. Miller of Omaha, Neb., vice-president of the National Camp, and W. C. Braden, also of Omaha, national secretary will be among the speakers.

State officers will be elected at the Tuesday night session. Postpaid. Orders may be sent to THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR, Box 4145, Charlotte, N. C. Advance orders will be autographed. The foresighted citizen who owns and holds a large number of Victory Loan Bonds will be prepared to take advantage of the new modern equipment industry has promised for the future.

## If Today Is Your Birthday

By STELLA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Born today, you are one of those independent souls who must do as you want when you want it, or you become morose and unhappy. Fortunately you have talents and good sense and others can usually follow your lead without disastrous results. In fact, those who let you go your own way and follow along behind are usually able to appreciate as their rightful share some of the wealth and fame which comes to you. In other words, you are a good kite for someone to tie a tail to! You have dramatic talents and should utilize them to their best advantage. You have a good mind, one you must learn to use to its fullest extent. You seem able to analyze your capabilities and thus make the best possible use of them all. In fact, you are the type of person who can make much out of little. Fortunately your sense of honor is keen and you will never intentionally hurt anyone in your climb to fame and success. You will use your head to outwit those less astute or less ambitious. But that, after all, is part of the battle for success in a highly competitive world. You are loyal to your friends. Those who go along with you all the way, whether the path be easy or rough, will share with you in the ultimate rewards. You will make enemies as well as many friends but those you know well learn to love you, for although you may appear stern and uncompromising, you are tender and kind.

WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

"HIS ABILITY TO REASON" Walter Lippmann in the New York Herald Tribune

Our power and influence will endure only if we measure them truly and use them for the ends that we have always avowed and can proclaim with pride. We are the latest Great Power developed by and committed to the tradition of the West. That is the pole star by which we must set our course. At the center of that tradition resides the conviction that man's dignity rises from his ability to reason and thus to choose freely the good in preference to evil. We may claim without offense that this inner principle of the Western tradition is not local, tribal, or national, but universal, and in so far as we are its faithful servants, we shall, in learning how to use our power, win the consent of mankind.

Dwight L. London At Fort Oglethorpe

Pvt. Dwight L. London, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan N. London, of route 1, Ellenboro, has arrived at the Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., redistribution station at which he will receive his new assignment. Pvt. London recently returned to the United States from six months of service overseas.

Valparaiso, Chile, is the largest seaport on the Pacific coast of the American continent south of Los Angeles.

## Merry-Go-Round

## Medicos Battle Politicos On National Health

By DREW PEARSON (Lt. Col. Robert S. Allen Now On Active Service With the Army)

WASHINGTON—Just a few minutes before word came of the paralyzing General Motors strike in Detroit, President Truman was asked at his news conference whether he was hopeful about the labor-management conference which he had called in order to bring a new era of industrial peace. Truman baffled listeners by replying that he was still optimistic.

On the way out of his office, newsmen thought they found the answer to Truman's puzzling cheerfulness. Hanging on the wall was a newly framed parchment making Truman a life member of the "Optimists International."

MEDICAL RAID There are politics in almost everything these days—even health. And behind the President's important, progressive message to Congress on national health appear to be some back-stage politics.

The Hill-Burton bill now before the senate was eased out of committee, some senators suspect, in order to get in ahead of the Truman health program.

Most essential part of the Hill-Burton bill is that it siphons off \$375,000,000 from the federal treasury and puts it largely under control of the so-called "hospital crowd," namely the American Hospital Association, the Protestant Hospital Association, the Catholic Hospital Association, with their ally the American Medical Association which did most of the behind-the-scenes lobbying.

Interesting fact was that the Hill-Burton bill lay quietly in the senate committee on education and labor until Sept. 6, when President Truman announced that later he was going to send a special message to Congress recommending a national health program.

Until then, the authors of the bill, Senator Lister Hill of Alabama and Senator Harold Burton of Ohio (now Supreme court justice) had done little or nothing to push it.

LISTER HILL WAKES UP But suddenly, after Truman's Sept. 6 announcement, the medical lobby got busy. Putting the heat under Democratic Senator Hill, they arranged for him to cooperate with arch-Republican Senator Taft of Ohio, and jacked the bill out of committee over the protests of Committee Chairman Jim Murray of Montana.

Senator Murray, who always has favored a national health program, was put in an embarrassing spot. He favored several portions of the Hill-Burton bill, among them a survey of the country to see where hospitals are needed, and the general idea of a federal subsidy of \$75,000,000 a year to states, communities and non-profit corporations to build hospitals where they are needed.

But here is the chief joker in the bill. This federal money is to be allocated not by the federal government which raises it, but by an outside council on which the American Medical Association lobbied and the so-called "American hospital crowd" would appoint a majority of the members.

In other words, the federal government, after putting up the money, would have the privilege of sitting by and watching private institutions dole it out without any authority over how the money was used.

This is the same scandalous proposal which has raised such a furor in two other recent cases: (1) the atomic bomb bill, which places control of the bomb's secrets in a committee of \$1-a-year businessmen not answerable to the federal government; and (2) the federal aid bill for scientific research.

It is also the same principle at work in the U. S. employment office, whereby the U. S. government puts up the money and the 48 states have the privilege of spending it—with all the lush political patronage that goes along. Building up a local political machine at the expense of the federal government is the fashion these days in Congress.

Interesting thing to watch will be whether the senate now rushes the private hospital bill through, or waits to consider Truman's comprehensive health program for the benefit of the entire country.

## SENATOR OVERTON'S OFFICE

Senator John Overton of Louisiana is a mighty liberal man when it comes to paying his staff, especially when they are his relatives. For some years both his daughters, Katherine and Ruth, were on the congressional payroll. Katherine got married and no longer sups at the public trough, but Ruth Overton still receives more than \$2,200 a year.

Senator Overton is also pretty liberal about time off for his help, especially when they are kinkfolk. Recently Ruth had an enjoyable vacation in Cuba. Not so, however, for a tired mother of a heroic serviceman, Mrs. Julia Kearns, who works in the senator's office.

Mrs. Kearns' son has just returned from two years overseas with the marines, where he was in many major battles including Iwo Jima. However, when it came time for Mrs. Kearns to go back to Louisiana to visit the boy she had worried so much about, the senator limited her to exactly one week, though the railroad trip alone takes four days.

FRANCO'S AMBASSADOR There is one ambassador in Washington whom both diplomats and high officials are watching



## Behind The FRONT PAGE

By HOLT McPHERSON Managing Editor

CONCEDING THAT 1/30TH OF AN OUNCE OF U.235 HAS IN IT enough atomic energy to drive battleships around the world and that the peacetime use of this force may revolutionize our concept of power, yet even with such atomic energy at service the basic needs and principles of living and of human relations will likely not be changed greatly.

The development, therefore, is, as one scientist put it, evolutionary rather than revolutionary; it might be well to look to experience of the past in creating improvements for the future for in less than five years it is feasible that heat and electric power for whole communities and tremendous industrial installations may be drawn from atomic energy. The atomic age is here, and unless harnessed constructively it will be used so destructively that conceivably mankind will be wiped from the face of the earth if not the earth itself be destroyed and sent plunging afire through space. The "I" and "C" that end the word atomic might stand for "in chaos."

In the current issue of Liberty, Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, who was in charge of the atomic bomb research, says it is a mistake to speak of having atomic energy run your car, power your airplane, or send your motorboat across a lake, for it's impractical as we know it now. But it can be employed on a large scale since the amount of energy which can be concentrated in a pea-sized pellet requires at least a 50-ton unit which would have to be cased in walls of concrete many feet thick as shield against the radiation generated in the process of releasing atomic energy.

The uses of atomic energy are infinite, but with our restricted imaginations we cannot even guess at them today, states Dr. Oppenheimer. No one nation, including our own, is responsible for what we know of atomic energy for the background of our present knowledge was supplied by scientists from every country of Europe and many elsewhere. It should result in new conceptions of national and international welfare for no nation can hope to hold a monopoly on a form of energy. "Our hope for the future," says Dr. Oppenheimer, "is to see this new form of energy as the peril, the challenge, and the hope that it really is. Here if we are wise, is a force we can apply to forge the peoples of the earth into a closer unity for in it they will see a new common danger, a new common interest, a new commonwealth. I hope we shall have the wisdom to use this new power."

CAMP CROFT IS CLOSING OPERATIONS IN JANUARY and that report it will be re-activated as Camp Byrnes appears to be totally without foundation.

IT HARDLY SEEMS RIGHT THAT NOT A SINGLE SHELBY HIGH footballer made the North Carolina All-Star team for the Shrine Bowl game at Charlotte December 8, but that's not a reason to fall to support it as proceeds go to the crippled children's work the Shriners do so splendidly.

Incidentally, too, it is a well-earned distinction that North Carolina has been selected as the first state in which the American Academy of Pediatrics will conduct a thorough fact-finding survey to determine the needs of children in a post-war world that the medical mind may assume leadership in making available facilities with which those needs may be met. This important survey is to serve as a model for similar undertakings in every state in the union—failure to do it successfully in this state might delay the national program, importance of which is recognized by pediatricians and medics alike. North Carolina was chosen as the state for launching this movement because of the excellence of its pediatric groups and the Tar Heel interest in child health—a very fine compliment, indeed.

OUR FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR, THE CHARLOTTE Observer, announces plans for a million dollar building program. All over the nation newspapers are getting set to catch up on long-needed construction to be in readiness for the job ahead; The Star, which got the jump by building one of the last modern plants just before the war came on, is being visited every few days by newspaper publishers studying its efficient layout with the view to emulation, which is, after all, the highest form of praise. Good planning really pays off in building a newspaper as any other plant.

more carefully than all the rest. They are especially interested in his health and his tenure of office.

He is genial, roly-poly Brazilian Ambassador Carlos Martins. Reason for the interest in Martins is not his pink shirts or his lovely wife—though both are spectacular—but because, if he resigns, the fascist envoy of dictator Franco is likely to become dean of the diplomatic corps.

At present Ambassador Martins is dean of the diplomats. He has served in Washington longer than any other ambassador, therefore precedes all others at dinners, and has the right to be their spokesman. Popular despite his pink shirts and passion for bridge, Martins has been a real friend of the United States. Many people would regret his departure.

But aside from personal popularity, they would regret even more having Spanish Ambassador Juan Cardenas become dean of diplomatic and cook of the walk in the diplomatic corps.

At present Venezuelan Ambassador Diogenes Escalante is in line to become dean, but has been seriously ill; in addition to which a new Venezuelan president has just come into power. So it is doubtful if Escalante can remain active in Washington.

That is why, with the exit of Brazilian President Vargas, State department officials are hoping that the new head of Brazil will keep Ambassador Martins in Washington.

## Season's Greetings

CLINTON, Ill.—(AP)—Mrs. Ruth Barnett put an illuminated Christmas wreath in an attic window. She reports it's still there and still shining. She hopes it would hold out until Dec. 26.

## RAISE \$1,631 IN SEAL DRIVE

The sale of Christmas seals under the sponsorship of the Cleveland County Tuberculosis association is moving steadily toward its goal, officials of this organization said this morning.

After one week's campaigning a total of \$1,631.30 has been raised. Of this amount Shelby business houses contributed \$460 and Kings Mountain business houses \$306. The rest came in from the direct mail campaign.

Those who have received their supply of seals by mail are urged to return their remittances at the earliest possible date.

Seventy-five percent of the funds raised locally will be used to fight tuberculosis in this county. The Cleveland County Tuberculosis association has already a full-time worker engaged here and plans are being made for further organization against this disease.

Sales of these little seals which people are asked to use on their holiday letters and packages and sale of bonds to business firms and individuals constitute the only way by which the tuberculosis association finances its work.

## 'Theft' School Broken By Police

MADRAS, India—City police detectives have broken up a "school" for training young hoodlums in the arts of theft. Many of the "students" were only five years old, and pocket picking was a favored course of study.

## MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS NEW AND RENEWAL

I represent three thousand (3,000) magazines, and can get for you any magazine on the market. I duplicate any offer made to you direct by the publishers.

Many magazines offer special gift rates for Christmas. Let me tell you about them. HOLIDAY the new Curtis publication is most attractive for Christmas gift. Let me show it to you. Let me order your magazines for you. I have always lived in Shelby and spend whatever money I earn here.

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