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Editorial

NO SCARCITY OF DYNAMITE

Again some night prowler has placed high explosives, set fire to the fuse and stood at a distance to see his handy work. Again some one has destroyed property maliciously, endangered life and proved to all in the surrounding countryside that the Tabor City area still has a long way to go before the law takes everything into adequate charge.

When the unknown character placed dynamite under the service station-residence on the Green Sea road in the edge of Horry county Tuesday night, three murders might well have been committed at one stroke. Indeed, three murders may have even been planned. In which case, the timing was slightly out of kilter because a sudden decision not to go home, kept the residents at an oyster roast and saved them from the catastrophic blast which shook the town at three in the morning.

Many persons are speculating as to the guilty party's identity. Who would blast the tiny service station in the forks of Cow Pasture road exactly one month from the day four shots rang out and a world war veteran fell dead on the station floor.

The law is at work. Like the Gore Lake explosions, tangible evidence is scarce but progress can be made. If there has ever been a time that Tabor City and the entire area needed to awaken from this semi-slumber and rise to the occasion and see that crime is pushed away at arm's length for good, now is the time.

There's scarcely a month that passes that some real devilment is not committed near here. Cuttings, shootings, and more recently dynamiting seems to be a fad among some sects. This is the time to stop the scoundrels making life so uncertain here. This is the time to get hardboiled. This is the time for the courts to clamp down as they never did before and show the criminally-inclined that nothing short of the maximum punishments will be doled out in the future.

Light punishments have prompted much of the second offense crime here. Courts are failing to prove to the criminals that "Crime Does Not Pay." Horry county is guilty and so is Columbus county.

This sneak dynamiter may never be caught or if caught, it may never be proven. But it seems that every citizen should be doubly alert for any clues that might lead to the arrest and conviction. Many have been caught for crimes in the past only to repeat them. What we need is more hardboiled judges and jurymen to take away some of these third and fourth offense chances. Maximum sentences from the beginning seems the answer.

Advertising, says Bruce Barton, is a day-by-day and hour-by-hour business. If it's worth doing at all, it's worth doing all the time.

PEACEFUL REVOLUTION

The American people have reversed the political trend they had followed since 1930. With ballots instead of bullets they have set in motion a peaceful revolution. No lesser term adequately measures the Republican victory.

A tide which had begun to turn even before the war quietly rose higher even than most Republican leaders had hoped, swept that party into power in both houses of Congress, and engulfed most of the State governments outside of the still solid South.

At a time when most of the world has been swinging leftward, the United States has turned sharply right. In a period when nations all over the globe have shown a disposition to experiment with various forms of regimentation, the American people have revolted against governmental controls.

How far-reaching and permanent is this revolution likely to be? One answer is sure to be found in the success with which present prosperity is stabilized. It is unlikely that there will be a real economic "bust" in the next year or two. But neither in this election or in any other recent development has there been evidence that the American people have learned how to prevent economic depression and widespread unemployment. Neither is there much indication that politicians—of either party—are prepared to resist the continuing pressures of special interests which push the Nation toward socialism.

The result has been due plainly to an inchoate demand for change. The election was remarkable for the lack of clearly defined alternative programs. The vote was against the "Ins" without requiring specifications of what the "Outs" had to offer. Yet there were sound instincts in the public's action. There was a sense that a long term in office had either achieved the ends or removed the meaning of the New Deal. The Republican-conservative Democrat coalition in Congress had blocked the Truman program but was not carrying through any of its own. The President had banked on repairing the Roosevelt laxity in administration, but even there the signs of confusion, fumbling and office-holding deadwood multiplied.

Thus, while accumulated discontents, particularly with controls and strikes, accounted for much of the desire for change, this election was not the result of mere irritations over a shortage of meat. It expressed some disillusionment with the results of the war, but was by no means a mandate to reverse recent foreign policy and return to isolationism, for foreign policy has been very clearly on a non-partisan basis.

The next two years will present a challenging test of the American system of representative government. For it will be definitely a period of Congressional dominance. A President of the opposition party will remain in the White House until 1949, but Congress will have the real mandate and power for positive action.

There can be a period of sitting still, waiting for things to settle down. There can be a time of stalemate, with Congress and President battling on partisan lines. But the public will hardly be satisfied with such a result. The mandate was conservative, but it was not negative.

In recent years the Republican leaders in Congress have had less of a program than the Republican presidential nominees. But now it has the chief responsibility. With the conservative Democrats—and there were more conservative than New Deal Democrats returned—they can override the President on basic questions. This puts the challenge of a difficult period directly up to them—and to the good sense of the American people. For citizens did not abdicate their influence when they pushed this revolution through the polling booths. They still have a big share in carrying it out in effective government.— Christian Science Monitor.

Somehow the spectacle of two women sizing each other up reminds us of two prize fighters shaking hands just before the initial round.

SPORTS AFIELD

By Ted Kesting

Cold nights coming up! Moonlight with the old zingo of the autumn! The birds are on the move! That's the time to watch your waterfowl. If they have not been wing-clipped lately, now's the time to do it.

Don't wait until you feel like it! You may lose them. This advice comes from Horace Mitchell, game breeding expert, and he has lost them that way like many others. They hear the call of the migrants, or just the tang of the air does it. If they can fly, they go up and off to the south.

Better catch each one and examine it carefully. Do the catching without commotion. Get the birds around the feeding places. Put out some grain within easy reach of your hand. Sit down and have a smoke, or just sit still. When a bird gets near enough, just scoop her up and hold her quietly in your lap so the others will not become alarmed. A glance at the long, stiff feathers on the outer edge of the last bone in the wing is all you need.

If you find, on your inspection.

that a bird has just dead-looking stiff stubs of feathers left from a previous clipping job, that is okay. Such a bird will not be able to fly until these stubs have been molting out naturally and new feathers grown to replace them. Yanking out the stubs (they come out easily if they have been stubs for quite a time) will start the growth of new feathers. These must be clipped when they are almost matured enough to carry the bird.

Wing-clip only one wing. Cut off enough of the ends of the feathers, but do not cut too much. There is no need to get into the skin or draw blood.

Now it may be that you have pinioned stock. The person that sold them to you may have told you that they will never fly because of

being treated. You will be wise to be cautious about accepting this. The operation itself consists of cutting off part of the wing. It can be done with a knife on adult stock.

You should not be fooled by any apparent tameness of your waterfowl. They may fly all around your place and may come in to feed when you call them or by hanging on a dinner pail. They may eat off your hands and eat off your shoulder. But those are no signs that they will not desert you the instant they get the itch in their feet or the urge to use their wings to travel.

Get those scissors and get down to the pens right now.

STORES TO CLOSE

Tabor City stores and business houses will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. It was announced yesterday by Willard G. Cole, executive secretary of the Merchants Association.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Postwar college football has no more relation to education than bullfighting to agriculture." —Pres. Paul F. Douglass, American Univ.

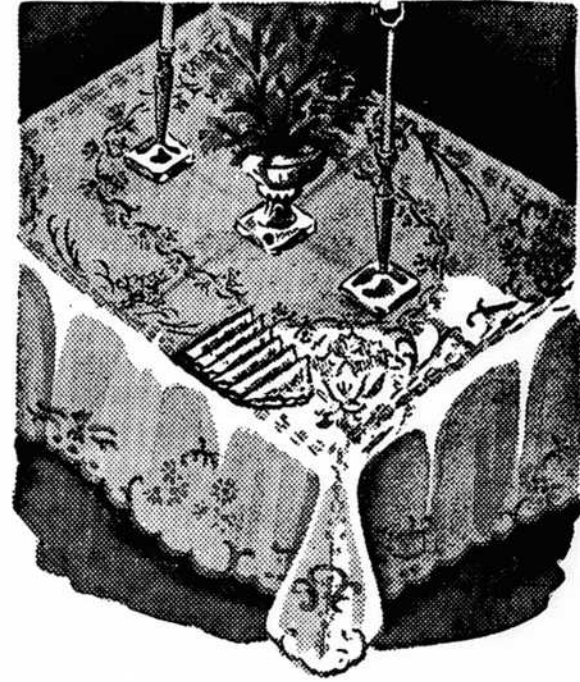
"For a buck a throw we'll let it grow!" —Purdue Univ. students "striking" against union barbers' \$1 haircuts.

"There can be no actual wage increases for labor which are not based in the final analysis upon increased unit production." —The Labor Union, Dayton, O.

"The average American is not a collectivist but an individualist who wants to stand on his own feet." —Vice-pres. Ray Livingstone, Thompson Products Co.

"The Pollyannas in pants on the Federal payroll are getting me down!" —Frederick C. Othman, columnist.

"There are no ideal men—but they're wonderful to have around." —Jane Russell, movie star.



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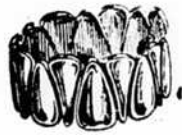
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