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"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities: who healeth all thy diseases."—Psalmist.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 1945

LET'S GO SLOW ON BONDING THE CITY

This great local bond issue, running around Four Million Dollars, is something to give the taxpayers and voters cause for thought—much thought and long thought. In the years to come, with a lighter purse and a heavier burden to carry, and with things not as easy as they are today, in other words the celebration of the morning after the night before spending of World War No. I, when Mr. Hoover handed Mr. Roosevelt a depleted treasury and a defunct government, as far as humbled capital was concerned, when the Big Boys saw the handwriting on the wall, and came knocking at the back door of a hated administration for relief, Franklin D. Roosevelt closed the banks, and after the house cleaning there were fewer banks. He gave us the Federal Reserve he gave us the WPA, a thing that saved our starving, suffering citizenship; he gave Big Business a "shot in the arm," he gave the little man relief.

If we need bonds for public utilities that are necessary, such as sewage, streets, etc., all good and well, but Let's leave off the millions that will go for something NOT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, and that we can build as time goes on, and along with our prosperity, and not endanger by taxes the homes of the little man, who may not ever have a job.

We believe City Manager Flack has the right idea, but he does not go far enough in his cautiousness. Our new city council would do well to ponder long and thoughtfully before taking any unwise steps. Of course, it will have to go to a vote of the people, and we have confidence as to their sanity of judgment.

The Charlotte News of last Saturday, June 2, carried the following editorial, which is not bad logic, in other words make it a "volunteer contribution memorial," or tax it heavy the first few years while the "fodder is in the shock," and "the dew is on the daisies"—for, brother, hard days are ahead when Japan is whipped, or a few years after and that's not calamity howling either:

MEMORIAL, C. O. D.

It's bad manners to look a gift horse in the mouth, but honesty is still the best policy. And the honest fact of the matter is that when the City of Charlotte builds an imposing memorial to its soldiers and sailors of World War II, financing it with serial bonds the last of which mature in 1972, it is simultaneously handing them the bill for their own memorial. Or the tag end of it, anyhow, for by 1972, most of the taxpayers will be veterans.

We believe they would approve the undertaking, even so. The War Memorial should be a utilitarian as well as a handsome structure, a stand-out facility affording pride and enjoyment to us all. But by the proposed method of financing the monument, its honorees would have to catch some part of the check.

Isn't there some way of making the memorial as a true gift, fully paid and with no installments as a lien on the rising generations of taxpayers? Could we not vote to tax ourselves heavily this year, next year and for two or three years. Instead of deferring a settlement (and paying for the privilege in interest charges)? It will not be feasible to build the War Memorial for a period. During

JOHN P. WHITE SIGNALLY HONORED

That was a signal honor given Councilman J. P. White last week, when he was made Chairman of the Veterans' Service Committee of Charlotte by Mayor Baxter. Mr. White has three sons in the service overseas, and another son who is a veteran of World War No. I. If our memory fails us not all of these boys are members of Typographical Union, as is the father. There is no man on the city council for whom The Journal editor has greater respect, and our intimate knowledge of the man through personal contact for many years leads us to make the statement that he is one public servant who will not be swayed by any faction, other than what he believes to be right and just for all parties concerned. He is not a politician, but a 100 per cent American and a man who believes in doing things himself—and, having things done.

SAVING THE MOREHEAD STREET PARKING STRETCH

Like many other Charlotte citizens, The Journal editor can not see the necessity of doing away with the "Park Strip" on East Morehead street in front of the Alexander Graham Junior High School, unless, as it has been well said by many, it is to open a speedway to endanger the lives of our children attending this school. It is a very attractive stretch of lawn and shrubbery, and certainly not an eyesore. What Charlotte needs more of is just such stretches along our highways, more small parks, here and there, and less memorials of granite, marble, brick and "asphalt."

STILL THE SAME OLD "COCKEY" FRANCE

For a defeated, and thoroughly stripped nation, the French are certainly wielding the big stick in Syria and the Levant. Of course, they are one of our "allies," but they are certainly no ways backward about coming forward in their demands.

ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

By RUTH TAYLOR

What are "foreign relations"? They are just exactly the same as domestic relations—the attitude of people toward each other, our attitude toward our neighbors and their attitude toward us.

The longer people work together the more they understand each other. When we refer to a man as a cosmopolitan—we mean he has seen and lived in more than one place, that he is readily adaptable. A cosmopolitan society is the blending of many types of people.

It may seem a difficult task to establish good foreign relations between nations, between peoples of different faiths and speech, but if we reduce it to the common denominator of the neighbors on our own street and in our own town, we will see it can be accomplished. And it must be if we are to have peace in this world.

In a recent speech before the American Foreign Policy Association, Pierre de L. Boal said: "Our foreign relations are in fact our first line of defense. The bulwarks of this defense are far beyond our shores in the minds and hearts of other people. Its arsenal are in our own."

Carrying this idea still further, President Truman said: "America must assist suffering humanity back along the path of peaceful progress. This will require time and tolerance. We shall need also an abiding faith in the people, the kind of faith and courage which Franklin Delano Roosevelt always had. Today America has become one of the most powerful forces for good on earth. We must keep it so."

We as a nation are dedicated to the ways of economic peace in the world in order that there may be freedom from want not only for ourselves but for all the peoples of all the earth.

We are dedicated as well to the ways of spiritual peace in the world in order that all over the world men of all races, of all nationalities, of all faiths may be free. For us, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is more than a national ideal. It is the heart of the human problem. It is the heart of all relations—both domestic and foreign.

at that time, at least we could be laying by.

Besides, there is a very good chance that Mecklenburg County will have ABC stores one of these post-war days, and with them the opportunity of reducing the tax rate substantially. With this relief City taxpayers could stand a special tax and not feel it. Then without embarrassment they could inscribe the plaque on the War Memorial, "Erected to the Everlasting Memory of its Valiant Soldiers and Sailors by the City of Charlotte, 1945 A.D. (Absolutely Debtfree)."

TEAMSTERS OF PHILA. TO PASS \$65,000 MARK IN BOND DRIVE

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PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—
June 4.—The Teamsters

Joint Council No. 53, AFL, have already sold \$356,000 in War Bonds of the Seventh War Loan, which is far in advance of their record for Sixth Loan. The Council is expected to pass the \$650,000 mark by the end of the drive, by John O'Neal, Council President.

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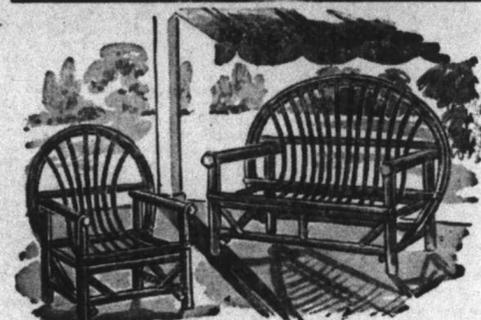
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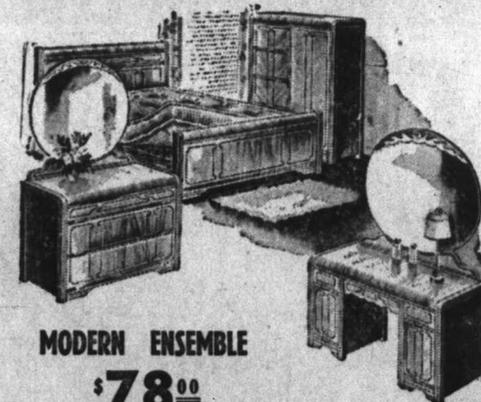
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