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Weak Spot In Defense

One of the weakest spots in our national defense, not only in time of war but also in times of peace, is bobbing up in bold relief throughout the country.

"Local draft boards were in a dither today as reports of mass rejections by physical examiners put a crimp in their schedule. At least three of the boards found that they did not have enough men to fill the January 23 quota and will order others up for examination," the Charlotte News said recently in pointing out that 12 out of 27 men had been rejected by the examiners.

The serious plight of our general health is being brought to light by the call to service. The all-important question now is, Will we do anything about it? We are traveling down to defeat much faster than we think. Hitler possibly would devour us in very short order, but our indifference to our own health and well-being will send us down into decay eventually if we continue to follow the same easy road we have been traveling in recent years.

A father, hardly past forty, rode his son's wheel two blocks and could hardly walk the next day. He slumps under a steering wheel to run a two-block errand. He calls for his car to take him the few blocks to and from his office. He gouges on rich foods and slumps down in an easy chair. He knows nothing about a regular schedule for meals or sleep. He runs his course, ignoring the simple demands of good health. In time, he flecks to the hospital where he finds thousands of other despondent souls waiting to be patched up. Temporary repairs are the best the doctors can guarantee in many cases, but even temporary relief offers an opportunity to return to old habits. The tens of thousands crowding the hospitals, sanatoriums and even the asylums for the insane apparently offer no warning to those who manage to drag around with stubborn rheumatism or disease in other forms.

In this county during the draft registration, 2,000 blood tests were handled by the health department. Preliminary reports show that ten per cent of that number was diseased. The 2,000 took the tests at the direction of health authorities who see and realize the great need for an awakening to the startling facts as they relate to public health. Less than a dozen of that number were interested enough to follow up those tests and make certain that their bodies were free of a disease that is claiming more victims week by week.

And now, when the call is issued for manpower for the defense of our country, we are finding that a large percentage—fifty per cent in some cases—is physically unfit for service. Add to that number the increasing multitude of morally unfits, and you have a serious situation facing this country aside from the realm of war or defense against war. One may talk about the "bottleneck" in industry, but the weak spot and a serious one, too, is centered in the general health of our people.

A Guide To The Future

In a recent years quackery in the patent medicine field attracted the ire of the law-makers and courts. Today, the analyst is offering for a price consideration to predict what is going to happen in this mad world. If enough fellows guess, some one will guess right, but it is bordering pretty close to quackery when anyone without access to the real facts offers for a cash consideration to tell which way this mad world is going to turn tomorrow, not to mention its status a month or six months from now.

They say business is looking to Washington. That's true, and Washington is looking to business. Business is looking to the little man, and the little man is looking to business. When it comes to trying to beat the race and get something for nothing, one starts looking at the other fellow. It is well to keep abreast of the times, but the guide to the future is to be determined by the individual. Where were all the prognosticators just before the crash in 1929? Mr. Hoover was a prognosticator and predicted that prosperity was just around the corner. If the President, with all the sources of information he

has at his disposal, cannot see around a corner, how can one expect an agency, naturally limited in its means and brains, to tell what is going to happen tomorrow in this crazy world?

If one would pick the best guide to the future that can be picked, he will cast out of his mind all ideas of getting rich quick, or trying to start a boom without foundation. He will do well to ignore big profits and set his goal to serve himself, family and his country to the best of his ability, not by biting off more than he can chew but by accepting a common task with the intention of doing that task well.

If the agricultural front undertakes a huge expansion in an effort to "hit" a rising market and is unable to properly handle the task, then little is to be gained. If business overstocks its shelves and something does happen, then calamity will follow. The guide to the future should be based on even keel, with each one playing the rules of the game fairly and squarely. The tide will go up and down, but as long as all go and come together after a sensible fashion there'll be no great shock to absorb. But we cannot get far by listening to some fellow who tells us how to get rich quick by buying this stock and selling another, or by trying to "hedge" the market.

An Honorable Peace?

Christian Science Monitor.

American isolationists would like very much to persuade the United States that an early peace is possible. They use such phrases as an "immediate" or an "honorable and just" peace.

Senator Burton K. Wheeler is plausible when he argues that the prospect of an actual Nazi invasion of the United States is remote and that the German people want peace just as any other people do. But are not American interests vitally affected long before invasion begins? And is America the kind of a world citizen who can placidly, contentedly watch burglars at work on other people's houses so long as they do not enter her own?

Of if the German people do want peace, even a just peace, what possibility is there that the present Nazi Government will let them have it?

The Senator believes a satisfactory peace might be worked out on a basis of eight points, among which he lists first, "Restoration of Germany's 1914 boundaries with an autonomous Poland and Czechoslovakia." He proposes restoration of an independent France, Holland, Norway, Belgium and Denmark.

Can Americans, even Mr. Wheeler and his group, seriously believe that Nazi Germany, swollen with conquest, would settle on this basis—even if bribed, as proposed, by the return of former German colonies around the world? Such a misreading of the blatantly proclaimed totalitarian mentality would be ludicrous if it were not potentially so tragic in terms of submission to butchery and enslavement.

The proposed lines of settlement, be it noted, would ask Germany to divest itself of Austria and of Alsace-Lorraine, to which it certainly would not now consent. On the other hand, some interpretations of autonomy would leave a certain Nazi control over Czechoslovakia and Poland, which must be utterly repugnant to all who deplored the settlement of Munich and the later aggression of September, 1939.

Somewhat curiously Verne Marshall, head of the rather nebulous No Foreign Wars Committee, asserts with an implied criticism that the American State Department received and ignored a kind of "peace" feeler from Nazi officials through W. R. Davis—then engaged in selling expropriated Mexican oil to Germany—in October, 1939. This proposal, says Mr. Marshall, involved "just and honorable" terms for a peace conference to be held at the White House.

If President Roosevelt has been criticized for urging diplomats at Munich before he could know the pattern of the outcome, how "honorable" would Americans have considered it to be for him to preside at an attempted mediation which could only tend to confirm Nazi gains after their design for conquest had been written in blood across the plains of Poland?

One point which the self-styled anti-interventionists conveniently or wishfully ignore is the fact that the terms of a peace inevitably are determined in large part by the circumstances at the time of its writing. This has been seen in the Nazi terms imposed at the capitulation of France.

While Winston Churchill, British Prime Minister, was surveying on Monday, the devastation wrought by bomb-inflicted fire on the heart of London, a woman asked him when the war would be over.

He replied grimly, "When we beat them."

That is the only time war can be over with aggressors. For another point the appeasers fail to grasp is that the great desideratum to be sought in the defense of the world against the current Axis outbreak of ruthlessness is the establishment of the precedent that the starting of wars is a crime against humanity and the establishment also of a machinery of justice for the settling of international disputes without wars.

That is the only honorable basis upon which peace can be built.

And speaking of running things: It is now quite obvious that the Greeks can make other things than a cafe skeddadle.—Elkin Tribune.

"The Duchess of Windsor and eleven million other people had a tooth pulled recently."—Greenville Piedmont.

"THE VISITING FIREMEN"



What the Pastors Are Wishing...

By REV. JAMES H. SMITH

A Sunday school teacher said last Sunday morning that if one of our churches, with doors widely opened, should be in one of certain other countries the people would be afraid to enter and worship the True and Living God. Their form of government would not allow it. We pastors are wishing for better church attendance in this land of freedom. We want our church pews occupied. We want larger numbers seriously coming to the mid-week prayer services.

We are afraid that if we abuse our freedom we will lose it and our souls also. We wish for churches filled with sincere worshippers.

I have heard of people going to church and leaving without having been fed with spiritual food. We earnestly desire to give you the pure Word of God. It is not a mere social gospel you need; not a discussion of politics when you come to church. You hunger for the Bread of Life. You thirst for the Water of Life. John said that Jesus was the Word of God. If we can preach unto you Jesus you will get satisfaction for your hunger and thirst. The Word of God is Good News. We want to give and live the gospel to you. This is one of our best wishes for the New Year.

Sometimes people in the community are sick and need visiting but we have not heard about them—we

wish for thoughtful helpers who will call us and tell us about these who are sick. We still believe the sick should be visited. We still believe Christian people should pray for the sick. The sick need both science and religion to minister unto them. Perhaps you have problems that cannot be solved without the help of someone. Maybe your pastor is the one to call upon. Please do not think that it would be a bother for the preacher to give you his time.

Greene 4-H Club Members Organize Dairy Calf Club

A dairy calf club is being organized for 4-H club members of Greene County interested in good milk cows and how to care for them properly, says J. W. Grant, assistant farm agent.

His time is yours when you need him. We wish to be the greatest possible blessing to our people this year.

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Personal Property LISTING

List-takers will be at the following places on the specified dates to list all personal property and polls for general taxation in the County of Martin for the tax year of 1941:

Jamesville

R. L. Stallings, List-taker. Each Friday and Saturday at Town House; Wednesday, Jan. 15 and 22, Dardens; Tuesday, Jan. 14, Luther Cordon.

Williams

C. L. Daniel, List-taker. January 16 at Fairview Church, 8:30 to 12:30; and at Richlieu Filling Station from 1 to 4 p.m.; January 17 at Township House from 8:30 to 4 p.m.; January 21 at Joshua L. Coltrain's from 8:30 to 2 p.m.; January 24 at home.

Griffins

Geo. C. Griffin, List-taker. January 16, John A. Griffin's Filling Station; January 17 at J. Eason Lilley's Store; January 23, at Manning and Gurkin's Filling Station; January 24 and 31, at S. E. Manning's Filling Station. Hours 8:30 to 4 p.m.

Bear Grass

A. B. Ayers, List-taker. Each Thursday and Friday at A. B. Ayers' home.

Williamston

H. M. Burras, List-taker. Each week day at courthouse. Hours 9 to 5 p.m.

Cross Roads

Gordon G. Bailey, List-taker. January 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 29 and 30 at Everetts; January 24 at Gurgann's Schoolhouse; January 31 at Cross Roads Church.

Robersonville

H. S. Everett, List-taker. Each week day at Central Warehouse through January.

Poplar Point

LeRoy Taylor, List-taker. January 29, 30 and 31.

Hamilton

L. H. Everett, List-taker. January 10, 17, 27, 29 and 30 at Hamilton; January 24 and 31 at Hasell; January 28 at Beddard's Filling Station.

Goose Nest

J. A. Rawls, List-taker. January 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 and 31 and February 1 at Oak City; January 9 at Luke Burnette's from 10 to 3; January 16 at Smith Bros. Store from 10 to 3; January 22 at Hopkins Farm from 11 to 3; January 23 at J. A. Everett's from 11 to 3; and January 30 at Dan Howell's Filling Station from 11 to 3 o'clock.

Every personal property owner and every male between the ages of 21 and 50, inclusive, must list their holdings for general taxation. Failure to do so will invite indictment and prosecution in the courts. Listings must be completed by the last day of January. List Early.

This the 2nd day of January, 1941.

S. H. Grimes

County Tax Supervisor

Poultry Truck

EVERY TUESDAY

AT JAMESVILLE 9 to 10:00 a. m.
AT HARDISON'S MILL 10:30 to 12 m.
AT BEAR GRASS 1 to 3 p. m.

EVERY FRIDAY

AT OAK CITY 9 to 11 a. m.
AT HAMILTON 11:30 a. m. to 12 m.
AT GOLD POINT 1 to 2 p. m.

EVERY SATURDAY

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Sheriff.