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### Jumping At Conclusions

Advised of trouble on the railroad labor front, we laymen are jumping at conclusions. If we entertain any belief in democracy, we sometimes fail to express it.

Faced with added living costs and recognizing the piling up of profits for the railroads, railroad workers voted to strike for a wage increase. The procedure, strictly democratic, is recognized by law, but when the first step was taken there were those of us who started condemning the railroad working man. We did not wait to learn all the facts. The unions first present their demands and if the employees and employers are unable to reach an agreement, mediation is attempted. If that fails then the President names a commission to study the problem with the provision that both sides are placed before the public in a fair and unbiased manner. During the meantime, the workers agree to continue at their tasks for ninety days.

Possibly the workers are making unjust demands, but the layman should also recognize that the railroad worker is not receiving as much, on an average, as many common laborers who are not charged with the big responsibility of transporting human life and bread and other foodstuffs for human consumption. We talk about democracy, but when democracy is applied in this case, we ignore it and jump at conclusions.

### A Lot Of Idle Talk

Its' little more than idle talk when people start boasting about how much they are helping defense by buying defense savings stamps and bonds. At the best they are only indirectly aiding defense, and they should be frank about it and admit they are looking to the stamp and bond as an investment medium. The man who buys a bond or a greater number of bonds and then grumbles about everything the government is doing can hardly be classed as a patriotic citizen.

The patriotic citizen is the one who is in step with his government, his church and his fellowman. The patriotic citizen is the one who struggles along trying to meet his obligations, supporting his leaders in government and doing his bit without boasting about it to the world. We have boosted our patriotism with a lot of hot air; we will show real patriotism when we make sacrifices and work without complaining.

### I'd Rather Be Right

By Samuel Grafton.  
Our hair must be curly. Our smile must be sweet; our lips must be half-parted in a darling bow. How else explain why so much of the world bleeds to defend us? Mr. Summer Welles bestows a note on Constantine Oumansky, the Soviet Ambassador, informing him that the United States has decided that what Russia is doing is in the interests of American defense. It is like a kiss blown from a high, safe window.

It must be exhilarating for the sweating Poles and exiled Czechs, the English and the Chinese, to hear our girlish laughter, to know that we approve of what they are doing; that

we like them fine. They are our favorites, every one of them, our veritable dears. They have notes from us to prove it; we are so flattered by this competition among the nations to defend us that, actually, we do not know which one we like the most. This attention is enough to turn a girl's head.

China is defending America, and England is defending America, and Russia is defending America, and de Gaulle is defending America—correction. We still recognize Vichy. We accept de Gaulle's defense of America while affecting not to notice; after all, you cannot treat all the men alike. And the Norwegian sailors are defending America, and the brave little Balkan peasants scribbling their pathetic V's; they are defending America. In a word, everybody is defending America except America.

We are touched. And we have been thinking. We have decided to do something for the Russians. We are going to let them buy tools and weapons here. For cash. Not only that. After they have bought what they need, we are going to let them take it out of the country, smack out of the country.

They are so decent about it, all of them, the English and the Chinese and the Poles. There is almost a conspiracy among them not to say very much to indicate that we ought to enter a shooting war. It is as if they knew us to be life from us. They are so terribly grateful for virginal, and have agreed to keep the facts of our unutterable kittenishness, so moved by the loyalty with which we flutter a handkerchief at them from the window, almost every day, that one could spit, thinking of it.

Don't look now, but our moral position has become disgusting.

We have embraced half the nations in the world, kissed them on both cheeks, told them officially that they are saving our lives. Now we are watching the battle, with a foolish-fond expression. It is the damndest face any country has turned to the world since the world began. If that look of infatuated helplessness freezes on us, we shall become the gargoyle of the century. Those lips, they shall say to us later on, froze while trying to utter the syllables, attaboy, to the ages.

Both sides are going to remember us, after this is over, as something fat and cream-colored, that clung to a high safe wall during the earthquake. What a dreadful risk one runs when one loses moral grace. One wonders whether our hair will be curly enough to maintain the world's present adoration after the noise dies down. Or whether we won't enter into the unspeakable loneliness of those who play it safe during common catastrophe.

History sometimes takes place deep down in the belly of man, below the level of thought; the tumbling English and Chinese and Russian and Australian and French and Polish millions, toiling for something better, they know not what, may decide later on that we are not important after all. We are merely that which was defended; but the future belongs to the defenders. Isn't it becoming chilly, way up here, and would it not be warming to sweat a little?

### What Is a Wheelbergh?

Veronique Hall, in the Milwaukee Journal.  
A Wheelbergh is a not so quiet birdman of the ostrich family. Its main habitat is in the temperate zone, where it enjoys all the fruits of nature but is noted for its refusal to defend these advantages. It appears only too willing to share them with despoilers, who have only to growl from a distance.

A further distinguishing characteristic of the Wheelbergh is "day blindness," which causes it to ignore dangers plainly seen by others and yet can see nonexistent dangers in a poorer light.

The only sound the Wheelbergh makes is a harsh, unpleasant scream, something like this: "A-pease. A-pease."

### Labor Day Footnotes

New York Post (Ind.)  
A great many persons who, like Senator Wheeler, argue that this war is no good for labor, and who try to picture it as a struggle between rival imperiums, fail to do the simple and obvious thing: to see what labor itself has to say about it, or to note which side permits labor to say anything at all and which does not. Under Mr. Wheeler's theory, Mr. Chamberlain was a great friend of labor for compounding the felony of Munich, and M. Petain was a great friend of labor for capitulating to the Nazis—while labor was its own worst enemy, for insisting that Mr. Chamberlain declare war, and for deposing him when he would not fight it vigorously. Somebody is standing on his head, and it is not labor.

## Cut Them All, Senator!



## CHURCH NEWS

### CHRISTIAN

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Subject, "The Word That Opens Heaven."  
Young People's meeting, 7 p. m. Subject, "Religion in a Democracy."  
Evening service, 8 p. m. Subject, "The Unwritten Gospel."  
Mid-week service Wednesday, 8 p. m. Subject, "The Three Homes."

Promotion day will be observed in the Bible school with a special program on next Sunday morning. All students of the school are urged to be present to receive their promotion cards or certificates, and all to enjoy the program. The following Sunday, the first in October, will be observed as "Rally Day." Many of our students have been away and we are anxious to greet them and to the many members of the Church who do not attend Bible school, we extend to you a most cordial welcome and to those not attending who are not members of the church we invite you to attend with us or somewhere in our town.

Installation of the pipe organ at the church is going forward in a most pleasing note. We are promised the use of the organ for the first Sunday in October. This fine instrument

will add much to the beauty and atmosphere of our worship. Mr. Russell Roebuck, lately of Atlantic Christian College, will become choir director, and will announce his plans for the church music in the near future. Announcement will be made shortly concerning the dedication of the organ.

### BAPTIST

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship, 11 a. m.  
B. T. U., 7 p. m.  
Evening worship, 8 p. m.  
The sermon subjects are: "Fulfilling the Law of Christ," and "The Parable of the Talents."

### CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

16th Sunday after Trinity.  
The Collect  
O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy suc-

cor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Church school, 9:45 a. m. E.S.T.  
Morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m. E.S.T.  
There will be a meeting of the memorial committee following the morning services.

ST. MARTIN'S, Hamilton  
Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m. E.S.T.

### METHODIST

Church school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship, 11 a. m.  
Epworth League, 7 p. m.  
Evening worship, 8 p. m.  
Mid-week prayer service, Wednesday evening, 8 p. m.  
Choir practice, Wednesday evening, 8 p. m.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE  
North Carolina, Martin County.  
Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of George B. Steele, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned within one year from the date of this notice or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.  
This the 21st day of August, 1941.  
MRS. GEORGE B. STEELE,  
Administratrix of the estate of a22-6t George B. Steele, deceased.

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in 7 days  
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### NEWS and FACTS ... of Statewide Interest

## FROM MANTEO TO MURPHY

North Carolina law enforcement officials, accepting the help of the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee, have established a noteworthy record of eliminating the scattered few beer retailers who commit or permit law violations in their places of business.

Encouraged by the recent endorsement of our work by law enforcement officials and county authorities, our Committee's program of industrial cooperation proceeds without let-up. Your support is needed in making and keeping North Carolina's legalized beer industry free from objectionable elements. You can help by patronizing only those dealers who conduct their businesses in strict compliance with the law.

### BREWERS AND NORTH CAROLINA BEER DISTRIBUTORS COMMITTEE

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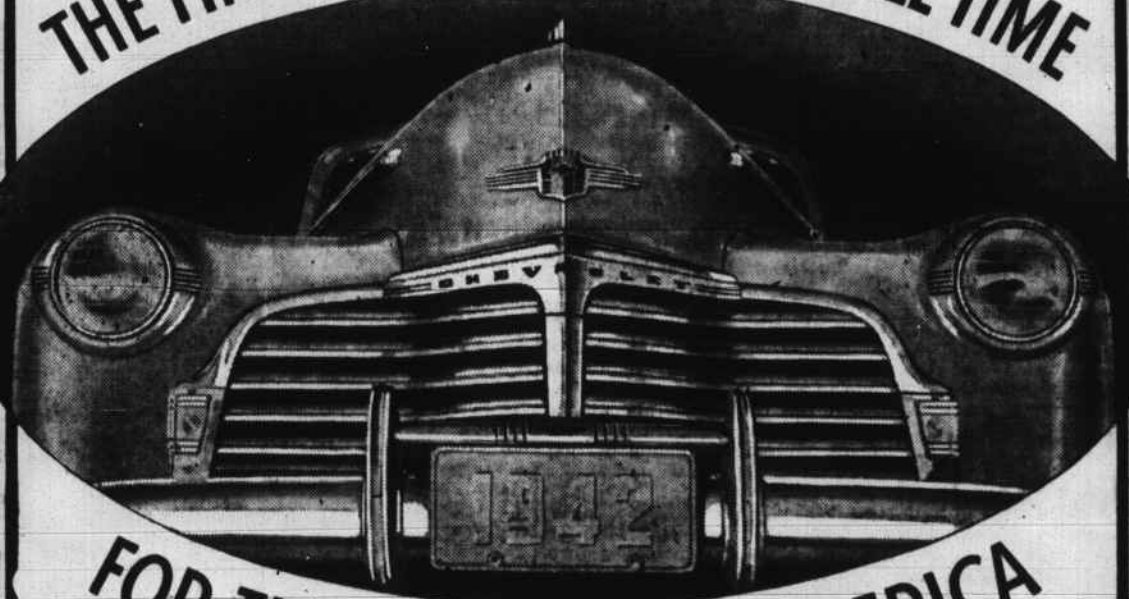
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## Turnage Theatre --- Washington, N. C.

Sunday	September 28	Wednesday-Thursday	October 1-2
"Dressed To Kill"		"Tom, Dick and Harry"	
LLOYD NOLAN and MARY BETH HUGHES		Ginger Rogers, Geo. Murphy, Burgess Meredith	
Monday-Tuesday	September 29-30	Friday-Saturday	October 3-4
"When Ladies Meet"		"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde"	
Joan Crawford, Robert Taylor, Greer Garson		Spencer Tracey, Lana Turner, Ingrid Bergman	
ALSO SELECTED SHORT SUBJECTS			

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