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"Me-Firsters"

"Me-Firsters", while comparatively few in number, are about to wreck the country.

They want to be first in all the good things and last in all the bad things.

The Indianapolis News goes on to identify the me-firster, as follows:

The "me-firster" is always with us, in peace and in war. The me-firster is incurably selfish. His sole motivation is to take care of No. 1, and nuts to everybody else.

The me-firster crashes box office lines, chisels on traffic lights, ignores "no smoking" signs in hospitals, dumps trash along country roads and keeps a vicious dog which runs loose and bites children.

Occasionally the me-firster is a noisy, provocative type who demands that his country drop A bombs on potential enemies. But when the shooting starts and the going gets tough for our side he is first to whine.

In wartime the me-firster displays an ungainly talent for evading military service.

All in all, me-firsters are most unsavory characters. Fortunately, they're a small minority of this grand nation's population. But they do harm far out of proportion to their number.

Thanksgiving at the Orphanage

Thoughts of the large family at the Oxford Orphanage begin to turn towards the Thanksgiving season when thousands of Masons and other friends annually give generously of their means to the welfare of boys and girls who need and so well deserve them.

The Oxford Orphanage for three-quarters of a century has specialized in every phase of properly rearing orphaned children. Its contribution of more than 6,000 well-equipped and worthy young men and women to good citizenship is a living testimonial to the importance and usefulness of the institution whose sole object is to serve.

The Grand Lodge of Masons owns and operates the Oxford Orphanage, but has never restricted its service to the children of Masons. Ninety percent of the children in the institution are of non-Masonic parentage.

The need of Orphanages today for greater support is pressing. They must have more money—or else. You know what that means.

Superintendent Gray is forced by circumstances to stress increased donations this Thanksgiving. The expense of operating the Oxford Orphanage has been growing every year and now is at a peak. When one thinks of the multiplicity of service the institution has to perform, it is enough to open the hearts and purses of benevolent men and women.

There is no economy in neglect. When we do not pay from the heart often we have to pay "through the nose." Juvenile delinquency is an acute problem of the times. Its prevalence is deplorable. The Orphanage helps materially in the solution of this social problem by rearing and training children who otherwise would not have a chance.

"Gratitude is a species of justice" said a wise man. Our forebears so interpreted it

when America was in the making. Who is there who should not feel a deep sense of gratitude?

Express your gratitude at Thanksgiving by a generous donation to the Oxford Orphanage.

Playing For Friends

Deserting principle for doubtful advantages, the Western Powers have one big conglomeration of "friends".

Yugoslavia's Tito, once condemned and played up as a mean enemy, is now accepted as an old bosom friend. He's admittedly communist, but what's communism among friends?

Spain's little Franco is marching in to take a questionable place in the family of nations. He's at the other end of communism.

Where Tito fought on our side against Hitler, ole Bub Franco played about fourth fiddle in the tune arranged by Adolph.

Five years after the big fight we are ready to accept old enemies as friends and trust them with arms.

We have been doing so much of that kind of playing that, in reality, we haven't a friend in the world.

We can't proclaim the rights of man by word and trample those rights by deed or by confusing those who would want to trust us.

Meet The Isolationist Challenge

Christian Science Monitor.

Quick on the heels of the election has come a resurgence of isolationism. It takes challenging form in Senator Taft's question: "Can Europe really be defended?"

In fairness it should be noted that Mr. Taft's statement was prepared before he knew of his election. But it comes with special force on top of his smashing victory. And it comes when many who had supported him on domestic issues were hoping that he would not spearhead a new isolationist movement.

The questions Mr. Taft raises have the appearance of reasonableness. More debate is unquestionably needed on what will be required to defend Europe against potential Communist aggression.

Was the long debate over the North Atlantic Treaty secret? Was it the purpose of pact to notify the free peoples of Europe that America would abandon them if Russia attacked?

Mr. Taft asks concerning the defense of Europe: "How many American soldiers will be required and what will be the additional cost of defending America if all Europe's resources are allowed to go to Russia by default?"

We thought the basic question here had been settled by two world wars. We will not call the Taft attitude "appeasement," for the charge is too easy to make unfairly.

This theory tugs at the heartstrings of American mothers and the pocketbooks of taxpayers. But it is repudiated by the most competent military authorities. It is dangerous because it holds out a false promise of a cheap war.

A Serious Charge

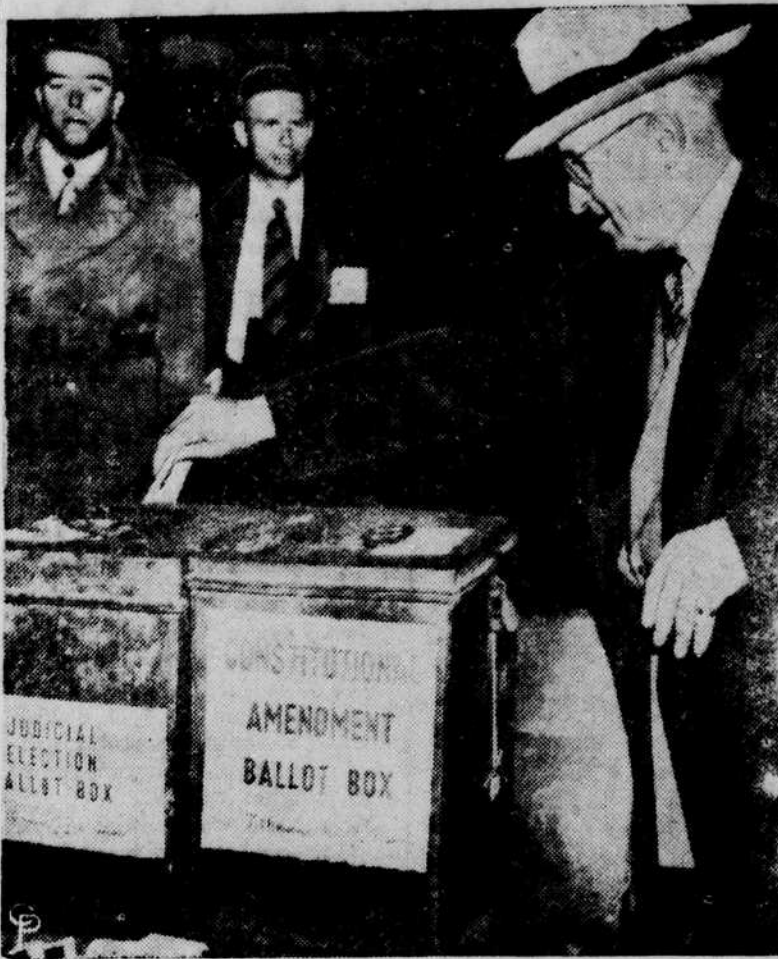
Addressing a Founders' Day audience at Meredith College a short time ago, Dr. Edwin McNeill Poteat made what seems to be a serious charge.

The minister said: "The major evil of the world today is that this generation has not learned to tell the truth." Dr. Poteat was quoted as saying that communities and government are deprived of many public-spirited people because of their destruction by dishonesty.

"No civilization can be maintained whose scale of values is solidly materialistic."—Robert J. McCracken, preacher.

A tight driver cause more automobile accidents than a loose tire.—Exchange.

TRUMAN VOTES IN INDEPENDENCE



EXERCISING HIS RIGHT as a citizen, President Truman places his vote in the ballot box at Independence, Mo., his home town. Secret Service men keep a close watch on the Chief Executive (background) at the polling place. Immediately afterwards the President went to the airport for his flight back to the nation's capital. (International Soundphoto)

Turpentine Drippings

Compiled By Bill Sharpe

THE DEVIL SAID (Greensboro News, Bill Rhodes Weaver)

The world of a 4-year-old may not be as unreal or dreamy as grownups think. Often, from the mind of a little toddler comes a statement penetratingly true.

Johnny was four. He was an active little chap with a knack for using scissors when nobody was looking.

On this occasion, Johnny put the cutters into his mother's new pale pink angora sweater. It looked as if a passel of cats and dogs had been at it.

Bored with his little project, Johnny went to his steam shovel and was making tractor sounds when he was confronted by his mother.

"Johnny," she asked, "did you cut up Mama's sweater?" He said nothing, but looked up as innocently as an angel.

"You're a bad boy not to tell the truth. When Daddy comes home I'm going to tell him about this, and you know what will happen."

Daddy arrived in time, but decided a new approach.

"I'm going out to play golf, Johnny," he said, "and when I'm out there under the open sky I'm going to ask Jesus if you cut Mama's sweater. If He says yes, then you'll get a spanking!"

START ALL OVER (Frances Frazier, Waynesville Mountaineer)

They were traveling through on their way northward and evidently hadn't been in this part of the country before. Each one of the four was studying a road map spread out on the table.

LIKES TO VISIT (Montgomery Herald)

I know the young people say it is old fashioned to visit, but last Sunday my husband and I visited my sister, Mrs. Frank Upchurch in Robbins. We also visited McLean Maness, who will soon be 89-years of age. He had plenty of company, including Mr. and Mrs. Alex Maness, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Phillips and son, Mr. and Mrs. Russell and son.

To Start Filling Reservoir In 1952 At Buggs Island

All Occupants of the Area Must Move Out by Early November, 1951

Construction of the Buggs Island Dam has reached the point now where it is possible to forecast the date when the reservoir will start filling. According to Colonel W. F. Powers, District Engineer Norfolk District water will be stored in the reservoir beginning in March 1952.

Certain restrictions however must be applied to this general policy in order that reservoir clearing may be kept up to date with the dam construction.

Things To Watch For In the Future

A distaff cleanser—for milady's skin—comes straight from the breakfast table: it's an oatmeal preparation, distributed through drug stores. It's also said to be good for prickly heat and eczema.

Three midwest weather stations are equipped with radar to help track tornados. and Mrs. Moss, who live across the street from the church. They are new citizens of our town and were delighted to have us pay a social call.

THEY OVERDID IT (Twin City Sentinel) High Point firemen's pride in their brand new red fire truck cooled a bit today. The truck is too big for the station.

but no buildings or structures may be used below the upper limits of the area that is being cleared. Buildings above the upper limits of the area to be cleared may be used until November 1, 1951.

Although reservoir filling is not scheduled until early 1952, the construction of the dam has proceeded so rapidly that it will be of benefit in controlling high water during 1951.

Above Clarksville the Government is still in the process of acquiring the lands needed for the reservoir in January 1951. The area to be cleared will include lands on the north bank of the Staunton River from Clarksville to the Charlotte County line and on the south bank of the Dan River to Buffalo Creek as well as Occaneechi and Cuck ill islands.

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to determine if the desired lands will be available and to arrange for a lease. Colonel Powers pointed out, however, that such leasing will be on a competitive bid basis. Studies are being made to determine whether any Government property will be available for leasing for agricultural, grazing or other purposes after November 1951.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA



On the Seal are figures of Liberty and Plenty. Liberty holds her pole with cap on it in her right hand and a scroll with the word "Constitution" inscribed thereon in her right. Plenty has three heads of wheat in her right hand and in her left the small end of her horn, the mouth of which is resting at her feet and the contents of her horn rolling out. Above the Coat-of-Arms is May 20, 1775. Around the circumference is the legend "The Great Seal of the State of North Carolina" and the motto "Esse Quam Videri."

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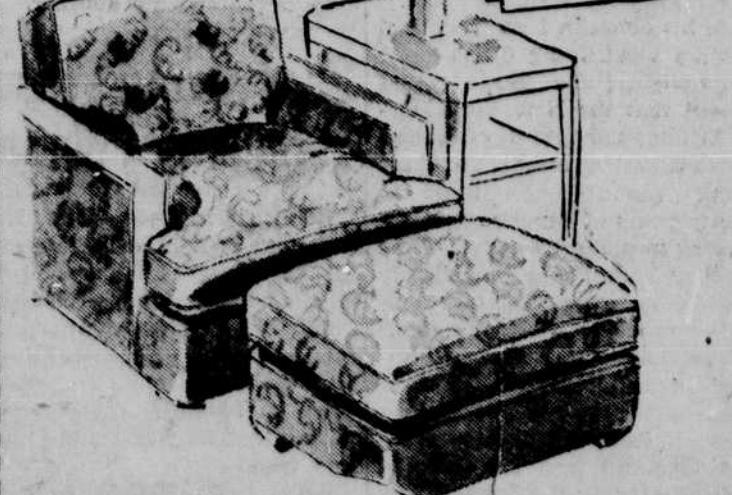
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