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"Me-Firster"

"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 rough for our side he is first to whine. "We should not have got ourselves mixed up in this thing in the first place."

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

All in all, me-firsters are most unsavory characters . . . Fortunately, they're a small miniority of this grand nation's population. But they do harm far out of proportion to Indianapolis News 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. This is the utmost importance in these young

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 opgrates 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. At Oxford the question of parentage yields to the need of the child. That is the decisive argument.

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. Here is a partial list of kinds of service imperatively demanded: shelter, clothfing, food, recreation, heat, light, books, school supplies, health programs, athletic equipment, staff of trained workers, vocational training in several departments, laundry, repairs and upkeep of grounds, buildings and equipment, experienced case work, and so on.

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. If it did nothing more, the Orphanage would justiy its existence. As a tax payer and publicpirited citizen you are vitally interested in

"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 Or-

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 admittingly communist, but what's communism among

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

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?" (His full statement, emphasizing the cost and difficulty, appears to say, It couldn't and shouldn't.) The sooner this challenge is met the

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. It comes also, unfortunately, in a way to cause the free peoples of other nations to wonder whether America is a reliable ally.

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. But to suggest that the United States has been secretly committed to defend Europe and may now renege is outrageous. It becomes necessary to ask Mr. Taft a few questions:

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? Was it meant to assure the Kremlin that America would stand by while its friends were picked off one by one? Has there been no publicity about the plans to set up a joint defense system?

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? Does he wish to insure that America shall be the battlefield?

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 and we do not know all that is in his thought. But is he intimating-in his remarks about bombing Russia-that America can be defended simply by building big bombers?

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. And it is morally wrong because it proposes not only to desert friends but to desert the principle of supporting peace by resisting lawlessness.

A Serious Charge

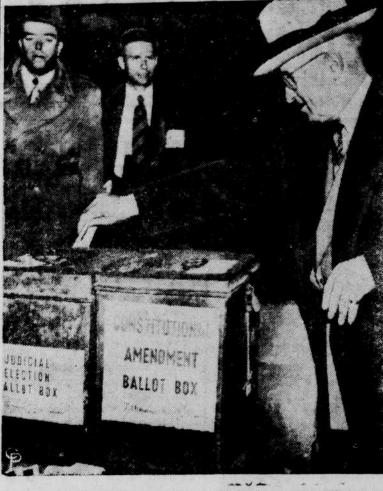
Addressing a Founders' Day audience at Meredith College a short time ago, Dr. Edwin McNeill Poteat made what seems to be a serious charge.

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. He cited both political campaign lies an international propaganda as prime examples of the "major evil", and added that Senator Frank Graham's recent defeat in the Democratic primary came about because he (Graham) told the truth.

"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 (International Soundphoto) his flight back to the nation's capital.

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.

had been at it.

cently as an angel.

Daddy arrived in time, but decided a new appraoch.

Johnny," he said, "and when I'm clearing may be kept up to date out there under the open sky I'm with the dam construction. In the going to ask Jesus if you cut Ma-portion of the reservoir extend ma's sweater. If He says yes, then ing from the dam site to Clarksyou'll get a spanking!"

ed up at his father.

ma's sweater . . . 'cause even if I didn't do it, Jesus would say I

START ALL OVER

(Frances Frazier, Waynesville Mountaineer)

ly hadn't been in this part of the breakfast table: it's an oatmeal country before. Each one of the preparation, distributed through spread out on the table. . . . and good for prickly heat and eczema seemingly getting nowhere fast. One timid little lady after read- addicts, who let their dinner cool 'Gap'."

LIKES TO VISIT

(Montgomery Herald)

I know the young people say t is old fashioned to visit, but last Sunday my husband and I visited my sister, Mrs. Frank Upchurch in Robbins. We also visited basic ukele chords. To play a 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 tions are equipped with radar to Phillips and son, Mr. and Mrs. help track tornados. Russell and son. We stopped at another home for a visit, but were and Mrs. Moss, who live across unable to get anyone to answer the street from the church. They our call, though we had seen two are new citizens of our town and members of the family on the were delighted to have us pay a porch as we were driving up to social call. the house. We were afraid to get out of the car as there were two large dogs in the yard barking last visit we made before the night cooled a bit today. services began two weeks ago at the Baptist church was with Mr. station.

To Start Filling Reservoir In 1952 At Buggs Island

Must Move Out by Early November, 1951

Johnny was four. He was an ac- will start filling. According to ing former owners or tenants to live little chap with a knack for Colonel W. F. Powers, District En- vacate the lands, naturally, can using scissors when nobody was gineer Norfolk District water apply only to those lands which On this occasion, Johnny put ginning in March 1952. Rising less, the same will apply to other the cutters into his mother's new water in the reservoir will affect properties as soon as possible afpale pink angora sweater. It look- many families who have contin- ter title passes to the Government. ed as if a passel of cats and dogs ued to occupy property in the The privilege of remaining on Bored with his little project, ment has acquired title to the lease to cover such occupancy

and was making tractor sounds It has been the general policy of or tenants who occupied the land when he was confronted by his the Corps of Engineers on major at the time it was acquired by the reservoir projects such as Buggs Government. But as previously "Johnny," she asked, "did you Island to permit landowners and stated, this privilege must termicut up Mama's sweater?" He said tenants to remain on the land, nate by 1 November 1951. Any nothing, but looked up as inno- after the Government has taken persons, other than former owners possession, for a sufficient time to or tenants, desiring to occupy the "You're a bad boy not to tell harvest crops, collect rents or re- reservoir lands or plant and harthe truth. When Daddy comes locate themselves elsewhere. Col- vest crops during 1951, should nome I'm going to tell him about onel Powers expressed his desire contact the Real Estate Project this, and you know what will to continue this policy until No- Office in Boydton, Virginia,

vember 1, 1951. Certain restrictions however must be applied to this general "I'm going out to play golf, policy in order that reservoir ville, which represents about three Johnny disappeared. After a fourths of the entire reservoir few minutes he returned and gaz- land, farming will be permitted on Government owned property dur-"Daddy," he said, "I've been out ing the 1951 crop year when nein the kitchen talking to the Devil cessary to avoid undue hardship and he says I better say I cut Ma- to the present owners or tenants,

Things To Watch For In the Future

They were traveling through on A distaff cleanser—for milady's their way northward and evident- skin-comes straight from the four was studying a road map drug stores. It's also said to be

. . Just the thing for television ing over all the names carefully, while they wait for Hopalong Casvolunteered: "We had better go sidy's final fadeout, is an electricback to Asheville and start from ity-conducting glass tray which there. There are so many roads can keep a five-course meal hot up here that don't join each other. indefinitely. . . . Canasta fiends See all those places marked will go for a different kind of tray: a unique plastic model that's said to make shuffling simple for double-deck card games. . . . Ukele lovers can now learn to play without lessons, thanks to a new attachment that fits over the instrument's neck. The device consists of six buttons, representing six chord you just push a button.

Three midwest weather sta-

THEY OVERDID IT. (Twin City Sentinel)

at us. I guess as much as I like to High Point firemen's pride in visit I will have to give it up. The their brand new red fire truck

The truck is too big for the

voir is needed. Colonel Powers emphasized that any person remaining on Government property in this area will do so at his own risk as the Government will not assume responsibility or be liable for damages to persons, crops or real or personal property of any nature.

WILLIAMSTON NORTH CAROLINA

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. Flow of water through the dam is now confined to several culverts and sluices Any high water in the Roanoke River during 1951 will create a fairly large temporary lake below Clarkwille. The use of farm and pasture land on low ground below Clarksville will be hazardous and s strongly discouraged. Above Clarksville the Govern-

ment 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 Occannechi and Cak ill islands. This clearing should not seriously affect the planting and harvesting of crops. However, it was stressed that as a safety measure persons actually living below the clearing line should vacate the property as soon as possible but no means later than the date clearing operations are expected to begin. Where All Occupants of the Area an early move would result in undue hardship and further occupancy is of the utmost necessity, the matter should be referred to Construction of the Buggs Is- the Real Estate Project Office in land Dam has reached the point Boydton. While all of the necesnow where it is possible to fore- sary tracts by the end of Decemcast the date when the reservoir ber of this year. The policy of askwill be stored in the reservoir be- the Government owns. Neverthe-

reservoir area after the Govern- Government lands without formal Johnny went to his steam shovel land. "The angula won still will extend only to former owners

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but no buildings or structures may to determine if the desired lands ing for agricultural, grazing or be used below the upper limits of will be available and to arrange other purposes after November the area that is being cleared, for a lease. Colonel Powers point- 1951. It is contemplated that any Buildings above the upper limits ed out, however, that such leasing such use will be under formal of the area to be cleared may be will be on a competitive bid basis. written agreement, and the Army used until November 1, 1951. This Studies are being made to deter- Engineers will publish informawill allow sufficient time for them mine whether any Government tion on this matter when the to be removed before the reser- property will be available for leas, studies are completed.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA



On the Seal are figures of Liberty and Plenty, Liberty holds her pole with cap on it in her left 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 "Pese Quam Videri."

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