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THE REFORMER NOMINATE

"Practical politics consists of ignoring facts"—Adams

MAY

- 14—James River settlement started, 1607. 15—National Woman's Suffrage association formed, 1850. 16—First printing press arrived in Oregon, 1839. 17—Gerontimo went on war-path, 1865. 18—British monarchs reached Montreal, 1939. 19—Chamberlain offered peace to Nazis, 1939. 20—Yankee Clippers began regular transatlantic service, 1939.

Conscience may speak to the man but is lucky for us it doesn't speak to the neighbors.

You know we aren't too soft from easy living, when they can still sell unsliced bread in some of our stores.

We learn of the number of folks that autos kill but we don't get the number of folks that autos broke.

You may bluff it out in a large city but in a small town the folks know when your bank account is over-drawn.

From the Cream of the Wheat Crop LIGHT WHITE FLOUR Is Made

H. E. Harrison Wholesale Co. PLYMOUTH

Pure Vandalism

The acts of vandalism, resulting in broken window panes at both the old Hampton Academy and the High school building last Friday night, are a direct reflection on the parents of the children responsible. After all, when a child demonstrates a lack of respect for the property rights of others, it is usually because he has not been taught this first lesson in citizenship at home; or at least, if some effort was not to teach him, the lesson was not forcibly enough impressed on him.

The timing of this outrage makes it fairly evident that the perpetrators are under very little restraint at home. In the first place, it doubtless occurred at an hour when most boys should be in bed; and, in the next place, it took place just one day after school had closed for the term, obviously in the belief that even if caught the guilty ones would not be required to face the school authorities and such punishment as they would mete out.

Destruction of any useful thing is deplorable, but the pure wantonness displayed in this particular instance is inexcusable and it is to be hoped the guilty parties will be caught and properly dealt with.

The Unvarnished Truth

Although we may hesitate to take his advice, the most realistic and most sensible steps we have seen advocated regarding our part in the present war was expressed this week in The United States News by Vice Admiral Harry P. Huse (retired), former commander of United States Naval Forces in European Waters. In a symposium of answers to the question: "Is operation of our naval patrols 2,000 miles out in the Atlantic likely to involve us directly in war?" Admiral Huse sums up his attitude as follows:

"Our policy is to defeat Hitler, and our only correct strategy is to open war on him while England is still going strong and to throw all possible force into the struggle. Any other strategy may spell disaster."

There is a man speaking what most of us feel deep down, whatever action we may advocate out in the open. It is the only sensible, logical thing to do, and we know it; yet, until the step is irrevocably taken, we still harbor the futile hope that by some manner of means we can escape being drawn entirely in. Maybe our half-hearted half-way efforts will suffice to bring the forces of aggression to their knees. If so, we will have written an entirely new page in the history of this world, because it has never been so before; and what little common reasoning we have tells us it will not be so now.

Off To Bermuda

You wonder what will be the reaction of the Britisher of Bermuda to the establishing of Americans on their island. This is one of the new defense bases and Uncle Sam is sending about 6,000 soldiers, sailors, marines and their families to Bermuda to establish residence. There is a prediction that altogether it will be difficult for a native Bermudian to change from his allegiance to Britain, with the establishment of homes and places of business that the American influence will be great enough in time the islands will become completely American. Remember that America is given a 90-year lease on this island and that is a long enough time to prove some theory or other. There

RULES OF THE ROAD

By KEITH SAUNDERS of the North Carolina Highway Safety Division

ON DIMMING LIGHTS

Section 94, Motor Vehicle Laws of North Carolina: "The head lamps of motor vehicles shall be so constructed, arranged and adjusted that—they will at all times—and under normal atmospheric conditions and on a level road produce a driving light sufficient to render clearly discernible a person two hundred feet ahead, but any person operating a motor vehicle upon the highways when meeting another vehicle, shall so control the lights of the vehicle operated by him by shifting, depressing, deflecting, tilting or dimming the head light beams in such manner as shall not project a glaring or dazzling light to persons in front of such head lamp."

In other words, dim your headlights when meeting another car on the highway at night. The law requires it, courtesy suggests it, safety demands it.

has been a report that already there were words between the American soldiers and the British over who won the last war. Sounds sort of like us.

Perhaps that it is well for the defense base to be located on a group of the small islands at the end of the country, farthest from the exclusive clubs, beaches, shops and hotels which are managed by the British. Of course American businessmen will follow to this 19 square miles of tropical Eden. Time will iron out the difficulties and after all it was a blow to the Bermudian that his little empire was turned over to Uncle Sam. They will do business with these Americans who bring in new life, freshness, pep, push and money, but underneath their sentiments are British and it will take years of living on the islands to work out the problem.

About Editorials

Hutchinson (Kas.) News-Herald William Allen White once said he had written so many of them that he could compose editorials while falling from an airplane.

Today the job isn't so easy. The News-Herald doesn't hesitate to take its readers into confidence and explain why.

The criticism one invokes is the least distressing aspect of the chore. A seasoned writer isn't surprised when the same paragraph causes one reader to damn him as a dangerous radical and another to blast him as a moss-backed reactionary. The most patriotic sentiments are sometimes interpreted as treason; complimentary words sometimes bring anger from those they were designed to please. You get used to that.

The worry today is the writer's own inadequacy.

Once it was the fashion for editors to pontificate, to write as if they were omniscient, ubiquitous prophets operating under divine guidance for the direction of the multitude and the good of their particular political party. These editors were stuffed shirts. Their works were tripe, often venal. Fortunately, most of them are now retired.

If any survive, this war is enough to prick their blots. The honest editor knows he is only a half-educated cub whose livelihood demands he express so many opinions each issue. Habit has given him some facility, although his ease of style is often spawned by his lack of thought.

The sad realization is accentuated by today's events. Old standards and values crumble as disastrously as did the fortifications of the Maginot Line. There seems no whole and practical

Rambling R...About

By THE RAMBLER

Thinking—

A cardinal feature of the American Democracy is the privilege to think. Not to think along regimented channels nor patterned after one man's dogmas or ideas, but to think as the individual chooses. A person may exercise their faculties of judgment, conception or inference. They can re-verse thinking along the old lines of civilization or they can discover in their minds things that are comprehended for the first time. Reflection and meditation go hand in hand with progress.

From much thinking a person can intend most anything. Thoughts give birth to the will to build a ship, steer a car, construct inventions and carve a nation out of the wilderness. Idle thoughts are not wholesome because they give time for the mind to become careless and negligent. Proper thinking is power for good for all mankind.

Any person by thinking can conceive, imagine, plan or design something but their thinking must also include the possibility of achieving the practical realization of their thoughts. Thinking alone is weak but with faith and actions thinking can do the impossible.

A person may think, and believe what they think so strong, until they will accept as truth the fallacies that they have created in a fantasy. Wisdom anywhere. Some men can be blindly loyal to a rigid creed but not the writer whose job it is to investigate all sides. The editor, for instance, who swears by every plank of the Republican platform and sees no good in the New Deal is of no value to the intelligent reader and has missed his calling. He should be a stump speaker with a sound truck.

What is a man to say now? We want peace for our country and yet we want to keep it worth having. Try and find a perfect formula for that with Hitler loose in the world and because of him men are crazed with fear and greed strangely complicated by messianic ambition.

The editor has been kicked out of his sanctum. He can serve only with humility and be perversely cheered by knowing what he says may not be important, possibly won't even be read. It must suffice he is honest with himself and knows his limitations.

The world doesn't rest on his shoulders. He can be thankful for that.

Thinking may create sympathy for a fellow man. Or it may give birth to disdain, sorrow or scorn. Thoughts may cause ridicule of the landmarks of the past as they pass away to give way to a new progress that was born in thought.

Everything depends on thinking. Every rule, every act and every impulse is at the beck and call of thought. The human frame will put up with a whole lot of wrong thinking but will bounce upward in health and happiness with right thinking.

A person is able to think himself into anything by the simple art of thinking. More success has been won by thinkers than by those who do not think. If the way gets rough more and better thinking is needed because thinking is the parent of deeds. Organs of the body are the servants of the thoughts of the brain. No one should fret, worry and run away in tight places but they should compose themselves and think the matter through before acting. Human beings dominate because they have the faculty for thinking.

A person can think themselves into a beautiful world amid chaos and ruin. God did some thinking when he created the world and it made him happy. Even a maimed or blind person can think. Sometimes an emaciated or crippled body causes the mind to think harshly, but this should not be allowed.

The mind should be trained in the habits of right thinking. So many parents of today endeavor to do the thinking of their children, causing a clash in the wills of the parents and their offspring. Let children have a mind of their own, even if their wills or actions should be restrained.

Thoughts can not be touched, they can not be seen, they can not be tasted, they can not be heard, neither can they be smelled. But they can be indelibly impressed upon the mind to make a picture that will not fade even with the passing of generations.

The imagery of the mind sometimes means much to health of the body and the soul, and to the general success of the person. So the old Rambler would advise the 87 graduates of Washington County to improve their thinking and to be students of their own thoughts, and to do their own thinking—thinking each matter through. There is no excuse for half-thinking or exaggerated thinking. But there is success to those who will think right, think often, think thoroughly and think on wholesome matters.

Safe Driving—

Inspector M. J. McCloud, of Greenville, who is here every Thursday examining applicants for driving licenses, says that the competent motorist observes the following rules. Drives at speeds safe for conditions. Exercises control at intersections. Stays in line of traffic. Observes traffic when pulling away from a curb. Anticipates what others may do.

THIS WEEK'S Bakery Feature:

- BREAD 12-oz. loaf 5c ROLLS Weight: 18 Ozs. Dozen 10c BUNS Dozen 10c HASSELL Bros. BAKERY

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Humorous—

In a humorous vein, Mr. McCloud said that the following answers had been given to questions asked by him during the examination of certain applicants for driver's license. What is a winding road? Reply: A road where there is a storm and the wind is blowing hard. What two cards are you required to have with you when you drive a car? Reply: Security card and resurrection card. Have you ever been convicted for any traffic violation? Reply: No, sir! Patrolman or police have never said nothing to me but "good morning" and "good evening." How old are you? Reply: Ise 19. When were you born? Reply: I was born in 1918. "Well, that makes you 23 now," said the inspector. Reply: No, sir! I was born in 1818. "Well, that makes you 123 years old," said the inspector. Reply: My father put it in the Bible and that is what he put. I looked

In there before I left home and that is what he had down. What is the safety equipment required on all cars? Reply: Gas, oil and water. What is this sign (Chocovinity)? Reply: I believe that is chocolate candy.



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