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INSIDE WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON — Former Marine commandant Gen. A. A. Vandegrift is deeply concerned lest the victory over the Japanese in World War II might impair the fighting qualities of Marines in any future conflict.

Vandegrift recently wrote in Naval Institute Proceeding that 98 per cent of Marine officers in command of troops in the last war fought only against the Japs. He said he was fearful that the experience of these officers would result in basing all estimates of future enemies on their experiences with the Nipponese.

This, he said, would make their estimates of potential power and tactics inaccurate, since the Japanese fought what he described as a "Stylized war." He added:

"Its characteristics were in a large measure shaped by its amphibious nature and the extraordinary and still unfathomable mentality of our enemy."

The Marine general recommended that the Marine Corps "stop fighting the Japs" and think in terms of potential future enemies. He did not name Russia, but he said of mass armies — those which number in the millions:

"Unless mass quality can be attained, these huge forces readily degenerate into little more than herds. As we learn more of what the future holds in the field of warfare, the concept of quality becomes, in my mind, even more dominant."

SOUTHERN SUCCESS NOT FOR GOP — A Dixie Democratic senator, who won't let his name be told, has said privately there's a way GOP candidates Thomas E. Dewey and Earl Warren might carry the south. This, he says, is it:

1—Warren should tour the south with a denunciation of the railroad freight rate structure. Like the south, California is dissatisfied with freight rates, which the south and west think discriminate in favor of eastern industry.

2—Dewey should issue a statement saying he believes that the matter of fair employment practices belongs to the states. He could point out that New York state has already handled it by state legislation.

MARTIN OUT SOON AS "NEXT PRESIDENT" — The reign of America's only official "heir apparent" to the White House is rapidly drawing to a close. He is House Speaker Joe Martin of Mass-

The Answer —

There was a lesson in a cartoon recently printed in a widely read newspaper. A foreigner who had come to America to make his home, was watching his friend vote on election day. "Do you mean," he asked in astonishment, "that you can vote any way you want to?"

His question was answered emphatically last Wednesday when Mr. Truman was returned to the Presidential chair with the most surprising wave of enthusiasm ever shown in a presidential election. There was no doubt but that the people voted as they wanted to, and not under the lash of dictation nor subjection. And now that they have shown they wanted Mr. Truman to continue for the next four years, it is up to every one of us to unite in our efforts to help him carry out his plans for the peace, prosperity and progress of the United States.

There never was truer slogan than "IN UNITY THERE IS STRENGTH." — Waynesville Mountaineer

Proud Of Our Coaches

With the outstanding job of coaching being done at Western Carolina Teachers College by Tom Young and Tuck McConnell interest has been drawn to this section of North Carolina which has never before had an athletic program of the type now being developed by these two men. In developing an outstanding football club this year, which has gone out and won laurels for Western Carolina, Young and McConnell deserve lots of praise. Every one here in Western North Carolina is proud of them and their players. The eyes of all Carolina football enthusiasts are taking note of what is happening out here at Western Carolina.

Not only have we an up and coming college club here in our county, but our high school club at Sylva, under the magnificent leadership of coach James Barnwell, is rapidly developing football players which will be a feeder for Western Carolina Teachers future teams. Coach Barnwell has taken what appeared to be an insignificant club, one which seemed hopeless, and developed a club which almost captured the Western championship. Barnwell has been honored by the Asheville Optimist Bowl Football Game Committee in being named one of three outstanding school coaches of the year in Western North Carolina.

We are proud of our coaches and their clubs.

achusetts, the nation's "vice president."

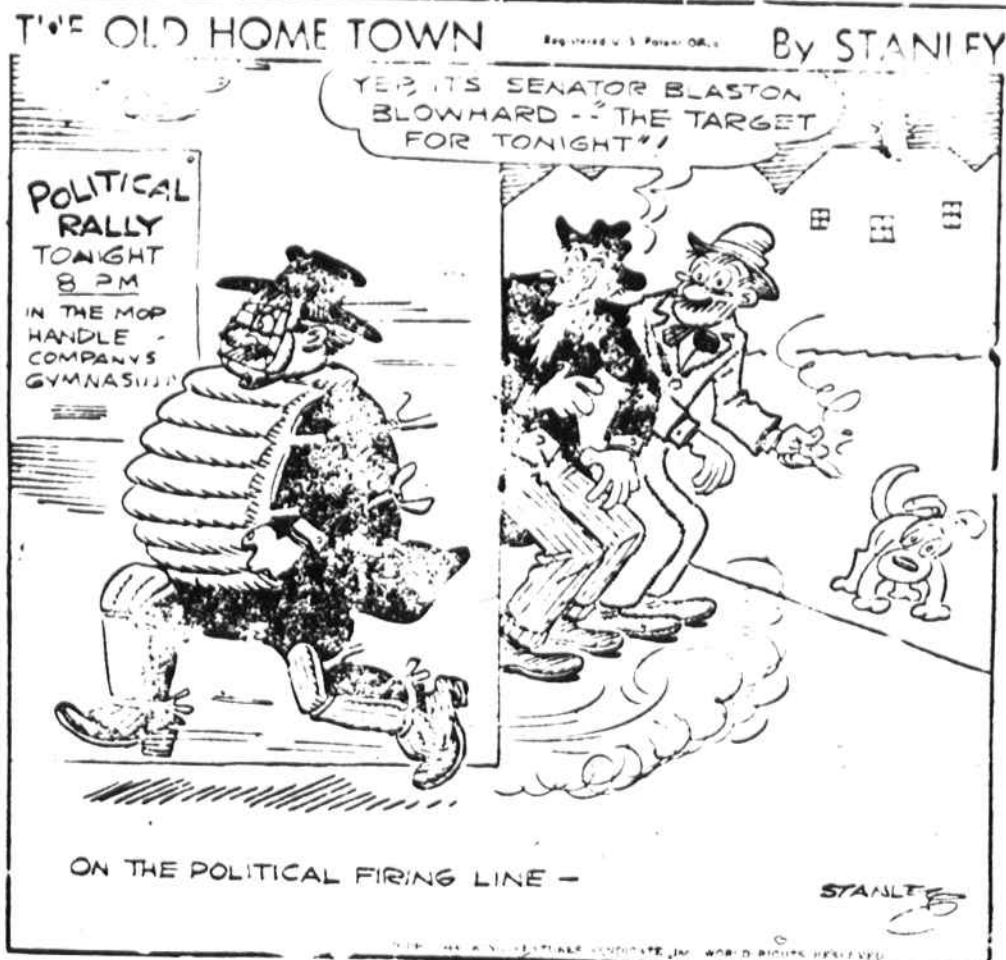
In the event of a vacancy in the White House before Jan. 20, when the winner of the Nov. 2 election will be inaugurated, Martin would become president.

After Jan. 20, however, either Gov. Earl Warren of California or Senator Alben Barkley of Kentucky, the Republican and Democratic vice presidential nominees, will be second in line.

Upon the death of President Roosevelt in April, 1945, the law of succession provided that the secretary of state, followed by other cabinet officers, would be next in line.

President Truman felt, however, that an elected rather than an appointed official should be next in line of succession, so Congress changed the law.

Present law provides that in event of a presidential vacancy when there is no vice president, the House speaker shall succeed, if he is eligible; otherwise the president of the Senate.



The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

Man's most acute shortage today is a personal sense of the presence, kindness and help of Almighty God. All of us need it, many want it, but too few know how to get it.

God has provided the opportunity to secure salvation and security.

You can have it. Anyone can have it. The obstacles are sin and selfishness. Sin is considered an old-fashioned word today. Call it what you will, bad thinking, thinking about self, evil, inferiority complex, it's still the same old sin dressed up in other words.

God wants man to be free from sin, so He came to earth in human form. For three years he put on a laboratory demonstration of how man should live whose heart was filled with the love of God.

Sin brings misery, unhappiness, spiritual death. That's its penalty. "The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Jesus Christ paid the full penalty for that on the cross. He rose from the grave to stand at the door of His Father's house offering a pardon for every sinner who will accept it then join the Divine Family in the Father's house. The picture in the New Testament is of the divine and loving Father offering love and a place in the Divine Family circle through Jesus Christ to those who will accept the pardon and live a new life. Parental love is the strongest human love. So God used a picture of that to show His love for us.

To get salvation from sin and a new life with divine guidance there are three steps.

(1) Show true repentance for your sins, humbly confess them to God, accept the divine pardon offered through Jesus Christ. The most important prayer to pray here is "God be merciful to me a sinner." Pray it and mean it. That gets rid of yesterday with its sins. This is an act of the will.

(2) Now surrender your will to God. Pray next, "Not my will, but Thine be done." That puts God in the center of your life instead of self. That gets rid of selfishness. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God," is the sum of the Sermon on the Mount. This is another act of the will. You are now a member of the Divine Family. "As many as receive Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God even to them that believe on his name . . ."

(3) You are now ready to take God's plan for your life, secure daily divine guidance. You should pray the third prayer, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" This is an act of the spirit and heart, reaching out for the counsel of God. The Bible uses the term the Holy Spirit or the Counselor to describe God at giving daily leading to those who have accepted the

pardon and taken a place in the Divine Family. This picture of how to overcome sin with salvation, selfishness with security is so simply presented that even a child can understand it. Accept it and you are a Christian; know it and you are not. It's yours for the taking right now. Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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TIME TO LIME

It's time to apply lime and phosphate to improve pasture and hay land.

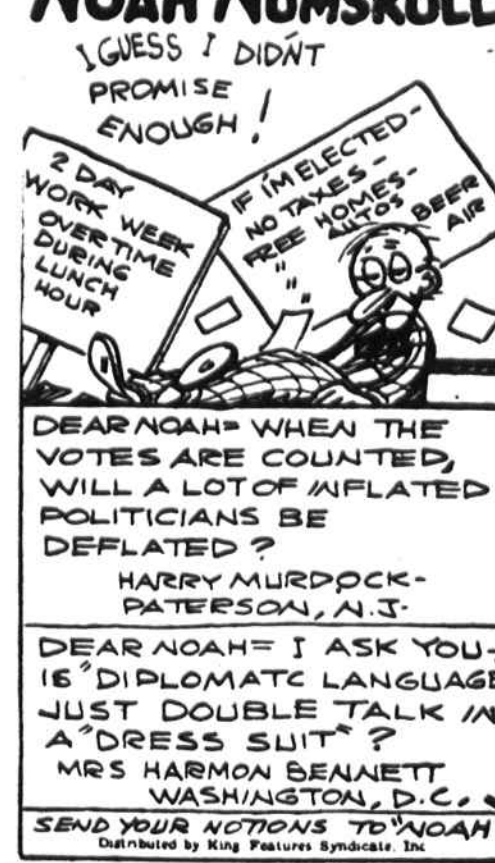
Farmers participating in the Agricultural Conservation Program can obtain assistance to help defray the expense of applying lime and phosphate if the materials are applied in accordance with program specifications. The cost of the lime to the farmer is \$1.80 per ton delivered to his farm.

The real purpose of the practice is to encourage the growth of crops which protect the soil against erosion and add into it a resistance to washing. The roots of grass and legumes help to channel more of the water into the soil instead of allowing excessive and damaging run-off. The close cover over the surface of the soil provided by pasture and hay crops also protects the soil from the cutting effects of heavy rains.

Farmers are encouraged to plan pasture and hayland improvement as part of their conservation program for 1949. When it comes time to sign up in the 1949 program, farmers of Jackson county should have in mind the land that needs lime and phosphate and the amount that will be needed. Then with his county or community committee the farmer can make definite plans to use these materials and can estimate the amount of assistance he can obtain under the program.

Under the Agricultural Conservation program, when you can have salvation, certainty, happiness, joy, peace, security here and hereafter.

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Under the Agricultural Conservation Program, the farmer cooperates with the Government — which represents the whole people — in carrying out conservation practices which protect the national resources against the ravages of erosion and depletion. Through this program, the soil — the source of food and fiber — is protected and the future food and fiber supply of the Nation is safeguarded.

Family relations specialists for State College Extension Service say that one way to insure a happier home life is to provide for a regular family council in which all members of the household join once a week and discuss their common problems.



Armistice Day

Thirty years ago today the "Cease Fire" command ended World War I. And on that day we honored those who had fallen in the service of our country. Today, added to that honor roll are those who gave their lives in the second great world conflict. It is not enough this Armistice Day to honor the brave dead of two wars by bowing our heads in prayer. Only by each of us working assiduously to prevent another war — working to build an everlasting Peace — can we pay them deserving tribute.

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