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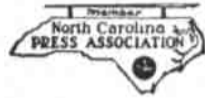
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Time To Face Facts

We have tried, in the face of recent events, to keep a clear head for the assimilation of some of the facts regarding the situation existing in this country today.

In view of which, we were deeply impressed by the recent words of Secretary Hull: "Never in our national history has there been a more desperate need for a clear understanding by every citizen of our country of what is taking place in the world and of how it affects us."

It is so easy to let our emotions run away with us at a time like this. You hear people "talking their heads off" about the last war news. But it is of vital importance that both the people and the leaders keep a cool eye on things and meet the menace that seems approaching us. It will take steady work and hard application to meet the new and changing conditions.

Recent wars have taught us that we fight not only with arms, but with economic offenses. Our daily lives must move forward in a balanced life regardless of the last word from the front, in order that we may face the true state of affairs.

We have preached peace and hoped for peace in this country to the extent that we have neglected perhaps to prepare to meet the attack of other nations. Facing the facts, while our navy may be as formidable as that of any other nation, our air force ranks only seventh, and we are more or less frustrated with the realization that our army ranks twenty-first.

The present active strength of the army is 227,000. This will be increased to 280,000 under the new army supply bill. It has been suggested by army officials that, with the possibility of "dangerous developments" in this hemisphere within the next few months, it is "urgently necessary" to increase the army personnel to at least 400,000.

According to the press, some of the lawmakers are objecting to this as needlessly "ominous." When one reads daily of the powerful attacks of the Germans, and of their vast army, it is hard to understand the viewpoint of the solons.

The most calm and collected "average citizen" of this country will feel considerably safer when the army is increased than he does at present.

Flag Day

Tomorrow is National Flag Day. This year the occasion should be observed with special significance by the people of the United States.

In a formal statement Governor Hoey said in part:

"The year 1940 should witness a very general observance of Flag Day. It should be remembered that June 14th is the anniversary of the adoption by the Continental Congress in 1777 of the Stars and Stripes as the emblem of the United States and with that date began the history of our flag as the symbol of our nationality."

"I suggest special services and programs in order to direct the attention of our people to our present situation and to prepare us for eventualities of the future. Such exercises and observances should result in giving fresh courage to our people to meet the conditions which may be imposed upon us by reason of the necessity for preparing to defend ourselves and to preserve our civilization."

An orator doesn't always express what is at the bottom of his heart by what he shouts at the top of his voice.

Dairy Month

June has been designated as National Dairy Month. During this period dairy products will be featured by hotels, cafes, drug stores and the leading food distributing agencies throughout the nation.

With a low daily average consumption of four-tenths of a pint of milk per season, and a corresponding low consumption of butter and cheese, no state in the union should be more interested in the promotion of Dairy Month than North Carolina.

During the past few years dairying has made rapid strides in Haywood County. With a nationally known manufacturing plant located in the county to buy milk from local producers, the standard of dairying cattle has been raised, and hence the quality of the milk and other dairy products.

Milk is the only indispensable food for the young of the human race, without which they would die. It is not possible to raise a child, calf, pig or any other mammal without it. If it were not for cow's milk a large number of babies born in North Carolina annually would be without food from infancy. Cow's milk also represents the main source of food for the majority of babies after they reach six months of age.

While there are thousands of children in the state who owe their very existence to cow's milk, there are many other thousands which have weak, undeveloped bodies, because of an inadequate supply of milk in their diet during childhood.

The 1939 farm value of dairy production in North Carolina, including those products consumed on the farm, was \$32,000,000. If the consumption of milk in this state was increased from the present available supply of 400 pounds, in which is included all dairy products, to 800 pounds, the national average, the present income from this source to North Carolina farmers would be doubled, according to dairying experts of the state extension service.

Let Us Pay The Debt

The following from the Reidsville Review brings home clearly the responsibility that rests with every American citizen in his obligation to his country:

There seems to be a growing feeling among Americans, a feeling accentuated by the economic depression, that others owe them a living. An increasing number of people seem to believe that the country owes them an opportunity to work, owes them comfortable hours and substantial pay, owes them and their families an education and the chance to live well, free from distracting conditions.

Possibly the country does owe us all of those things, and it appears that the country is meeting that debt very well—at times far beyond its ability to meet it. It must not be forgotten that the country, its government, its officers are "of the people, by the people, for the people." The country is ourselves. The government is ourselves. All that America has, all that it has been, all that it ever can be are dependent on what its people are willing to do.

All of which clearly indicates we have a debt that we owe to America, to the social order, to our fellowmen generally. The sense of obligation is none too well developed in any of us. The greater our personal endowments, the greater the obligation we owe to others and to social institutions that serve us.

A chain can be no longer than its weakest link. The community can be no better, no more industrious, no more idealistic than the persons that constitute the community. Selfish men will produce a selfish community. Grasping individuals will reflect that spirit and shed it everywhere they move.

One who holds any kind of office, public or private, owes a debt to others, the debt of integrity and personal responsibility. And it is unfortunate that faithless individuals can take their responsibilities so lightly, and by their reprehensible acts add to the present-day confusion and to the ugly elements of the false education that we are giving ourselves and those who come after us.

These are days that call for sound thinking. We must shift the emphasis away from loose standards of conduct, away from that pernicious philosophy that threatens to engulf us, make us feel that some other outside force or power can take care of us, and do for us, what we should do for ourselves.

The debt to us, if there is a debt, cannot be paid until we pay the debt that we owe, by and large, to others, and to ourselves.

Many a man has been stung trying to get a little honey for himself.

Some try to get ahead, while others merely have ambitions to get even.

Here and There

—By—
HILDA WAY GWYN

The mail that pours into the average weekly newspaper office is past belief... unless you are on the spot and can take a look at it first hand... propaganda... free copy... editors soon learn to distinguish certain types... each week there is enough "free copy" to fill one edition many times over... some of it is good, very good... and some of it not worth the paper and ink that made it up... most of it finds its resting place in the waste basket... help us open some of the past week's accumulation... we have before us about six days collection... and we will touch only some of the most impressive... "Federal Housing Administration clip sheet"... a 7 column one page sheet... supplied without charge... by the FHA... citing all worthy points... we don't have space for it this week... News release from Highway Safety division... "Speed, the killer, keeps up its deadly work on N. C. highways during the first 4 months of this year"... "When you have a trip to make, leave sooner, drive slower, and live longer" and on and on... "Retail merchants of North Carolina will hold 4th annual institute in Raleigh... Governor has honored American Legion in this state by asking it to co-operate in the eradication of subservice elements within the state... Legion accepts the job fearlessly and grimly..."

Official clock watcher for Chevrolet... story of the clock... an interesting article on the new synthetic Ameripel described as the long-sought Liberty Rubber capable of replacing the natural production... "The office of the U. S. Marine Corps recruiting headquarters for N. C. with offices in Raleigh"... "announces that the Marine Corps has been instructed to increase strength from 25,000 to 34,000"... "What this country needs is a minimum of Federal control and a maximum of co-operation on the part of the farmers"... said Congressman Graham Barden, of New Bern, to N. C. cotton growers... some 4,000 last week... North Carolina Employment news... the startling information that it has to its credit... 300,000 jobs supplied in April... Then we find historical data... and beautiful pictures of "Rebuilding historic Natchez trace... will open deep South..."

... sounds like typical Chamber of Commerce publicity... In colorful booklet... "South-eastern World's Fair in Atlanta in September... and October... with its amusement ads brings a lighter touch to the collection... then an "invitation from Lake Placid in the age old Adriandack"... to the National Editorial Association... clip sheet issued weekly by the Democratic National committee... check full of good old fashioned Democratic policies with the general idea that the party can do no wrong... the June issue of Holland's magazine... large circulation in the South... featuring article on "Lost Colony"... address of Frank D. Roosevelt at the National Institute of government... we hand it to Thomas E. Dewey... he must be the world's current champion optimist... with the country eating out of Roosevelt's hand... and no time to give much thought even to conventions much less heated elections... he is indeed a brave soul... no less than 12 pieces of copy about him as the favorite Republican candidate... we pause to read the opening paragraph of a bulletin... "Crop surplus problems are again staring American farmers in the face... important foreign markets are closed by war and the spread of the barter system... has cut deep into our export trade..."

Notice of Nation-wide conference on religious liberty... the program will include a discussion of war... the thought comes... it should be world-wide... for certainly the world needs as never before the Master's teachings... Distillers bulletin... full of the benefits from a return of alcoholic beverages... Public revenues since repeal have lifted to more than \$5,269,000,000... but it does not tell the other side of the story... just as you have guessed... it paints only one side of the picture... "Wendell Lewis Wilkie... leading Republican dark horse"... he may be a dark horse... but he is almost running neck and neck with his friend Dewey in his patronage of Mr. Farley's postal service... then an article from the Democrats... entitled "Dispelling the fog... on preparedness and taking care of domestic problems... Friends of the Library at Chapel Hill... an indirect appeal for the University Library... a political editorial with a partisan point to drive home, with the opening sentence... "Do right and fear no man... don't write and fear no woman..." a government bul-

BEGINNING TO REALIZE HOW FAR WE'VE DRIFTED!



Voice of The People

What do you consider the most dangerous type of driver you meet on the road?

Chief J. L. Stringfield—"The drunken driver is the most dangerous. His license should always be taken from him."

Miss Ruth Craig—"It is not how fast you drive, but how carefully, and to me the most dangerous driver is the one who acts as if he owned the road. The person who pokes along and gets in your way is often the person who causes wrecks."

Patrolman O. R. Roberts—"The driver under the influence of liquor or a narcotic drug is the most dangerous driver on the highways today. If anything happens, whether it is his fault or not, he is not keen enough to take in the situation and cannot work fast enough to avoid an accident."

Miss Margaret Burgin—"The driver who gives no signs about what he intends to do is to me the most dangerous driver on the highways."

R. V. Welch, Sheriff—"Nothing can equal a drunken driver when it comes to danger. For you don't know what to expect of him."

R. V. Erk—"The driver who doesn't recognize a curve when he meets one, and continues to stay on the wrong side of the road."

C. J. Reece—"The careless driver who pays no attention to road laws is the most dangerous one on the highways."

Mrs. R. L. Coin—"These men who are cocksure of themselves and who are so critical of women drivers, and there are plenty of them."

W. B. Poston—Deputy in Cruso Township—"The intoxicated driver."

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT
Central Press Writer

IF THE former raised returns to Germany, opines the man at the next desk, he can give up his daily wood chopping stint. Raising the arm in the Nazi salute ought to be exercise enough.

Among the uninvited guests who dropped in unexpectedly were those European parachute troops.

We never believe a politician is seriously seeking the presidency until we see a photo of him in fishing boots and Indian war bonnet, pitching hay.

Mexico has spent many millions of dollars on a great national auto highway. Imagine a

letin... "The Civil Service commission has announced that it will not certify Communists for future federal jobs... some claim it is a case of locking the barn after the horse is stolen... Articles about "Fifth column"... "Trojan Horse"... "Washington moving forward... with preparations"... Representative Dies remarks... HERE AND THERE TWO... "Stamp it out"... "We read much of battlefields these days... places where warring armies have left only ruin and desolation and dead in their wake... America is not yet at war... but we too have battlefields"... Vital to National Defense... This country must embark upon the greatest defense program in history..."

Economy sidetracks... Happenings that effect the dinner pails... dividend checks and tax bills of every individual... all excerpts from articles...

"National and International problems inseparable from local welfare"... "new foods... how to get that fat off... and retain that girlish figure... (we must save that to read)... Back to more important things... "The lights are going out all over Europe... "The rural electrification administration is helping to turn them on... on all rural America"... striking words... today... for surely to America is flung the responsibility... to keep the lights burning... the waste basket is overflowing... but the desk is cleared..."

Under dictators it isn't only women who go on restricted diets. Folks here would rather be fat and short-winded.

One boy points to how far Germany has gone without using soap.

Stewart Says—

Republicans Won't Even Consider Plan To "Draft" Roosevelt

By CHARLES P. STEWART

Central Press Columnist

THE SUGGESTION, which ready has appeared in print, that the Republicans ought to join the Democrats in a draft Roosevelt movement, evoked from any, charge from G. O. P. sources. From the point of view that president-elect Roosevelt has delivered his message to Congress, a Republican can see no reason why he must be what he is. It mustn't be a bit of partisan opinion to his preparedness. There was no such Republican sponse, however, to the content that partisanship should be forgotten as to the next White House tenancy.

The proposal was put forward a columnist or two, of considerable popularity.

It was to the purport that emergency calls for "F. D." presidential indorsement at the coming G. O. P. convention, but the nomination of a Republican the vice presidency. Authors of the plan were of the opinion that ensuring Democratic consent could be counted on to re-elect Roosevelt for first place on the ticket and to acquiesce in the Republicans' vice presidential selection.

Then, "F. D." and his Republican partner having been unanimously elected, the reasoning was that Republicans undoubtedly would give a fair proportion of representation in the cabinet, and have a coalition government.

Coalition Clannishly Bewildered

Whether or not this program might suit the Democrats no knowing, but there are noticeable indications that it is appreciably to the Republicans.

Contrariwise their high command is trying to figure out their campaign spokesmen to reconcile their party's acquiescence in the Rooseveltian preparatory policy with opposition to his re-election.

They begin to believe they've hit on an argument. Both sides' slogans are sure to be. "Let's keep out of war!" The concur that, if we do keep out, will be because we've made ourselves too formidable to be taken. So a supplementary slogan will be "Let's make ourselves overwhelmingly strong!"

These slogans are all right, from the Republican standpoint, the trouble is that the Democrats will have the same par-

"Let's prepare!" will be Democratic battlecry. The Republicans will be, say so, too!"

There isn't much inspiration in this latter yell.

Why Are We so Weak?

Former Assistant War Secretary F. Truhee Davison, now chairman of the United Republican National committee, has evolved this proposition:

"For going on eight years we had a national New Deal administration engaged in spending billions on boon-doggling. Why are we spending all that money for national defense? It would be wiped out unemployment and we'd be loaded for bear."

The administration's contented answer is that times have changed that we don't know what. That is to say, seven years ago the navy was the mainstay of aviation was a mere adjunct.

Now it looks as if it's the other way.

"How," asks the administration, "were we to know that the balance would be so changed?"

Well, apparently the Germans foresaw it. The Allies didn't. That was their funeral. But neither was we. That's what the Republicans intend to blame the administration for.

So there's no prospect of a solution.

The Republican version is given to be that the New Deal has its job.

The story will be that "F. D." is at present—but frankly belated—and even now on the track only with Republican help.

sake.

Learn to like people, even those some of them may be as different from you as a Chinese.

Learn to like to work and enjoy the satisfaction of doing your job as well as it can be done.

Learn to like the song of the birds, the companionship of the and laughter and gaiety of children.

Learn to like gardening, watering, putting around the lawn, and the automobile.

Learn to like the sunrise and sunset, the beating of rain on the windows, and the gentle fall of snow on a winter day.

Learn to keep your wants simple. Refuse to be owned and controlled by things and the opinion of others.

It often happens that a day spends his time in the hospital, during out how the accident have been avoided.

CLIPPINGS

NEW TAXES

The people of the United States might as well make up their minds to pay more federal taxes. Defense preparations will cost a lot of money, an increasingly large amount, and there is only one place from which to get it—from the people themselves. In addition, the federal debt limit will in all probability be increased.

It's not a pleasant prospect, paying more taxes. Nobody knows where it will end. It will probably force a decline in the American standard of living. You can't have your ammunition and shoot it, too. But this is a necessity, costing money, and the government hasn't a dime except what it collects from the people. You might as well make up your mind that it's going to cost you more and more to be an American citizen. Whatever the cost it's worth more to be an American citizen than any other kind, worth more to live in America than anywhere else.—Sheley Star.

PRECEPTS

The following precepts for those who wish to cultivate calmness and self-possession, to live longer and enjoy life more fully, were recently published in the Masonic News of Montreal, Canada.

Learn to like what doesn't cost much.

Learn to like reading, conversation, music.

Learn to like plain food, plain service, plain cooking.

Learn to like fields, trees, woods, brooks, fishing, rowing, hiking.

Learn to like life for its own sake.