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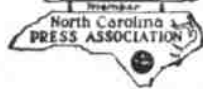
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Worry And More Of It

We have met a number of people lately, some women and some men, the former being in the majority, who have let themselves get so worried about the war and the suffering countries of Europe, that the joy of living seems to have left them.

Now we do not mean to seem hard hearted but we feel that things, which are so far beyond our control, should not get us so completely down. This is not the first tragic era. We can find others very quickly by reading history.

No one can read the headlines of the newspapers, or hear the war commentators over the radio, without having the deepest concern over not only the European situation, but also that of our own country. As the theatre of war spreads to new stages, it is extremely alarming, but this business of being utterly depressed beyond reason should be put to an end. We must shake ourselves out of it.

The situation in its most optimistic outlook is depressing enough. But in the final solution, it will be the clear and cool heads of America that will work things out for the rest of us. It will be our salvation, even unimportant private citizens, as you and I, to keep our minds prepared to meet the changing conditions when the United States, if ever, is actually in the fight.

For no matter what comes in the economic struggle, if we are saved from the ravages of another war, we will be blessed. But if America should be involved in fighting, when it comes, will be time enough for us to take on our "heavy roles, without growing weary in rehearsing."

What Price A Convention

Philadelphia businessmen are said to have glanced over preliminary figures and ventured a guess that the visitors at the Republican national convention spent \$12,000,000, which sounds almost like a New Deal appropriation. They ate 90,000 hot dogs, and drank 140,000 bottles of soda pop.

Chief beneficiaries were central city hotels and restaurants, which were jammed during the five-day conclave. Restaurants in the heart of the city "did very well." They are reported to have handled 15 per cent more business than they did at the Democratic convention in 1936.

Telegraph companies reported newspaper reporters sent 2,500,000 words describing the convention. Concessionaires said they sold 30,000 cups of coffee, 20,000 meals, 108,000 packages of cigarettes and 16,500 cigars in the convention hall.

No figures were available on the consumption of aspirin.

Of course, Chicago is all elated over the prospects of the Democrats going the GOP group much better.

A Perfect Record

Encouraging news, and most particularly for the South, comes from the president of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, that according to the information compiled in the department of records and research, there is no record of a lynching for the first six months of 1940. The information is based on news releases and on investigations made by persons living in various areas.

The number of lynchings have been steadily decreasing throughout the years, and this report for the first half of 1940 is most encouraging, and is a record that can and should be maintained throughout the years.

Campaigning Is Hard Job

It takes more than a good politician to withstand the strain of a gubernatorial campaign.

Here in North Carolina the voters and candidates take the Democratic primary seriously. The more important the office, the more strain the candidates have to undergo. In fact, judging from the past three campaigns it is beginning to look like the candidates will have to undergo a physical examination before entering the field.

In 1932 when Dick Fountain made such a hard race, he soon afterwards suffered a breakdown.

In 1936 Dr. Ralph McDonald was confined in a sanatorium for many months after his hard fought campaign against Clyde Hoey.

As this is being written, news from Raleigh is that A. J. Maxwell, commissioner of revenue, and one of the seven 1940 gubernatorial candidates is improving, after a critical illness which he took the last week of the campaign in May. Mr. Maxwell campaigned hard, and he, along with the other two mentioned, might never have had their illness had they not been in a heated political race, but the fact cannot be overlooked, that the strenuous work in a North Carolina Democratic primary could have brought on their illness more quickly, if such were not wholly responsible.

We are not pointing these men out as not being able to take it—far from that. The point is, this thing of doing a bang up good job of campaigning, especially state-wide, is harder work that the average citizen realizes.

Our Main Street

There were a number of fine answers to the question in "The Voice of the People" last week regarding the parking situation on Main Street.

We suggest that the time has come when town officials take very definite steps to remedy the conditions, as far as is within their power.

There has been a lot of talk about the Parkway skirting the ridges about us, and the thought expressed that the tourists traveling them might not dip down into the villages, from their scenic heights, which may or may not be true. Time alone will show whether or not they keep entirely to the "high road."

One thing we can be certain of, and that is if the traffic conditions on Main Street continue, that a movement will be started from some quarter to route the cars away from the town, which would be a great loss.

If we want to have the tourist passing through our business districts we will have to make room for them. This is an old subject that has been discussed for a number of years, and time has not helped the situation.

Whether the movement will be a popular one or not, the town officials must take action on the matter. It would appear that only drastic measures will meet the situation.

A Normal Group After All

The general belief that a college student loses all "down-to-earth" reasoning in their first year away from home, is dispelled by intelligent answers to the recent test held at the University of North Carolina, when over 100 students were asked to name their favorite list of sensations of sound, smell, sight, touch and taste.

The sound of rain on a tin roof is the favorite sound, while leaves burning, honeysuckle on a spring night, and new-mown hay are favorite smells.

An open fire in a dark room, or a brook splashing in the moonlight is their favorite sight. Clean sheets and clean pajamas after a hot bath provide the best touch—and country ham for breakfast or caramel icing licked from a pan are preferred tastes.

After such answers, it must be confessed that they are quite a normal group, in spite of some of their far-fetch collegiate ideas and customs.

Illusions

These are times that try men's souls. The Netherlands, we felt, could always be counted on to fill the breach and stem the tide. The prototype of this spirit was the boy who saved his country by plugging the hole in the dike with his finger that cold night so long ago. But now, a dispatch from The Hague, reports that the Dutch never heard of this lad, much less raised a monument in his honor. He exists only in McGuffey's Fifth Reader, besides the boy who stood on the burning deck.

Will these debunkers leave us nothing?

"While these are difficult days, while there is no telling what the next bulletin may bring forth, still I am confident that the tank hasn't been made or the bomb yet devised that can destroy and crush the democracies of the world."—Mayor La Guardia.

Here and There

—By—
 HILDA WAY GWYN

We have never envied the very rich . . . our ambition has been merely for solid comfort that comes from a sense of some financial freedom . . . except at times . . . when we throw reason to the wind . . . and our heart aches to relieve others . . . of some burden . . . but this week we found ourselves breaking over . . . we envied Doris Duke Cromwell . . . not for her millions . . . but for the power of them that must have brought her such pure joy and happiness . . . after she had provided for 500 European children . . . at an annual cost of \$200,000 to give them a home in America . . . yet this is not even so great . . . as the offer of the citizens of Wake Forest . . . who found in their small college town . . . people who would take care of 25 refugees . . . such things make one realize that while Hitler is spreading hate abroad in the land . . . in his wake of destruction . . . there are other factors at work toward the ideal of peace . . . and while we grope in the darkness . . . little children from war stricken areas . . . whose homes have been destroyed are seeking America as a haven . . . of safety . . .

"The battle of this war may be an epoch in a military sense . . . they are already described by witnesses as more furious and grandiose than those of the World War . . . but the effects of them on history may yet seem negligible as compared with the achievements of armies marching on little feet into the very citadels of selfishness . . . suspicion . . . race-consciousness . . . indifference . . . and taking these bleak strongholds with shy smiles . . . brief tears or grave eyed trustfulness . . . was recently expressed by a writer . . . our own thoughts, far better than we could put into words . . . there has been organized in New York City the United States committee for the care of European children . . . sons and daughters of courage . . . of faith, of freedom and in the power of decency and tolerance of men . . . Europe's children may become a multitude of emissaries between peoples and nations . . . "and a little child shall lead them." . . .

We had been getting a bit uneasy about bathing suits . . . during the last few years . . . especially when they began to appear in two small garments . . . each about as abbreviated as they could be made and serve the purpose . . . mere scraps of material . . . but now they have skirts half-way to the knees . . . perhaps it's the feminine revival of frills and ruffles exerting an influence . . . at any rate we are glad that "the tide has turned" . . . we saw Lois Massie in her last minute shopping before going to Florida this week buying an unusually attractive one . . . white background . . . with lovely colors in the design . . .

We have had great interest in the selection of the N. C. typical family . . . to go to the World's Fair in New York . . . with all expenses . . . and have been equally as interested in the winners . . . Mr. and Mrs. Silas Brown and their two children, of Snow Hill . . . who left last Saturday for New York after going by Raleigh to receive their credentials from Governor Hoey . . . the father is in the dry cleaning business . . . the children have the usual outside interests . . . the mother and father also have their activities . . . yet all are a part of a home which they give that love and affection that makes family solidarity . . . (that defies divorce and unhappiness) . . . which we hope will never go out of date . . . Editorially the Raleigh News and Observer had the following to say . . . about the typical family . . . "The rich make more of a spectacle in North Carolina . . . the submerged poor have been paraded before us in a pitiful procession . . . but between them in great numbers . . . hard working . . . devoted to each other . . . free of any sense of bitterly bound class . . . taking part in the affairs of the community . . . and sacrificing to advance their children in a civilization in which they have faith though not as much security as they seek . . . are thousands of such families . . . they make up the central strength of the state . . . no blitzkrieg, domestic or foreign, will quickly succeed against them or a state which they are a part." . . .

The following poem was contributed to us . . . which shows how hard it is for one generation to quite understand the other . . . and how each, after all, must work out its own ideas of happiness . . . and the younger generation can have such decided ideas about what is best for those growing older . . . The children cannot understand . . . how just the two old folks can stay . . . alone in the big two-story house . . . now with six of them away . . . The children say



Voice of The People

Do you think the present European situation will affect the summer and fall travel in Western North Carolina, and if so, which way?

Mrs. C. F. Kirkpatrick—"I think we are not going to have as many people right at the present due to the European situation, but if things clear up by fall, I think that we will have more than we have had in years."

Mrs. Grady Boyd—"I do not think the European situation is affecting the season here. I believe that we will have a good season, but that it will be short."

Zeb Curtis—"I think the European situation will help travel in Western North Carolina both in the summer and in the fall."

they rattle around . . . like two lone peas in a giant pod . . . and that those silent upper rooms . . . are bound to seem a trifle odd . . . They tell them of a little house . . . cozy, sweet, on a single floor . . . room to spare for both of them . . . what need have they of a cubit more? . . . The old folks smile and shake their heads . . . and turn deaf ears to all their pleas . . . How could a little four room house . . . hold eight large rooms of memories? . . .

R. C. McBride—"Personally I think the European situation will help the travel in Western North Carolina, and that there will be more people than ever before, but I do not think there will be any increase in those who come to stay any length of time."

Dan Watkins—"From present indications I feel that the European situation will help the summer tourist business, but for the fall, too much can happen before then to say."

Felix Stovall—"I feel that there will be an increase in travel both in the summer and the fall. I think that conditions are so uncertain that people will feel that they had better take a trip while they can."

Dill Howell—"I think it will help us here in Western North Carolina, for the people who travel will have to travel in the United States this year."

H. B. Milner—"I think it stands to reason that there will be an increase. People are going to travel, and they will have to stay in this country this year."

Clyde H. Ray, Jr.—"I feel that there will be an increase in the summer season, but I fear that by

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM BITT
 Central Press Writer

AN INTERNATIONAL society of professional magicians is suggested. Sounds like there might be some trick to it.

Habit is hard to break. For instance, says Grandpappy Jenkins, many a farm boy arriving in the city immediately begins sowing wild oats.

A correspondent wants to know why there apparently are no bald-headed aviators. Maybe, suggests the man at the next desk, it's because they are hal-mind-ed.

Size doesn't always help. The

human being trying to swat a bumble bee shouldn't forget that he, himself, is the biggest target.

Hey, Pop, what did you get for Father's day? . . . We didn't, either.

Ex-King Zog of Albania is being sued. Uneasy lies the head even when it no longer wears the royal crown.

"Is sound money," queries a reader, "the dough you spend for a movie ticket or a radio receiving set?" Neither, it's the coin Junior is saving to buy Fourth of July fireworks.

Safety First Begins Right In Your Home

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

ARE YOU or Grandma, the children, or others of your household going to number among the 40,000 persons now alive who will be killed at home during the next twelve months—killed by accident? Will you or yours be one of the 170,000 permanently disabled, or one of the 5,500,000 temporarily crippled in this same span of time, by accident?

Maybe you say to yourself, it won't happen to me. You and I can be a little more sure that we and our household will keep alive and whole if we give some thought and care to home safety.

Floor, Stairs, Bath
 Most home accidents occur from falls and burns. Polished floors are slippery unless when waxed they are rubbed down to a hard, dry finish. And those scatter rugs! Why put these perils at the head or foot of the stairs? They can be made safe elsewhere if anchored to the floor with non-skid materials to be had at any good house furnishing place.

To make life safer on your stairs, have good strong railings one can grasp; also on porch and cellar stairs. Have railings, too, that you can grasp to help you enter and leave the bathtub securely; and to stand without slipping at the shower. Non-skid mats might also help.

When you must climb, don't use a chair or box; get a stepladder and be sure its legs are locked.

Beware Burns
 Fat on the fire is not to be fooled with. Use a deep kettle and

let the contents cool before straining it. And you know what happens when some drops of water fall into the frying fat. Look out for your hands, eyes, and face! Be sure the baby isn't near.

And don't try to fight fat or oil fire with water. Sprinkle on a handful of salt, use a fire extinguisher, or call the fire department.

Keep the matches beyond the young child's reach. Train him not to touch matches. Spank him every time he does and make him hurt. In like manner, train him not to reach for things above him in the kitchen. Also train yourself not to leave hot liquid on the floor or in containers with handles extending beyond the edge of the stove or table.

Outside With Cleaning
 Don't dry-clean in the house. Not wishing to electrocute yourself in the bathroom, don't use a curling iron and the like there. Be sure the button for turning on and off the light is solid against the wall—no chains or cords.

Keep all poisons such as iodine, rat exterminators, insect powder and cleaning fluids out of the young child's reach; preferably out of the bathroom. All poisons should be in containers different from all things else, or with pins in corks or strings about tops.

Having trained your child effectively in the unambiguous meaning of NO, make clear to him the things he must never touch. Such training should help keep him alive, for his nervous system, properly trained, is more dependable than that of an adult.

Stewart Says—

Taxpayers Facing Increase For Defense In Good Spirit

By CHARLES P. STEWART
 Central Press Columnist
 "NEVER BEFORE" was Washington news correspondent as home news writer following an afternoon of



Charles P. Stewart

average citizen's unwillingness to carry any financial burden taxmakers see fit to lay upon in the name of national defense. It has been recognized on Capitol Hill as a hitherto intangible that higher taxes must be levied at in an election year like this one. The political party spokesmen refer favorably to a policy invariably in the name suffered corresponding the voters' dissatisfaction, frequently expressed at the polls. It initially was assumed the present situation was an emergency. That the outbreak of the Krieg rendered heavy military expenditures by Uncle Sam unnecessary generally was recognized.

But how to foot the bill was an awful puzzle to the lawmakers. Uncle Samuel owes so much ready that they shrunk pledging his credit still to the Yet the only alternative seemed to be the imposition of taxes leaves upon the taxpayers of a big addition to their tax through a broadening of the come tax base.

Well, the solons were then adopt this latter course. They one that they simply would guarantee their own position extinction in November if they fended so large a proportion their tax-paying constituents.

Various schemes were devised by which several of the legislators they might come to run the country farther into for defensive purposes under of some sort of bookish sleight-of-hand that would be the fact that we merely were running farther and farther ahead.

The plan didn't promise well, however. For one thing, obvious that many people see through it from the first, evidently it couldn't be expected to fool anybody except for the while.

By this time the indications becoming manifest that here instance in which the load of er taxation isn't resented as rarely it is.

Press Comment

The press began commencing it, as an extraordinary editorial writers put forward suggestion, "Higher taxes are inevitable eventually; why not

Lately, their home mail bringing in to senators and representatives the advice to go with the whole defense program without further attempts at camouflage.

It's unprecedented all right, isolators scarcely can believe eyes and ears. Their belief ment is that the American really are alarmed for the of their sort of democracy of the new world is "loaded for

One other consideration is mentioned by some of the lawmakers. Our present pro-high-tax taxpayers are urging higher taxes in the future; not right now there are to be increases they be voted in a hurry, but they be collectable until the next year rolls around.

The public thinks it's the liberal as of today, with the tax bills still a twelvemonth ahead. But there are some solons who predict that an entirely different song will be sung hence, when the collector scattering his requisitions on the basis of approximately per cent increase in rates.

PRESIDENT WAS HANGED

Grover Cleveland, who became President, hanged himself in 1872.

He was elected sheriff of the county, New York, for the 1871-1873 and during that time Jack Gaffney and Patricksey were sentenced to be hanged. Rather than detail a robbery to perform the unpleasant duty, Sheriff Cleveland did it himself.

THE WORLD OVER

The Columbia Record.
 After eating a meal, report, Finnish children hands with their parents and them for the food. The American children, probably fall people will begin to economic conditions, in such that they will not feel like trips."

H. W. Woodward—"I want to say that I think it is the travel right now."