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Defense And Unemployment

Government officials as well as economists are deeply concerned over the ultimate effect of the defense program on the unemployment problems in this country. If unemployment should be solved in this manner temporarily then the need for WPA would be materially reduced.

But if the defense program should fail to absorb the greater number on WPA there will still remain a vast army of unemployed that must somehow be taken care of. Much as we may have differed in the past with some of the systems in this governmental agency, it still remains in theory the best plan. We much prefer a job to a dole, both from the standpoint of the taxpayer and the man employed.

Then we are faced with the uncertainty of how it will all work out. The government naturally is concerned in budget-making, as to certain allocations. Private industry is wondering how and to what extent the defense projects will absorb man power.

Authorities predict that unless defense production is stepped up above the speed now in prospect over the next few months and there is a boom in civilian production brought on by increased purchasing power we will have serious unemployment problems.

All predictions will have to be based on what may happen in Europe. In case of the termination of war in England's favor our defense activities would naturally mean a less feverish effort on our part. Yet we are destined to see through certain programs on defense activities not only for present needs, but with an eye on future protection. But regardless of the pressing needs of the present the future must be planned for. The more critical situation we face today will mean the more difficult will be our solution of the problems tomorrow.

"Tarahelia On Parade"

One of the most interesting and complimentary articles on North Carolina we have read in sometime appears in the August edition of the "National Geographic" magazine under the above title.

The article is delightfully written and is profusely illustrated. It covers history, economic conditions, natural resources, scenic beauties, and social life in a complete manner.

It touches the Coastal Plain, the Piedmont section and the mountain section, pointing out the good things of each.

The article is calculated to make the native Tar Heel proud of his state and the outsider anxious to visit a land of opportunity. We advise you to read it.

Have You Got Yours?

Do you have \$72.39 cash in your pocket? Well, if you haven't that much, you're below the average according to the United States treasury.

A dispatch from Washington reports "the treasury yesterday said there was \$9,612,033,124 of coin and currency in circulation on June 30, or an average of \$72.39 per person."

Seventy-two dollars and thirty-nine cents is a nice little sum as pocket money goes, and if you can't count that much on your person, you may be consoled by remembering there are millions of others in the same boat. The \$72.39 is an average, and the American who is exactly "average" in anything is one of the most difficult creatures to find.

One pleasant and yet possibly ominous note is found in the Washington Dispatch. It says the average circulation per person of \$72.29 compares with \$71.51 only a month before, and \$59.61, almost \$13 less, a year ago. It's nice to realize the average person has more money, and maybe we're wrong, but we seem to sniff something in those figures savoring of inflation.—Sanford Herald.

The power of mind over matter won't save us now. What we need is some power of mind over what's-the-matter.

No more foil wrappers for chewing gum. At least we begin to realize what sacrifice means.

What the sinner resents is not being reformed, but the fact that often people no better than he is at heart are the ones trying to reform him.

"Heavy, heavy hangs over your head". It's a tax burden that feels like lead.—Greensboro Daily News.

The Short Cut To Disaster



HERE and THERE

By
HILDA WAY GWYN

Well, boys . . . you are going to have to plan ahead for the ride with your date "after the show" . . . as curfew has come down on gasoline . . . after seven o'clock . . . filling stations have been such colorful spots in the streets and highways that it will look pretty dull and lonesome . . . after dark . . . but the new regime will have its features . . . besides saving gasoline . . . they tell us that home to the modern generation is merely a "filling station" . . . perhaps if they can't ride so much at night . . . maybe more folks will take to spending an evening at home . . . maybe we'll read more . . . maybe we'll all find time to develop a greater appreciation of what it means to live in America . . . with its freedom and security . . . we may be denied the privilege of riding to our heart's content at night . . . and the family car will be parked at home in the garage at an earlier hour . . . and we will be compelled to economize on gasoline . . . and not ride when the notion strikes us as we once did . . . we still have no serious "blackout" . . . we can still go to bed in peace . . . with no fear of being routed out by a siren proclaiming a bombing raid.

Which reminds us . . . have you seen Mrs. James W. Killian's patriotic bed of flowers . . . if not drive by and take a look . . . it is an oblong border . . . with red, white and blue . . . all in bloom . . . red verbena . . . white verbena . . . and dwarf blue asugaratum . . . a perfect motif in Uncle Sam's favorite shades . . .

Hobbies have always had a fascination for us . . . in the first place . . . we like to see people have interests outside of their daily work . . . or regular routine . . . so often we get a slant on a man or woman . . . that is far more revealing than their lives outwardly ever indicate . . . for instance a hard boiled business man who loves flowers is bound to have a soul above the dollar mark . . . recently we had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. George Mayer, of Evanston, Ill. . . she has a brand new hobby to us . . . that is collecting bells . . . and you would be amazed at the number of kinds of bells there are . . . unless you have already considered them . . . bells are full of legends . . . history . . . sentiment . . . superstitions . . . religious significance . . . romance and drama . . . the list brings up memories and associations of a surprising scope . . . holidays . . . the terrifying sounds of a warning bell . . . the strange music of quivering metal . . . magic taken from the earth . . . bells can fill us with fear . . . they have the power to cheer us . . . to inspire us . . .

Start making up a list of bells for the fun of it . . . a common, but musical one to us here in the mountains is the cow bell . . . that tingling sound from a shady pasture . . . is always associated with a peaceful rural scene . . . far removed from the maddening rush of things . . . we can almost smell the woody fragrance . . . at the thought of the sound . . . then take Christmas bell . . . and chimes . . . how they tell the old, old story . . . that has meant more to mankind than anything ever recorded . . . wedding bells . . . full of happiness and dreams . . . church bells that gather the children into Sunday school . . . that old boarding house bell that called the boarders to their meals . . . and the fun that has been poked at it . . . take the funeral tolling in deep and said notes . . . "last taps" . . . ships' bells . . . the bell that rings out the old year and ushers in the

new . . . when we crowd back memories at midnight . . . to clear the way for the future year . . . the fire bell that roused us from our sleep . . . the old school bell . . . that marked the days of our childhood . . . lighthouse bells . . . that sound over troubled waters . . . we have decided the collection of bells would be an intriguing hobby . . . they might not prove as decorative as some collections . . . but they certainly offer a wide field of interest . . .

In the passing of Mrs. Charles E. Ray . . . this community has lost one of its greatest and best loved women . . . we once wrote of her . . . that if you were in distress on need . . . it would be a toss up . . . who reached you first . . . your preacher or Mrs. Ray . . . that perhaps sums up her life among us . . . no matter what your burden . . . she came with sincerity . . . and genuine interest . . . she loved her fellow man . . . she always found a redeeming quality where others often cut the keen edge of criticism . . . she was ever charitable in her judgment . . . her thoughtfulness was boundless . . . you might not even know her very well . . . but in sorrow or misfortune she came your way . . . she came to you in a simple but heartfelt manner to comfort you . . . she was an understanding mother . . . whose mothering reached far beyond her own home . . . even when

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By **WILLIAM BITT**
Central Press Writer

WITH more than \$9,000,000,000 worth of money circulating in the United States, the average individual is supposed to have \$72.39. That 39 cents, we suppose, is so that after paying taxes he'll have something left.

The majority of Panama hats, we read, are not made in Panama but Ecuador. Could that be what Peru is sore about?

Grandpappy Jenkins feels sorry for today's kids. They don't get a chance to work up an appetite for ice creams by having to turn the freezer.

Richard Whitney, former New York stock exchange head, will

Keeping Brakes On Inflation Is Tough Task

By **CHARLES PA STEWART**
Central Press Columnist.

INFLATION is bad enough. Deflation is enough sight worse, however.

When prices skyhoot, a chap on a stationary income is in the same fix as if his income had shrunk, correspondingly to the increase in his cost of living. But when the slump comes and the bottom drops out of the prices, this same bird's income is likely to be blotted out altogether. And every competent economist knows that night follows day no more regularly than a slump follows a skyhoot. All history's proved it with 100 per cent accuracy.

That's why National Price Administrator Leon Henderson, who's a slick economist alright, is scrambling so desperately to keep the brakes on inflation, as a development in connection with our defense emergency activities. He's afraid of it, as inflation, but he's still more afraid of it as an absolutely certain precursor of a yet

shadows of the end drew near she thought of others . . . and planned for them . . . where most of us have the best of intentions . . . and hope to get around to that gracious thoughtfulness of others . . . she acted . . . she did not wait . . . she spread so much cheer and comfort . . . that in her going there should be inspiration . . . her work must be carried on . . .

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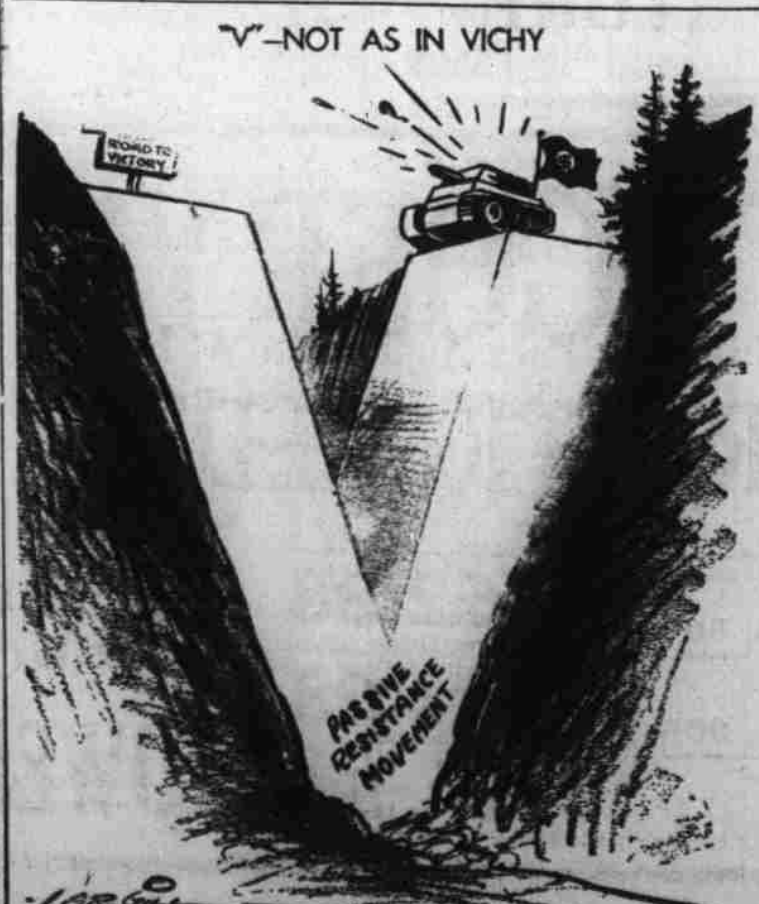
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The trouble with puncturing a tyron's ego is that too many persons get hit by the flying fragments.

Zadok Dumbkopf, in order to save his water bill, has adopted the "scorched earth" policy toward his front lawn.

Soldiers aren't the only ones engaged in summer maneuvers. How about the lonely young lady at a summer resort trying to catch the eye of a handsome lifeguard?



Voice OF THE People

What do you think of the ing informality in the wares panel of men?

Mrs. J. H. Howell—"I'm fort, so therefore, I bear trem."

Mrs. Carroll Bell—"I prove."

Mrs. J. Colvin Brown—"as comfort men have as much as a woman to dress as please, but they do not be attractive as when more dressed. The conventional of dress seems to bring on personality better."

Mrs. S. E. Connater—"It pends on the occasion, but is possible I like to see com' stable."

Mr. William Hannah—"I infor mality is all right on cation, but not for business."

Mr. Thos. M. Seawell—"the of conventional appeared some modifications, but I that the men are now the extreme in the matter."

Mrs. M. G. Stamey—"I oughly approve. I think the have suffered unnecessarily past, particularly in hot we."

Mrs. William Prevost—"I for comfort, and the more person dresses the more able the are."

Miss Kate Williamson—"I informality is all right. Of there are times such as attendance that call for tional dress."

Mrs. Walter Francis—"I men have as much right as to dress as they please. Gen women can't talk the va dress."

more horrifying period of des. It's surprising how few posedly astute financiers see aware of the invariability of sequence.

Remember the investigation ducted by a senate committee the causes of our last post depression? Among the wit were J. P. Morgan and his satellites. Ferdinand Pecora examined them. One and all, alleged wisecracks testified while they'd recognized the crash as a mania, they idea that we'd be so slow covering from the effects of

Crash Follows War

Why, I, with no more sense that a jackrabbit had pated it. The only thing the stumped was that the sm after World War No. I was layed as long as it was. It nature for a war like that no followed, sooner or later, by of economic distress. The Andrew Mellon had predicted me also.

In early Hooverian days, he was treasury secretary, an interview with Mellon on subject or other. As I was leave, he said, "Wait a minute you want to quote me, you do it to the effect that I on this a good time to buy Stocks are so high now that are better bargains than are."

It wasn't until after the busted that I tumbled to he was trying to tell me cover not so much to buy bonds as load, at fancy figures, stock companies that were due presently. He couldn't say it outspokenly, so it didn't any to unload, so it didn't

And I recall the panic of There'd been a boom. It exp Immediately after our leading ciers began broadcasting worry. The country's fundam ly sound? This'll be of short tion." The ensuing crash lasted for years. Right af Hooverian crash, there w chorus of, "The country's mentally sound." The heard that, I knew we were a heck of a season.

The trouble with these bee they're unflationary, which is liminary to deflation.

Leon Henderson's trying to 'em both off—inflation in the place. It's a terrible head him. He admits it—admit there'll be somewhat higher but he'll bear down on them he's worth.

Armaments No Ass Leon appreciates that the ment stuff we're producing ourselves and the actualy tled democracies hasn't any in an economic sense. A pr be virtually necessary to yourself with, but it's n otherwise. Nevertheless, we to have so many of them that output crimps production of an use.

It appears, then, that (Continued on page five)