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(One Day Nearer Victory)

1944

With the statement of General Eisenhower's to the effect that 1944 will see victory n Europe, we start the New Year with high hope. We are saddened, however, by the price that we know will be paid in lives for this great victory. Secretary Hull also seems optimistic over the fall of the Nazi.

In the meantime we must realize here at nome that victory may be in sight, but it is definitely not yet won. Between now and then our government will stage one of the biggest drives ever put on for the sale of War Bonds. We on the home front will have to "keep 'em flying and firing."

During the month of January the Fourth War Bond campaign will be put across and the money derived from this sale will finance the battle fronts on our firing lines. No matter how much sacrifice we will have to make to buy our required quota, it will be safe and easy as compared with the men who are fighting on the battle fronts all ever the world. At this critical time, no one should hesitate to answer this call when the leaders ask us to buy bonds.

Adventures

lines some adventures for 1943. It was as if rooted in the sidewalks." pointed out that we Americans are an adhabit of breaking away from the beaten minute before Christmas. paths and that we are ever on the lookout for something new to do.

suggested to be tried out in 1944, which would be a splendid substitute for New Year's resolutions.

Plant in your garden a vegetable which you have never grown before or tasted.

Pay a friendly evening call on new acquaintances whom otherwise you would probably not get to know very well.

Show a personal interest in a boy or girl whose whole life can be influenced right now by a good grown-up friend.

Learn to recognize by its correct name a bird or tree heretofore unfamiliar to you.

Step out and take the responsibility of neighborhood leadership for something that needs to be done.

Marriage By Proxy

We see by the state attorney general's office that one unusual result of the war is the sudden interest that North Carolina girls and their sweethearts are taking in the legality of proxy marriages. The office claims that to date it has received some 20 separate inquiries pertaining to this method of entering the Holy state of matrimony.

Some couples want to be married by means of the radio, while others wish to tie the knot by telephone.

The attorney general, however, seems very firm in his ideas on the matter, to date is reported to have given the same answer to each of the twenty inquiries, which is "No." He contends that there is no such provision in the State laws that would permit proxy marriages.

While it might prove to be a very economical way to enter the blessed state, as there would not have to be any flowers or new clothes, we approve the position the attornev general has taken. It looks to us like an attempat to streamline the romance out of marriage.

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There is no ne rry about the fuure of the Am ce contrary to certain recent the ording to the latest reports from ticians in regard to any temporary in the birth rate.

More than 2,000,000 babies over the normal expectancy based on birth records of preceding years, were born in this country from 1933 to 1943.

We were surprised to learn that the number of births increased from 1933 to 1939 were from 16.6 to 17.8 per 1,000 population. As we all know the war influence has shot up the record considerably. Due to this factor the rate had jumped from 20.9 per 1,000 population by 1942. When the records are completed for 1943, according to the statisticians, are rate is expected to show a gain to 24 per 1,000.

Honorably Discharged

We have noticed an increase locally in the number of men who are being honorably discharged from the army recently, but were rather surprised at the large number announced by the War Department.

Around 550,000 officers and enlisted men have been discharged from the army between December 7, 1941, and August 31, 1943, according to the War Department. Approximately 200,000 of the men are said to be over 38 years of age and were released to accept employment in essential industry or agriculture. The remaining were discharged on account of physical and mental disability.

In view of the need both in the armed forces and in the civilian production responsibility, this is a wise move on the part of no matter how optimistic we may Farmer . . . and quote the followthe War Department. A man discharged approach the unfolding of the ing from Nell Battle Lewis, taken under these conditions should not feel that sons are obvious. . We feel that Raleigh News and Observer. he has not served his country well, but that while most of us are not conscious "No nicer person than Miss Beal he is being placed where he can best serve of making them, we are all form lives in this State, and it rejoices by the discharge.

Unsold Trees

With the habit of the American people for world. . In the past we have often that North Carolina was a very paying the price of anything they happen to want at the time we were somewhat surprised to see that in some of the large cities in the country Christmas trees, priced at world. three times their normal cost, failed to sell. realize that we have had a year though she may have come to North

sure that the war worker and his money prepared us to take another one, has wound up by liking us-as a would soon part, that they felt that they far more momentous. .. could step up on the cost of the trees and it would never be noticed.

In Boston it was reported that thousands of trees which had been shipped into the with other countries we find that she feels herself one of us, because The last issue of a current magazine outcity "remained stacked outside of stores we have been greatly blessed. ... we'd be proud to claim her. We'd we have had no bombings here like to take such an excellent permes some adventures for 1943. It was as if rooted in the sidewalks."

In Los Angeles, trees that had been priced venturous people and that we are in the at \$1.50 sold as low as 25 cents the last | we are told that there are six min-

This may seem a small matter, yet it is mal Christmas. significant of the turning at last of the Nazi have overrun. . . So our id a un; is might well profit from a The following list of seven things were public against the profiteer, because Christ- of a wish for the New Year . . . study of World War I and its mas is an extravagant time, and people often is that you have grown in strength. af: much. . It has been pointed pay prices they would not at any other time | pected inconveniences and perhaps then alienated public sentiment and of the year. It should serve as a warning meet some hardships, will prove helped cause a strong post-war ference of the four great world past week. to profiteers that "Americans have it in their power to stabilize the whole economic situation if they only exert themselves."

Save Your Car

Every agency concerned with war production and transportation is coming to realize the absolute necessity of keeping at you. least the irreducible minimum of passenger cars and trucks rolling. The Office of Defense Transportation and the Brookings Institution have agreed that, with respect to by women is in order. . . According is going to be a strong anti-labor cars, this should not fall below 20,000,000. We have had no increment to the car supply for more than two years. The ODT estimates that 1,000,000 automobiles were scrapped in 1942, and that 1,500,000 will be scrapped in 1943 and 2,000,000 in 1944. There remains a margin above the danger line, but the average car is now seven years old, and a quarter of all cars in use are ten years old or older.

In these circumstances, conservation and the army at one time in this counmaintenance daily become more important. try. . we have noted since the maintenance daily become more important. advent of the New Year, numerous The National Conservation Bureau and the suggestions to the unmarried girls National Association of Manufacturers have as to how to go about landing their done a real service in publishing jointly a think it is a personal matter, and little pamphlet adopting the comic cartoon what suits one case, would ruin method of approach with a minimum number of words to bring home the importance of wouldn't be surprised if the girls this message to the car owners and, especi- don't use more leap year tactics ally, the war worker. It is called "If Your during the intervening years than Car Could Talk", and points the lessons of maybe they do for all we know. regular lubrication, prompt repairs, tire conservation and slow driving in a graphic way which should do much good. Already a million copies have been distributed. Many million more could well be in the hands of America's motorists, too many of whom still do not realize that they are, as such, also soldiers in a total war.—New York Times.



HERE and THERE

HILDA WAY GWYN

started to say Happy New Year Beal has meant to the local mind, . Not for lack of sincerity when even keeping it open was good reason, that we know, if we her supervision and advice have face the facts, that 1944 is not go- meant, and we add our approval to ing to be an especially happy year, the choice of the Progressive twelve months ahead. . The rea- from the Sunday edition of the ing New Y-ar resolutions in our me to see her more generally apminds and hearts . . . that 1944 will be a critical year. York State, she did come among us We know it will contain a series originally as a sort of missionary, of historical events that will be as one Tarheel suggests, since, like felt right h re in our own small many of us down here, she knew questioned what the coming year fertile filld for library work. But, might bring. . But this year, the if so, then we've never had a mispicture has been painted ahead for sionary so tactful and friendly, so us in the forming of the battle self-effacing in her valuable work, fronts that stream across the or one who fitted so easily and It seems that speculators had been so full of such happenings, and the Carolina at first just to make us reactions from such should have more literate, I'm pretty sure she

> ived through during the year past, when we compare the Unit of States at home. .. We have been safe and son right into the heart of the laye lived almost normal lives. ... Neighborhood which she is helping We are told that there are six milwho do not even remember a nor-. Consider the that a number of writers are relives of the countries where the calling new that American Labor That your ability to endure unex- out that a large number of strikes that you can take it . . That you can reaction against labor . . . and powers." make sacrifices, if necessary, with- the waining is being sounded now out them leaving a trace of bitter- with no uncertain ton s that history ness . . . and that in the end when | might repeat itself , . . It is not a standing event was the recovery of the curtain comes down on 1944, no pleasant thought to dwell on the the Russians at Stalingrad in matter what state the world is in, fact that during the first nine which they drove the Germans you are a better, and a more cour- months in 1942 there were 2,675 more than 1,000 miles and within ageous person, . . That you have strikes in this country met the tests the year has put upon the number of workers involved in you . . . and that you are a finer war industries alone totaled 480,individual despite the conflict about | 000,

is here again . . . and the open time somebody up in Washington season for matrimony as proposed took drastic action . . If not, there to statistics, there are 4,000,000 unmarried women in this country be- the nigh handed ways out of the tween the ages of 18 and 25. . . During 1943, it is said that one bring about hard feelings that girl out of every three married, need not have been aroused. . . either a war worker, a civilian em- There will be a day of reckoning loyee of the government, or a man when the men now serving in the with a job. . . While the other two armed forces come back to rebuild only one out of the four remain in the single bless dness today. It is said that there has never been so large a percentage of sin-

gle youth, ages from 18 to 22 in choice. . . But we are inclined to another prospect . . . and between us, if the men only knew it, we perhaps the boys realize

We see where the Progressive Farmer has named Miss Marjorie Beal, secretary and director of the North Carolina Library Commis sion, the "Woman of the Year" Because "of her outstanding ser vice to the farm families of North Carolina in helping to provide every family of every county in the state an opportunity to borrow good

New Year's greetings. . . We books." . . . We know what Miss and then we changed our library during trying times, well wishing, but for the very hanging on the balance . . . what

We know priciated. Maybe, a native of New . On the other hand we pleasantly into our life, person of her discrimination naturally would. And I know that Yet with all the anxiety we have those of us who know her and her fine work like and admire her a great deal. We hope that by now |

We note with keen satisfaction

. . and 30 miles of Poland. . . In 1943 it is reported the number has been far greater . . and now with threats of new strik In lighter vem . . . Leap Year es in the air . . . it looks like it is movement that will take some of Labor Unions . . . and incidentally married men in the service. . . And their lives . . . and we will have run things in their absence, . THE OLD HOME TOWN

HEAR TH SENATORS

TH' LAST SESSION-HE

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90 PER CENT OF

THE TIME !

Inside WASHINGTON

Senate Control After 1944 Elections Still Is a Mystery

Would Give GOP Mail

Special to Central Press

● WASHINGTON-Who will control the senate after the 1944. tions is a deep mystery that only the ballot box can solve a anything can happen. That's how close the senate control fighpears likely to be when the 79th congress is organized in January

November's off-year elections, with the strong Republican up , in strategic states, forecast substantial gains in Republican The terms of 32 of the 96 senators expire next year, leaver,

holdovers. Then there is a 33rd seat to fill-the two-year remaof the unexpired term of the late W. Warren Barbour, New J The senate as constituted today has 58 Democrats, 37 Republican

and one Progressive. Up for election next year are 11 Republians and 21 Democrats, plus the New Jersey short lens now held by a Democrat. GOP Should The Republicans should hold all of their 11 seats

Keep Seats

while the only seats the Democrats are sure to hold are those in the solid south and Arizona and Nevada in the far west. This means that 12 seats are in debatable territory-states which showed strong Republican trends in 1942, 1943, or both years

seat, the senate score would be 50 Republicans to 45 Democrats and one Progressive-Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin. The GOP must recover New Jersey and get 10 of the 12 debatable seats to total 48, half of the senate. With La Follette voting with the Democrats, the senate then would present a tie for the next vice president to break. With La Follette voting on their ade the Republicans would have a majority of one.

Should Republicans take these seats and recover the New Jersey

• GRAND OPERA

Newspapermen in Washington were pleased and satisfied with the way Admiral Chester W. Nimitz handled the coverage of the recent American invasion of the Gilbert islands. Prior to the invasion, Nimitz ordered his commanders in the field to cooperate fully with war correspondents assigned to the Central Pacific.

Following the successful invasion, a newspaperman assigned to the Navy put the following waggish tribute to Nimitz on the bull his board in the Navy department press room:

"Central and South Pacific theater, Chester W. Nimitz, manager; international dateliner a Gilbert and Solomon production; positively the last appearance of Hirohito in 'The Mikado.' Also To assisted by Harry Kart in 'The Pirates'.'

 SMALL ELECTRIC MOTORS are the major bottlerant. way of more new wasting machines and electric refrigerate officials disclose. Reas n-they are tied up by the aircraft "After all, you can't slow up production of planes to mawashing machines," ore WPB expert observed.

As a result. WPB has no encouragement for the house when she will be able to buy a new washing machine or r

• THE WAR DEPARTMENT has disclosed the development of an all-purpose, all-weather gasoline designed to meet year-round combat requirements of all Army ground forces vehicles from jeeps to tanks. All-Purpose, Specifications for the new gasoline insure maxi-All-Weather mum operational efficiency at temperatures ranging /

from zero to extreme heat, thereby eliminating the, Gasoline necessity of differentiating between summer and winter grades. Slightly different requirements are specified for fuel for use in extremely cold climates.

. MRS JOHN GUNTHER, wife of the author-war correspondent, was testifying before the house foreign affairs committee in support of legislation to promote the rescue of oppressed Jews in Europe As treasurer of the Emergercy Committee to Save the Jews of Europe, she was appealing in a low voice for congressional action to support the cause. Suddenly, the hearing room calm was shattered by the clang of the house bell which notifies members that a session begins

Startled, Mrs Gunther was brought up short.

"I'm not stepping on a bell, am I?" she asked Chairman Sol Bloom.

Voice Of The People

Wrat do you think was the at-the development of the Ameri tanding event of 1943?

Mrs. Edith P. Alley - "I would ay the world conferences because they signify something different than we had ever expected to hap-

Mrs. William Medf rd - The the battleship Scharnhorst." Russian offensive."

Chas. E. Ray, Jr .- 1 think the world conferences are the most the outstanding event of the year ignificant event of the past year and for second place I would say

YEAH-HE BROUGHT

OUT A BILL TO GET

ON TAP DANCER'S SHO BUT IT WAS TALKED TO DEATH!

By STANLEY

Air Force to the point where can send 1,500 planes over Mrs. J. C. Welch-"The last con- man territory as they did W. F. Swift -- "I think

Churchill, Stalin, Roosevelt ference was the biggest event the year.' Dan Watkins-"I think the

standing event of the year was invasion of Africa and Italy. W. H. F. Millar-"I think outstanding event of 1943 was

meeting of the Big Four and th agreement. J. C. Patrick-"The sinking

Bill Prevost-"I believe I w

say the Guadalcanal campaign Rev. M. R. Williamson-"The

crease in the generosity of American people in their con tion to the American Red Cross to me the outstanding event

TRANSACTIONS IN Real Estate (As Recorded to monaay Of This Week)

Jonathan Creek Township Crawford Jenkins, et Hardy Carver, et ux.

Waynesville Township Mark Galloway, et ux to We ones, et ux. Josephine S. Thomas, et al Moses Osborne, et ux. World War Veterans Loan

Thaddeus L. McDonald, et un MARRIAGES

Hugh A. Matthews Burch, both of Canton.

Buy War Bonds and Stamp