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A Strange Flight

A rather unusual priority was granted last week by the State Department. A C-45 transport plane left this country for Marseille, with 24 queen bees and 2,000 work bees to replace bees in the Rhone Valley of France which were systematically destroyed by the Germans.

We Need Them

We know that it is a big and endless task to discharge the large number of men now in service, but we would like to see more of the doctors released for the benefit of the civilians.

We understand that there is one physician for each 165 men in service while in private practice one doctor has to serve on the average of a thousand people.

Reorganization Bill

In the current issue of "We The People" is reprinted a speech delivered by Comptroller Lindsay C. Warren to the Congressional committee considering the bill for the reorganization of the executive departments.

While the task overcomes us with its enormity we believe that it could be done, and trust that enough pressure will be brought to bear to bring it to pass and enough statesmen, not politicians, to have charge of the reorganization.

Number Nine

We are sure you saw her picture in the rows of women prisoners being held by the Allied nations in Germany on trial for their inhumane and cruel treatment of those interned in prison camps in that country.

If there was no other indictment against Hitler than the development of the criminal instinct among his people, his name would be dark enough in history.

We note that North Carolina, Ohio and Georgia were brought into the trial by the defense council, who argued that even in civilized America, a leader of civilization, one found flogging of prisoners.

But never in the history of the state, has such brutality been practiced towards criminals that the Nazis have dealt out to innocent people.

Timely Proposal

The proposal of State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson, made in an address to the North Carolina Association of County Accountants, that the General Assembly surrender to the counties the function of dealing with purely local matters, is certainly not new.

Very few high school boys or girls, to say nothing of adult visitors, have ever visited the House or Senate without getting the same idea.

But Mr. Johnson proposes to do something about it. The Constitutional amendment he advocates would undoubtedly be approved by the people, if it ever was submitted to them by the General Assembly.

The News and Observer hopes Mr. Johnson succeeds where others have failed. If he can keep the emphasis on the word "burden" he may do so.

Kentuckian vs. Virginian

What the Governor of North Carolina once said to the Governor of South Carolina has always been a matter of debate, but what a Virginia newspaper editor and a Kentucky scribe are saying to each other these days is crystal clear.

The Louisville Courier-Journal, in a recent outburst, expresses a deep-seated wariness over what it declares is the harping by the Richmond Times-Dispatch over Virginia's alleged "superiority" over other states—particularly Kentucky—regarding sundry matters, including the subject of skunks!

The Kentucky scribe is especially incensed at the Virginia editor's charge that the Blue Grass State is indifferent regarding the fact that she has only "one and one-fifth" of a senator in the upper house of Congress now that "Happy" Chandler has been made a big league baseball czar.

Which prompts the Old Dominion scrivener to retort that maybe that is true, but that for heaven's sake he wishes Kentuckians would quit drinking mint juleps through a straw!

And, so it goes. What both fellows need is to come down here this winter and thaw out their spleen in the springlike sunshine of a state that really is superior!

With no thought of getting involved it reminds us of the old saying "That North Carolina is a Valley of humility between two mountains of conceit, Virginia and South Carolina."

May we suggest that the Allies leave at least one spot in Japan where the next Big Three meeting can be held?



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

Have you ever had a thing on your mind and the more you thought about it the stronger your convictions and sentiments grew, until you reached the state where you simply had to air out your views.

We have watched the reaction of various groups during the few short months since our enemies surrendered and it seems amazing how quickly they have forgotten in some instances.

Our government has its courts, its laws, we would not live without this protection, and the time has come when we must stay prepared to defend our rights against world aggressors.

We honestly believe that in view of the facts that the only way to be prepared is to have compulsory military training. Let the other nations of the world know we are ready to fight.

Perhaps if Admiral William F. Halsey, home from the wars, serving with the 3rd Fleet, had not been so emphatic we would not have used this column to air out our feelings on the subject, but his words were like a spark set to dry kindlings in our mind and heart.

We have watched with interest how President Truman took over the reins of our government—and when he recently advocated universal military training, we felt greatly relieved, because we were confident that our government was in strong hands.

Our geographical security is gone for the robot and other type bombs could penetrate to the heart of our country.

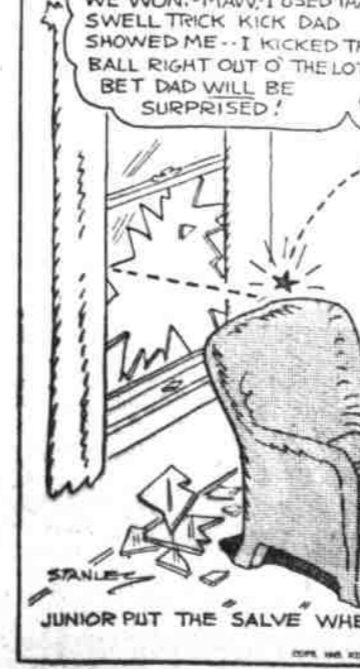
We are fully aware that it is not the ideal spirit of the Christian to be suspicious of the other fellow, to watch him as a potential enemy, but when one generation has lived through two world wars, certainly some lessons should be learned.

We do not have to go to any foreign country to get our starting point. Right here in our own community we have churches. We have two on our main street. We are not belittling the extent of their influence, but if it extended far enough we might not need a police department.

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THE OLD HOME TOWN



Voice OF THE People

What would you suggest for a definite war memorial to serve this community?

Clyde Fisher—"I would like to see something on the order of a YMCA established as a war memorial in this area."

William Medford—"I would prefer a community building with a plaque inside bearing the names of the men in this section who had paid the supreme price."

W. A. Bradley—"I would like a community house that would serve the community, something that everyone would enjoy."

Miss S. A. Jones—"We should have a centrally located park, which would make a fine memorial, with recreational facilities, a game center, rest rooms, for the benefit of our own people and visitors."

W. F. Swift—"If there is sufficient money I would like to see some public building erected, but if the funds are not enough I think some memorial monument would serve."

Dr. Sam Strinfield—"I am in favor of a memorial in the community, but I think we should wait until things settle down to take definite action."

T. L. Bramlett—"Some kind of recreational and community center would to my mind be the best memorial to our boys."

M. H. Bowles—"Something in the nature of a community building, with a room set apart and designated as a historical room which would contain not only relics and data of Haywood county's part in World War II, but the entire historical background."

L. N. Davis—"I think some community building in memory of the veterans would be the best memorial."

H. H. Holt—"I would like to see a memorial that would serve the people of the community, and the county as well as the boys who came back. What this should be would to a large extent depend upon the amount of money, whether it would be a playground or building."

Personally we don't believe that a year of military discipline will hurt any boy. On the contrary we feel that it would be of great benefit to him.

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RAMBLING AROUND

JOHN SENTELLE brought in a bouquet of apple blossoms Monday morning which he had picked from a tree in the Bethel section. Several other trees have small green apples on them as reported.

THE DAYTON RUBBER flag pole is in direct line with the center of the highway leaving Hazelwood. Next time you drive out that way, just take a look—the pole is squarely centered with the highway line, and when the flag is being blown by a stiff breeze it makes quite a picture.

A RETURNING soldier tells this yarn about an army cook. After whipping up orders of fried eggs for three hours, he sat down, lit a big black cigar and started off a letter to his girl, thus:

MIMOSA trees do thrive in this community. All the while we thought this altitude was too high for them and that Morzantion, the Mimosa center, was about as far west as they grew.

NEW CARS are attracting more interest than the war person imagined. A steady stream of new cars has been coming in this week, and the fact that the new cars are being sold at a profit is a fact that is not being mentioned.

HORACE SENTELLE brought in an article by Rev. Millard A. Jenkins, a former Baptist pastor here—in fact he was here 52 years ago, according to Mr. Sentelle. He is now a resident of Texas, and owns a new car.

The Everyday Counselor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

Although the war has officially come to an end, the discharge of many men who have been in the service for a long time is requiring the enlistment and induction of new men to take their places in order to maintain our military establishments and armies of occupation.

While returning servicemen are going to have some difficulty in adjusting themselves again to civilian life, these new men going into the military service will also have their problems of adjustment. As a former serviceman, I would like to make a present to each young man entering the military service who will give me in care of this newspaper, a copy of three cents postage.

Inside WASHINGTON

Battleship Versus Carriers Still Divides Our Admirals

WASHINGTON—Although the greatest naval war in history now over, an almost fiercer battle is being fought within the Navy department between the advocates of carrier-based air power and the admirals who cling to the superiority of the battleship.

While there is no question of scrapping either type of ship involved, there is a definite feeling among older admirals that carrier power should be centered around dreadnaughts rather than carrier battleships.

James Forrestal

LEADERS IN THE OIL INDUSTRY

shortly after the beginning of the CIO oil strike, conceded privately that they made a big mistake in jumping the gun and offering a 15 per cent wage increase to workers.

They admitted that in jumping the gun on CIO wage negotiations they put themselves in a bad position, from their viewpoint, in many ways.

SHORTLY AFTER THE SENATE confirmed Stuart Symington as the big boss of the surplus property disposal job he named brother-in-law, James (Jerry) Wadsworth of New York as one of his chief assistants.