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Still In The Limelight

It looks like Elliott Roosevelt can't get out of the limelight. He couldn't even be elected to a church office without a lot of publicity. He was elected a vestryman in St. James Church on November 13, and 11 days later, the Episcopal Bishop of New York declared he was not in good standing in the church and therefore was not eligible for the office.

Another Mistake

We see so much about what might have happened if Hitler hadn't done this or that. Our attention was recently called to the fact that Hitler might have had the atomic bomb itself if the persecution of the Jews hadn't driven the eminent physicist Lise Meitnes from Germany and permitted her to make her pioneering work available to the Allies.

A Disappointing Conference

Despite frequent warnings concerning the limited nature of the labor-management conference in Washington, despite the omens of futility which appeared during the latter stages of the meeting, despite the long-term gains which may result from this attempt to bring order out of the incipient industrial chaos of America, the results of the conference are deeply disappointing.

In certain intangibles it may well be, as many of the delegates have said, that real progress was made. The habit of conference is a useful one, and some of the committee reports give evidence that, despite disagreement, there was an honest exchange of views which led to heightened mutual respect.

Didn't Kill Ticks

Judge Eugene Anderson's alarm clock, like most war timekeepers, stopped. Having nothing to fix it, he sprayed the little ticker with DDT intending to kill the time, but the clock started and is running yet—Irwinton (Ga.) Bulletin.

Buy Christmas Seals

Each year there is a fine piece of work that is done through the schools and the public health nurses in the county. We hear little about it until the annual sale of the Tuberculosis Association when the Christmas seals are offered to the public. The campaign is one in which we should all be proud and happy to participate.

They Met the Test

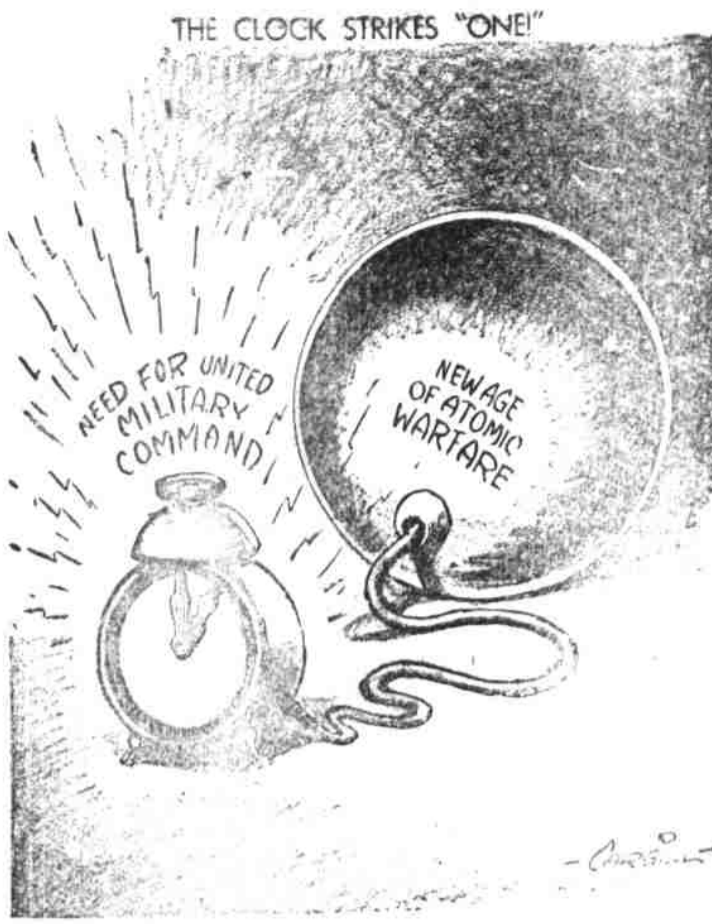
In this area where Nature is usually very kind utility employees do not have to prove their resourcefulness in emergencies, but last week a severe test came, and they met it with remarkable ability and swiftness of action. With hundreds of calls coming in from all directions, and working day and night they gave temporary relief with astonishing speed.

Better Roads

The following from the Sanford Herald gives encouragement regarding our farm to markets roads which are of such importance to us here in Haywood county. State Highway and Public Works Commission is considering the possibility of "farming out" some contracts for betterment of county and secondary roads, and it appears to us that this is a good idea and one that would insure more rapid improvement of the State's country roads.

It was pointed out in the proposal that contractors are now ready with materials, machinery and labor to take over under contract a portion of the State's secondary system. On the other hand, whenever the matter of building secondary roads is presented squarely to the Commission, there is always an alibi as to why it isn't done, and currently the alibi is lack of materials, machinery and labor.

Recent state legislators have appropriated ample and sufficient sums to get genuine and noticeable improvement in the secondary system, but at the end of every biennium, the story has been the same; the return of huge unused funds for this item to the surplus of the department, from whence sooner or later they tended to find their way into heavy construction.



HERE and THERE By HILDA WAY GWYN

We trust that the snowstorm of last week is not prophetic of the winter which lies ahead. We have heard since childhood that when the flakes stick to the limbs and twigs on the trees that it means a lot of snow. If there is any truth in the old saying, we are in for a hard winter, for the flakes stuck with tenacity and stubbornness not often noted in these parts.

Then without warning, as though in answer to an "all clear" signal, the snow came down in flaky phalanges and before we had time to realize it, the world was white and soft looking as far as the eye could see, and that thickness that is part of a snow, settled down on the town and the mountains around us.

It was a strange kind of a snow. It was deceiving. It fell so gently and yet like many a soft appealing woman, it had a stinging tongue that was ruthless in its fury toward man-made things. It lacked the joy of our usual first snow. We saw few children out having over its fleecy whiteness. We encountered only one person who was frivolous enough to throw a snowball.

Girls, have you noticed how much more room we have in our hangbags—now that we no longer have to carry ration books, for most of us have put up the sugar stamp book, knowing it would be a long time between drinks for that precious bit of sweetness? We know it must be a relief on the veterans' coming in. We have met any number in the draft board office after they have gone through the routine reporting and are told to go to the rationing board for their books.

Seeking of Christmas shopping—Did you ever see as many people hunting shirts for gifts? It seems that this season a man's shirt is a very rare and desired article. It is interesting to watch the expression on the face of a clerk when you even ask for a shirt. They give you a surprised look as if you might have asked them for something that the shop never carried. They look at you as if they thought you might have wandered in a grocery store by mistake or some other place where you wouldn't expect to find a man's shirt.

Voice OF THE People

What was your reaction to the snowstorm of last week?

Miss Edna McCracken—(Ninevah Section) "We have no light even as yet and we could not dig the car out and my sister and I get to work the best way we can."

Mrs. Robert Palmer—"I thought it one of the most beautiful snows I had ever seen, but of course I didn't like the inconveniences. But it has made us appreciate electricity more than ever."

Mrs. J. F. Abel—"I must be in my second childhood, for I always get a big thrill out of a snowfall. To look at the woods at the back of my house with the snow on the shrubs and trees is to me one of the loveliest sights I can imagine."

Mrs. Crews Moody—"I had dreaded the first snow of the season, for my associations during the past year with snow have been depressing. My son was killed in action last winter in a blizzard in Germany, but this soft falling snow came to me in comfort. It was gentle and it was not cold."

R. M. Fic—"It didn't bother me except for the lack of lights."

Ed Sims—"For the first time in five years I was glad to see a snow, because I felt that there was no one whose work was so important that they could not take a day or two off and rest."

Paul Martin—"When I saw it coming down I said, 'Oh me!' for I knew it meant trouble for electricians."

GENERAL MARSHALL BACKS UNIVERSAL TRAINING WASHINGTON—Gen. George C. Marshall said recently that the United States can become master of its destiny for the first time in its history if it adopts universal military training.

The Everyday Counsel —By— REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

All who drink alcoholic beverages, whiskey, wine, champagne, brandy, beer, ale, or anything which contains alcohol should read this. It is the result of scientific investigation and is an accepted principle of the Alcoholic Anonymous, the most successful organization in the country, which deals with alcoholics.



My association with the group which promoted an Alcoholic Anonymous chapter in Charlotte continues to bring alcoholic problem cases to my desk. They all follow a similar pattern, and it is the same old story. The victim may go for weeks, months or two without taking a drink. Then he feels that he is strong enough to take on at some social affair. The sleeping demon of habit. That first drink calls for another, and soon he is on a alcoholic spree that will struggle to sober up.

YOU'RE TELLING M By WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer ZADOK DUMKOPF says his paycheck gets busted into tiny fragments so rapidly each week he's beginning to wonder if the boss isn't paying him off in atomic dollars.

A new radio set is weigh but half a pound if it's only half as loud. Ex-German soldiers, are forming football clubs. must seem strange to be kicking a pigskin—their neighbors—around.

Inside WASHINGTON See Navy in Finish Fight Over Armed Forces Merger Johnson Willing to Atom Control Bill

WASHINGTON—The capital is the center of another departmental scuffle—this time between Secretary of the Forrester and Secretary of War Robert Patterson on the explosive proposal to unify the armed forces under a single head.

REGARDLESS OF THE COMMUNIQUE which President Truman, Prime Minister Attlee and Canadian Prime Minister King issued on the discussions on atomic bomb control, it has its work to do in this vital field.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY

