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Newspaper men would suffer most from a Russo-Japanese war because of the names they would have to guess at.

You will never have a taste of real ungratitude until you take a party of friends out for a ride and hear their sarcastic remarks when the tire blows out.

Attorney General Brummitt, who wouldn't mind being governor of North Carolina is one of the few state officials who have not joined the chant favoring the sales tax. Mr. Brummitt says: "I propose that we tax wealth, and by this I mean great wealth—great profits."

Frank Patton, as sort of preliminary to his candidacy for Congress has unloosed a barrage against the national administration that runs the gamut of everything bad, leaving the inference that unless the Republicans are returned to power, this country is going to be in right much of a mess. But Mr. Patton has painfully avoided the mention of any constructive policy as a substitute for what Mr. Roosevelt is doing.

The Scouts

We make this belated reference to the national observance of the twenty-fourth anniversary of the Boy Scouts, because we recognize in them one of the most worthwhile organizations in the nation.

The local Kiwanis Club is sponsoring the Scout movement here and its members and Dr. C. E. Nicks, leader, are to be commended for their interest. They are helping to build character in these boys through a tedious process that has been tested and seldom failed. Maybe it is character that they should have inherited and didn't; character that should have consideration in the home, but doesn't.

Too many of us regard the Scout meeting as simply an opportunity for frolic; we figure that tying knots and learning about first-aid, mixed in with a little play, is a good way to keep the youngsters out of mischief—and let it go at that.

The national Scout enrollment now numbers 904,240. Head that number of boys toward a high ideal for their community or nation, consider their potential influence on others, and you will get a more comprehensive idea of the value of Scouting.

What we are trying to get at is the fact that the parents of Scouts should manifest a greater interest in what the boys are doing; should aid them in their advancement from one rank to higher. And parents of boys not Scouts, but eligible, should encourage them to join. Such interest manifested will bring a big dividend—in character.

Keeping Busy

One of the outstanding memories of our childhood was the ability of our pater to find a continuity of work for the entire group that composed our family. Work never ran out, and it looked like the head of our house spent his time thinking up things for unwilling hands to do.

And so it is with this nation. Since last March 4th, President Roosevelt's official family has been tasked with one thing after another, and the end is not yet. Mr. Roosevelt has delegated to four of his cabinet members the task of mapping out a broad plan of national economic development that is not for today but for the years to come. Secretaries Wallace, Ickes, Dern and Roper have been chosen to draft a policy, which over the span of a half century, may bring a new order to the American scene.

The President for a long time has cherished a plan that will provide employment for the thousands that are out of work even in normal times, and that will help the lot of millions of others.

He would have the present experiment in the Tennessee valley extended to other sections of the nation, and he would have it embrace flood control, power, reforestation, navigation, decentralization of industry, reclamation, elimination of sub-marginal lands from cultivation, and prevention of soil erosion.

This planning group has a sizeable job cut out for it, and if legislation is enacted to carry out these suggestions, the national government will have a sizeable job to pay for it. But Mr. Roosevelt feels that in time the sale of power, the new value of forests and other returns from putting America's jumbled economic checker-board in order would make the various projects self-liquidating.

Someone has said that a politician is one who looks around, and a statesman is one who looks ahead. President Roosevelt must be a cross between the two for he is looking around as well as looking ahead, and envisions for his people, not an Eutopia, but a land in which even the humblest citizen may find a modicum of peace and comfort, by harnessing our natural assets to human will.

Magnified Offense

The chauffeur driving Governor Ehringhaus' car when he was on his way to Gastonia to deliver an address, was charged with speeding past a traffic light in the town of Albemarle. Later the Albemarle officials moved to drop the charges, but the Governor wrote in protest and insisted that his driver be brought to trial. This is eminently right and proper. The governor would not be worthy of his high office if he pursued any other course.

To our way of thinking this matter has been magnified far beyond the point of its significance and importance. The governor explained at the time that he was in conversation with a friend, both on the back seat of the car, when it was passing through Albemarle, and was not aware that the traffic light was being ignored. The further fact that the car was being escorted by highway patrolmen, excused the governor from any personal blame for the incident.

Because Governor Ehringhaus has declared himself against the flagrant disregard of traffic laws that have brought death and destruction in North Carolina, his critics embraced this opportunity to flay him. And how! The newspapers have pictured him going about the state in pomp and glory, escorted by highway patrolmen, who ought to have been using their gasoline for other purposes.

It can truly be said that Governor Ehringhaus is not that kind. Pomp and tinsel display he not only does not approve, but despises. He accepted the services of his escort, merely because it is the custom—a tribute to the office he momentarily holds and not to the governor himself.

If other men of prominence will take their cue from Governor Ehringhaus, and not seek the destruction of traffic tickets against them, simply because they are men of influence, or who would use their high position as immunity against minor offenses, then the pain from this little sore will not have been in vain.

We are not one of Governor Ehringhaus' partisans, as our readers perhaps have sensed, but we think he has been held up to scorn, in a matter that does not justify it. There are things of vastly more importance than running over that red light, to occupy the thought of critics of Governor Ehringhaus.

The Urge to Gamble

The extent of the iniquity of the slot machine may be a matter for individual determination, but that the public as a whole has a right to challenge their presence on the ground that they are a hurtful influence on our youth, cannot be denied. True is it not the youngsters only who patronize them, but the urge to gamble created in the mind of a boy is not conducive to the best citizenship, and therefore anything that breeds that urge is to be despised.

Slot machines have been run out of other towns in North Carolina in recent days, and it is just as well that Elkin has been freed of them. What our boys and grown-ups do not seem to realize is that the machines are not built to lose—it is not a game of chance with them. They are constructed to maintain an average and to dole out just enough wins to hold public interest.

The story is told of a woman—she lives in another town—who is the sole support of a family of four, and draws a wage of ten dollars a week, who recently tried her hand at a slot machine, depositing more than two dollars in nickels, yet was unable to make the thing disgorge. It mattered not that there was a sick baby in the home to whom the neighbors were furnishing milk—there was the urge to gamble that could not be denied.

Maybe no harm may have come from their presence here, but it is just as well that the slot machines have gone, and it is to be hoped that they will not filter back in a week or so, as has been the case in other towns after the first flurry of disfavor passes.

War Clouds

It is said that Russia has placed an order with an American manufacturer for 4,000 planes, and it is being freely predicted that Japan and Russia will be at each other's throat before the year is out, and that eventually the United States will be involved.

This may all be propaganda to support the passage of preparedness measures, and then again it may not. Washington evidently has the official ear to the ground, and hears significant things, else Congress could not be induced to set aside nearly six hundred million dollars for the naval building program.

It is tragic that, at this time when we are beset with so many troublous problems, we should be forced into a program that is not of our planning. Japan is largely responsible for this plight. She bore little or none of the cost of the last great conflict, and has taken advantage of the lull to confiscate rich territory for her nationals. Other nations have been too busy with their own adversity to say her nay in a concerted way, and now all will have to pay dearly for Japan's unchecked ambition.

The selfish interests of arms manufacturers, too, may be charged with some of this unrest. The last great conflict made fortunes for all of them, and it is easy to understand their lack of interest in any program of peace that would permanently dismantle their plants. They do not subscribe to the theory of appreciation for human welfare, and if they are not actually helping to fan the war fire, they are watching the smoke with a great deal of personal interest.

While our recognition of Russia may have its complications, her friendship at this time may prove of inestimable value in dollars and cents, if she takes Japan across her knee for a spanking. The soldiers of Nippon will find a Russia quite different from the nation they subdued several decades back.

ST. GEORGE IS TIRED

By Albert T. Reid



Cuba, news dispatches tell us, can't raise money to pay her debts, but Cuba needn't expect too much publicity that way with all the competition she has.—Lynchburg News.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust executed by A. M. Andrews, dated December 16, 1933, and recorded in Book 127, page 94, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Surry County, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, and demand having been made for sale, the undersigned Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, in front of Post Office, Elkin, North Carolina, at 2:00 o'clock P. M., on the 23rd day of March, 1934, the following described property, located in Surry County, North Carolina, in Elkin Township.

A certain tract or parcel of land in Surry County, State of North Carolina, adjoining the lands of J. S. Gentry, Tom Calloway and the Elkin & Alleghany Railroad on the west side, and others, and bounded as follows:

Beginning on a white oak. J. S.

Gentry's in Tom Calloway's line and runs north 85 degrees west with Tom Calloway's line 262 feet to the railroad right of way; thence southward with the railroad 190 1-2 feet to a rock on the east side of the railroad; thence north 85 degrees east 252 feet to a rock in Gentry's line; thence North 9 degrees West with Gentry's line 190 1-2 feet to the beginning. Containing 1 acre more or less.

Also a second parcel of land adjoining the lands of Bill Douglass on the north, Highway No. 26 on the west, M. M. Hamby on the south and the E. & A. Railway on the east, and bounded as follows:

Beginning on west side of R. R. Douglass' corner and runs south 63 degrees and 30 minutes west 147 feet to a rock on east side of State Highway, Douglass' corner; thence southward with Highway No. 26, 90 feet to a rock; thence North 68 degrees and 30 minutes east 147 feet to a rock at the railroad; thence northward with the railroad 90 feet to the beginning. Containing 1-2 acre more or less.

This the 21st day of February, 1934.

L. M. MASTEN, Trustee.
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