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Anyhow you've gotta admit that the modern bathing beauty shows more backbone than her grandma did.

No matter how homely they may be, most every woman is certain that if given a chance in the movies she would be a wow.

While we are commending the early bird, why not give some praise to the early worm for being industrious too?

A midwestern mayor declares that the federal government is "a great big cow that everybody wants to milk, but nobody wants to feed."

According to Ken Murray "the automobile is an evil lure. Once a young man gets a little petting in a second-hand coupe, he starts saving for a 12-cylinder limousine."

They say the 1938 autos will hang the axles two inches lower. We reckon too many pedestrians are escaping under the car.

After the past few hot days it is easy to stir up sympathy for those Russians at the North Pole where the ice is melting from under them.

"Judging by the brown backs brought back by bathing beauties from the better beaches, one concludes that they have either not read in the papers that sun tan causes cancer, else they just plain don't give a darn"—Statesville Daily.

**A Splendid Relationship**

The Chatham Manufacturing Company's mid-year gift of a week's salary to the concern's employees is a friendly gesture that is deeply appreciated by the beneficiaries and lauded by outsiders who see in this friendly consideration of the workers by the executives a brand of industrial loyalty that is gratifying and encouraging.

That it happens to be a mutual loyalty adds to the significance. For certain it is that the note from Thurmond Chatham that accompanied those checks would not have been written and the checks would not have been sent if there had not been abundant evidence of loyalty on the part of the employees.

And that is exactly what we have been trying to argue in these columns: That a sympathetic understanding invariably will breed mutual co-operation, and in turn mutual co-operation invariably will remove nine-tenths of the problems that confront industry and labor.

It cannot be argued that this action by the Chatham Manufacturing Company is inspired by the present industrial unrest, nationally. For similar checks at Christmas-time were issued before the nation became a crazy quilt of labor conflicts. No! Those who know Thurmond Chatham know that he is sincerely taking this way of voicing the appreciation of his company for the splendid loyalty of those who have had important part in the progress and success of this industry that has grown to national importance.

Whatever form it may take, when labor is looked upon as in partnership with industry; when the principle that the worker should share in the profits that he helps to produce when it is consistently possible; and when labor concedes that it has a burden of responsibility beyond the pay envelope, then there is no room for conflict—such as other industries are experiencing at this time.

We feel that we are expressing the sentiment of those who are in no way connected directly with this enterprise, when we express our appreciation and commendation for this new evidence of a splendid relationship in an industrial family that is so obviously linked with the destiny of this city: that has had so much to do with our progress in the past.

**Lo, The Poor Evader**

"Everybody's doing it, so why should a few wealthy guys be singled out and held up to public scorn, simply because they contrived to save a few million dollars in tax money, yet stay within the law in doing it." That is the red herring the big boys are dragging across the course of the committee commissioned to look into the matter, and the refrain is taken up by yes-yes newspapers all down the line.

Yet there is a lot of sense to the argument when taken literally and removed from

the more significant setting. The inclination to duck taxes is not confined to the rich. As the New York Daily News says: "It's an inherited tendency of almost all of us—inherited from the time when the king sweated all the taxes he could out of the peasants. The peasants hated it because they knew that the king would use the money to adorn more mistresses, or build more palaces or fight more wars."

Hardly a handful of us that do not chisel the law when it comes to listing and paying taxes. We do not incorporate yachts or organize dummy insurance companies, but in a lesser way we do a little avoiding on our own hook.

Granting that there is political punishment back of this singling out of individuals and bringing them before the bar of public opinion—that doesn't justify the alternative of white-washing the methods they use, and agree that because they were within the law that has a lot of loopholes, that these should not be plugged up.

And if we know what this tax evasion is all about, it is to bring public and legislative thought to a common meeting ground that will make certain the plugging of those loopholes. And if a few toes get tramped on in the process, the howling doesn't necessarily indicate that there would be justification in abandoning the correction.

What really is needed is for the American taxpayer to grasp the fact that taxes in this country are supposed to be levied for the general welfare, and therefore ought to be paid as cheerfully as possible.

**War Is Stupid**

Here are a few perfectly good reasons, advanced by Dr. Clarence Poe, why both nations and individuals should do their bit to circumvent war—the nation by a readjustment of their diplomatic and economic relationships, and the individual by a constant and determined demand that war be avoided if that is humanly possible:

"Under present conditions, war is a game in which there are no winners. All are losers. Consider the world war, waged at a blood cost of eight million lives and perhaps twenty million more victims maimed for life and a money cost of 400 billion dollars—enough to give a \$4,000 home to each and every family in the United States and Canada, Australia, England, Ireland, Scotland, France, Belgium, Germany and Russia. Yet no single nation was helped by the World War. Victorious England and France were impoverished almost equally with vanquished Germany and Austria, and the whole world plunged into a catastrophe of financial depression and calamity. War today is stupid. It is more costly in life and money than ever before, while the spoils of war are less valuable than ever before. Consider Spain. Among its ruins by the time the present struggle ends, there will not be enough left for either side to gloat over."

And yet this useless madness continues. Europe is backing and filling, bluffing and conniving, not yet ready for war, yet fearful that delay will work to the advantage of somebody; national leaders declare a hope for peace with their tongue in their cheek; braggart dictators are rattling their sabers to drown the noise of complaints about lack of butter for bread; appealing to patriotism as a smokescreen behind which governmental oppression may hide and continue to suck revenues to keep the war horse shod and liveried.

Under such conditions war is inevitable. It is bound to come. That it can be confined to lands over the sea is extremely doubtful. With the last war not half paid for, where, pray tell us, will the money that would provide \$4,000 homes for the families of ten nations, be coming from? It will be wrung from the twisted backs of we poor devils who haven't the stamina to say an emphatic "NO."

**Politics and Relief**

Senator Bailey says he will introduce a bill in Congress that is designed to "take politics out of relief." He would have the administration of relief funds taken out of the hands of Works Progress Director Harry L. Hopkins and placed with a "non-partisan board."

The Cleveland Star looks at it this way: "The chief hitch in the matter is: How is it to be done? Suppose Harry Hopkins is supplanted by a board of three, the chances are the change would merely increase the political maneuvering in connection with relief spending at its source, three-fold. So long as there is government-directed relief—whether it be municipal, state or federal—and so long as the human race is what it is, 'politics' will play a hand in the appointment of directors, sub-directors, down to the bottom of the ladder, and the appointment of non-partisan boards will never change human nature."

Senator Bailey's proposal listens well, and in the present state of mind of the American public, will bring commendation from high and low. All of us would like to lift politics out of relief, but most of us are convinced that the better way would be to take relief out of politics. But that can't be did. Mr. Bailey's "non-partisan board" wouldn't be able to do it so long as the politicians recognize it for the political value that it is.

There is even politics in Senator Bailey's proposal. His hatred of Harry Hopkins has become an obsession. He is just as anxious to take Harry across his knee and spank him as he is to clarify the relief issue, probably more so, seeing that this would serve the dual purpose of taking a jab at the President himself.

**FIRESIDE PHILOSOPHY**

(By C. M. Dickson)

America—the land of the free and the home of crime.

The big bootlegger should not be bothered. He always has both the quality and the quantity for all the officials—who participate—as well as for all other "legitimate" purposes.

If the preacher wants to hold his job he should not bear down too heavily on the members who sit in the front pew and hold the purse strings.

The little Negro who steals a watermelon is a thief and is sent to the roads, but the officials who rob the bank or embezzle the government is merely a "shrewd business man."

To purposely evade the truth is not much better than to straight out lie.

To all intents and purposes, to want to steal is just as bad as to do it.

"Veneer" on furniture is like "rouge" on the face of a girl—it will soon wear off.

As a rule, instead of one's sacrificing by doing his duty, he sacrifices by not doing it.

Standards are necessary methods of measurements, but they should neither be unreasonable, nor should they be arbitrarily set up.

When one can't see the sun it is awfully easy to be behind time.

Patience is sometimes imposed upon.

Nathan is still saying to many of us, "Thou are the man."

Why should a person call black white?

A hog is a hog wherever you find him.

To be effective, a sermon should be seasoned with the "Gospel."

The appellation, doctor, used to mean a man who peddled pills; now it may mean a man who "capsules" even the alphabet.

If the moon had a tongue and would talk, what "precious" secrets would be revealed.

Brain elixirs are needed worse than hair restorers.

Figuratively speaking, there are "oases," as well as deserts, in "No-man's-land."

Some patients need a tonic while others need immediate relief.

Sampson probably needed an "unlawful weapon" to subdue his victims.

"Ultra-tragic" to place a moral reprobate at the head of a responsible official position.

Gnutritious! The African explorer had seen many gnus during the day. In the evening his native cook served him a delicious steak.

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