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### Spaghetti Conscious

Many of the men and women who work for the Federal government are engaged in the well-known work that is commonly called "publicity." No one could possibly quarrel with the necessity for disseminating useful information concerning the activities of government, and a lot of that is included. But, on the other hand, ridiculous examples are forever coming to light, examples in which the taxpayer's money is heedlessly wasted.

One such example bobbed up to the surface recently in a report by the Federal Trade Commission. The gist of its pronouncement is as follows: "The Federal Trade Commission has ruled that the length of macaroni or spaghetti is in no way indicative of its quality."

"The Commission finds that . . . genuine macaroni and spaghetti products of the finest quality are made in both long and short lengths, and that macaroni and spaghetti of the finest quality are in some instances first made in long lengths and thereafter cut into short lengths. . ."

This, as one Congressman comments, is "epical as well as epochal." How comforting—how very comforting—it is to all of us to know that our government is always on its toes, watching out for those perfidious individuals who would discriminate against spaghetti on the basis of its lengths!

—Industrial Press Service

### Letter From Senator Bailey

"It is earnestly hoped that the President's radio address will reassure our people and relieve them of anything like panic. We must revise and greatly expand all our plans of National defense. We can do this quietly much more effectively than we can in a state of excitement. None of us knows what the outcome in Europe will be, but granting, for the sake of argument, the worst, the best authorities take the view that this country is in no immediate danger and that we will have time to prepare adequately and that we will be able to meet the demands of any emergency. This assurance does not justify us in going to sleep, but it will justify us in getting rid of undue alarm. We can move rapidly without moving excitedly. Preparation will require time and also care and deliberation. Pessimism will serve no good purpose.

"Meantime, let me say that I adhere to the view that there is no reason why this country should take any step that would amount to intervention in the war in Europe. We declared our policy of neutrality at the outset. Regardless of our sympathies or antipathies, let us adhere to this policy of neutrality. It should be understood that intervention comes by way of violating the accepted standards of neutrality as defined by the customs of nations and sometimes referred to as international law. There are people who think we can go into the war a little way, but you cannot have a war of limited liability. If we go in at all, we will go in all the way—money, ships and men. I am satisfied that many are asking us to go in a little way without realizing that such a step would predicate going in all the way.

"It is my belief that we can avoid involvement in this war, certainly for two years and perhaps altogether, and I shall continue to pursue a policy calculated to keep this country out of the war. In order to do this, I must decline to agree to any policy that would amount to intervention, and must insist upon adhering to the policy of neutrality formally declared by the Congress at the instance of the President in the special session last September and October, in which we lifted the embargo on arms, established the cash and carry plan, declared our neutrality and fixed our policy of non-involvement.

"While there is very little we could do to determine the outcome in Europe in the next sixty or ninety days, there is a very great deal that we may well do to prepare this country to defend her people against any violation of their rights and invasion of our shores. Let us put the emphasis on the preparation for defense rather than upon intervention of any character."

Josiah W. Bailey, U. S. Senator

### The Hickory Grove Low Down

Each year we been getting a report on the State Of The Nation. They have been masterpieces. And after each 100 million tossed away, we dust off our vest and sort of look sheepish, but stay right there—with our mouth open—waiting for the next cure-all.

But now, with the thunder roaring across the pond, we discover—out of a clear sky—that we are in a terrible fix. Our army is a pee-wee—our navy is run down at the heel. A fine kettle of fish.

But we do not need to go plumb crazy, and stampede. But we do need to get going—also take on a pilot with some idea of where we will land.

Yours with the low down,

JO SERRA

### "Let There Be Light"

#### A Thought for the Thoughtful

Whatever things are TRUE, whatever things are HONEST, whatever things are JUST, whatever things are PURE, whatever things are LOVELY, whatever things are of GOOD REPORT; if there be any VIRTUE, and if there be any PRAISE, think on these things. —Paul, to the Philippians.

### The Enemies Within The Gates

Events in Europe have underlined and emphasized the urgent need for improving and expanding our national defenses, and making sure that the United States, its shores and its traditional ways of life, are rendered secure.

To do this most effectively, our military experts are of course studying very closely the methods of the "total war" that has overrun so many helpless countries abroad—the modern form of war that, as one observer has commented, is fought "with the morals of the cave and the weapons of an exquisite civilization."

You need to know the danger that faces your country before you can guard against it successfully.

But there is one further step. The manner in which Norway and Poland and Belgium have been brought to their knees was not exclusively based upon military power. Before a blow was struck, security was undermined from within. The advice of Goethe—"Divide and command"—was heeded with telling and destructive effect. The "fifth column" of traitors and imported agents did their destructive work before war even began.

The danger that these tactics will be repeated here also faces our own land. It is not enough to have military preparedness; we must also establish internal unity, internal security.

To achieve this aim, certain principles need to be kept in mind:

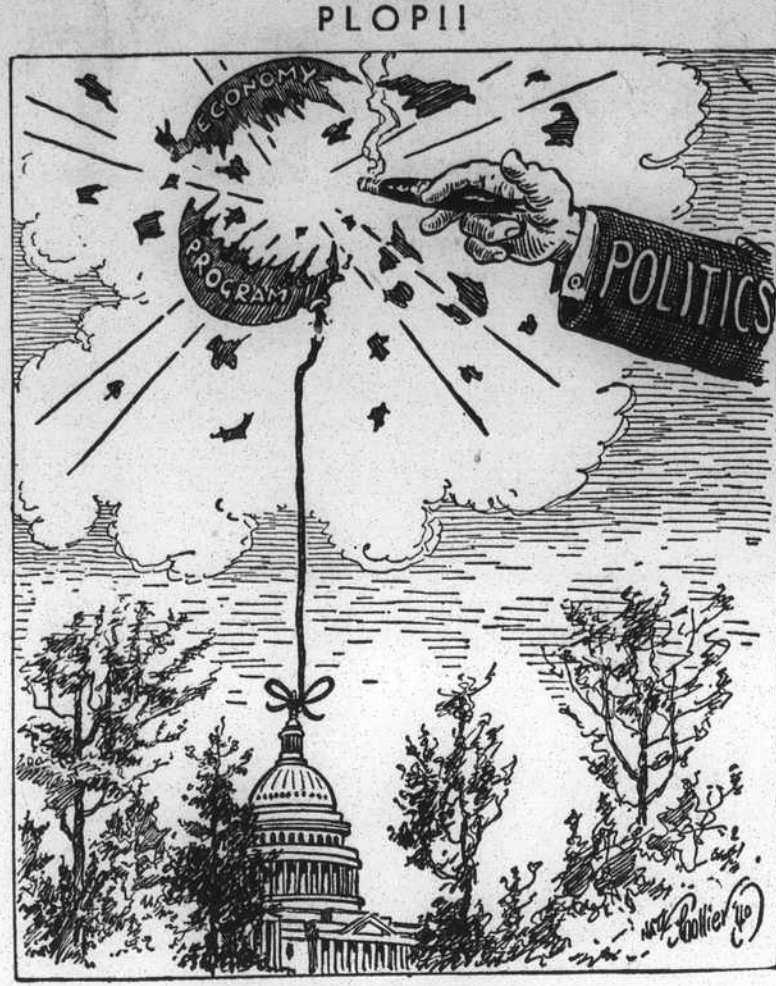
(1) We must guard—not in a mood of hysteria, but through sound common sense—against the misguided groups and individuals in our own country who do not believe in private enterprise, and would sacrifice it for some other way of life. It is they who, by word or deed, would fill the role of "fifth columnists" in America if the opportunity were ever offered.

(2) We must not let the erroneous thinking of a second group muddle our thoughts on preparedness. This group does not recognize the inseparability of our various freedoms—freedom of speech, a government of representative democracy, and a business system of private enterprise—and its failure to appreciate this important truth is likely to be actually as dangerous as the attitude of the deliberate enemies of our way of life.

(3) We need, at a time when industrial efficiency is so vital to national defense, to guard against attempts to cripple and hobble our manufacturing enterprises. The La Follette bill recently introduced in Congress, a piece of legislation that would prevent manufacturers from guarding effectively against sabotage and subversive activities within America's plants, is a dangerous example of this type.

With these principles in mind, and with the courageous maintenance of national unity and individual patriotism, America can guard against the "enemies within the gates." Without this stand, America invites disaster!

Doesn't your conscience hurt you for ignoring the appeal of the Red Cross for contributions to the relief fund it is raising to alleviate the pitiful plight of the war refugees abroad?—The Roanoke Times.



### IT'S TIME YOU KNEW --- by LAWRENCE

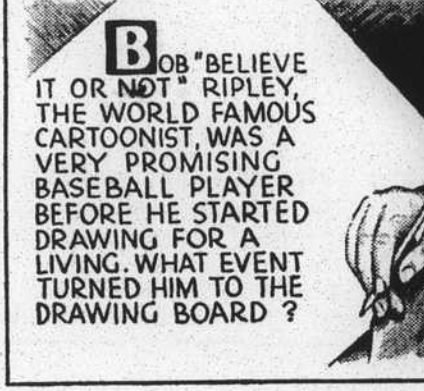


**THE LARGEST SHADOW EVER SEEN BY MAN IS THE SHADOW OF THE EARTH. WHEN AND WHERE CAN THIS BE SEEN?**



**THE HATCHET FISH IS THE ONLY FISH THAT CAN REALLY FLY. IS THIS FISH CALLED THE 'FLYING FISH'?**

**AS A TIMEKEEPER, PRIMITIVE CHINESE USED A SINGLE WICK WHICH WOULD SMOULDER WHEN IGNITED. KNOTS WERE TIED AT SET DISTANCES AND TIME ESTIMATED AS SECTIONS SMOULDERED AWAY. HOW MANY PARTS ARE THERE IN A MODERN, PRECISION-MADE BULOVA WATCH?**



**BOB BELIEVE IT OR NOT RIPLEY, THE WORLD FAMOUS CARTOONIST WAS A VERY PROMISING BASEBALL PLAYER BEFORE HE STARTED DRAWING FOR A LIVING. WHAT EVENT TURNED HIM TO THE DRAWING BOARD?**

Answers to the above questions will be found on Page 6

### "The Hills Of Home"

My prairie home is beautiful, but oh— I miss the broken skyline that I know. I look in vain for rivers and for lakes,— But over all my heart at sunset, aches For hills of home,—the hills of home!

The everlasting hills, how firm they stand! Their mighty summits braced, a Titan band, Uplifting hoary foreheads to the blast, When Indian-summer's golden glow is past. Oh, hills of home,—the hills of home!

I know them, love them, see them once again, Their cloudy summits veiled in misty rain, Or softly, dimly blue, or capped with snow,— I'm homesick for you, mountains that I know, Oh, hills of home,—the hills,—the hills of home! —Florida Calhoun

### Hooker

Hooker, June 4.—We are having plenty of rain, and crops are beginning to grow, really, for the first time this season.

A very large crowd attended decoration services here Sunday. Dillon Edwards and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. McKnight Sunday.

Mrs. Mack Johnson is some better, although her condition is still serious.

Little Miss Mary Hutchinson, of Longbottom, Wilkes County, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. C. Hendrix. Mary is recuperating from measles and abscessed head, for which she had to have an operation.

Miss Clytie Duncan left today for Boone where she will attend A. S. T. C. this summer.

Miss Clara Hutchison, of Wilkes County, returned home Sunday after spending a few days with her aunt Mrs. C. Hendrix.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Harris spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. James Miles.

The following were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Evans Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Allen Brown, and Mrs. Sarah Jane Fender, of North Wilkesboro.

### Chestnut Grove

Chestnut Grove, June 4.—Mrs. Maizie Halsey and daughter, Ada, spent Sunday at S. L. Perry's.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Leff Edwards, a daughter, on May 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Brooks spent Sunday afternoon at Charlie Andrews.

Mrs. F. B. Caudill is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Rector and Maggie Hoppers visited at Cora Hudson's Sunday.

Europe's newest war tragedy has brought about added burdens to the American Red Cross. That it may throw its full strength toward meeting desperate needs behind the battlefields and among distressed civilians the American Red Cross has appealed for \$10,000,000. Your contribution is needed through your local Alleghany chapter. Respond today, willingly.

The first airplane flight in 1903 was less than a mile. Today 18 major U. S. airlines connecting 300 cities carry 2,000,000 passengers provides 50,000 direct jobs that did not exist at the turn of the century.

### Around the Rim of Good Old U. S. A.



### On through the Wenatchee Valley

by Sally Bledsoe

To describe our drive down this "Tumwater Canyon" is not a simple task. Like the trip over Blewett Pass it will not be forgotten soon. The road followed the river most of the twelve miles, with mountains and peaks towering four to eight thousand feet above us, their crags projecting most ominously. Their burden of snow added to the danger of slides, which are commonplace occurrence in this canyon. We were very conscious of the dangers lurking around us, and that the treacherous and tumbling Wenatchee river on our left would serve as a watery grave, should our car take a side spin on the icy road. Then the danger of a snowy grave on the right was very real and only when I was under the protecting roof of a snowshed did I feel at ease for one second. But in spite of all my fears I did appreciate the rugged beauty on every side, the lovely fir trees just groaning under their load of fluffy snow, the glistening peaks, reflected now and then in the mirror-like water, after its turbulent and swirling journey over the big white boulders. All of this canyon was a perfect setting for Santa Claus, and I almost imagined I heard his reindeer and sleigh bells.

Coming at last to the village of Winton I found a warm welcome and a glowing fire awaiting me. I enjoyed every minute I spent in these parts. We did nothing but play in the snow for several weeks, and I will try to relate some of the things I did while here. I tried my luck on a pair of skis and learned to sit down very gracefully. I tried out my first snow shoes one day, and found they were really handy in four or five feet of snow. I tried a couple of steps without them, and had to be hauled out by main strength. So take my advice, and don't try walking on deep snow without them!

Too, I must tell about the day I went prospecting for gold. I had always been very curious to know something of how and where gold is found. So one day the teacher of the little school and her boy friend and I took off through the snow three miles to visit a lone miner, whom they knew—and that story must really wait for another week.

### They Say

William Allen White, Editor: "To the liberal, the purpose of government is unchangeable. It is to leave men free."

William S. Knudsen, President, General Motors Corporation: "Let us have the proper number of oilers rather than fellows throwing sand into the gears of the industrial machine, and let us agree that whoever wants to re-design this great instrument of good spends a reasonable time of apprenticeship before we listen to the new scheme."

Charlotte (N. C.) Observer: "The issue of free speech is by no means confined to the interests of newspapers. The larger stake in the question is held by the American people. If the right of free speech is denied through suppression of the independent voice of the newspapers, that of the people goes out also."

Mr. and Mrs. John Green, Mr. and Mrs. Shaler Green, Mr. and Mrs. Bedford Green and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Norris, Mr. G. W. Roe and daughter, Miss Lola Roe, of Boone, and Miss Getheyne Green of Valdese visited Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Reeves Sunday.

The 1940 strawberry acreage is indicated to be 25 per cent smaller in North Carolina than last year. This is the smallest acreage since 1927. The yield per acre of strawberries since 1928 has ranged from 52 to 100 crates, the ten-year (1928-1937) being 80 crates of 24 quarts each. The value of strawberries in 1939 was \$1,316,000, which makes it the second most important truck crop, exceeded only by commercial Irish potatoes.—N. C. Agriculture Review.

### Mind Your Mind

by James Watson, M. D.  
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Many people are seeking help to solve their own personality problems. Such people would do well to send for the list of publications of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene, for among the pamphlets and books listed they would be sure to find some which deal with their own particular problems.

Among books, Carnegie's "How to Win Friends and Influence People" is now so well known that it hardly needs mention. Some people have not found it much good, but a great many have received help from it. "About Ourselves" by H. A. Overstreet has given to many people a new understanding of their moods and peculiarities. The same author's book entitled "Influencing Human Behavior" is packed with information about human nature in oneself and others, and how to make the most of life.

There are two exceedingly helpful books by a man who knows the human mind that I should like to recommend. Many people told me about how much good they got out of these two books, so I bought them. They are by James Gordon Kilkey published by the MacMillan Co., of New York, at \$1.75, and many thousands of them have been sold.

One is entitled "Solving Life's Everyday Problems" and contains twelve lectures dealing with such themes as "Learning to Forget"; "Keeping up One's Courage"; "Getting Along with Other People"; "Staying Young as One Grows Old"; and similar subjects.

The other is "Managing One's Self" and deals with such common personal needs as "Mastering An Inferiority Complex"; "Learning to Work Under Pressure"; "Maintaining One's Composure"; "Keeping Enthusiasm About One's Job"; and other things of vital importance to every individual who is trying to live effectively.

This completes the answers to enquiries about reading matter. There are of course multitudes of books and articles published on this subject, but a few well-chosen books and pamphlets which one can read over and over are likely to be of more value than a bookcase full of books which lack the personal touch.

### Anniversaries

Yesterday was the 82nd birthday anniversary of one who lives out on Route 18 about three miles toward Ennice and who is the father of Kemp, MR. HENRY EVANS, —to whom we send hearty greeting and good wishes for happy days to come.

And today, June 6, just 275 years ago the first Baptist Church in America was founded.

In London, 96 years ago today, the Y. M. C. A. was organized. Many will remember 42 years ago today, when Hobson sank the ship "Merrimac" in Santiago, Cuba, channel, and came home to a social popularity seldom equaled.

Only 22 years ago today the U. S. Marines defeated the Germans at Chateau-Thierry—and look what remains—to be done.

'Twas only 78 years ago tomorrow that Britain and the U. S. A. agreed to stop the lucrative slave trade.

And 76 years ago tomorrow a Republican was nominated in Baltimore for the presidency of the nation, Abraham Lincoln. His second inaugural address is one of the imperishable utterances.

### OPENING CHAPTERS OF "THE ROAD TO ZION"

Told for the first time—the epic march of the Mormons to find their "Promised Land"—and what befell them along that perilous trail. One of many fascinating features in the June 16th issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed with the Baltimore American. On sale at all newsstands.

**One Accident May be One Too many**  
It might be your last