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"Let There Be Light"

Thought for the Thoughtful DEEDS, NOT HEREDITY

They will ask, "What have you done?" Not, "Who were your ancestors?" The famous veil in the sanctuary is not revered by the faithful because it came from the silkworm.

—Saadi, Persian poet.

The Appeasement Mirage

"Appeasement" has become a shameful word during the last year or two—and justly so. Today almost all of Europe is a tragic monument to the futility of attempting to appease the dictator powers. The appeasers may have been sincere, but they were terribly wrong. Dictators' ambitions know no limits. And each fresh attempt at appeasing the dictators simply gave

them more confidence, and led to still greater demands.

In this country, the majority of the people are opposed to any efforts to appease those who may threaten the destruction of our way of life—which is the democratic way of life, with free men working under a free system. But there is a minority whose thoughts turn to the possibility of appeasement. "All over the world," their argument runs, "liberty has been abrogated, and government has been made supreme. Civil rights have been dissipated like leaves in a storm. We may see a similar trend take root at home, so we might as well make the best of it. After all, even total governments must have the services of men with brains—there will always be jobs. So let's see if we can get on more friendly terms with our potential enemies."

A child can see what that argument must lead to, once accepted by the people. It would lead to a dictatorship as brutal and as thorough as any in Europe. For democracy is one thing that can't go half-way. Weaken it, and you are helping dig its grave. No nation, said Lincoln, can exist half slave and half free. And no nation can hope to strike a balance between representative government and total government. It must choose between one or the other, with no "ifs, ands or buts" involved.

A system worth having is a system worth fighting for. The United States prays for peace—but the United States was never a country to give an inch to its enemies. If the appeasers should have their way, we will go the way France went—and all that America has stood for in the past will become meaningless. Let's make up our minds that this is one corner of the world where democracy, social and economic, will be defended to the last ditch.

Our Guest Column

DON'T GROW OLD— JUST KEEP ON LIVING

By Joe E. Howard
of CBS "Gay Nineties"
There's one subject that everyone thinks about, some time or another—this thing of growing old. I'm 73. So, I think I can talk on the subject as an authority and with modesty.

The first thing I want to say is that age can be a wonderful experience or it can be a disagreeable experience—it's all in the way you look at it.

If a person around the age of 55 or 60 starts worrying about developing aches and pains and cricks in his back, why then he's making a disagreeable experience out of something that can be fun. But if he just forgets all that and realizes he's going to get older in spite of anything he can do, then he's going to quit growing old—as far as he's concerned—and go on living.

I mean go on living—actively; go on storing up more of those pleasant memories and experiences that make the quiet, thoughtful part of life worthwhile. As far as I'm concerned, memories are a man's best possession. They are one thing no one can take away from him.

In my 73 years, I've been able to gather up quite a few memories. So I ought to know. I've got closets full of them—from the brown bowlers of the 90's to the latest short-feathered fedora of the 40's. And let me tell you, they provide me with plenty of fun.

Even though I have never kept anything like a diary, I can thumb

through some of the old songs I've written, recall where they were first sung or why they were written. They bring back a fund of memories that make me feel the richer because I experienced them.

As I write this, I have a stack of old songs beside me. There's "Hello My Baby," dated 1899. May and Flo Irwin sang that at the Victoria, holding telephones in their hands. Telephones were the newest thing out then. And I remember it was about that time that Edison brought out the Kinetoscope.

Here's "On a Saturday Night," and "Waltz Me Around." They were written back in 1910. Ida Emerson sang them at Minor's Bowery Theater. What a furor she created with those songs, because Ida was the first person to use an illustrated song on a screen so everyone could join in. Whenever I go to a movie and the words of a song are flashed on the screen, you can bet your life it takes me right back to Ida and "Waltz Me Around."

As I thumb on through the stack of music, I run across the libretto of "Miss Nobody from Starland," the last musical comedy Will Hough, Frank Adams and I wrote. That was in 1908, when "Miss Nobody" had a long run at Chicago's Princess Theater.

There's one dangerous thing about memories, however. If a person just sits back and rests contentedly on his old memories, he's going to stagnate. No matter how many you've got, go out and get some more.

I mentioned Will Hough and Frank Adams and the memory of our last musical. Well, in a short while I hope to have another memory of another musical comedy because, after 32 years, our old team is reunited—and we're working on a new musical comedy. I'm also creating new memories every week on the CBS radio program, "Columbia's Gay Nineties."

See what I mean? As long as a person can do things, he should do them. We oldsters can have memories of the past, but we shouldn't forget about going right on gathering up more and more—for the future past.

Ennice

Ennice, Sept. 23.—Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Reynolds, Opal Edwards and Ina Jean Spurlin attended the association at the Primitive Baptist Church near Laurel Springs Sunday.

Kyle Smith of Forest Hill, Md., spent the week-end here with homefolks, and Luther Smith and daughter, Ina Lou, Clifford Rector and Edgar Blevins returned home with him Monday to spend a few days.

Eugene Andrews has purchased a Chevrolet Sedan. There are about ten cases of whooping cough in this community at present.

We are glad to say that Steve Spurlin, who has been ill for some time, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Reeves Andrews and daughter Ema Lou spent Sunday with Mrs. Rosa Blevins and children.

Howard Hincer and Eugene Andrews spent the week-end at home and returned to Laurel Springs Sunday evening.

Leonard Spurlin made a business trip to Winston-Salem Saturday.

Of the 39 C C C camps now operating in North Carolina, 13 are under the direction of the U. S. Forest Service and 8 are under the National Park Service.

Since inception of the Public Assistance Program in North Carolina 25 counties have found it unnecessary to provide an institution to care for needy aged. An average of \$10.04 was paid to 35,227 old people who received a total of \$353,704 during the month of February.

Things won't seem natural in the campaign without Jim Farley around, peering into the bag from time to time, and counting "44-45-46."—Detroit News.

In North Carolina there is a 1700 average daily county jail population, cared for at a cost of 65 cents a day, or about \$400,000 a year from the county

Legal Notice

Administrator's Notice

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Rev. George W. Miles, deceased, late of Alleghany county, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at his office at Traphill, N. C., on or before the 18th day of September, 1941, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

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Mervyn Cheek

Sept. 18, 1940.

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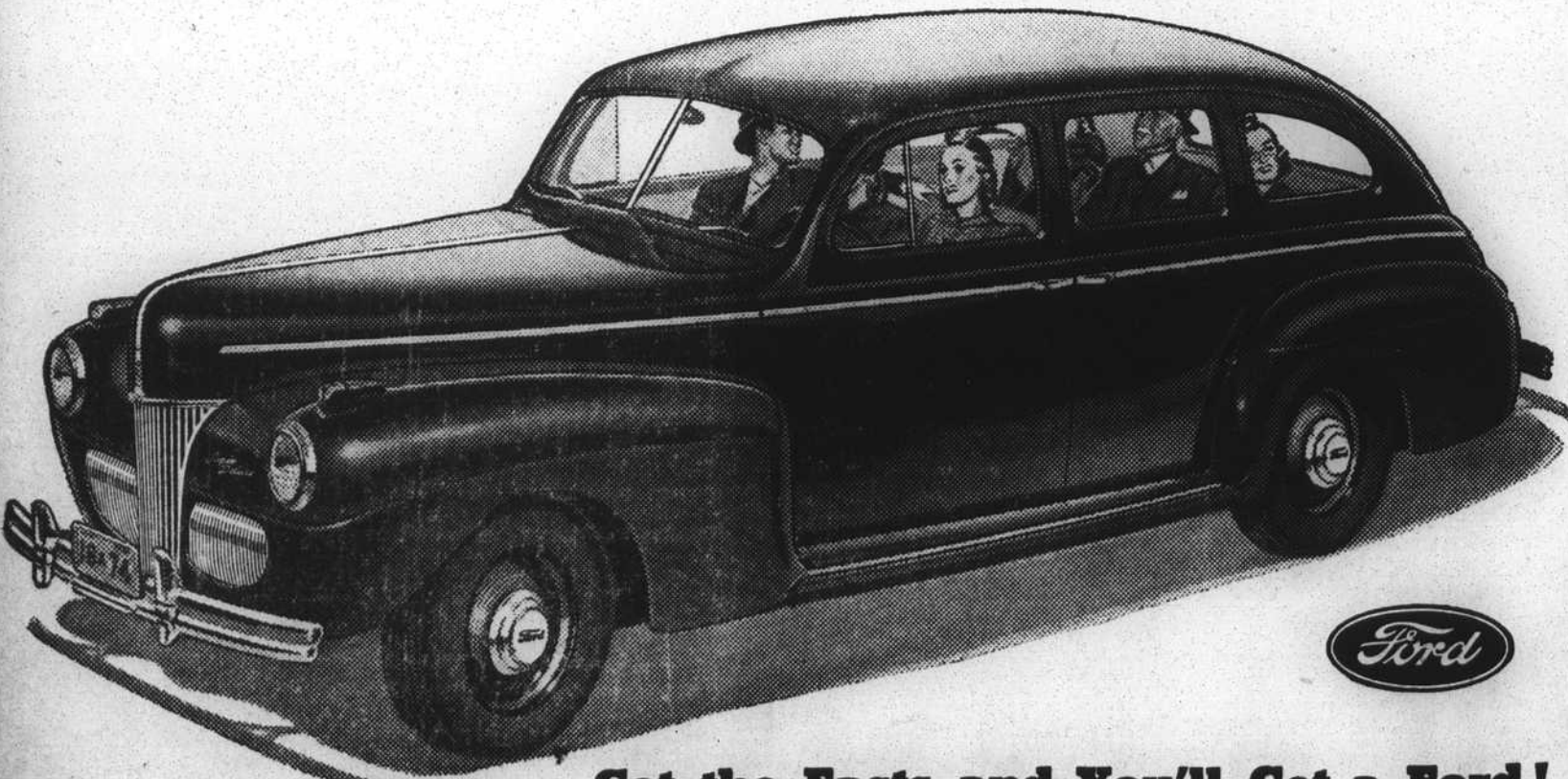
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