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Who Said That?
A Slogan Would Have To Be Altered To Fit This Merger

There are obvious advantages in combining the country's two telegraph services and allowing them to operate inside Federal post office buildings. As Jesse Jones points out, there has been no real room for competition between Western Union and Postal Telegraph since the government started fixing all rates many years ago. Furthermore, says Jesse, without competition there can be no profiteering. In fact, it has been necessary in recent years to lend Postal about five and a half million dollars to keep the company going. Economy and efficiency demand that there should be a single telegraph agency, just as there is now only one express company, one telephone company, and one U. S. mail system. And certainly there are plenty of new and spacious post office buildings. "We should think what the nation's postmasters are going to say when the telegraph companies move in on them and start taking up that familiar slogan, 'Don't write, telegraph!'"

Utter Confusion
Washington Gives The Red-Green-Yellow Signal

Washington has made it all very clear, these last few days, exactly what the gas shortage means to automobile-owners. The message is simple. It means, in a word, that they may look forward to a weekly ration of the go-fuel not exceeding five gallons and perhaps half of that. No, that isn't it; it's somewhere between 30 and 50 gallons a month that motorists will be entitled to. If you think of it, maybe there won't be any rationing at all. But to avoid it, Washington suggests, save all the gas you can. Holy smoke! We think it goes without saying that motorists are ready to accept whatever rationing is necessary and advisable. But by their indulgent consumption of gasoline they are contributing indirectly to the sinking of tankers off the coast and the loss of seamen aboard those tankers, they will walk and be glad to. Being rugged individualists, however, they see no reason in walking while their neighbors ride, and their neighbors have taken the attitude that if gasoline is freely offered for sale at filling stations, it might as well be burned as left to evaporate. From Washington's many and diverse suggestions, the people have gained only a sense of utter confusion. They don't know what they should do, much less what they have to do. Nothing short of iron-clad rationing will now convince them that the gas shortage is wholly real, nothing less than a full-dress blockade that a Supreme Court decision will reassure them that, this time, the Government has made up its mind. In only one particular will they derive any satisfaction, and that is in the happy realization that the military and naval bureaucrats are in charge of the war.

Old N. C. Custom
Another State Looks at the Larder and Adopts It Pronto

Miss Katharine Lenroot, head of the Children's Bureau, U. S. Department of Labor, would in other times have raised her hands in holy horror at something that happened recently in New York State. The Legislature passed a law to interrupt the school term for a month in order to permit children to do farm work. It's a strange conflict to watch, this of America's newer virtues on their knees before the hard facts of national survival. In the beginning of the war was a term which meant the employment of children, and as such properly was to be controlled. But by its extension and enlargement, specifically by the phrased concept of "voluntary" national amendment, child labor finally came to mean work of any kind by children under eighteen years of age. Some of the men on Bataan probably had not reached their eighteenth birthday when in North Carolina, the greater portion of which is agricultural, the question of children's working on farms was always been looked at practically. It had to be. Large farm families were needed to work, particularly in the South, and the State made allowance for this by starting rural schools in August,

Fair Enough
The President's War Economy Calls for Common Sacrifice

It was the President of the United States who spoke straight to his people last night in the evident and earnest purpose to rally his countrymen to the common defense of their country from dangers without and within. The immediate prospect he described was not inviting, and nobody knows, of course, the precise manner of its reception by the 130 million people of the nation. But the long odds are that the people listening to him in their homes last night, the people of all stations and political denominations and shades of opinion, Americans, found that his words touched in them a common love of country and a resolution to defend it at all costs. Always present, this patriotism, requires great courage and great leadership to call it forth.

Spring, But No Drive
By Paul Mallon

HITLER has been reported moving his troops in the southern Ukraine for several months now, but he is not to start his big drive, the one which is to make or break his cause. German generals have been running in and out of Berlin. The weather has been suitable for fighting on that front for several weeks, yet there has been no action. The answer is that he is still mauling, still struggling to accumulate every possible force. He has lifted Italian soldiers from Italy, not for the fighting, of course, but to relieve Germans to go to the front. Rumanians, Hungarians, Bulgarians also are being used for this purpose. Planes are being gathered in from the occupied regions along the Atlantic seaboard (which should leave that way easier for the British). German troops have been shifted from the central Russian front south to the scene of prospective fighting. This certainly means action is coming. But if it does not get started within the next three weeks, Hitler will have to furnish his last excuses.

At Home
State Tuberculosis As'n Originated Here Years Ago

Out of a meeting called in Charlotte 29 years ago, attended by a handful of people, grew the body which now is well known as the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association and which holds its annual meeting in Charlotte today. It is proof again of the adage that from little acorns, mighty oaks may grow. Little many worthwhile undertakings, this one was initiated in its leading form, by the Red Cross. But the formation of the statewide association was an assignment with which a few Charlotteans, among them Mrs. C. C. Hoke, Hamilton C. Jones, Mrs. Gordon Finger and others, were charged. They borrowed \$300 and sent forth a young minister to organize the rest of the state. So hearty was the response that the organizers were enabled to repay the loan immediately, and from that commencement has evolved the larger association which supports its appealing humanitarian activities by the sale of the familiar Tuberculosis Christmas Seal. Meeting here, the association should feel very welcome but completely at home.

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Letters to the Editors:
Subjects For Editors

Editors, The News:
Here are four editorial subjects for editors who have not got brains enough to think and have to have a subject that does not require thinking. Any sixth grade pupil can write an editorial on any of these subjects and get a big hand for it.
1) Knock Roosevelt. It doesn't make any difference whether you are right or wrong. The Roosevelt-haters will tell you on the back and tell you what a swell job you are doing. That's your reward.
2) Knock labor. It makes little difference if you do cause confusion and slow down war production. Some big fellow will tell you on the back and brag on you. That's more important than winning the war.
3) Chase. You can always get a big hand from an editorial on taxes whether pro or con.
4) WPA workers. This is the chief editorial subject of the nitwits, and is perfectly safe. They cannot fight back. There is nothing personal in this letter. If the shoe doesn't fit, of course you do it. I take three papers each day. What we need is editors that can think and that can write constructive criticism that really amounts to something.
—CHARLES NEWMAN, Gastonia.

Wants "Facts" About 40-Hour Law
Editors, The News:
Why does The News not print the facts about the 40-hour law? You would lead the people to believe that labor was working or was allowed to work only 40 hours per week when it is the fact that many of them are working 70 per cent profit on Government contracts.

Thank-You Note From Fort Mill
Editors, The News:
We appreciate your kindness in letting us visit your newspaper. We enjoyed it very much and we found it time to see a newspaper printed. Thank you for showing us through the whole plant.
—MISS HOLCOMBE, FIFTH GRADE, Fort Mill.

"The Scene Has Changed For Uncle Sam"
WAVES OF REDEMPTION
The fighting ships at Harbor Pearl Tugged lazily, and the aeroplanes Hoisted and placed and wing to wing Boasted the work of their brains.

Like bolts of Thor the bombers came From sky, their carriers, sleek and swift, Were fighter-ringed within the range Of vital spots on island strong. That islands lost would be redeemed The Prexy said in stirring speech And hope was born, that help would reach The battling boys on Bataan's Beach. Through honeyed words and hidden threat The Japs had duped the patient poets Of Congress, the Cabinet, Through weeks and months and faithful years. Another day, another month The scene has changed, for Uncle

After Waiting So Long for Nice Weather



Man With A Big Job

By Raymond Clapper
WASHINGTON
SO far as it is possible to judge, President Roosevelt's leadership seems to gain in strength and to be considerably stronger now than it was two months ago when he left the United States. Resolutions by the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, the endorsed course to meet their leaders too kindly in periods of adversity. For many months Mr. Roosevelt has had little except bad news to offer the country. American lives have been lost by the unpreparedness in Hawaii and the Philippines. We have been hardly successful in checking submarine ravages among our ships.

Three Steps Forward, Kick, and Repeat
Chapel Hill Weekly

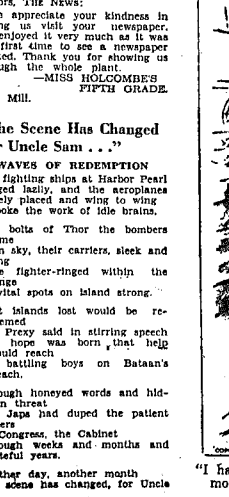
The next event in the Graham Memorial series of informal dances will be the Tokyo Tromp, to be held from 9 to 12 o'clock tomorrow (Saturday) evening in the main lounge of the building. Admission is free and everybody is invited.

The Thought, Not the Gift
Dave Sink, Lexington Dispatch

Speaking of Mr. Thompson, he had a piece of luck the other day. He was sitting at the side of the drug store, just sitting, when a Florida car drove by. An errand wind blew from the rear of the car a new straw hat and Mr. Thompson picked it up. Of course, the car had driven on before he could stop it. So now he has his Summer hat. It is small, but it will do nevertheless. And then, the same week, a friend presented him a quart of likker. Of course, he has no use for the latter, but he appreciates the spirit behind the gift.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT
Christ revealed the father, do we reveal Christ? If ye had known me ye should have known my father also.—Matt. 1:13.

Side Glances



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It must be that the American people are taking a hard-headed, practical attitude. Evidently they realize that war cannot always bring good news and that setbacks do not always call for a sacrificial goal. They know that war in these times requires sacrifices also behind the lines and recognize that the President is doing what must be done when he calls for new sacrifices. If anything the public seems ready to accept more hardship than the Government has asked for.

To anyone who looks back over the last few years it must be evident that Mr. Roosevelt's more than need of us seemed what was taking place and tried against many obstacles to prepare for the dangers ahead. No doubt that has sobered critics. If Mr. Roosevelt is to be criticized, it is for not having been more ruthless in overriding opposition to his preparations for war.

He is now again compelled to take firm action to check inflation and hold our economy steady against the violent forces which the war has released. With so many distortions in ordinary supply and demand, drastic protective measures are necessary in normal times become imperative.

IN WAR, IT IS RESULTS THAT COUNT

In these "Mr. Roosevelt will again lead the nation" thinking people, He will need good American common sense to support him in facing realities without regard to school-room theories intended for normal times. Our best lesson in that is the way Hitler disregarded orthodox economics to obtain the resources he needed. When most of the respectable economists of the world said Hitler should by all of the rules collapse in national bankruptcy, he was going right ahead building up the force that came within a hair's breadth of mastering the world.

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East of Suez we are regarded as fighting to restore the hated Imperialism imposed by the western nations. Asia is through with them. Our whole cause needs to be clarified. It needs to be made clear that liberation, protected by collective security, is to take the place of nineteenth century exploitation of native peoples and natural resources.

Leadership in that must inevitably be loaded on President Roosevelt. The American record with regard to the Philippines is the greatest asset the United Nations have in the East. It lies unused while the Japanese represent themselves as liberators of Asia. President Roosevelt can lead the United Nations in making that weapon out of the hands of the Japanese and using it on the side where it belongs.

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