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Our Preceptors

Had To Say on a Subject

Let Them Read What Actop

Along with the electric razor and toothbrush, there is an electric brush for the scalp. The harassed taxpayer heretofore has had to scratch the head

It is now well established that drinking coplously of fish liver oil makes one see better in the dark. And a lot easier to find.

There is no cure for the wishful hinker. For years we thought of Japan a a second division club, and will again.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1942 war, and a chief service of the American doctor for years has been in correcting physical aliments wrought by eating illic. The Government was apparently delighted, after a slege of worrying about public lethargy, with the nation's response to the first rationing—of suitar. What should shame us, but never will, is that such rationing never should have been necessary. We're not down yet to what many a sensible medico allows a too-fat clitzen. Why, after all, should we be expected to yelp at the new restrictions, for whatever cause? Such a low-grade standard of litting as we face today would look like Saturday night in Heaven to most of the earth's peoples, and in peace time, too. Ask the Rev. Woolf if it isn't so.

Wage Policy

"Stabilize", FR Meant, and By That To Increase Moderately

When the President delivered his antiinflation message to Congress, he was
specific in his proposals on nearly every
inflationary factor. One which he seemed
to evade was wages. "We must stabilize
the remuneration received by individuals
or their work."
"Stabilize" could have meant almost
anything. In any case, the President's
phraseology encouraged the criticism
that he had determined to exact war
sacrifices of all save labor. But in his
fireside chat he became explicit on that

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fireside chat he became compoint also.

"Do you work for wages?" he said.
Then. You will have to forego higher rages for your particular job for the duration of the war."

This contrast brought about a good deal of indecision as to what the President actually meant to recommend as his anti-inflationary wage policy. He could have been taken either way. Labor preferred to take him at his first word, and labor, it begins to appear, was right. For this week the contract of a half-willow shirped workers was renewed

For this week the contract of a half-million shipyard workers was renewed for twelve months. Under the expiring contract, wages were tied to the cost of living index, and by virtue of a charprise in that index, wages were to have good up by something like twelve or Blitteen per cent.

But at the President's written insistence, the increase in wages was held down—to six per cent for workers in the Pacific, Atlantic and Great Lakes zones, ten per cent in the Guilf zone where a differential was knocked out.

Thus labor gave up, it is true, a por-

ten per cent in the Guli zone where a differential was knocked out.

Thus labor, gave up, it is true, a portion of the wage increase to which it was entitled by contract—but of what standing, pray, are mere paper-writings (as between, for instance, a jobber and a retailer) when they collide with the war effort? And labor received a aubstantial wage increase plus the elimination of a sectional differential, which is one of its cardinal aims.

From this precedent the President's anti-inflationary policy shapes up to eightly that verything is to be frozen solid except wages, which for the immediate future, at least, are to remain in a semi-fluid state. "Stabilize." It turns out, meant to increase wages, but not

out, meant to increase wages, but not immoderately.

Stuffers

The War May Teach America Something About Leanness

Let Them Read What Aekop Had To Say on a Subject

One of our oldest-and-wisest-world correspondents, despite the fact that he sent his dispatches out of the Greclan tile Samos more than 2,500 years ago, is Aesop the ancient, himself half man, half fable. Even in this day of feverish, compelling communiques from a hundred battlefronts, his sharp observations have a current application. Recently, for instance, on one of our irregular-canters through his dusty corridors, we came face to face with that august body, the Congress of the United States.

Surprising to discover Recovered Isolationist Bert Wheeler mixed up with the Hare and the Tortoles, and Straight Man Henry Wallace taking the side of the Grashopper against the Ant on the late AAA—but not in the least containing. Our Washington act seemed right at home. And old Aesop, apparently ready for any emergency, had words for them. Or so it seemed. "One fine day two crabs came out from their homes to take a stroll on the sand. Child, said the mother, you are walking very ungracefully. You should accustom yourself jow alking straight forward, without twisting yourself from aide to side." "Pray, mother, said the young one, do but set the example and I will follow you."

Whereupon Brother Aesop, no more dogmatic than usual, summarized: "Example is The Best Precept." And very well he could have been aidming to our Congress and their last two errors in a war-time infield. The Pension Attempt and the grabbing of too many X cards under gasoline-rationing would sit no better with our Aesop than with a sofemn American public of today. Crongress has, in spots, a bad record of example-setting for men under the doubly-dark clouds of war and comine elections, and the humor of a people without petrol was not improved by last works a mountements that their elected representatives had invaded a new field. When election time rolls upon us again, we think voters will remember to the Xr of East August and remember to the second.

Something About Leanness

We've seen and heard enough of the elementary thesis that food will win the war and followed too many a winding treatile in its behalf through beleaguered Britain and the unhappy countries of occupation. What we hold as a simple fact is that man and his meat, in war or peace, can never be completely and satisfactorily separated. What we hope, however, is that war will teach us a new lesson in national table habits.

To Libson came the Rev. Hiram Woolf, an American rector of an Episcopal church in Rome, escaped from imprisoment in Italy. Salied on a charge of espionage, he had spent the Fall, Winter and early Spring on a daily ration of one bowl of south, one pound of brend, and that, when he reached safety, was apparently his tirst dignified complaint. The gentleman of the church may consider he has lost an asset for a Sunday morning's appearance. We would welcome such a wandering of the American waistline, under more pleasant conditions, here at home.

Far too long have we carelessly courted the calory. Our war record to deter

week's aumouncements that their elected representatives and invaded a new field. When election time rolls upon us again, we think voters will remember the X's of gas rationing time, and remember to place their own X's beside other names. Presuming that we may often expect mistakes of our own kind, we'll still be ready to fire down hard on the office cuspidor every time we hear some newly-wrathful Congressman bemoaning labor's tost man hours, or firme up some troublesome old question like the Sea Cotters again. They may not have been man hours, but precious hours of a sort have been losts without number in Washington. Enough to last a long, long time. And privately, if we ever get to the shore again, we'll grin at every scrambing sand fiddler we see and salue: "Yep, there by the grace of Aecop and the voters goes R. Rice Reynolds, Dem. N. C." Far too long have we carelessly counted the calory. Our war record to date may read too little and too late, but at the table weve always worshipped the idea of too much and too often. The very fertillity of the land of plenty hides the record of many an American iii. If the Army and Navy find more and more men and boys unable to meet lowered physical standards, the blame may well rest in the dining room. A great many of us have taken most of our exercise sitting down to, and pushing away from, our food." Far too long have we carelessly courted

eur food."

In Rogiand, public health has improved greatly since the war began. It is explained by officials as a natural result of people learning to take care of themselves in the absence of doctors—and by the disappearance of any surplus food acooks, In America, where the pressure is met likely to be so keenly felt, we face such a change, We must. The ervices and a change, We must. The ervices are as a garden and so change.

Aim To

Suppress

By Paul Mallon

A PUZZLING change in popular
A attitudes toward free speech

WASHINGTON.

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RADICALS NOW WANT SUPPRESSION

MANY SUPPRESSION
Instead, the liberal and radical
pressure groups seem to be working
toward suppression of free speech
among those Americans whom they
deem to be of Fascist tendencies
or leanings.

or leanings.

If there is one group of residents of this world less entitled than any other group to free speech, it is those who want Germany to win this war. It is hard for anyone to generate enthusiasm for free speech in behalf of those who would destroy it. Personally, I can't.

roy it. Personaily, I cant. Unfortunately, however, the Hheral and radical groups do not conflies their anti-freedom agitation to true Fascists, but are inclined to let it run freely on Americans who want to win the war, but who do not share their domestic political beliefs.

their domestic political beliefs.

These groups, under leadership of their own press, are trying to quell opposition to their causes by free application of the accusation "Fascist." They are leaving their own hard-won ground for freedom of speech to sweep aside critics of their political aims—while, stranges peech for all is one of the four freedoms this country is fighting for.

FREEDOM MUST BE FOR OTHER FELLOW TOO

FOR OTHER FELLOW TOO

Now Ineedom of speech does not
mean freedom of expression for
your own view. It means freedom
for the other fellow. In Naziland
for the other fellow. In Naziland
in power enjoys freedom of speech,
The only freedom denied him is
freedom of critichm or objection.

Preedom of expression is a minority
The other fellow.

Can it be that the liberals and radicals now consider themselves radicals now consider themselves coming into the ascendancy in this country and are losing interest in free speech for the other fellow?

NAVY FEELS BETTER ABOUT SUB MENACE

ABOUT SUB MENACE.

The pearage of German subs at the possible of the Mussivshipl and the St. Lawrence Guilt is being viewed apprehensively — but really is good news.

Absence of much sinking news from our main Atlantic coasts from proves this interpretation. Navy, Army and Goad Guard Patrols seem in have chased the Nazis from the most important in lesser fronts.

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"WELTER OF CONFLICTING STATEMENTS"

ONFLICTING STATEMENTS*

Mr. Roosevelt cast some blame upon the press for popular confusion over gas rationing in a letter of the state of the state

The Previdest must not have been fully for smed. Newsmen at OPA says the 2-12 to 5 gallons estimate cross from an official in Mr. Leich Plummer's publicity section of OPA. They do not want to assure the officials because he gave them the mineregraphed stafe-ment had been issued at the time tabusting the mental proposed of the previous promising rate and the mental page promising rate and the proposed of the previous promising rate and the proposed of the previous promising rate and the previous previous promising rate and the previous pr

although this unnamed official's private advance success was repudiated publicly by both Leon Henderson and Coordinator Ickes at ouce, he appears not to have been so far wrong in the end.

so far wrong in the end.

The American Automobile Assorational in the confluence of the confluence o

You Can't Even Count

On a Beer Bottle Now John O'Ren The Ballimore Sun
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and lighter under new orders issued
by the War Production Board. I do
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think it would modify their offectiveness a munitions of war insaloon battle. A bottle that will
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saloes are sal bottles as containers, but a some-timic it would modify their ef-fectiveness as munitions of war in saloon battle. A bottle that will shalter at the first and lightest contact with an opponent's skull must disgust restarting men of the will be much sighing for the good old days, when a beer bottle was comething to be relied on in a row, learn p are necessary Eves.

Auto Day In The Senate

By Stuart Rabb

DRAWING A FRESH TRAIL OVER THE X-CARDS

DRAWING A PRESH TRAIL
OVER THE X-CANDS
The Scrake was in an ugly mood.
The battle of X-cards had left a
brassy taste in the mouths of members who felt of X-cards had been
seen so that the the public
longsing on this tissue.
Thus the stage was set for that
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WHO HAS CARS

—AND CHAUFFEURS

Don't stop, cried the Senate, in effect, anxious to hear about some-

Pascales.

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State Dept 4	4	
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Treasury Dept 2,472	18	851,000.00

The total number of passenger cars (not including trucks or cars used to transport materials, rented used cars of those of War, Navy,

executive offices, or legislative), the Genator pointed out. Is 18,948. These cars traveled 211,96678 miles last year, costing, for operation alone, saimont \$5,000,000. There were chauffeure at the disposal of these agencies, which cost an additional \$1,000,000. And, in additional \$1,000,000. And, in additional \$1,000,000 last year for travel pby. "So far as a second of the cost of the c

ernment a cent."

Having thus used Mr. Byrd's revelations to salve their injured feelings, the Senators defeated an amendment that would have shawed down the AAA expenditures and adjourned in the middle of sollio-

No, No, Not

The Kannas City Star Spraking of drastic traffic en-forcement, a Wichita police judge is toying with an all-out plan. His fine for appeders would be a tire the spare. After the second affense the spare. After the second affense the motorist would find himself on three wheels—how how the judge could find a scale of penalties for other traffic offenses to go along with such wholehearted speed en-forcement. The Kansas City Star

If You Want To "Keep the Home Fires Burning"-



Letters to the Editors:

Praying To End War

war are received into ether and Josephus treatise on Hades, verse 6, page 902, says; God the word hath the Pather committed all the hades of the word that the Pather committed all the hades of the Pathers. This shows that if we sak Jesus on the war, something will suitely happen. There is plenty we dealt understand as to why payers that the hades of the hades of the works about 10 km show that the works about 10 km show the hades of the hades

About Salary Allotment Plan

Editors, THE NEWS:

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The Charlotte Underwriters Aseociation, through its Publicity
Committee with Mr. Ton Bird as
chalman, would like to thank you
for the help and consideration
given to various projects sponconsideration given to various projects sponconsideration given to various projects spontion during the past year.
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ing the idea to Various employee groups.

The new officers of the Understead of publicity should be given to the fact that employers who have not plan can secure all the needed information and material from the Underwriters Association.

The Company of the Underwiters Association.

Arnie Cashion Will Do His Best

Will Do His Best
Editors. Tres News:
Please allow me to extend to you
please allow me to thanks and appreciation for the calce editorial
carried in The News on Thursday
of this week. However, I am not
unmindful of me the calce in the
normal of the calce to the
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normal of the helpful information and fine ideas that suggest
themselves to me and the members
with whom I have had the pleasure to serve.
I will assure you that I will try
to do my best while serving the
people of Meklerburg.
Meklerburg with
the probably use poor judgment at
times, but I hope I will never be
guity of doing ether, intentionally
withfully—ARNE D. CASHION.

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Contrasting Two Negroes

Editors, The News:

In your issue of the 11th you carried a letter signed by one Concord,

Leander Derr, Monroe, N. C., entitled "What is the locato Habiing for?" in which he completes
his distribe with these words "but
as for me, to hell with the U.S.A."
I wish he was in Germany,
long with all the rest of his
lik, and see how long he would all
his would soon go the way of the
T. J. Whithers.

he would zoon go the way of the Jews.

T. J. Whitsker, a drussfat in Ganden, S. G., recently received watches to be used as favors. At the Junior prom of the Jackson School and he noted that Isamped the words. "Made in Japan". Whitsker got hot. He words the words "Made in Japan" and the words made in Japan I am a goods made in Japan I am a goods made in Japan I am hack and hope they will make you chick. You make Japan I am hack and hope they will make you had to be said to be sai

same."

Note the contrast. A self-respecting, patriotic South Carolina
Negro and a traitrious North Carolina one. -H. S. GAILLARD.

Overloading Busses

Overtoning contents and the second contents and courteous, but some of them run like hell. I thought they had a speed law in North Carolina but they not a seat to some of them run like hell. I thought they had a speed law in North Carolina but they not a play to some busses, or at least to some drivers.

This thing of overcrowding is

This thing of overcrowding is dangerous. I was hurt on a bus

-JOE B. CORL

Congress' Suicide

By Raymond Clapper

SENATOR BARKLEY can call the indignation over unlimited gasoline cards for Congressmen a tempest in a teapoil if he wants



Whether 200 Congressmen and a flock of their secretaries get unlimited gasoline cards is a small thing in the relative amount of gasoline involved. If the Sensior sees no more in the matter than that then he is saleep.

CONGRESS IS SLIDING

CONGRESS IS SLIDING DOWN HILL As a force in our Government Congress is sliding down hill. It is endangered not by the press nor by the executive branch but by its own shallow incompetency. It fails to exert the real leadership that the nation must have in modern times.

ave in modern times.

Congress has remained a collection of two-cent politicians whe could serve well enough in simpler days. But the ignorance and previncialism of Congress renders it incapable of meeting the needs of modern government. Consequently the center of gravity has shifted toward the executive branch.

toward the executive oranea. No matter how capable Congress might be, many of its functions would have to be delegated to administrative officers. Regulatory bodies have had to be set up. The power over tariffe, one of the most important held in the past by Congress, has had to the effect of the executive branch because have leading to the executive branch because have leading to the account of the property of gards to the executive body can handle the delicate and complicated adjustments necessary under modern world economic conditions. Those delegations of power, while removing a good deal of respobility from Congress, need not mean the decline of Congress.

the decline of Congress.

On the contrary, by getting rid of the details of tariff making and other housekeeping routine. Congress releases itself from a bundle of petty chores, It becomes free to fuifill a more fundamental invitation. mental function.

mental Tunction.
THERE IS A VITAL
FUNCTION FOR LAWMAKERS
Never was there such need for intelligent and informed debate on public affairs. People are looking to editorials, radio commentators and newspaper columnists for the discussion of public affairs that they ought to get from Congress. Not the newspaper columnists but Sensions and Representatives should be developing and leading the thinking of the country at this time. Since we have no Webster-Hayne debates, propie want to know what Dorolity Thompson and Walter Lippmann think.
Our problems were never so wer-

Our problems were never so warthy of earnest thought and discussion. The people are hungry for it
—so hungry that they sit up nights
at the radio and pore over their
newspapers eager to soak up what
they can from those speakers and
writers in whom they have confi-

Never has Congress had such a chance to make their a great national forum of discussion. Our suprems debatting forum should be Congress—not Town Hall of the Air. The people elect Congress and surely they would rather hear from the control of the Air. The people is the stronger they would like Congress to be the great tribune of the people.

The only reason Congress is not just that is that people don't give a damn what the average Senafor or Congress—name says. The reason they don't care is that they know what you hear in Congress is 9p er cent triple, ignorance and demagagery and, not to be relied on. Never has Congress had such a chance

INSTITUTIONS DON'T DIE: THEY COMMIT SUICIDE

THEE COMMIT SUICIDE
At the Harvard Treentenary a few
years ago I heard Dr. A. Lawrence
Lowell say that great institutions were
not killed but committed suicide, and
then somebody came along and burled
them.
Nobody is going to destroy Congress.
It is doing link lish legal of the

Nobody is going to destroy Congress. It is doing that job itself at the very moment when it is most needed. Members are so bear seasons are substituted in the seasons are so that the season is restorated in the season in the s

Visitin' Around

Everybody Happy

Lexington Dispatch) On the smiles! Mr. and Mrs. Charlie

On the smiles! Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Trague are happy over the bitth of their first born, a daughter, who has been named Ells.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Sink, too, are all smiles. Their's aids is a daughter, named Linds Tay, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Proctor are be-joicing over a new son biting added to their family.