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Passing

Brian Bell, Anonymous, Stirred the Nation

To hundreds of important men all wer the world, the death of Brian Bell Associated Press was a great personal . With uncounted little men, it was the same. But to the American press, at a time when it is fighting for its legend-

a time when it is fighting for its legendary freedom, Bell's passing was a tragic public loss. In wartime Washington, the public loss. In wartime Washington, the public loss was a loss of the washington and the Washington Bureau was one of the most responsible news branches in the world, AP had Bell-in-charge-The country never knew him after his early days a sports writer. On an all-important tooth, the was buried in the anonymity of the great press service. In those years, had by-line addom appeared over a story, but Washington couldn't miss him.

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Such a man was he that he was, in Buch a man was he that he was, in wality, the official ambassador of the AP and the press in general. As a person we endeared himself to Washington, your the President down, the Govern-ent paid tribute at his passing. The list his honorary pallbearers would do booor to a nation's ruler. This for an anonymous man.

Both houses of Congress stopped to any tribute. National broadcasts bid him lerwell. From boxing champions, baseful players, Cabinet members, industrial tycoons, from all manner of men sene condolences. He was not just the base of the largest news staff covering wermment in the world. To all those friends, he was the press.

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The passing of few men in America
day would have been noticed and
sourned as that of Brian Bell. Perhaps
is was because he was, all the way up,
he small-town boy of 30 years ago. Persaps it was because he, almost alone,
ould still speak for the guardian that
the American press. In himself, he
was both man and monument.

Mistakes

USO and Ministers Share the Blame

Southern ministers as a whole, we feel e, noted with dismay the recent outburst between Protestant churches and the USO in Lumberton and Fayetteville. At least one prominent Charlotte clergyman is vitally concerned. He believes the equable over Catholic operation of serv-be huts to have been the result of mis-takes on both sides, useless and exremely damaging.

In the first World War, outside agen-ties: attended to the spiritual needs of American soldiers. This time, the Army has turned that duty over to its own chaplains. With that, not all church-men have agreed, but they see the pro-gram as complete and impartial. The USO, to their minds, should be a valu-able supplement. Hereabouts, it has lost face.

Our friend, speaking, we presume, for most of his group, says that USO made its mistake in choosing the old Scotch communities for Catholic control—in an

area never noted for such toleration. He adds that it was an error on the part of the national organization to pay the Catholic church for facilities being used shiefly by Catholic men. But the most humbling mistake was on the part of a Lamberton minister. He cannot believe that a sincere de-sire to see all religious represented equal-jo 1980 precipitated the Lumberton splection. He saw it as older and deeper,

ji in USO precipitated the Lumberton splection. He saw it as older and deeper, the result of a personal animus. And that made for diuntity. It destroyed, in that area, the good for which USO was formed. The fact that the majority of middlers who would have used the Lumberton facilities were Catholic seems systicoked there.

USO, our minister feels, was too hurstedly built. The Protestant church is represented only through YMCA, YWCA and the Salvation Army. That fault, he was the salvation for the salvation of the salvation for the salvation of the salvation of the salvation for the salvation of the salva

states in the union. But among the sol-diers at Fort Bragg, we are told, are a great number of Catholic boys. To them, from outside our, borders, the incident must have seemed typically provincial, no matter where lay the blame.

Junkers

Scrap Rubber Drive Will Shock Axis

When the President announced a nation-wide drive on scrap rubber yester-day it might have been worth a belly laugh in Berlin and Tokyo. He mentioned the subject almost casually to the American public, informally. It was al-most as if he had cautioned all citizens to brush their teeth regularly, or see their dentist twice a year. It wasn't very like an Axis call for help from the peo-

ple.

If they laughed, in the capitals of evil, it was because they falled to appreciate the military might of the lowly U. S. scrap pile, awaiting transformation. No man seems to know, particularly the President, just how much old rubber is our for the reclaiming. With no figures at hand, one might safely guess that the amount is tremendous.

amount is tremendous.

An amazing statistic, announced by OEM this week, says that almost seven million automobiles over 10 years old are in America today. That, it seems, would serve as a rough key to the scrap rubber supply. An old set of tires from each tired vehicle would bring us temporary safety from shortage. OEM wants those cars retired to the junkyards (which in April yielded 38,000 tons of scrap metal), and if that is done, our rubber supply will stretch in a fashion alarming to the aggressors.

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alarming to the aggressors.

The value of scrap rubber is only a fraction of that of new rubber, but in sky-high piles before 200,000 U. S. filling stations it could stabilize our position, let us know where we stand. This week, on the day the President saw the need as so serious as to demand a na-tional drive, Airman Glenn Martin wanted to turn back enough crude rub-ber to keep two million civilian cars rolling.

On the whole problem, we are con-fused. But if scrap will help we're safe. Ours is the kind of land that is forever full of it.

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Judge Sink's Motion Should Be Passed By Acclamation

Be Passed By Accidentation
Judge Hoyle Sink, in proposing that
North Carolina do away with its archaic
grand Jury system and appropriate to
the State Hospital at Morganion the
\$750,000 it would save, makes a most
timely and engaging suggestion. His
arguments against the perpetuation of
grand juries are strong, yet, to a layman's mind, leave out one of the primeat reasons of all. est reasons of all.

Grand juries have gradually deteriorated into committees to inspect county homes and Jails and courthouses over North Carolina—at a considerable expense to the State. In the beginning the theory was that If eighteen good men and true were gathered together as a legal instrument of the community, among them they could put the Law wise to what was going on all over the county. But as law-enforcement has developed, Judge Sihn says that 99.5 per cent of criminal cases originate not with grand furies but with the police and solicitors. Grand juries have become mere rubber stamps. mere rubber stamps.

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But to go through the motions of this rubber-stamping takes not only a whale of a lot of money, in the aggregate, but a whale of a lot of time. Grand 'juries serve for six months, While they may be inactive for a major part of that period, the first weeks of a term are exacting, and for the rest the grand jurors are always on call.

It would be a beneficient deed for the State of North Carolina to relieve its citizens of this jury duty and save them the necessity of alibi-ing out of it as

In the lively West, the wife's defense in a husband-shooting is that every-thing went blank but the cartridges.

All this has turned out to be a mar-velous excuse for not teaching a 14-year-oid how to drive.

For Safety Armed Peace

By Paul Mallon

A CLERGYMAN in Massachusetts has written me: "I read your column regularly with interest and mostly with profit. I am, however,
deeply discouraged with your remarks on the international situation after
the war

"It is positively immoral to believe that we must remain definitely in a state of armed violence, and that the world must remain under the dominance of the rich and powerful ... you despair of leagues of nations to preserve world order, claiming that they are the dreams of idealists and cannot be achieved.

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But you completely fail to appreciate that such a condition has already been achieved in large areas of our life-witness the divil community and the national state. Only in the international order do we have the choos and anarchy which you wish to preserve... I am sorry to see you apondor any such idea.

Dear Dr.——:

It never has worked Just trace the history of our efforts with Japan since the distramment conference of 1922, and you will see precisely what I mean. I came to Washington for that historic conference. It initiated me as a reporter here. I then held the same views as you, even more strongly.

I was impressed deeply with the sincerity of Charles Evans Hughes, then Secretary of State, who set an example to the world by scrapping our ships and thus causing other nations to adopt our policies of disarmament and good fellowship. It seemed silly for all of us foolishly to support great Heets.

Now I know that what Japan is doing to us was made possible only our own leadership and love for disarmament, which began in that

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Is not the lesson of all this too plain and too fresh to be forgotten?

Can we now say these lessons which are multiplied by all the history of the human race back to the beginning of time should be sweet saided and we should do it all over again, with more treaties and more disarraments?



West of Midway

Heroes Of Shanghai

A REPORTERS, we're a bit ashamed that this story is so late, and slightly embarrassed that it came to us in such a roundabout fashion as to make it first cousin to a rumon. But because it probably happened as set forth here, we're

On December 7, as we get it

On December 7, as we get it from a Marine officer, Shane, where we want to be a statement of the statement o

Behind bare shelter the brothers of Marines who wan fame at Waske and Midway hadn't a chance. The Japs poured it on Infanty swarmed but falled. The oldest of American flighting services was still young. Before they were wiped out, to the last man, the sons of Semper Pittleth abd killed and the statement of Semper Pittleth abd killed 2009 Jap sublices.

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The Japanese soldler is paid ten yen, or about \$2.36 a month, of which \$1.89 is sent to his family, 38 cents is deducted for his compulsory savings account and the other nine cents is given to him for spending money.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

Elernal law finally operates effectively, It's God's world after all: For the congregation of hypocrites shall be desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery.—Job 15:34.

New Order At Work: Life In Nazi Holland

The German-controlled Dutch radio made the following announcement on May 4: "Before a German military court in the Netherlands prosecutions have been heard against a group of geaders and goal were directed against the German occupying power and who attempted to contact Germansy's enemies. Now '80 Netherlanders have been found suitly of favoring the enemy, espionage, secret possession of weapons and combiseive, and should be a suitly of a favoring the enemy, espionage, secret possession of weapons and combiseive, and should be a suitly of a favoring the enemy, espionage, secret possession of weapons and combiseive, and should be a suitly of a subsequent of the suitly of the secret possession of weapons and combiseive and should be a suitly of the su

Jews.

Later reports in the Swedish press quoted the DZM as saying that several of the executed mon the property of the executed mon that the several property of the state of the several property of the Stockholm Tainingen, writing on May 7, makes the revealing admission that "11 to clear that those sentenced did not make up the entire librarily expiration. They are only its dispersion containing admission that "They are only its dispersion that the property of the sentence of the sentence

guintation. They are only its ring-leaders."

A RECENT Issue of the Dutch bulletin of the International Federation of Transport Unions published an article in which it was confirmed that the cost of living in the or confirmed that the cost of living in the or confirmed that the cost of living in the or confirmed that the cost of living in the or confirmed that the cost of living in the or cost of living the cost of living some form of relief.

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INFORMATION received from Holiand through private sources has indicated that the perastent private sources has indicated that the perastent indignation of all classes of Gentlles, who never fail to do whatever they can to help the peracular problem. When the Germans miled up their produces 'Incest' business' cutsile Jewick along the produces 'Incest' business' cutsile Jewick along the produces 'Incest' business' cutsile Jewick along the produces and the produces and the produces are such as the produces and the produces are such as a result, and the produces a result nount, Josephaned registerity until the last day, when they lined up in such large numbers that, only a fraction of them could be registered, necessifiating the Issuance of a continuant of the produces of the produces of the produces and the produces of the prod

Letters to the Editor:

a few of them had the required letter "J" stamped on their identity cards. For this the registrar-secused themselves by saying that our runber stamps mysteriously disappeared—and so we were unable to stamp the cards."

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Many Christian and other organizations have—

movere—educative dissolved, rather than acrede no both orders to expl. members of Jewish origin.
These organizations include the Ecumenical Association and the Netherlands Christian Students
Organization.

A HOUSEWIFE recently excaped from the causined territory told Landon interviewers that such milk as reached the case of the ca

that is impossible. This revelation the special Dairy Exhibition mov (aking place at The Hague, an exhibition mov (aking place at The Hague, an exhibition which is the creation of proud boasts and the control of the milk production was control to the milk production was control of the milk production was carded "A" in 1938, at present no less than 80 per cent is thus graded.

ACCRDING In the Neuwe Botterdamsche Courant of April 21, the Datch Society of Hotel, Resisurant and Cale Proprietors, at particular members—how that Spring is here—against serving meals on terraces and in sardens and other places visible from the public street.

As German officers, soldiers and occupation admirtles age spread restaurant coupons fit extra food, the measure is presented in the proposed of the proposed proprietors of code mainly united in measure is presented in the proposed proposed proprietors of code mainly united in measure is proposed to the proposed proprietors of code mainly united in the proposed proprietors of code mainly united in the proposed proprietors of code mainly united in the proprietors of code mainly united in the proprietors.

portions of food, mainly unattainable for the majority of the closely-rationed Dutch people.

NAZI propagnata has bad little success with Dutch schoolchildren, according to a Dutch teacher who recently reached England.

"It was a real pleasure currecting the children's copybooks," he said. "They were always ravishing littler and the said of the said of

In Whom May We Trust?

Answer Expected

By Raymond Clapper



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Was bland was a clear-cut,
heartening victory for the United States
but it does not mean.

In the judgment of
informed persons a
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very far from it.
Japan undoubtedly
Japan was trying
to capture Midway
Island. Her purpose,
will try it again.
Japan and later attempting to take Hawaii, our main outpost, which must be held at all cost if
we are to keep the Japanise may from
movine up toward the Partile Coast.
Midway Island is to Pearl Ratbor
what Pearl Hatbor is to San Frantisco.
Therefore when American forces beat
the Japanises off and sent them fleeing
back to their boses, it was a notable
velocity in that it saved a vital foothold from falling to the cenny. But it
was not a decisive velory because the
Japanises excepted — with losses to be
sure, but still with considerable force.

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It is possible that the result might turn into a decisive victory. Japan might feel that she had enough and might feel that she tad enough and that it was not worth triping again. If Japan were to let it go at that and make no turther attempt then film would mark down the Battle of Milway Island as a declsive turn-ing point like the Battle of Juliand, in which the German fleet escaped but lost its nerve and never ven-tured out again.

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But we are not assuming any such
favorable break, and on the contrary are
figuring that Japan will try to come
back a second time. That is the only
safe way to play it. Our forces supprised
Japan this time and they are preparing
to be equally ready for Japan if she
attempts to return.

Admiral Shinitz has reported that
American forces have lost contact with
the fleeting Japaners. Some might wonder with we allowed the Japanerse force
to escape, once we were on top of it.
A falt guess from what has been ofticially revealed is that we beat the
Japaners mainly with aircraft and submarines. There are limits to how far
you can follow a retreating enemy at
sea. Our own air forces must return to
returel and relond. Furthermore, if they
attempted to go too far they would
come within range of Japanese shorehaved aircraft and the advantage then
would poss to the enemy.

So much is at stake in the Pseidle

So much is at stake in the Pacific So much is at stake in the Pacific that the Navy cannot afford to be reckless. It was on the alert. We had the recombalisance and the Japanese did not have it. The attention was reversed from what it was at Pearl Harbor.

(32 Years Ago, Davie Record)

John Hames, of this city, lost a val-uable cow hast week.

Editors, The News:

This is an election year. At such a time as this the ballot may be dynamite. Most of us know, flative well, the duties of a street of the duties of a governor or a congressman, settle of a governor or a congressman, and the duties of a governor or a congressman, and the duties of a governor or a congressman, and the duties of the duti

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