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It Says Here

A May Quotation On An October Topic
Tax reduction—sure, it's wonderful, and we are in favor of it from the word go.

rates prevailed: Alexandria, \$25; Norfolk, \$25; Richmond, \$25.
On this item alone, a corporation with property valued at \$1,000,000 would pay \$14,800 in local taxes in Charlotte.

Help Wanted

They're Asking Dollars To Buy FDR Radio Time
We don't expect to take any active part in this contest.

We have been careful to point out, however, that any comparison of the present government with such states as South Carolina, Georgia, and Mississippi is a comparison of a progressive commonwealth with the most backward states in the Union, states having the least progressive governments.

We likewise have advanced the contention that in North Carolina, where the State pays for roads and schools, for fire and lightning local tax bills, overall taxes may not be so much out of line as a hasty look at comparative State tax rates would indicate.

The Teachers' speech cost \$68,809.43—mostly because applause ran it to 43 minutes instead of the scheduled 30.

It costs \$11,000 to move Abbott and Costello off the air, \$12,500 to move Frank Sinatra, \$25,500 for Jack Benny, \$14,000 for Fred Allen, \$10,000 for Clifton Fadiman, and so on.

The inference is that Big Business and its affiliates are able to buy their candidate, Mr. Dewey, adequate radio time, but that the stone-broke Democrats can't scrape up the cash.

But if you've the same suspicion we have, you'll find it upfiguring that the "ins" should surely be able to take care of themselves.

Price Plus

Scotch Commissioners Know Their Minds
No thrifty Mecklenburgh need be awake at night worrying that his County Commissioners may, in an unguarded moment, let that odd coughing lot go for a song.

The four-sided discussion which took place at the Court-house yesterday morning brought out many interesting points of view.

We're Low

City Taxes Like Others In N. C. Are Way Down
We were more than slightly interested in C. J. Treutler, Jr. L. Ledbetter's report that the Charlotte-Mecklenburgh combined tax rate was with one exception the lowest in America.

Figures for 1940 show the following local property taxes in North Carolina: City of Raleigh, \$14.80; Durham, \$15.50; Greensboro, \$10; Winston-Salem, \$15.

The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson
WASHINGTON
given a list of fifteen to twenty persons and told to include them with their revolvers.

Details of the story are as glibly told as hardy can be believed. Yet the accuracy of the observers has stood up in the past: also the wholesale slaughter methods of the Germans at Lublin is a matter of official record.

It is estimated that the imported slave labor inside Germany totals about 10,000,000. Hitler because General Hitler fears their sabotage and rebellion, or also because they are a drain on Germany's food resources, machinery has been de-

On this occasion, Judge Arnold got into conversation on the edge of the pool with bathing beauties. He was also a sight to behold. They were sitting together, splashing their feet in the water when a publicity cameraman began to film things up for a shot of Miss Williams.

The Most Popular Guy In The Neighborhood

By Dorman Smith
WASHINGTON
The dean of the industry, it is said, is Donald Douglas of the Douglas Aircraft Co.



California And The Air Age

By Marquis Childs
LOS ANGELES
WHILE California may have some doubts about the future, there is a deep conviction that this region will become the center of the aircraft industry.

But if Douglas is big, with imposing passenger planes, there are others that are equally big, by normal standards. I talked with Robert Gross, head of the Lockheed Aircraft Corp., which has more than a billion dollars in Government orders as a backlog.

Douglas has an advantage in that he's making the C-47, the big passenger and cargo ship which the Air Transport Command flies on the airlines of the world.

What Wilkie Thought

By Samuel Crafton
CHICAGO
I SPENT two days with Wendell Wilkie at Rushville last year ago last August. We had some long talks. It is all right to say that he is a very smart man.

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SIDE GLANCES

By Gabraith
WASHINGTON
"Would you mind moving out of the way?" he called bristly to Joe...

retirement two years ago"
Last Summer, Congressman Dick Kleberg of Texas, part owner of the largest ranch in the world, was exposed to having put three "teen-old boys on the Federal payroll, who later kicked back part of their salary to Kleberg's office.

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Everyday Counselor

By Herbert Spaugh, D. D.
UNCERTAINTY is the chief cause of worry which in turn destroys peace of mind and happiness. It indicates lack of faith in the provision, guidance and control of Almighty God.

So many of us can't make up our minds to believe that God means what He says. He has a very definite plan for us, it is all quite simple: accept His offer of salvation from sin; yield your life to Him; then He commences to direct you in His plan which has been carefully selected to fit your talents and ability.

The Bible has much to say about the guidance, suppose you truly believed that Almighty God was guiding your every step, action, decision, and choice.

Keep your mind and heart open to God's leading. When He opens the door, you will go through it. If no door opens, stay where you are. Learn to cultivate the art of waiting on the Lord.

Alice At Dumbarton

By Dorothy Thompson
WASHINGTON
THERE was a table set for a party under a tree and the March Hare and the Hatter were having tea.

"I don't see any wine," said Alice.
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Quote, Unquote

WASHINGTON
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Belgians Say Yanks Too Easy On Nazis



By HAL BOYLE
WITH THE AEF IN BELGIUM, Oct. 16 (AP)—Belgians near the German frontier cannot understand why the American Army is so ruthless with the German population.

"Typical is the Lardinois family in the Belgian village of Aubelet. Two of his boys stopped at a little confectionery for some pastry. They insisted that we stay for lunch and the table was spread with real Belgian hospitality—which is equal to any in the world."

"After the dinner had been cleared, our hostess, Madame Joseph Lardinois, told us why she and her husband were so friendly to the Belgians. She said that she had been in the German Army during the war and she had seen the Nazis.

"I am a very poor, unprosperous wholesale greaser in 1940 when the German Army crashed across the frontier. He humiliated the family into their car and started Lardinois Brussel.

"Four times the planes came screaming and frightened refugees who were huddled together in the streets, doing nothing else they could do. The third time they struck my husband and I. He was killed."

"My husband, although both of his lungs were punctured, refused to get into the hospital to help us back into the car when the planes left. Madame Lardinois said that she had tried to get to the next town and tried to obtain medical aid but she was refused because she was a Jew."

"There were many terrible sights that I saw. Much as I grieve for my husband, I feel sorry still for the young man who died. He was a soldier with his baby in his arms. One bullet struck her child in the forehead, another in the chest. Her mother will never forget the sounds that young woman made when she died. When we turned to go a little later, Marie Jose looked at us and said: 'You are too easy on the Nazis.'"

Publisher Bryan Dies

RICHMOND, Va. — (AP)—John Bryant Bryan, publisher of The Richmond News Leader and The Times-Dispatch in this city, died here today.

He had been ill only a few days. Death was attributed to pneumonia. He was 67 years old. He was born in 1877 in Maryland.

Funeral services will be held in the Episcopal Church at 11 o'clock tomorrow. He will be buried in the churchyard there.

Mr. Bryan was a public and philanthropic interests were numerous but next to the newspaper business, education assumed a large claim on his energies. He served as president of the College of William and Mary from 1924-27 and was chancellor of that institution at the time of his death. He held membership on the Harvard University Board of Overseers, 1937-43, and was rector of the University of Virginia Board of Visitors, 1928-32. He received his M.A. degree from the University of Virginia in 1908 and his Ph.D. from Harvard in 1897.

Active in the advancement of newspaper publishing for nearly a half century, Mr. Bryan was a charter member of the Associated Press and its reorganization in 1920. Educated in law, Mr. Bryan first that profession to become an attorney with his father, H. H. Bryan. He then became publisher of The Times-Dispatch in 1914. Mr. Bryan also acquired The News Leader and The Times-Dispatch in 1927. He also served as president of the American Newspaper Publishers Association in 1934. He was a member of the International Education Board and the National Education Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church.