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people who doubt it. Thus, the National Emergency Council in its report to the President last week on economic conditions in the South pointed out at least two objections. The first one is that, as a result of its enormous birth rate, the South has one-third of all the nation's children, though it gets only one-sixth of the national income. And the second is that the number of the young drives a great part of judgment and discipline. We always did surmise that, seeing the antics of the creatures who inhabit her, she must be a slightly loquacious light in her own right.

Still Hauling Passengers
All the railroad presidents in the country could find food for thought in Mr. Daly's report in The News last week on the Piedmont & Northern Railway's experiment with a one-cent-a-mile passenger fare. Prior to 1932, the P&N charged as high rates as any of 'em, and when the combination of the automobile and the depression came on, this electric railroad caught you know what. So its directors conferred and decided to reduce passenger rates from 3.6 cents to a flat 2. It had some effect; enough, at any rate, to induce the road to take the bill by the tail and put in the one-cent rate. That was in the Fall of 1932.

In the first six months of 1933, helped somewhat by reviving business, the P&N's passenger revenues increased nearly three times over the same period in 1932. The number of passengers nearly eight times, and expenses only 41 per cent. And for the first half of 1933, though the railroad business had suffered so severe a relapse that its plight was the subject of a special Presidential message to Congress, the P&N was still hauling 6.8 per cent more passengers than it had in 1932. Revenue from this traffic was down by a fourth from the best six months of the 1932-1933 period (1934), but the P&N was still hauling better than it had in that period with its 3.6-cent fare.

The experiment has proved that there is more profit in hauling more passengers at a cheaper rate than there is at a higher rate, which latter is the policy followed by the main line railroads and the ICC. And the passengers — they most certainly come out ahead.

Now You See It
A combination of the old-run-around and the shell game is what they're giving Britain's Prime Minister today. The Non-Interference Committee wasn't his patent, so that he can't be held responsible for its failure to stop Hitler, Mussolini, and Stalin from intervening in their hearts' content in Spain's private war. But the Easter agreement with Italy was his pet solution, and he thought he had something. Whereas all England has got out of the war is a long and boring postponement after another.

That agreement was to go into effect only after the withdrawal of foreign soldiers in Spain, in equal numbers from both sides, had taken place. Sailing by Italy agreed to delay withdrawals until Franco appeared to have the winning of the war in his pocket, and then when the Loyalists wiggled loose and actually began pushing the Insurgents around, they pulled the old hidden-ball trick on Chamberlain. Withdrawals, they told him, were out. Franco simply wouldn't hear of such a thing.

A less astonishing man than Chamberlain's this would have charged and excused. The reason is that he believed that Sir Neville was chagrined to the saturation point already, and that it was when the Loyalists pulled themselves together and showed new fight that he authorized his agreement. He had given Mussolini carte blanche to win this war and made that conquest the prime consideration for the Anglo-Italian accord. And now the foolish refusal to be forgiven, and Neville's counter-agreement is only something that has never yet come off.

Gay Lady
We thought it sounded dizzy enough and more interesting, terrifying when they started building that telescope in California which is going to bring the moon within 25 miles of the eye of the observer. Imagine looking at that luminescent, which is a four-inch diameter and actually 500,000 miles away, at about the same distance from which you can view Kings Mountain from the top of the First National Bank Building. For ourselves, it's the hickies up on our necks and marks us year for a surer foothold in the universe than we seem to have got. But now the astronomical boys have gone even that one better. Using the moon as a mirror, they're examining the light rays reflected from the earth as the moon bounces them back to us — they find that Old Lady Earth is the faintest body in the firmament. The thought that mirrors she turns out to be turning around in a garment which is a sort of perpetual all-enveloping rainbow. And her makeup kit includes everything from the complex-

A CLOSE PARALLEL
By Hugh S. Johnson

BETHANY BEACH, Del.—It was probably only coincidence that Father Divine decided to set up his latest Heaven for ill-fated, ill-clad and ill-situated people in the beach town at Krum Elbow — just across the creek from the almost baronial mansion of Mr. Roosevelt's Hyde Park, but who can say it was not appropriate?

Among the foremost of his great political achievements was Mr. Roosevelt's feat in moving the heavy and frequently delicate Northern Negro vote from the Republican to the Democratic column — almost as a body. It was a perfectly legitimate maneuver. Just as the Republicans had taken the loyal Mid-West farmers for granted too long and done nothing about their inequalities, so they took too long for granted the loyal Negro status to the cause of emancipation. A principal element in Mr. Roosevelt's success is that he capitalized on these blunders and reversed these policies. He has done much for both groups.

Beyond that, there are other things which are common to the President and Mr. Roosevelt and Father Divine. None of his followers has yet said that the President is God, but some of them are willing to accept anything he says or proposes almost as readily as though it were the word of God to the followers of Father Divine.

BOTH FEED THEIR FLOCKS BY MOST EASY MEANS
The Harlem "daddy" feeds his flocks. No one seems to know just where the money comes from and Father Divine doesn't seem to care. He just finds it in a box or under his pillow and that's enough for him. It has been much more difficult for Mr. Roosevelt to feed the money to his flocks either. He doesn't find it in any box but it can be written up on the Treasury desk ledgers with an adding machine, perhaps; collected from the wages of workers for social "security" and then spent for current expenses, or simply pulled out of thin air by changing the gold content of the dollar. In this respect Father Divine is a good deal better. But while the new and rival economic divinity of Krum Elbow operates relatively on a tiny scale, the general idea is just the same.

AND BOTH MAKE APPEAL TO THE BASIC EMOTIONS
There is a little of the same emotional appeal in both cases also. Mr. Roosevelt's most ardent followers do not hypnotize themselves by such ecstatic chant as: "Praise, O! wonderful, O! by shouting themselves into ecstasies by hallelujah — by arm-waving or by rhythmic motion after the fashion of the "Hot Hallelujahs" but some do have their catch phrases in which they so confidently believe that it is a waste of time to attempt to criticize or discuss them.

Finally, there are no names in Father Divine's "Heaven" except the dark All-Highest himself. His word goes and if there is any argument about it the solution is simple. The disserter gets utterly kicked the hell out of "Heaven" and thereafter admits for himself, "I was not there." It seems now to be going on in the Third New Deal "Heaven." There is good apocryphal precedent for this in the case of Lucifer. At least, it is good precedent where heavens and delves and devils are concerned; such does seem a little rough to apply it in a democracy to a political party. But that's how it is.

There are but more than a dozen crackling companies in the United States. Germany regard Hitler with much the same emotional adoration of the Harlem Heavens for Father Divine and of many Third New Dealers for Mr. Roosevelt. It is getting into that state with the President, once was almost there myself. It makes a crusading elation in which anything might happen. But does it make the best and soundest government?

Visiting Around
Oh, Yeah!
DAVIS Station Home, Hendersonville, N. C. Times-News

As school at Elbow has started all the children of the community are enthralled as they start back for another term.
Gordon Falls (Franklin Press)
A special song, "In The Garden," was sung by Mrs. Peattie Potts and Guy Paul. The parts were then given out for next Sunday night by Paul Waldon.

Catholic View
Of The Duty
Of Movies

Prelate Upholds Right Of Legion Of Decency To Fight Showing Of Pictures Church Does Not Approve

Dear Sir:
The motion picture industry has announced its plan to increase the attendance at theaters. The announcement has arrested the attention of all informed and thoughtful persons who know the inestimable value of wholesome public entertainment in our modern life.

The cinema centers regularly to audiences of many millions and now it anticipates greater attendance. The fact that millions of minds are thus influenced by motion pictures imposes upon the industry a grave responsibility to the public. The industry, if it is to be honest, will recognize that there is no escape from this responsibility to safeguard the moral welfare of its patrons by setting right and decent patterns of thought and conduct.

During recent years the industry has made progress by giving attention to the moral influence of its films. The Legion of Decency is happy to express to the industry its appreciation of the improvement made in the moral character and tone of its work. It is also grateful to the leaders and people of the Protestant and Jewish faiths for their support and insistence that films of right moral character be shown to the people.

The Legion of Decency operates under the auspices of the Catholic Bishops, whose pastoral solicitude for souls requires that they exercise a moderate and influential as the cinema. It vigorously every trend which threatens to invade the domain of fixed and unvarying principles of morality expressed in the natural and Divine Law. The Legion of Decency is concerned solely with the moral tone of the pictures in the subject matter of motion pictures and in its treatment.

The Legion views with grave apprehension those efforts now being made to utilize the cinema for the spread of ideas antagonistic, not only to traditional Christian morality but to all religion. It would make motion pictures an agency for the dissemination of the false, atheistic, and immoral doctrines repeatedly condemned by all accepted moral teachers.

Films which portray, approvingly, concepts rooted in Superstitions, superstitions, the Christian moral order and the supernatural destiny of man serve not to ennoble but, rather, to debase humanity, and, as such, these films are an affront to the human mind and to God.

The Legion of Decency, with your resource at its command, shall continue any program using the popular theater screen to exploit such invidious doctrines. Secular affairs are not in themselves the concern of the Legion of Decency. However, contrary to what it is truly American, unchanging principles of morality are assailed, and atheism and irreligion are fostered, the Legion must, in pursuit of its single and unvarying objective of a morally wholesome screen, interpose the full weight of Catholic opinion and authority.

JOHN L. MENCHIGOLAS, O. S. P. T. M., Archbishop of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Relief Ship Will Sail For Spain Next Month

Carrying with it the humanitarian sentiments of millions of Americans, the American Relief Ship for Spain will sail late in September from New York City with 5,000 tons of food, clothing and medical supplies for the war-stricken people of Spain.
The eyes of the world are on this magnificent effort of mercy, and the people of Spain will be awaiting the arrival of the ship with the poignancy and hope that comes from such a demonstration of international sympathy. The effort is a Christian effort, an American one, and one that demands the sympathy and co-operation of every man of good-will. It is an undertaking of humanity, and we ask your contribution in the publication of this letter.

DOUGLAS JACOBS, Campaign Director, American Relief Ship for Spain, New York City.

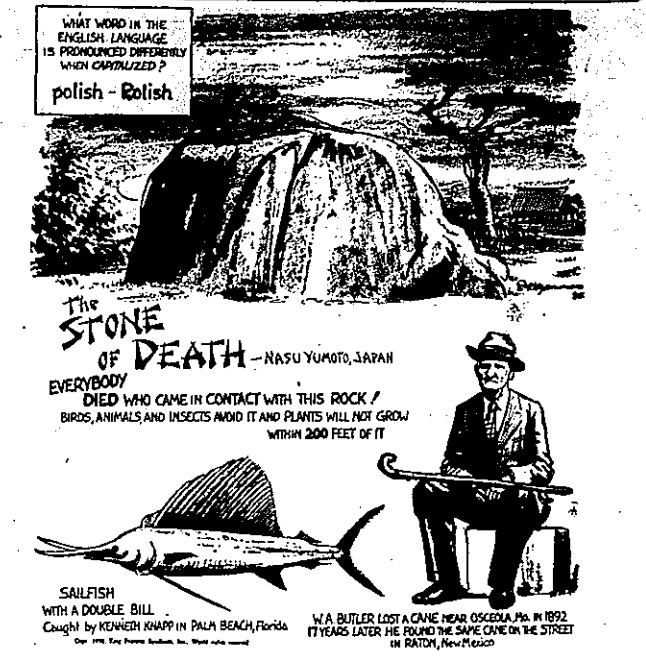
Made in Heaven
(Oak Park, Ill., Oak Leaves)

O. H. Bishop of Oak Park announced the engagement of his daughter, Grace, to Dan Christian of 433 East Wisconsin.

These Words We Use
By ROWE WEAVER SERENADE

Love-sick crooners who hand out sad serenades in broad daylight have things badly crossed up. The Latin word "seren" or "lake" became "sera" "night" in Italian, and an evening-song was naturally a "serenade." So save your serenades until after dark, which will put you in good and regular standing and also make it hard for the folks next door to locate you — just in case, of course.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT By Ripley
On request, sent with stamped, addressed envelope, Mr Ripley will furnish proof of anything depicted by him.



The Stone of Death - Nasu Yumoto, Japan. EVERYBODY DIED WHO CAME IN CONTACT WITH THIS ROCK! BIRDS, ANIMALS AND INSECTS AVOID IT AND PLANTS WILL NOT GROW WITHIN 200 FEET OF IT.

Explanation of Today's Cartoon
THE STONE OF DEATH—This rock of Nasu Yumoto, Japan, which is about seven feet high and eleven feet long, is fencible in to bar access to all living things. It is reputed to bring death to any living thing touching it. No plants or flowers grow within 200 feet of it, and birds and insects do not alight on it. A tablet attached to the stone indicates that most recent human victims. It is certain that poisonous gases emanate from the site. In the complete absence of wind, these gases lie close to the ground and are fatal to anyone approaching the stone.

A Disease Diagnosed By HERBERT ABAN

THE National Emergency Council's report to the President, released to the press on August 13, is a momentous document. The material in it is up to the public to master the facts described and to debate the possible cures. And the public in the North is just as seriously involved as the public in the South. While great regions remain sub-normal the country as a whole cannot thrive.

Men In Automobiles

(Blair County Times)
Capt. Tom Baum, operator of the Roanoke Island-Martha Harbor ferries, made unusual exception-toe references made to his ferry service in the Wilson Daily Times, Monday, August 13, in an editorial by John D. Gold. It seems that on the Sunday before, Mr. Gold was en route home over the ferries about four o'clock in the afternoon. There was a huge jam of traffic, requiring the operation of two ferry boats, but the incoming boat could not unload its cars, because the west-bound traffic had run down on the narrow driveway, and the drivers of the cars obstinately refused to budge until some show of authority was manifested.

Of course the American motorist often displays some dumb traits, but Capt. Baum says how anyone still to drive a car could figure how they could get aboard the ferry before the incoming load had gotten off, was a mystery to him. More than a half-hour was lost before the cars could be induced to back off the wharf and allow the cars to proceed off the boat. Capt. Baum says the principal trouble he had was with Editor Gold, who refused to get off the wharf, arguing that once he lost his position, he might not be able to get on the boat when it left.

Tol'able, Thankee, Tol'able
(Billy Arthur, New Bern Tribune)
"How do you feel?" I asked Rev. W. B. Everett yesterday morning.
" Well," he replied, "I felt any better I have a little money."

Peculiarities Of People

By F. Romer
HORTENSE MANCINI
CARDINAL MAZARIN'S niece Hortense flew about Europe like a giddy cavalier, often in men's clothes, risking peril and disgrace for excitement. She dined Lady Suezee, both wearing nightgowns while fencing in St. James' Park.

