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## Expert's Job

### Traffic Calls for Thorough Study by Trained Man

The first thing we'd like to do is to pass out a compliment for the attention the new City Administration, acting through its Police Committee, is paying to traffle conditions in this metropolis of the Carolinas. Under consideration are several radical changes, such as one-way Under consideration are streets and right turns on the red, and streets and right turns on the red, and a 25-mile speed limit, intended to unimagie some of the smarls which fret the thousands of motoritis who have to use Charlotte's streets.

And having issued the compliment, we shall have to villate it by stating that, in all likelihood, traffic conditions will be little if any improved after these

hanges are put into effect. The last Council tried its hand at fixing up traffic. It framed a fairly com-prehensive ordinance, the best it knew now to frame. The beneficial effect

the a dector's attention, so does traffic in charlotte require an expert's study. Satific control has become a science. The importment of whiches is inter-reasonable as the summer of the science of the summer of the science of the summer of the science of the s tor's attention, so does traffic

sonditions are pretty sure to defy the set of untrained intentions and to grow sorse instead of better.

### Prediction

### LaGuardia Believes War Will End by March

are will be over in about seven months.

indicates, without saying so for certias, that Hnier will lose. The greatest

spensibility of public officials at this

size, be adds, is planning for the afterare emergency period.

sme, he adds, is planning for the after-war emergency period.

Florello is a fast man and it is pos-sible that he is a little shead of the rest of us in his analysis. Also he may have aftermation not accessible to most of us. Bevertheless, in our own amateurish way, ing a rabbit that's yet to be caught.

Mering a rabbit that's yet to be caught, Mr. Roosevelt talks about the astronomical number of dollars he is going to spend for our defense in 1943, 1944, and after that, even. Surely Florello docent know as much about the situation as the Precident.

We'd like to believe that the war would end by March. It would be swell to have nothing to worry about except the after-war emergency. Or would it?

## A Rumor

### Churchill-Roosevelt Report, Even if Untrue, Is Hopeful

East from Hatteras for 3,000 miles, stless, pulsating like the surging of aree hundred million captive peoples, in the grey-green swells of the Atlantic onicwhere out there (as handed and the grey-green swells of the Atlaptic. Somiswhere out there, far beyond sight, but clearly focused in imagination, we are lied to believe that two men met yesterday and talked. We do not know what they said—there is no confirmation that they actually met—but upon their words and their subsequent actions de-ponds the bane of all feet and

words and their subsequent actions de-pends the hope of all Irre men.

It does not matter, we say, whether the irrumored meeting between Winston Churchil and Franklin Roosevelt yes-Churchil and Franklin Roosevelt yes-thing is that the minds and spirits of these men atready have met and have been bound together in common recous-been bound together in common reconsumers, and the second properties of the common reconsumers of the second properties of the second prop

bose travestes of a few months ago-shen, with great fanfare, the Wolf of britis summoned his Roman Jackal to senher Pass. Finally there is great promise even in a comor that the American President of the British Prime Minister are meet-ally British Prime Minister are meet-ted. Such a report has captured the

imagination of a people who are fast approaching the point when they shall be able to selze the initiative in the struggle against the most insidious tyr-

anny the world has ever anown.

We are beginning to see the way to victory.

## Ick'sian Trick

Surprise! Gasoline Curfew Was Just "Psychological"

The gas curfew is a ker-flop. Newspaper surveys in seventeen eastern seaboard states indicate that Mr. Ickes' and air. Ickes' our down fuel consumption.
But this does not disturb Mr. Ickes.
He declares that he is "satisfied" with
the results.
How, you ask, can Mr. 7-5
fled with \*\*\* all-night gasoline curfew has failed to

He declares that he is "satisfied" with the results.

How, you ask, can Mr. Ickes be satisfied with the curies when it has failed to accompilsh its publicly announced purpose? Did not "Honest Harold" put the thing over shouting that it was in the interest of national declense? And have there not been hundreds of jobs lost by illing station employees who thought they were making a patriotic sacrifice? sacrifice?
The answer is, as we had begun to

The answer is, as we had begun to suspect, that the curiew was never intended to cuttail the consumption of gasoline. It was, in the words of a blight defense official, merely a "nsychological" preparation for gas rationing which Mr. Ickes expects to put this circle within a few weeks. In other words, Mr. Ickes felt that he had to do something to soften up the public. He wanted to break the news to us gradually. In his own words, he wanted "to impress people with the seriousness of the

an mis own words, he wanted "to impress people with the seriousness of the situation."

To accompilab this purpose, he was willing to let the thousands of motorists who were stranded on the highways last Bundey might and the hundreds of displaced filling station employees take the consequences.

consequences.

We have said before that one of the major faults of the Roosevelt Administration is that frequently and without necessity it chooses to be tricky. Of all the New Deal tricksters, there is none within the said that the

and the beat tricksters, there is none shiftler than Harold Ickes.

If he were a football coach, and we often wish he were, he would be one of

often wish he were, he would be one of the razzle-dazzle boys. (They'd probably can him for coaching from the bench, though.)

We see no reason why, if rationing were deemed necessary, it could not have been put into effect without any sort of psychological preparableon." The American people may be a little ornery at times, but when there's a job to do, neither Mr. Ickes nor anyone else need trick them into doing it. Try to fool 'em and they'll get their backs up.

## Forced Economy

Paper Shortage Cuts Down Government Press Releases

Our somewhat dense but open-handed big brother, the Federal Government, has decided at long last to conserve white paper. As a result, we are told, there will be fewer press releases from the countiess agencies, departments and bureaus.

bureau.

We are comewhat amused to learn that it took a shortage of mimeographing paper to persuade the Government to curb its propaguidists. Common sense should have dictated a wiser policy. years ago.

Every newspaper in the country has been receiving daily pounds and pounds of Government press releases and other assorted propaganda, 99.44 per cent of which is immediately filed in the waste basket,

Often the postman brings us two or three pages of inimeographed tripe en-closed in a magnificent (and expensive) manila envelope big enough and strong enough to mail a pig in.

Perhaps we should feel honored at the evernment's lush corresponde we don't. We are annoyed by all phases of press release propaganda—the cost of writing, printing, handling in the matis, and finally by having to waste our own time throwing it away.

There is some good in everything, we suppose, and the shortage of mimeographing paper is no exception.

The war on the Russian front bogs down in spots because of mud and rain; yet the boys fight grimly on. Where would civilization be if it were called off on account of the weather?

## **Economic** Nonsense

By Hugh S. Johnson



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## MR. WALLACE'S STATURE AS PRESIDENTIAL TIMBER

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Defense Borts.
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## THE ADD-AN-'O" METHOD OF LEARNING SPANISH

OP LEARNING SPANISH

Typical of our border patrol service was a solder who asked a Mexican "Inabla ustrd Espagnol? Well lend me este brooms I want with the service of the

cicians kit.
No cabinet board under the present overwiseluning duties of the Department can be a societing board and as for Mr. Wellace being an and as for Mr. Wellace being an bas done so far its to push a percepeating policy which has practically drastuced, in favor of other countries, our export market for farm products.

THE QUEEN CITY'S HOPE CHEST

No. 1 — An Uptown Theater-Auditorium

No. 2 - A Separate Court District. No. 3 — An Uptown Rest Room No. 4 — Street-Widening

Letters to the Editor:

# Free Speech For Wheeler?

It is time for every American woman who loves her country and the love of the love

-MRS, EDNA C. HENDRICKS.

### Brutality and The Gas Chamber Editors, Tire News:

ful conclusion of the present conflict.

If immorrow's papers were to carry stories of Hiller using poison gas agains the enemy, pheney as a state of the control of the co

SOME WON'T MIND

fully find that the humanest form of execution was boiling in oil if by doing so they could give their friends a contract of this nature. One state of the Union (Union Mormonal) gives the contract of this nature. One state of the Union (Union Mormonal) gives the contracted choice of being abot or hanged, the contract of the contract

### Spending in Terms Of an Era's Minutes

New York Sun.
The 77th Congress set a new record for spending, appropriating approximately 330 for every minute aince the Christian era began.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

I can do all things through him that strengtheneth me.— Phil, 4:13.

## Side Glances



MR. T. M. MEG. U. B. PAT. OF "Every boy needs a dog, so I brought this puppy for Junior to grow up with."

## No Close To A Fish

-By Herblock



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Thefend of mering their property for all their property for President Wallace. The other is propa-ganda warfare, which has been carried

on for some time by private abort-wave broadcasting and is now being intensified by Col. William Donnvan. In both these fields we are moring in rapidly and on a large scale.

ECONOMIC WARFARE TO BE INTENSIFIED

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Economic warfare has meant freeing
of Axis funds import and export control, and various other activities intended to increase the difficulties of
the Axis. The Latin American blacklist was one of the most comprehensive
of these measures. Now Vico-President
Waliace and a Cabinet committee will
intensify the activity, operating through
various Government agencies. We are
in a postition to make this kind of
warfare enormously effective. It is the
reverse side of the material assistance
being given to all natious fighthing the
Axis. The two together mean that the
enormous recommit and industrial force
of this nation are being mobilised and
used in the war.

Because we have to a large extent i
immunized ourselves signals fortigin
propagands, we are inclined to underestimate the value of American propagands activities abroad. Our transpar

free press and radio tenda further encourage indifference. Yet we have seen how effective propaganda has been in other countries. We know what it has done for the Axis in some Latin American, countries.

### RADIO PROPAGANDA EFFORT IS GREATER THAN SUSPECTED

But we are doing a great deal more in this field than has been generally But we are doing a great deal more in this field than has been generally known, especially by short-wave radio. We are expanding our listening-post activities to obtain more complete information as to Adle radio prepaganda in neutral countries, A more cerrequie attempt is being made now in meet this with counter-propaganda. The Axis has been effective in get-ting its story and its alant on events quickly to the ears of Latin. America, northern Africa and the Near East, we can do a good drail of this currelieves. Much now detends upon which sade has the more effective propaganda-among the weak neutrals uncertain which way to Jump.

In these two kinds of warfare—corning and propaganda—we are in up to the hill. But I see in indication that we are more effective mother formation of the control of the control

tions so that she has fewer moves left now before we should probably go into action. In the Atlantic the danger danger Por action. In the Atlantic the danger could become acute overnight. For instance, Portugal and Spain are being closely watched. At the saying is, Hiller could take either one of them by telephone. If he did we might very likely feel compelled to move to new outposts further into the Atlantic.

WE WOULD RESIST ATTACK ON ICELAND

We would of course resist any at-ack upon Iceland. Any repeated at-acks on our shipping west of Iceland rould provide hostilities, although they right remain local.

tacks on our shipping west of feetand awould provide hostilities, shhough they might remain local.

There, is increasing feeling that in the Atlantic the balance has changed. Some here believe Hitler has given up the Atlantic as a hopeless struggie and is now beni upon enterenting himself on the three continents. So long as Hitler can be kept out of the Atlantic, there is no increased need for our active participation. But if the balance is turning, that is all the more reason for us to drive our banance is turning, that is all the more reason for its to drive our production and shipment to the highest possible speed, so that willing hands on the front lines will be adequately equipped to press their advantage,

### Visitin' Around

—Shot. At A Reester
And Killed Two Hens
(Mount Mortals Hens,
Montoe Journal)
Recently Mr. R. E. Price went out
with this rifle to kill a chicken for supper and killed two, so be had chicken
for supper and breakfast.

The Old Shell Game

Menroe Journals

There is a new kind of entertainment originating in our community—lings bean shellings. A crowd of people assembled at Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Simpson's Wednesday wening for thathyuppose and it was indeed a very enjoyable accasion.