

Visitin' Around

Pedestrian: Ankle, Hoof, Shank's Mares

(Big Branch Item, Marshall News-Record)
Mr. Tom Baird and son pedestrian over to Mares Hill Monday to sign up for Kent Aug.

Whom's Disposition Vs. Delivery?

(Big Branch Item, Marshall News-Record)
Mr. Nick McElroy reports a fresh hog which weighs eight gallons of milk a day.

Two Men With the Hoe

(Hunter Creek Item, Marshall News-Record)
Charles and Harm Wallin are hoeing corn in the Daily Kate hollow this week.

Counting His Blessings

(Branch Item, Marshall News-Record)
Esquire Eddie of Big Branch has a nice good herd of which he is very proud, also a nice litter of bird dog pups.

She Broke a County Record

(Chapel Hill Item, North Wilkesboro Newsweek)
Mrs. Laura Linney says she has felt worse the past several days.

Nary a Slip Here

(Churchland Item, Lexington Dispatch)
Pinkie Williams was wearing a bandage on his lip last week as a result of being kicked by a mule.

City Hall Today

The Ideal Chief

By Dick Young

I AIN'T smart and I don't pretend to be but I can tell the City Council's police committee what it can do to get the "real chief" for the Police Department. It says it's looking for. In the first place, the committee might as well forget the idea that a "superman" is the only individual who can take over the chief's helm and sail the police barge to its goal of real accomplishments. Such an individual can't be found and the search need never be started.

If I were charged with the responsibility of selecting a chief of the department I would first look for a man, who at the start would command the respect and admiration of the men of the department. The leader of any group should have all this, or he has two strikes on him when he comes to the plate. Then, of course, he should have a fair degree of intelligence, and what I mean is good old common horse sense.

He doesn't necessarily have to be a highly educated man but should have sufficient training and a disciplined mind. And one with a fair amount of actual experience as a police officer should be sought. He ought to know enough about police work to receive the respect of the men I was speaking of.

A Leader of Men

Then, he should be a good disciplinarian and when I say good disciplinarian I mean one with sufficient judgment to be firm yet kindly in his treatment of the men under him. In other words the chief I would look for would be a good manager of men, intelligent enough to know when wrong is being done.

Our police department, troubled by too-frequent changes in leadership, needs only to have a reasonably strong man at its head. There are plenty of good fellows in it, ambitious and anxious to do a good job. With some one to inspire it, to inject a spirit of co-operation, to lay down the law to the laggards, and to set an example of work of devotion, the department would soon be in the hands of the best. It has been for too many years. And isn't such a big order. I don't doubt that the man I've been speaking about can be found right in the department.

Our hats are off to Mrs. Julia Dixon, secretary in the Civilian Defense Office, who volunteered to issue the new gasoline rationing cards to City Hall employees. Because of her willingness, Mrs. Dixon made a difficult task easy for the many who work for the Municipal Government. Confidante to Mrs. Alire B. McConnell, City Clerk, who sister died last week in Jacksonville, Fla.

Side Glances



"For heaven's sake, if you don't bring him around to asking you to marry him before those tires wear out, you'll never get him!"

Whitman Spoke

Truth Enduring

THE genius of the United States is not best or most in its executives or legislators, nor in its ambassadors or authors or colleges or churches or parlors, nor even in its newspapers or inventors... but always most in the common people. Their manners, speech, dress, friendship—their freedom and candor—their physiology—the picturesque looseness of their carriage... their deathless attachment to freedom—their aversion to anything inebriating or soft or meat—the practical acknowledgment of the citizens of one State by the citizens of all other States—the fierceness of their roused resentment—their curiosity and susceptibility to a slight—the air they have of persons who never knew how to stand in the presence of superior—the fluency of their speech—their delight in music, the sure symptom of manly tenderness and native elegance of soul... their good temper and open-handedness—their terrible significance in their elections—the President taking his hat to them, not they to him—these too are unimpaired gifts.—Walt Whitman (1819-1892); Preface to "Leaves of Grass."

We Ain't Safe

Charley and Children

Millions: "Now, when you wait on our guests tonight, don't wear any jewelry."

"I can't own nothin' valuable, ma'am, but thanks for the warning."

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

But let others learn to do right from us, not learn from our mistakes and sins: I am a debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians, both to the wise and to the unwise.—Romans 1:14



For Complete Control Elections In The Way

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON
THE PRESS has reported learning "on good authority" that the Administration is considering legislation to freeze the wage-price economic level. The official blacklisting which means a low reputation, crippled business. The Army doesn't like discrimination. Should officers at Morris Field, Camp Sutton or any other nearby base make the decision, declaring any shop off limits would be a simple matter—and there is no appeal. One blacklisted, the local experience has been, a merchant is forgotten, is never taken off that evil list. Several local concerns still feel the ruinous touch placed upon them last year.

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And, of course, that effective Army weapon will not only protect soldiers, but civilians as well. No noxious measures or threats ever packed such a wallop, and it is not surprising to see the threat poised now. One of the troubles with day-in-day-out life in democracy is, of course, the frequent recurrence of ineffective methods of control. The Army knows no such handicap. And that, in this case, is fortunate.

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Our little barometer may be wrong, as it has been wrong many times, but I am dead-certain that our Congress is artfully dodging all possible trouble before elections. And that, we think, is a damnable thing. The winning of the war is one item we believe to be more pressing than making sure of any man's re-election to Congress.

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stance, is deepened by Congressional failure to levy all taxes Mr. Morgenthau wants and by obnoxious antics of the farm bloc on the first-selling program. Congressional antagonism to Henderson likewise lies in his failure to give them patronage in his vast organization. Above all, everyone is conscious and super-sensitive of the coming Congressional elections. It may be some time before anything effective is done.

For Bankers Only?

Donald Nelson's latest reorganization of his sacred War Production Board did not materially touch one point of inner-criticism—the preponderance of investment bankers and financial business men in his organization.

His personnel assistant happens to be Sidney Weinberg, of Goldman-Sachs, who naturally happens to know practically everyone in Wall Street or in the finance end of corporations, rather than the production end.

The result is one official was able to number on his fingers sixteen such men in front WPB positions, the most prominent being: Ed Locke, Chase National Bank; Arthur Bunker, Lehman Brothers; James S. Knowlton, president, Stewart-Warner; Arthur Newhall, vice-president Talon, Inc., and Lesling J. Rosenwald, Rosenwald Foundation.

Wall Street business being what it is, Mr. Weinberg seems to be running a \$1 a year unemployment relief program for investment bankers in WPB.

Well, Er, Ah...

There was an embarrassing moment on the radio the other evening for one of the armed forces in the New York area. During a question and answer program, the military men were given three of Mr. Roosevelt's proposed freedoms for which they are fighting and asked to state the fourth. No one knew.

Apparently some educational propaganda work is needed.

Too Much Dictatorship

U. S. Rebuffs Red Labor

By Jny G. Hayden

WASHINGTON
SIR WALTER CITRINE, general secretary of the British Trades Union Congress, who came to the United States in an effort to establish a united front of British, Russian and American labor, snubbed his toe on the collection of internal funds and realized that the presently constitute the American labor movement.

The first public revelation of this situation was contained in an article by Daniel J. Tobin, general president of the Teamsters Union, AFL, and close friend of President Roosevelt, in the June issue of his official organ, the International Teamster, Mr. Tobin said:

"The AFL has refused to recognize the Russian labor movement as a free labor movement, claiming that the Government of Russia controlled the trade union leaders and laid down the rules for them to work under."

"The CIO went out 100 per cent to meet the Russian labor movement and the British Trade Union movement and practically recognized them both on equal terms."

What actually happened as now disclosed, is that the AFL, which was first approached by Sir Walter, was not entirely unfriendly to his proposal, but advanced two conditions. First, it demanded that the AFL alone be recognized as spokesman for American labor. Secondly, it refused to confer directly with the Russian unions, stipulating that its participation was to be through the agency of the British unions.

Dogfight at Home

While this negotiation still was going on, Philip Murray, president of the CIO, getting wind of it, stepped in to steal the show. First the United Steel Workers CIO, and then the national executive board of the CIO, adopted resolutions. Pointing out that "united action already has been achieved by the British and Soviet trade unions," these organizations declared for "united action of action between the organized workers of America, including the AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods, and the Russian labor movement."

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Britain Reports

Astronomical Figures Show The True Accomplishment

Apparently by way of distracting American attention from the front, these things are still none too bright. The British Information Services have looked at us a bulletin called *Facts About Britain At War*. The facts listed serve chiefly to bring us up to date, and to indicate what we may expect for ourselves if the war continues to run as usual.

On the home front, just 20 miles away from the enemy, the English have caught up with Germany in plane production; are now turning out 40,000 big guns yearly, with twenty-five million rounds of ammunition. Two out of every three persons between fourteen and sixty-five are working full-time in war industry or the armed services (equivalent to a mobilization of sixty million in the U. S.); one home out of every five has been destroyed or damaged.

Almost seven million workers are forced to stay at their jobs in essential industries by Government order; party politics are outlawed; less than one man-hour per worker was lost last year because of labor disputes; food production has doubled; over fifteen billion dollars have been invested by the public in the war effort.

Selected production figures: 1 million and a half tons of explosives last year; 41 million tons of munitions scattered in over 6,000 small shops over the country, many of them underground; planes in the number of 9,781 shipped abroad in '41 (over four times the number imported); 5,000 tons shipped abroad (nearly ten times the number imported); purchases in the U. S. had amounted to over five billion dollars in November, '41 (over ten times the value of Lend-Lease supplies).

From the fighting report: A total of 3,992 Axis planes destroyed in the Battle of Britain (four times her own losses); over 20,000 tons of bombs dropped on the continent in one six-months' period; the RAF's Coastal Command flew over fifty million miles, protected 8,200 convoys, sank 300,000 tons of enemy shipping, attacked 400 U-boats, lost 1,000 ships, 300 ships convoyed by the Royal Navy has been lost; three million pairs of British-made boots are marching in Russia.

There's only a smattering of the full report, but it might serve in those days to bring pause to the ever-ready American critics who are pointing out that Britain has done nothing toward winning this war. Though it obviously attempts just that sort of check, the report reflects the glowing fighting spirit and very real accomplishments of a people refusing to give up, anywhere, anytime.

Hold, Enough

Social Security Taxes Beat New Deal Vision

One of the safe bets of the day is that the American public, in the swirl of war, has completely forgotten all about the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance provisions of the New Deal's social security program. Long ago, chances are, payroll deductions had deadened the worker's consciousness as the constant application of an anesthetic. The time, rather than being inappropriate, is ripe for consideration of those Old-Age taxes.

On January 1, as per schedule, these taxes are to be doubled, increasing to two per cent to employee and employer alike. Already the Trust Fund for Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance has reached the three billion dollar mark—built by payments of one per cent by employer and employee.

Many men in Congress today are wondering whether the taxes should actually be doubled now. Had they known, in the beginning, that the first, easy, scale of taxes would raise such an enormous sum, Congressmen would never have provided for doubling and tripling the amount.

When the law was passed in 1935, Congressmen expected to produce more than that this year, at the single rate. In brief, without allowing for any further expansion of employment, the tax will raise more than was expected at two per

The Old Dodge

Elections Squeeze Congress Into an Income Tax Boost

We looked at the story and then pulled out the little barometer we keep to register our opinion of Congress. The indicator groveled at a new low for the year, almost broke a record. The one per cent increase in income taxes had, apparently, depressed our indicator.

There have been examples of American courage without number since the war began; too few of them have been demonstrated by Congress. We think the new boosting of income taxes, though we realize the taxpayer hasn't begun to pay, shows a distinct lack of Congressional courage.

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Sunday Shylocks

The Army Has a Weapon For Price-Jackers

Upon merchants who delight in the lucrative custom of dispensing beer at high Sunday prices, the Army has fixed a suspicious eye. Those guilty here and in other cities of this area, are counting on the official blacklisting which means a low reputation, crippled business. The Army doesn't like discrimination. Should officers at Morris Field, Camp Sutton or any other nearby base make the decision, declaring any shop off limits would be a simple matter—and there is no appeal. One blacklisted, the local experience has been, a merchant is forgotten, is never taken off that evil list. Several local concerns still feel the ruinous touch placed upon them last year.

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