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The Man Himself

Franklin Roosevelt stands Inspection

By WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE in The Empire Gazette I SAW the President twice on this trip. Once I went with the American Society of Newspaper Editors...

met him, surrounded to him and cut out of his hand when we had left the room where the President talked. I was astonished...

Perhaps it is the middle-aged spread. His growth has not been in pounds. It has been above his neck. His shoulders have widened. His neck and jaws have filled out...

As I sat listening to him, feeling that he was just a bit weary of it all, the monotony and sameness of it all, I could not find it in me to notice that as his speech went on...

But he is a vital person, and I saw more than one Southern Democratic editor who pounded on the table and marked when he spoke of Roosevelt the evening before we

and thanked me. In the end the Presidency is a man killer. I suspect I am not the one to assess Mr. Roosevelt. The Republican Party has two schools of thought about him...

I belong to the lighter strata, left wing. We less emotional Republicans are inclined to admit under pressure that after all, he is the President, and that he has been elected and sworn in...

Forever

Big Appropriations Don't Mean State Problems Are All Solved

"This is more than an appropriation bill. It is a great social document. When future generations study the history of this period, they will find from this document that we are a generous and humane people..."

We were moved by those words of Representative Clarence Stone, spoken at the appropriation bill, ended its journey through the General Assembly...

And so long as State leaders realize that the money of the people, so freely spent, cannot buy gains without proper administration, and that there must be constant safeguarding of our institutions...

Our morning contemporary thinks well of Senator Kenneth P. for Patronage McKellar's scheme to have the Senate pass on a general employment extension as much as \$4,500 per annum...

The Rescue

After a Long, Hard Fight Eggs Are Saved For Public

Behind the unblinking eye of your morning egg lies a major U. S. food problem, a veritable network of complications making egg production one of the most confusing phases of the task of furnishing food for a world...

For 1943, Uncle Sam has spoken for well over \$7 billion, it figures out at \$700,000,000 dozen, an increase of eight per cent. Reason for the increase is that exports are going up...

Few other products move to market in such varied fashions as do eggs. Seriously affected by seasons and sections, they are subject to almost endless price adjustments and differentials...

The OPA action was a freeing order on retail prices, accomplished by fixing percentage of markup between 12 and 17 per cent. To fix such a ceiling the country was divided in two...

for the duration, and the price won't go out of sight. It took a red-tape crazy Washington to understand the complex system of the American egg and save it for the average man...

One And All

Senate Committee Blunders On Manpower For Farms

The creaks and groans of the great American war machine are loudest on the nation's farms, where every inroad of war is more keenly felt...

His machines, his labor, his supplies, all have been taken from him, and a program of control bungled by New York City farm experts who don't know the end of a cow from another...

It was thus reassuring to note that the Senate Military Affairs Committee gave its earnest attention to his problem on the over-all consideration of manpower problems...

Even More

Red Cross Drive Should Not Be Allowed To Lag This Year

We are confident that the current Red Cross campaign in Charlotte will be successful, but we are disappointed that it lags in some quarters...

It comes to us now that the founding fathers were dead right. Taxation with representation is tough enough.

That the Charlotte public is not availing itself of the opportunity to quickly overreach the goal is, we think, an accusation. The agency of mercy needs no one to tell its story...

A new addition to the leisure class in Ciano, the well-dressed court, there seems to be no call in Rome for a Foreign Minister, now that Italy has become a German satellite...

Counting on Your Support

By Herblock



Fire! Fire!

The People Get Excited

By Dick Young

PEOPLE do queer things in the excitement of a fire like the excited individual in the hoary story who tossed the bowl and pitcher out of the second floor window and then struggled down, carrying a feather bed...

And Chief Palmer joined in the conversation by asking me, "You know the difference between an excited woman and an excited man at a fire?"

It was back in the early '20s when a fire developed at the Seelye Hotel. This was the same night of the Garibaldi & Bruns fire and firemen were working under strain...

Chief Palmer remembered a fire over in Brooklyn. As he came up, the Negro whose house was on fire was juggling a large couch through the front door. There it had stuck it couldn't be huffed.

As Chief Griswold dashed into the lobby he was almost frozen in his tracks as he beheld a man calmly walking down the stairs. He was wearing a hat, he wore his vest and coat and his hat was at a confident angle...

Firemen will tell you that most everybody gets excited when fire strikes—the man who gets excited that when he telephones the fire department to tell of a fire at his house he gave the address of a business...

Out the door he walked and in the excited crowd on the street he made the remark, "I can't say anyone should get so excited about a little fire. I dressed and came out in calm and comfort. And a bygone day when you put on your pants?"

Now you talk about hasty flight. That man took wings when he glanced down and for the first time realized he was sans trousers.

Farm Foolishness

Congress Warns Russia

By Samuel Grafton

ON STYLE: Congress is about to defer all farm workers. It wants to solve the food problem. It selects a moment at which the Russian offensive in the south is slowly being written to Russia...

My prize fire story is the one of the Charlotte woman who, finding the roof of the house on fire, rushed to the telephone and called her husband to tell him the house was on fire instead of calling the fire department.

It is Congress really so innocent, as to believe it makes no difference when it does these things; that issues in this war can be kept separate, each from each, and each wrapped in a cologne, as if each had nothing to do with the other?

Later, Later

Term Four

By Raymond Clapper

SOMEbody had the awkwardness of bad taste, it is to mark off the end of President Roosevelt's decade in office by bringing up the subject of a fourth term in connection with a visit of Democratic politicians to the White House.

One can't make out exactly what happened. Apparently the Democratic politicians did some kidding on a fourth term when they saw the President on the eve of his tenth anniversary in office. The Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, C. Walker, was alone and he said, although not in so many words, that a fourth term was mentioned, it was not a serious presentation and that it brought no response from the President...

That, at any rate, is the way the affair is reported by the White House correspondents, who are usually pretty accurate about such things. Then Chairman Walker makes the comment that this is no time to discuss a candidate for 1944. This is the redeeming remark about the whole business, and it is to be hoped that Mr. Walker was not merely trying to hedge against the trial balloon that he had permitted to go up from his own little group.

But that is not a question to be hallowed on the anniversary of ten years in office. A year hence, the best interests of the nation may make it seem desirable to retain President Roosevelt in office. But the very possibility that such a situation may arise out of the war makes especially offensive these current maneuvers of frightened Democratic politicians to whom him into the nomination now.

I find it a little more reassuring to the spirit to think of a couple of other events that suggest to me the strength of American democracy in the midst of total war. One is the aft caused by the death of the White House peanut vendor, Steve Vasek. He had his peanut wagon on the northeast side of the city for years. After Pearl Harbor he sold war bonds as well as peanuts. The point about Steve's death is that it has been reported on page one of American newspapers along with the most important news of the day. This humble man of Greek birth received a whole editorial in the New York Times, which is in America about equal to being made a peer in England. The Times described Steve as a self-respecting business man whose career would have been impossible in Nazi Germany where a Berlin peanut vendor would have to be a spy, a toady, or a paper of petty blackmail to the Gestapo.

Also suggesting that American democracy continues to function in the midst of total war is the action of the Supreme Court in setting aside the conviction of the Nazi propagandist, George Sylvester Viereck. He was financed with Nazi money. But his conviction was set aside on technical grounds of errors in trial procedure. The Supreme Court said that the conviction could not stand, however deserving of punishment Viereck's conduct might seem. The fact is that the Supreme Court, following the American tradition of rule by law and justice, is insisting upon scrupulous justice even for those who do not deserve it. So it is hard to believe any propagandist who says that democracy is on the way out in America's total war. You can't even get up a witch hunt—except against Harry Hopkins! Read the histories of some other officials. The minority opponents of the Administration are not the hunted as in many countries, but the hunters. That is a way of making democracy safe for everybody but those in power.

Visitin' Around

What's the Matter With Little and Maggie That They Wear Long Faces? (Route 5 Items, Lenor News-Topic) Miss Adessa Atkins, Mr. Gerald Gragg and Mr. Arley Wilcox were pleasant callers at the home of Mrs. Craig Sunday afternoon. Miss Maggie Johnson visited Miss 'Peg' Heffner Sunday. Miss Little Johnson was a caller at the home of Mrs. T. B. Craig, Sunday. Miss Nina and Bertha Johnson were pleasant callers of Mrs. Albert Heffner Sunday.

Side Glances



"All my boy friends have gone to war, but I still go to the beauty shop every Friday—we must make our post-war plans now!"