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'TUESDAY, JULY 20, 1943

Reserve Fund The Old Tax Rate, As Is, Cauld Provide a Big One

City Councilmen, having "informally" given their approval to a cut in the tax rate, to a new low of \$1.33, should have rate, to a new low of \$1.33, stouch have been giving their attention to yester-day's speech by Coleman Roberts before the Engineers' Club. As usual in these times, Mr. Roberts was shooting at the future, and urging common-sense planning for the community. It was his idea that the tax rate should not be eut, so that a post-war surplus might be built for the days when it is certain His line of thought was sound, and

the be needed.

His line of thought was sound, and in agreement with the best-laid plans by experts all over America. His was a reasonable plea to the City Government: Leave the tax rate alone. It is low enough for comfort already. And we will baddy need some extra funds after the war is over, and the post-war soom has died. No one is complaining of the high tax rate now. There is plenty of money in circulation. We can afford the present tax rate. We may not be able to afford to carry on assential services. If we or ten years hence. We will need a reserve fund.

Mr. Roberts should be heat of yellowing the high ten of the plant of the

weity to the point:

"If it is good business for every private industry to set aside funds for future expansion and unexpected contingencies, is it not likewise just as good business for every unit of Government to now put aside funds that will be immediately available as needed for public works programs? Now is the time to collect faces, when people are paying faces, and are able to pay faces . . It will hart less to pay more now than it will later."

We hope the Council will hear.

How to finance our own reconstruc-tion and the world's begins to be a question, as it does to any magician discovering that the rabbit has become elightly larger than the hat.

Field Rations

They Taste Good Enough in Sicily To End This War

Two stories, passing in the news, say

Two stories, passing in the news, say volumes on the progress of the war. More than battle reports, they tell the tale of the coming end, the looming victory. From Sielly, both of them, they tell of Axis fighting men who no longer fight, men who are captures of the victorious armies of the United Nations. Their story, in short, is that they like this new existency in short, is that they like this new existency confesses that he span they have been storied to the stories of the stor

This German is happy to be a prisoner, and not just because he was tired, or afraid. He knows that there can be no resisting the rising tide, in the end. And there are the captured Italians and Sicilian natives. They turned with wender to the little packages of food earried by American soldiers. Never fad they geen food so wonderful as the field rations, "C" and "K." They made feests of these small packages, these lights of modern warfare. More than the bombs or builets or tanks or planes, these people were impressed by the great supplies of food. They clustered around the Allied camps and were fed. That is beautiful propaganda. the kind That is beautiful propaganda, the kind

That is beautiful propaganda, the kind that works.

We need drop no more leaflets in the senutries of the enemies, but need drop only field rations. The hungry can advers food more than invincible arms of armsis. The Americans, by because the sead of feeding half-starved because the sead of feeding half-starved his said of feeding half-starved hungries.

Enecescipation Harold Ickes Gives in, but Tries To Tell a Tale of Woe

Harold Ickes Gives in, but Tries To Tell a Tale of Woe Harold Ickes will make a great many friends with his policy of qualitaing gasoline aliotments in all sections of the country, but his announced reasons for the reversal of policy will not be convincing. The average motorist in the Eastern area will cling to his belief that his section has been discriminated gasinst, and has been restricted while other sections went free from punishment or suffering. The move, not likely to be so popular in the West, at least puts the distribution of fucl upon a sounder basis.

It may be that, with the coming of the new emancipation of the Eastern driver, violations of the present restrictions will decline, and the laws will. From our point oating the present restrictions will decline, and the laws will. From our point easily the present restrictions will decline, and the laws will receive more sympathy from the publication of the present restrictions will decline, and the laws will receive more sympathy from the publication of the restrictions of the restrictions of the restrictions of the restriction of the re

oil wells.

It makes little difference, we suppose, whether the Eastern driver accepts Harotic Ideas' word that the pipe line has made possible the change in his behalf lie will suspect that Ideas a simply heard too many complaints, and changed his mild as to the rights of Eastern motorists. And, whatever the reason, the change will be wildly acclaimed.

Who now remembers when a "fixed income" was good?

Our Winancen

They Hen Peck Us All, and Now the Germans Know It

Note the Germans Knote It.

We're impatient with those prophets who cry that, by chewing a certain brand of gun, Americans will help to win the war, and the properties of the

so that the nation might be discredited in Germany, and hence lengthen the war.

Either someone is pulling FBI's leg or defuding the usually competent German spy system, or we underesthinate the factor of good, juley scandal in the prosecution of this war. We frankly don't think it matters a whit whether Germans at home, cringing under Allied bombs, believe that American women, richly dressed and perfumed to high Heaven, are galloping that the state of the competition of the weak of the competition of the like. And we don't think such new matters to the Germans, except perhaps to make them wish fevendity they were now in America.

And as to the stories of the "dominance of American women," we can't see how FBI can conscientiously step in and break up such reports. The Nazis who sent, hom't a story like that were only relaying the baid truth, and if there is an American male who'd like to dispute that fact, let him step up and look at the statistics. The American female is surely dominant, has been for many sears, and is likely to continue of a Minance of American women, we have no objection. We think the FBI was out of order.

In Buffalo it is ruled that a woman of 25 is no longer young for purposes of lodging in a Young Women's Chris-tian Association. Now to survey the athletic slubs, for athletes.

Lesson From France

The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

WABHINGTON
WITH Allied troops storming Selly, French lessens
from the current row over Generals de Gaulle and
Giraud are vitally important today—(1) as an example of the mistakes we should avaid in Italy. (3)
as an example of how not to get divided into two
opposing camps at home. American: Hi calle and
Giraud as in France. If we are not careful the same
disension may occur over different political factions in Italy. WABHINGTON

ons in Italy.

To get the full benefit of current French lessons it is necessary to go back to the days sherity after the Full of France when the Allies needed at least one French leader around when to arge the freeing of France. General de Gaulte, a relatively less-ranking officer who had dislinguished himself as a tank expert, was the only man

himself as a tank expert, was the only man available. He was not the best choice, but there was no other, so he was built up as a symbol of Pree France, or the state of the symbol of the pree france, and the symbol of the symb

orraine is the hardest one I have to bear."

Returning to Lendon, Churchill wired de Gaulle to come to London to discuss Madagascar. Neihing happened. Then Foreign Minister den telegraphed, Finally de Gaulle wired that he would come to London at his own convenience, that he was gring to Central Affect first, and Typ to this point, the British atone had to bear the Cross of Lorraine. But when Fresident Reosert west of Gaulle ceren more than Churchill had, At their meeting, do Gaulle assumed a stiff-necked, but the Cross of Lorraine and Churchill had, At their meeting, do Gaulle assumed a stiff-necked commenting to Gaulle assumed a stiff-necked bination of Jean d'Are and Clemenceu.

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The President has criticaed de Gaulle and has been mindething him to friends ever aince. But, for the French people, de Gaulle translated agreat symbol. He was the one man who had atcod out and upon that the people fight for France. This was the propagands the British themselves apread; this was the symbol they had built.

They had built even better than they realized. So, because he meant much to the people of France, because he read that the proposed of France are the constituted to get British support, despite the opposition of the U. S. State Department and the criticism of FDR.

But last, time, the strew almost mapped wites Churchill went to North Africa. There he had another but a street with a facility of the street with a facility. For a facility distributed and many the facility and the street would not agree. He said that de Gaulle was too important a symbol, meant he much to the people of Trance. This Bit of Churchill and Eden 1981, But Churchill Freitring to Londen, called a press energeteione, gave out a scathing bill of particulars against the Free Franch loader. He said he was stired of pelemics and was going to give the facts. Whereupen he saided de Gaulle a intent facilit, chiefly ambertal and the Arabe in Syria against the British; said he favored France-Bussian, co-operation for the future control of Europe.

Since then, the situation has become worse.

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De Gaulle meddled in French Army affairs, wanted
to take over command. This was resented by other
French commanders, sticklers for rank, who pointed
out de Gaulle, was only a brigadier general and a
tank expert. Stornly obdurate, at heart a Calviniat,
he has refused to compromise in anything. But as
he has lost prestige with British and American
leaders, he has, if anything, increased prestige with
the French pople. They regard him as their real
military savior.

sillitary savior.

Só Churchill and Roosevelt cannot remove the "savior of France." Besides, as Charles Bevila, head of, the exiled Roumanian Government, remarks: "They say de Gaulle is difficult! Of course he is! So are all mon of principle."

Jesse's Temper

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The Wallac-loss dispute is now water over the dam: Washington reaction is universally favorable to the banning of bickering. Perhaps this is the state of the state of the dame of the

The Magician

-By Dorman Smith



Eisenelegever les Actions

A Cool Customer

By Raymond Clapper

ALLIED COMMAND POST, NORTH AFRICA DURING a big historic event such as the invasion of sitely it might be supposed that the commanding general would be clanking his weight around. After all this is a great moment in history beauther Allies at least are carrying the war to because the Allies at least are carrying the war to because historic models and the suppose of the property of the suppose of the suppose of the place issuing orders right and left.

usce issuing orders right and left.

But Gen. Ebenhower exturned from the beaches of Sicily leoking as if he had just come from a ball game which broke right for the home team. He was more like a big industrial executive, on the day when the plant is breaking treduced by the state of the st

mill ast it had nothing else to do.

The fact is, Eisenhower's main work was doing with a more and the service of the control of the control

Elsenhower went over to the beaches, not to direct operations, but to welcome the Canadians

who were in action under him for the first time, also to call on various American generals conducting operations, to get a look at the end product of his months of hard work on infinite drains and, finally, to give his aide, Navai Commander Butcher, an opportunity of Lake two relis of anaphable for little stray Dodge.

of snapshots for their scrap books. At this stage, Gen. Elsenhower was watching chiefly for defleiences in planning which can be corrected for future actions, solings places, hearing references to the contract of the contr

oing thus far.

So instead of seeing a dust-covered, motor-ized version of Gen. Grant at Shiloh, you see Elsenhover in neat shirtsteeve, with just a dudlah touch—he wears a regulation Army neck-tic whereas creryone else in this area keeps their shirt collars open, even generals at dinner.

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Alf force men, up lo and including Gen. Toocy
Spaats, keep their sleeves rolled up which you won't
find authorized in the regulations. Except for that
necktle touch, Elsenhower is Informal, very much
kenass fofks, although he's had occasion before
this
Elsenhower doesn't seem to be a person who
runs war by intuition. From what an outsider can
observe it seems as if the Allied invasion was the
result of slide rule planning, more like a big enceut, there has been nothing more epectacular in
history than this sjantic arranda landing a mechanized army on the ancient shores of Sicily.

Visitim² Around

Musta Had a New Cut Glass Water Set (30 Years Ago, Lexington Dispatch) Mrs. R. L. McCrary entertained the members of the Delphine Em-broidery Glub at her home on Mala Skross

But Did He flow

Em at Night?

All Member Been Up To?

Mount Morries Journal)

Morries Journal

We heard Mr. Brice
mowing cate fonight at 9:18 O'clock
by moonlight at 19:18 O'clock
by mo

Side Glastes

"I hope it isn't misleading to the neighbors—all the new things you've been buying since I got that little war contract!"

So Curious

The Presbyterians

By Tom P. Jimison

LUMBERTON

THE Lumber River Scots are so numerous and important in this meck of the woods that the late Governor Angus Wilson McLean wrote a history of them and endloned upon the executors of his will to publish it. It has been widely read, and its said that it traces the ancestry of the Lumber River outlit to away back yander; mebbs to the flood. Perhaps it was old Noah MacQregor who built the six. At any rate he must have been a Scotch Presbyterian, for he never gave up. He preached on the same subject for more than a hundred years, and all the time he was making ready to take care of the elect when and all the time he was making ready to take care of the elect when the whole of the same subject for more than a hundred years, and all the time he was making ready to take care of the elect when the work of the same subject for more than a hundred years.

Methodists hadn't appeared on the scene.

Mest all the Scota around here are "Mcs." and ef course they are Frachterians. Some of them may be members of other churches, but they are resolution and the scene of the school of the

McJimison. Whoever started the myth that Scotchmen are close-fisted, or that they do not take to pleasure and fun, was simply off his casip. He had probably been bested in a trade by one of them, or had been the victim of a practical joke hatched by a dosen of them. They are liberal all right, but they don't think much of being liberal with other people's money, which is one reason that many of them are a bit skittsh of the New Deal. And they believe in pleasuring themselves and enjoying life.

Here at Lumberton the head of the content of the second of the content of th

nd enjoying life.

Here at Lumberton the breibren have a very curious club. Some of them call it the Goat Pen Club, some call it the Monkey Club, but perhaps it would be more approps to style it the Wrangiers Club. It is the towns brain irsus, and it meets often as park by the City Hall. It enty lake it too make a querum. This club charges no dues, has no efficials, gives no banquets and has no set speches. The members discuss everything from peanuts to politics, from Ladpoles to theology, and from the election to the Elinstein theory of relighting.

Emiscin theory of relativity. It considers the State of the Union, discusses the war, takes up the most perpicking problems of the race and settles them; but it does not settle them permanently. Always the matter may be respected, Guilar Moore, one of the most leadingsit members, easier, You'll near a lot of big lifes here under the cedar, but none of them will be malicious. People just tell about the big fish they caught, the big snakes they also not the mightly deeds which they performed. They don't hart nibbody?

unit nobody."

I have become a member of the club, and when I fell these fellers about the whangdoodles, the skyootise, the whippenpools and the great milk-while, herred rattlemakes of Haywood and the Great Simokles, they think that I am a-1-ju'i too. I feld 'em yander also of Pietaant Balanam and of the fifth on the yander also of Pietaant Balanam and great which is the property of the property

for three days, and they didn't believe may werd of sit.

Of course I could show "on the very spot where it happened, but they
would probably doubit it still. That is one of the things about these her
scotch people that I can't understand. These McAlliters, McArthurs
McBrydes, McCallum, McCorkles, McCoys, McDonalds, McDufffee
McClills, McCrintin, McLinyer, McKouhas, McKethinas, McKinnons
McLautins, McLouds, McKabdes, McKilliens, McKethins, McFinnons, McCouten, and McRaineys are plumb leary of what they hear.

Everyday Counselor

Bible Gremlins

By Rev. Herbert Spaugh

LTAVE. you heard of these "Gremlins" When something goes wrong the single the amouth running of airplanes today, the "Gremlins" as biamed. These imps of Saina do not conflict hether settifies to airplanes. They work everywhere—in war production plants, business house, homes, yes, in churches

ouses, homes, yes, in churches.

They're even been at work to slow down the production of New Testaments for our men in the Armed Ferces. A few weeks are so some subplurie seld leaked through a flow I at the actory of the New York of the Armed Service William of the Armed Service William the delays already caused by shortage of labor, this means that the delivery of Testaments will be pestsponed for another eight or nine weeks, and some of our Service Mean may perhaps leave our shorter without griting a Testament.

Th American Scripture Gitt Mission which started distribution of pocket Testaments to soldlers during World War I, has been specializing through the years in attractive Scripture Portions. East year their total distribution was slightly above 800,000 Bibles, Testaments, Gospels and Scripture Portions.

nents, Gospels and Scripture Portions.

The corespondent who furnished me with the above information, and who is gratily interested in the work of the Serjeture Gitt. Mission concludes his letter, "Becently the Virginia Asher providing for many Testimenia, Geopals, and Serjeture Developer of many Testimenia, Geopals, and Serjeture Developer, which were immediately allecated to the three different arms of our Service—some going to a Chaplain in Now Serticia in the South Pacific, a personal Irlend of the Excelutes Secretary of Meston. It will be of interest to readers to knew that this Mission for the past 20 years has sent pecket Testamenia, others in large than thools of North Carelian. The Adal phesonal and second in schools of North Carelian. The Adal phesonal and second and the Bible for themselves."

Exceptive Secretary William 27. Nitolia services the second of the second and the second and the Bible for themselves."

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Executive Secretary, William Z. Ritchie writes that his Scripture Off Mission has no enforment, but that the work it, supported by Christian people, who believe as Theodore Scowell, this: "The Biblis has been the foundation of our National Bid." Contributions to this work can be sent to the Scripture Offt Mission, 338 North Thrissenis Birch, Philedelphia, Point, Ten coatio will buy at inseparative Tockament for a Sofiety, Switchie Country of the Scripture Potter and the Scripture Potter of the S