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Stockings Are Still Empty

A good many years ago, in an effort to channelize the Christmas Spirit, this newspaper established an Empty Stocking Fund. The idea was simple enough—those who felt the urge to spend a little seasonal cheer among the less fortunate would have a quick and convenient method of doing so...

Whose Business Is It?

We do not know exactly why a young man setting out to mix with such an old man as racial prejudice should immediately be condemned, but this has been the fate of Frank Sinatra. The Charleston News and Courier suspects Mr. Sinatra of press agency, although the evidence is to the contrary...

The Boss and The British

Joseph Edward Kelly, despite his considerable service to the Democratic Party, it was one of his agents who seized a subterranean microphone and boomed Franklin Roosevelt to a Third Term nomination...

The Badge Of Authority

"The eyes of both races are on you," City Manager Boyland told the two Negro policemen as he swore them into the badge area...

CAREFULLY guarded in secret Navy files is a Gallup Poll of Naval men which top Annapolis officers are going to say a word for or two after the war...

Most significant was the fact that only ten per cent of the regular Navy men—in other words, the vast majority—were in a career of the Navy—wanted to stay in after the war...

Officer Training Defective Those who have studied this poll admit privately that there is seriously wrong at the Navy's core. One trouble, they believe, may be that officers are trained in strategy, navigation and other technical problems, but not in the humdrum of handling men...

NOTE—Especially significant is the fact that not one sailor mentioned sea duty, danger, crowded bunkrooms, or discomforts as a reason for wanting to leave the Navy.

Caste System Another significant question was No. 30, the answers to which indicated that many reasons were not the motive inspiring most men in their desire to leave the Navy, but rather dislike of officers and Naval regimentation...

Further Naval Education Question 24 also is considered significant. It read: "How easy do you think it will be to get assigned to Navy schools for further education in the peacetime Navy?"

On The Welcome Mat The District Office is well aware of the fact that it allows more sugar to us for the manufacture of jams, jellies and marmalades than for pickles, and that such items are sold within the price range of most nearest competitors...

Mr. Truman's Unenviable Position THE fact that Congress has not adopted the piece of legislation requested by President Truman in the form in which he requested it has not escaped the attention of our allies in the war so recently ended...

Mr. Truman's Unenviable Position By Marquis Childs In the backlash of a terrible war. All the pent-up wishes and resentments tend to concentrate into the man who happens to have been dropped into the driver's seat.

A Newspaper Function His home address in the public domain in which he would obtain materials and labor. We will welcome any reader, with or without horseplay, who comes forward with a suggestion for something we might start—Eds. News.



"If we spend that much on your relatives, Mom, we'd better buy Dad a more expensive present than a muffler, so he won't rave about the bills!"

The People's Platform

BY MARY LONG LAND, and LOIS LONG BIKER Owners, The Dixie-Dame Company Stateville Dixie-Dame Pickle Company. The Dixie Dame Pickle Company, not the Dixie Dame Pickle Company, while we manufacture fancy d'oeuvres and sell them to practically all of the large stores of the country...

Dixie-Dame Rebuttal

THE BLACKBERRY CROP Last summer we tried to get sugar to save the blackberry crop. OPA told us this was not an essential crop. It was a "welfare" crop. We reported we were buying from 1500 to 2000 pounds of berries...

BOUND BY CONTRACTS

In the third quarter it was further reduced to 50 per cent. However, during this third quarter, which includes the months of July, August and September, we had to purchase the produce contracted for when the third quarter sugar allotment of sugar was again limited to 50 per cent of the situation in the plantations...

A Newspaper Function

BY GEORGE F. FARMER The recent letters on the housing problem, including the very fine note from Mr. Locke in today's issue, have touched the welfare of the people so vitally. Today, however, the newspaper "person" is showing us the morning mail to see what some columnist up in Philadelphia or New York has decided to send in to you. Of course when the newspaper actually considers...



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