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America's Test In The Draft

NORTH CAROLINA'S venerable Robert L. Doughton, dean of Congress, courageously and eloquently expresses his opposition to the draft bill and states the grave issue confronting the nation in this undertaking.

The situation that has moved the Administration to call for the draft, and the Senate to approve it, is clear. It is all too plain to us that this is not peacetime defense but a test of national unity.

Congress has recognized the existence of this emergency in a series of actions. It has faced the challenge to America to assume world leadership and responded with measures for U. S. military preparedness and European economic recovery. These

GOP Never Forgets Or Changes

It is said the elephant never forgets and we have a demonstration of the long memory in politics in the case of the North Carolina Republicans, who have reached back in political history for "proof and precedent" to justify the GOP's refusal to obstruct Judge Wilson Warlick's advancement to the Federal bench of the Western North Carolina district.

The Federal nomination was named to the Federal court post by President Truman early this Spring upon the resignation of Federal Judge E. Yates Webb, and his acceptance in deserved recognition of his long and distinguished public service. Since then, Republicans have employed various devices to sidetrack Judge Warlick's nomination from confirmation in the Republican-controlled Senate.

We are now informed by one of the North Carolina Republican leaders that the GOP rolling of Judge Warlick, a Democrat, is on the same level of the Democratic proceeding which brought Judge Webb to the Federal bench nearly thirty years ago.

Sergeant Gardner On Duty

HONORABLE service is ever to be admired and when a police officer devotes 40 years to the difficult tasks of law enforcement as Sergeant Gardner, whose record, special distinction is his due. Thus we pause to give that recognition to Sergeant R. C. Gardner, whose untimely death removes from the ranks of the Charlotte Police Department its oldest member in point of service.

Sergeant Gardner (and there's a story in his title) joined the municipal organization Jan. 4, 1908 and ended that service this week with a single death against his name. Growing up with the city and the department, Sergeant Gardner passed from the horse and buggy days to the automotive age, keeping step with progress, maintaining a friendly and courteous manner, and enforcing the law with fairness and justice.

Known always, particularly by "the boys" in the department, as "Sergeant" and the veteran officer did attain officially the rank of lieutenant in recognition of his efficient services as traffic officer. But there came a time, just a few years back, when a new administrative change was made and he was promoted to sergeant.

As Mr. Truman changes his mind on Federal appointments, he may find the hero of the South come convention time. — Kingsport (Tenn.) Times.

Fish are dying of old age in the Mississippi. Several Gardner's were angling, which is quite a new fishing tale, we think. — Greenville Piedmont.

'You Say There's Another One Coming?'



New Day On The Farm Rising Productivity Brings Riches

THE nation's farmers by their enterprise and initiative have achieved remarkable advances in livestock productivity for the last decade in a modernization program that is comparable in many ways to the great forward strides in industrial and business techniques in the same period.

Indicative of this increased agricultural efficiency is the fact that between 1929 and 1946 gross production per farm worker increased 29 percent as compared with 1917-21 and 1929. Farm workers have matched accurately the productivity increases during the last decade, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The results have had a far-reaching impact on national welfare and on the living standards and financial security of the average American farm family.

Much of this progress has come from the great growth of mechanization of farm operations and the increased contributions to the overall results have been made.

THE following table shows the steady growth of efficiency in agricultural production in the last generation:

Table with 5 columns: Year, Average annual production per farm worker (1917-21), Average annual production per farm worker (1929-46), and other metrics. The table shows a significant increase in productivity over the period.

WHAT makes the record so outstanding is that the total acreage harvested has changed little since the first World War and the output has declined about 1 1/2 million in the period. The farmer's accomplishments is that each man-hour of his time produces more than twice as much grain total farm production as it did in the 1917-21 period, according to Government statistics.

At the time farmers in the last few years had formed the same as they did in the World War I period, and they were well by perfection of methods for increasing yields of both crops and livestock and by development of better and more efficient farming practices in general.

It is this development along with favorable weather conditions and warm handshakes, farmer, despite manpower and other shortages, to meet the record needs for farm products at home and abroad is what has helped to feed a hungry world since then.

Dr. Pearson's Vandenberg Has Learned The Hard Way

Editor's Note—Sen. Arthur Vandenberg, No. 1 dark horse of the Republican Party today, is analyzed in Drew Pearson's column.

Paradox In Taft

WASHINGTON (AP)—The frantic final rush of Congress so much patient effort is being swept aside. The furious drive to get the bill through today is being made with a hope and a prayer that the bill will be passed before a flood.

What gives added drama to this haste is the fact that the bill is being passed by a narrow margin and the plans are in no small part those of Sen. Robert A. Taft, one of the most conservative members of the Republican leadership for the Republican President.

But that all is almost too easy. Important as it is, the bill is being passed by a party that has not been in power for many years. The party must look forward and not backward, will hardly expect to win the next election.

On the other hand, the Senator from Ohio knows more about government than probably any man who has occupied the White House since the days of Andrew Jackson.

It is in foreign policy that Taft is weak. In his sympathetic approval of Roosevelt's massive foreign aid program, he has shown a willingness to go to the aid of the European Recovery Administration, which it was before the Senate, over the protests of those who pointed out that the \$5,000,000,000 program was being scrutinized by at least two able committees.

Col. Robert R. McCormick, of the Chicago Tribune, who is for Taft, has said that the Senator from Ohio is a man who has been in the White House since the days of Andrew Jackson.

That could be, even in this Republican year, a decisive factor. Yet in the past, the Senator from Ohio has gone far and wide to speak with the plain people of speaking unpleasant truths.

Samuel Grafton The Age Of Innocence

THE coming campaign in New York is in some ways one of the weirdest in the memory of man. It is a return to the age of innocence, with the Republicans once again, as in the days of long ago, being the party that are going to win, and on a straight conservative platform.

It is true that a good deal of this prosperity is due to the fact that prices of farm products have risen more than fourfold since 1940 while their output has been reduced substantially. There has been a decided increase at the same time in farmers' ownership of life insurance.

THE mechanization trend in American agriculture began about a century ago with the development of the reaper and the combine.

Now these are all government measures. And here the picture becomes a little different. The Republicans will be campaigning on the ground that they have brought about the present prosperity by their conservative and to real conservation, and to real conservation, and to real conservation, and to real conservation.

It Took Van A Long Time

IT HAS taken the Senator from Michigan a long time to learn some things, but he has learned them well. His mistakes, however, have been many.

It was not long ago, for instance, that he was not only the darling of the Chicago Tribune, but also the darling of the Detroit Free Press.

These, however, are not the factors now being considered by Republican leaders as they approach the Philadelphia campaign.

Regarding political number one, the Senator is 64, the same age as President Truman. Although he complains of being old, he has traveled all over the country and has seen the light, makes him all the more effective. He has seen the light, makes him all the more effective. He has seen the light, makes him all the more effective.