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THE FUTURE OF 'MR. REPUBLICAN'

IT IS MERELY stating the obvious to say that the Taft-Ferguson race in Ohio is the No. 1 attraction in today's Congressional election. Normally any Senatorial campaign is of some interest beyond the boundaries of the state in which it is held.

Party axis. Taft brings his cold and massive intellect to bear on every major piece of legislation before the Senate. He is exceptionally able. He is courageous. He is impeccably honest. He is, also, frequently scrupulous.

PEOPLE AND PLAYGROUNDS

WE REALIZE, of course, how it happens that the Great Smoky National Park and the Shenandoah National Park draw more visitors each year than such better publicized parks as Yellowstone and Yosemite.

The other national recreation areas in North Carolina - Guilford Courthouse, Moorea Creek, Fort Raleigh, Kill Devil Hill - also showed substantial increases over the 1949 visitor total, and that finest of all scenic drives, the Blue Ridge Parkway, scored from 1,531,000 to 1,628,491.

Even so, we are always impressed with the popularity of the two parks, and especially the Great Smoky reservation along the North Carolina-Tennessee border.

That's not all. State Parks Director Thomas W. Morse reports that ten of thirteen state recreation areas have also registered an over-all increase of 47 per cent in the first nine months of this year.

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THE AMERICAN HERO

NOW and anon American sociologists, psychologists and observers in general give birth to papers on the propensity of the masses for hero worship.

As it is, many persons who are often credited of the obstinate "Mr. Republican" would prefer his re-election to a victory for Ferguson. They can't understand how a lackey can be an improvement over a man who is his own boss.

THE FIRST FROST

CAME during the night just as the "weathermen" had predicted. It came softly and stealthily, gradually enveloping the face of the land.

As it had come. A cool breeze pushed back the canopy of smoke and let the fall rays of the mid-morning sun burn through in a few hours. It was all gone, except in shaded spots here and there.

TRANSLATED INTO THE AMERICAN

THE British have at last got into the device of a mess by reason of their stubborn insistence on referring to peanuts "groundnuts" when they grind peanuts, they do not call the resulting mass peanut butter, as Americans do, but "ground groundnuts".

THE President listened attentively as the Senator urged that no one want war and that Russia by the time these men passed away will not be bullied.



Editorial Correspondence Old Folks At Home

WHILE holding that the growing number of old people in our society does not necessarily mean that they will be more mentally disturbed old people, a speaker at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Neuropsychiatric Association here pointed out that some concerted effort will be required to prevent more and more mental difficulties among the aged.

U. S. Assumption Of Power Finds Yanks All Over World

THE KEYNOTE of the Republican campaign all over the Middle West this year has been summed up in two words - gloom and foreboding.

People's Platform Drinking At Games

THESE decent citizens, taxpayers, and ardent football fans of North Carolina have a right to demand that the State of North Carolina take steps to protect its citizens from having to be surrounded by college football games by open drinking.

Family Prayer Needed

I LAST NIGHT as I was sitting in my room listening to the radio I heard the sweetest song that brought days of bliss ago back to me. It was "Call the Family Together and Have a Family Prayer".

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Truman doesn't Like to Pose At Poker

ONE of the unwritten and unknown incidents of the Wake Island conference is what General Harry Vaughan said to General Douglas MacArthur when the colonel, who was present mainly in Brisbane, Australia, when MacArthur thanked him out of the job and sent him back to the U. S.

Campaign Funds

ATTEST tabulation of political contributions filed with the Federal Trade Commission shows that the campaign for the U. S. House of Representatives has received more than \$5,000,000.

See how simple it is, really?