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Paramount

Public Health Prime Factor in Milk-Pasteurization Question

The younger generation of parents is unfamiliar with the expression "second Summer." When they were boys and girls, it was a pretty horrible period. It came when infants had been weaned to cow's milk, and cow's milk in hot weather was as likely as not to be contaminated. The number of babies who died in this second Summer of their brief lives was appalling.

Medical science and public health services have fought no more courageous battle than this, the country over, to secure the instantaneous cooling of warm milk to the point where it minimized the breeding of bacteria. It is a sanitary requirement that dairymen now take for granted, and it has played its part in the marvelous betterment of infant mortality tables.

Now our local doctors, backed up by State and Federal public health authorities, are proposing the further general sterilization of milk by required pasteurization. As to the necessity or nonnecessity of it, a layman has no business at all in reaching, much less expressing, an opinion. That is for science to say.

If the weight of scientific fact is that pasteurization is essential to reduce the breeding of harmful bacteria in raw milk, and that milk not so treated transmits disease, there can be but one course for governments to follow, and that is the paramount public health over all other factors. Dairymen, to whom pasteurization would be an added expense (and in some cases we fear, an impossibility) will have every consideration, for the development anybody could want would be to add to the expense of dairy operation. But if the further precaution is necessary in the interest of public health, complacence will not permit the omission of it.

No Easy Mark

Frank Graham Out-Smarts His Political Enemies

We note, somewhat belatedly, that Dr. Frank Graham is now rounding out a dozen years as president of the University of North Carolina. Editors from far and near have made use of the occasion to eulogize Dr. Graham, whose country must have been injured in the outside of kind words.

There was a particular point in *The Atlanta Journal's* praise of Dr. Graham, in the unhappy state of Georgia, the very essence of the progressive liberal-idea, Dr. Graham espouses is being polished at the hands of an ignorant and bigoted person named Talmadge. Said *The Journal:*

"The politicians tried mightily to forestall Frank Graham . . . but he has been stronger than his critics . . . He beat them because he refused to compromise on matters of principle. He beat them because he maintained his mental and his moral integrity."

All of which may be so. But it is not the whole story. Frank Graham stuck to his principles, all right, but he beat the politicians the only way an educator can ever lick them—by out-politicking them at their own game.

Dr. Graham's political potentialities are not so widely known as his educational leadership, probably because he is wise enough not to appear as a politician. But shucks, mister, that little man packs more political dynamite in his vest pocket than most of our so-called politicians can carry in a toecask. Ask any member of the Legislature who has ever tried to use the knife too heavily on a University appropriation bill. Ask any one of the last four Governors, they'll tell you.

They'll point out that Frank Graham has more personal friends in places both high and low, than any other living North Carolinian, that most of them will drop whatever they are doing and come to his aid at the moment they think he is threatened.

This list of friends is growing all the time and every June it increases by a thousand more. Dr. Graham is solid with the North Carolina Grange; he is respected by both camps of organized labor.

How'd he get that way? Well, you have to go back to those principles *The Journal* mentioned. First of all, he's pretty always right. You can't fight a man very hard when you know he has no personal axe to grind and that he is motivated by humanitarian, Christian principles. Particularly if he is fighting with a completely unselfish and friendly personality. There's another reason why Dr. Graham is well nigh invincible in North Carolina. He combines all of these characteristics with practical homespun hard-headedness that has just plain out-smarted his enemies, politicians and otherwise. The people who call Dr. Graham theoretical and impractical either don't know him or they haven't fought him at close enough quarters to find out differently. His real enemies know better; they'll tell you not to be fooled by his innocent manner. The maddening thing to these enemies is that this garb of innocence is not assumed—and they know it.

Yes sir, the day that a politician—or anybody else—goes after Frank Graham's hide, he'd better get up early and eat a hearty breakfast.

"Crackdown"

Law Enforcement Should Be Consistent—Not Sporadic

Police Chief Joyner says that his traffic "crackdown" (how that word has got around since Ol' Ironpants Gen'l Johnson used it on NRA violators) will continue until the public "shows a willingness to co-operate." We take this to mean that so far the public has not "co-operated" with the police, that they have failed to toe the line of the new traffic regulations with sufficient precision. It is not clear whether this non-co-operation is based on ignorance of the law, antagonism toward the new rules, or just downright carelessness.

At any rate, in the space of one day this week (Monday), 85 drivers got tickets for going the wrong way on one-way streets, six for making illegal turns, and three for parking in restricted zones.

It seems incredible, after all the publicity it has been given, that the one-way ordinance could have been violated 85 different times during one day. Our motorists must be either careless or exceedingly bold. The other possibility is that the one-way streets weren't marked conspicuously enough, as evidenced by the additional signs and warnings now being installed.

As for Charlotte's system of designating lawful and unlawful parking spaces, it is one of the most wretched aggregations of signs and counter-signs ever assembled. On one street, in particular, the driver may take his choice of three signs, each different. One says "30 minute parking." Another tells you the limit is 10 minutes. And a third flatly decrees "no parking." (It's not amoozin', it's confoosin'.)

Police "crackdowns" generally last only a few days. After that, everybody goes back by common consent to their old carefree ways. Until another "crackdown" appears on the horizon.

This sporadic, hot and cold method of enforcing the law may be necessary at times, but it allows too much backsliding. Clearly, what is needed is (1) explicit signs and warnings that inform the motorist what he can and cannot do; and (2) consistent and vigorous law enforcement—a perpetual but polite "crackdown" if you please.

Dam-Crasy

TVA Just Won't Learn About Steam Power

TVA is caught short on power by another drought. O. O. Wassenauer, its power man, says that needs exceed TVA capacities by 100 million kilowatt-hours a month. So, he adds, TVA must buy from "outside the system," meaning from private companies. This is the second time in the last few months that dry spells have forced TVA to go borrowing from other systems, some of which it drove out of the Tennessee Valley area.

It should be abundantly clear now what TVA needs is auxiliary steam plants to switch in during low-water periods. Indeed, TVA might well have forgotten about dams and built steam plants in the first place. For it is an engineering fact, they tell us, that electricity can be produced more economically, and more surely by steam turbines than by water-driven turbines.

Even so TVA has asked Congress for funds with which to build *two more* hydro dams, one to cost 50 million and the other 32 million dollars. The boys know what they're doing, we reckon, or think they know at any rate. But to ordinary people, the building of additional dams when you haven't got enough water to turn the wheels for the dams you've already built looks as though somebody had gone dam-crazy.

'The Fight Goes On'

By Hugh S. Johnson

"THE FIGHT goes on" is the title of the President's magazine series in Collier's recounting his Administration. One would expect to find that "the fight" was one for American rearmament and defense. But as each successive issue is published, it becomes more and more apparent that such is not the fight Mr. Roosevelt has in mind, in this series, at least.

This fight seems to be to discredit and punish all who have not supported all his policies—both foreign and domestic. Especially as to his unplanned, belated and inept effort at rearmament, he says there was a "minority" in opposition. "Although they were a minority they formed a very powerful group . . . had large funds at their disposal for propaganda purposes . . . had support of some of the largest newspapers and newspaper chains . . . Could command the services of a handful of United States Senators who knew they had the power of filibuster.

LISTING ROOSEVELT'S MINORITY OF ENEMIES

"This group included the defeatists . . . the appeasers . . . some business men and financiers who urged that Americans could do business with Hitler and make fat profits . . . included all of the Bundists, Fascists and, before the war between Russia and Germany, all the subversive Communists." (Where are those subversive Communists Now?

"The majority of American people, however, has become thoroughly convinced of the fallacy—to say nothing of the immorality and degradation—of these arguments."

ROOSEVELT WAS NOT FIRST TO WANT DEFENSE

Truth of the matter is that many who have disagreed with the President, particularly on defense and rearmament were advocating the steps on which he is now crediting himself, long before, years before, he was willing to heed. Proof of their correctness and his error is that he is now, step by reluctant step following their advice for example on industrial mobilization and all-out preparedness—months and years late.

That is not of much importance. The important thing is to get a unified effort of all our talent. The President's principal concern seems not so much the war but Andy Jackson's political formula "to reward all his friends and punish all his enemies." Many great men have had political doghouses, or as they used to be called, "curbstones"—cellars into which erstwhile opponents could be drowned in the rising waters of forgetfullness. It is doubtful whether any ruler or dictator ever enjoyed a more populous dog-house than FDR.

He never forgets and he never forgives and in his more mellow moments, he boasts of this. It sticks out of every chapter in these memoirs. In his opinion this seems to be his personal war and this country his personal barony.

PERSONAL DIFFERENCE OBLITERATES PAST SERVICES

Past services to him on his cause, no matter how vigorous, loyal or effective, cannot survive in his heart one single personal difference. Maybe it is right. Maybe it is the only way to run a country in a war time. Washington didn't do it and neither did Napoleon but candor compels the observation that when they didn't, they usually regretted it.

To the precise contrary seems to be the method of Mr. Hitler, Mr. Stalin and as I recall was the method of the Old Man of the Mountains, the curse of the crusaders. Just the same it doesn't seem to be a good American method. It wouldn't be hard for Mr. Roosevelt to get 100 per cent unity on his war policies now.

Correction: In a recent column I said that at the organization of America First, Lessing Rosenwald was its chairman and promptly resigned. He tells me that he was an original member but not the chairman and promptly resigned. I take him at his word and gladly correct this error.

—HUGH S. JOHNSON.

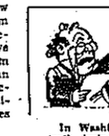
Putting First Things Last

Nation's Business

Senator Brewster, Republican, Maine, made a trip to Alaska, which is being placed in readiness to resist either the Son of Heaven or Joe Stalin: "The first shipment reaching one post," said he, "was of 360 refrigerators. The ground is frozen 100 feet deep."

The second shipment was of guns. But the guns had no sights.

Senator Soaper Says:



In Washington, genius is at work trying to control prices, wages and profits without antagonizing pressure groups. Let us all be as quiet as mice.

What ever became of the girl in the song "With the Wind and the Rain in Her Hair"? Did she get a wave and land her man?

How are things going? Is your favorite football eleven doing OK, or is this your year for deploring overemphasis?

A Western divorce seeker reveals that he met the little woman through a 10-cent chain letter. Even in the backward areas, one doesn't get much of a wife for a dime.

People who live in glass houses can find a trapeze in October in the closet under the stairs.

A new scientific theory is that the hen's cackle when she lays an egg, at 85 cents a dozen, is akin to laughter.

Rescue Job

—By Herblock

Letters to the Editor:

In Defense Of Raw Milk

Editors, The News:

Ninety-one years ago twelve Jersey cows walked down the gangplank from a ship on a New York City dock. They had a rough trip and were a sorry looking lot, but today there are over 10,000,000 grade and registered cattle of this strain in this country.

Millionaires and general farmers have entered into the breeding of them, and therefore today we have big business in milk. Big business brings rackets, rackets bring pain, and I do not like pain. Those who seek to destroy the raw milk market seek to destroy the nectar of the gods. It is the finest food provided by nature. Pasteurized milk loses a great deal of its food value.

However, pasteurized milk can be good—if it has the same careful treatment that all raw milk should have. I know one private milk producer in this county who has a pasteurization plant. It is not only spotless but germless, and he is careful to pasteurize only good clean milk. This man is above the average in both wealth and honesty. The hard-earned wealth enabled him to install the plant, and his honesty assures you that the milk was good when pasteurized, but just wait until you drop all this milk into the lap of the big syndicate as some are planning to do—then, my friends, not only will the small milk producers suffer, but you will suffer. They will pinch the small ones until they feel it in their toes, and you can be pinched quicker because you are closer to them.

Pasteurized milk will not turn sour. There is no safety valve on it. You just keep it around until it gets to smell too bad, and even then you can drink it if you hold your nose. You would not buy a steak and move it around the kitchen from place to place until it smells—yes, I know the English like "ripe" meat, but I have been away from England for a long time.

Keep your milk on ice but do not keep it there three or four days and then try to drink it—churn it then. Some argue that people cannot be taught the proper care of raw milk and that more are born each year, and hence that it is too much trouble to teach them if you could. Those who cannot learn the proper care of unspoiled raw milk would buy pasteurized milk on Labor Day and drink it on Christmas.

I have seen a big New York plant pasteurize milk. In a tank trailer load that I saw them strain they got enough stable manure to start a good sized asparagus bed—takes lots of it for asparagus. They pay the farmer starvation wages for his milk so he does not care. I have heard them say, "Heck, they cook the life out of it anyhow."

Milk men in this county are required to cook their metal milking stool in live steam twice a day. All they use this stool for is to sit on. I mention this to give you some idea of how well our board of health covers the situation.

I do not sell any of my clean raw milk, but if I did I would feel sorry for anyone who thought they had to cook it before drinking it.

Hear me folks, if you think you have to drink cooked milk, and want something else to be afraid of that may save your life, just watch yourself next time you drink out of a glass at a soda shop. Watch how well that glass is sprinkled with oftentimes cold water. The next patron will get it just like that. Ask yourself or your doctor if a dash of cool water will kill a trench mouth bug, or hundreds of others that I have not paper enough here to name. I saw in three local places Saturday night patrons drinking mixed beverages from glasses that were not even sprinkled from the first to the third patrons. All glasses in these places should be broken, and no more allowed used.

If you get your milk from a reliable dealer it will help in our national defense and help you to live to a ripe old age.

—DAN HOOD.

Matthews.

Calls One-Way Law "Miserable Failure"

Editors, The News:

It has been some two or three weeks since the Iron Duke, Beasley, started the one-way streets on Fourth and Fifth Streets and, it has been such a miserable failure to the proper movement of traffic something should be done to rectify this mistake. During the rush hours at these streets traffic is backed up at Third Street across Tryon Street and at Fifth Street to Church Street. All traffic, when it does move, goes to Trade Street and Fourth Street moving eastward or when the uptown workers are returning home. I have not had the occasion to be in the morning movements when all traffic is going west, which may be all right, but, I do know that the afternoon traffic has been a bottleneck at the points mentioned above. I do not claim to be a traffic expert but neither is Beasley. I understand that the City of Charlotte has been offered the services of a man who has made this his life's work which was turned down by the City of Charlotte. These services were offered gratis. And, while we are at it why not give Duke Power Co. bus drivers some lessons in driving and at the same time the taxicabs and the big trucks that are on our streets daily.

H. M. GIBBS.

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They'll Do It Every Time

Editors, The News:

They'll do it every time. A staunch prohibition spokesman addresses a diatribe to The News condemning alcohol's deleterious effects. His teaching is precisely that of Neal Dow and his dry contemporaries in the 1840's, since he commits himself but little more upon the actual accomplishments of prohibition than did the incorporators of the dry movement . . .

. . . there is scarcely a time when the dry constituency does not have a campaign in the offing, formulating an appeal to the best-posted section of the American people, prejudiced upon these characteristic tactics, and expecting no question to be asked.

And . . . predicting . . . disintegration of higher human attributes unless the dry regime is afforded still further opportunity to permit the bootleg gentry exclusive, tax - exempt control of obtaining large and lucrative liquor trade. . . .

A. M. GAUNT,

Charlotte, Route 3.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

Do our lives shed light or darkness? In Him was life and the life was the light of men.—John 1:4.

Post-War Leadership

By Raymond Clapper

EVERY informed official has reported that very shortly our preparation effort will have to be greatly enlarged. What we are doing and the program we have laid down are now considered inadequate. In the immediate period, now beginning, the principal effort will be to find ways of expanding this program and of making the necessary readjustments to make this enlarged production possible.

Sacrifices will be asked beyond those which already have been indicated. Therefore it becomes more to the point than ever to give the American people some justification for it.

If all of this effort is only to beat Hitler and stop there, and turn our backs and allow another major war to breed as the last one did, then the isolationists would have a good case.

THEY WOULDN'T SUPPORT PEACE — BUT WAR'S DIFFERENT

Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson pointed out the other day the ironical act that we who would not commit ourselves to support world peace were now making contributions a thousand-fold greater to support a war. He said that we who would not agree to even economic sanctions to discourage infractions of the peace are now imposing these sanctions against half of the world in an effort to turn the fortune of war.

If all of this is merely to end one war so that preparations can begin for another one, then we have a hopeless situation and it would be difficult to prevent the onset of a devastating mood of national despair.

KNOX HANDS OUT A WAR EFFORT ROAD MAP

It has remained for Secretary of Navy Knox to hand us a practical road map. His speech before the American Bar Association last week put constructive meaning in our war effort because he showed how we have at hand the practical means of making a start toward a saner world order. It is no fancy blueprint but a rough working schedule. His point simply is that the American and British Navies, together with the air power of the two countries, will be strong enough, when the war is won, to enforce peace, and to keep the world arteries open. He would continue to do this by superior force until there was time for organization of a world system of international law and even that would be backed up by force.

Secretary Knox faces frankly the fact that this means for a period combined rule of the world by Anglo-American co-operation. But somebody will have to take charge and that had better be our side. He recognizes that so much power in the hands of any one group might be subject to abuse at times. But better that risk than to go back to anarchy. If, gradually, other nations could be brought into co-operation with this system, then the outlines of a new world society would begin to take shape.

This is no more than we have done in Latin America. We have been the dominating force over the Western Hemisphere but with occasional exceptions this force has not been abused.

SMALL NATIONS CAN'T MAKE MODERN WAR

From any point of view the small nation is in a difficult position in modern times. War can be made successfully now only by the large industrial nation, or by those who have the support of the large industrial nations. With Germany disarmed, the problem becomes manageable, and particularly because of the combination of sea and air power that can be mustered by the United States and Great Britain.

You can raise a number of objections to this but none that are nearly as appalling as the alternative which is to allow the situation to run riot again after this war so that in time we are caught again in the enormous preparations such as those we now find necessary.

The United States is in a position to provide the dominant power and the dominant leadership. With this power and this leadership, economic measures probably will be sufficient in most cases to prevent new aggression. It would be only a continuation of the methods we are now using to beat Hitler.

Anyway we have the choice of exercising that power so that we have a world arranged better to our liking, or of again refusing to do it and having another period of chaos and eventual aggression with its backfire hitting us as it has twice before within this generation.

Side Glances

"My boy friend bought this engagement ring here yesterday, and we'd like to exchange it for two ice cream cones!"

Visitin' Around

According to Our Arithmetic, There Was Room For Two More Customers

(36 Years Ago, Transylvania Times)

John A. Bishop, down near the depot, has a cow that has decided that his family can get along without milk. She presented him with two healthy, young calves a few days since, and they will monopolize the milk supply.