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Saving Gas

Our Five-Point Program For Fuel Conservation

After considerable research, we have evolved an almost infallible formula whereby car owners can reduce the amount of gasoline their vehicles consume.

- 1. Have your machine's carburetor, spark plugs and other engine parts put to perfect mechanical condition.
2. Be sure that tires are properly inflated...
3. Refrain from making quick stops and starts...
4. Stop all pleasure trips; use bus or train...
5. Sell your automobile and purchase a bicycle.

Wasted Words

Judge Burgwyn Is Right But Liquor Is Powerful

In suggesting that the Mecklenburg Grand Jury investigate liquor sales in this county, Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn got hot yesterday.

There is not so far as my observation goes, a county in the state, and certainly not a city in this state, in which prohibition law is more flagrantly violated than in Mecklenburg County and in the City of Charlotte.

Either the people or the law enforcement officers, he added, do not want to enforce the law.

All of which indictment is largely true. We don't know whether Charlotte is any worse than several other "dry" cities where, to our knowledge, you can order liquor by telephone and get it delivered to your door within ten or fifteen minutes.

At the risk of appearing to be the populace of Charlotte into four groups:

- 1. Those who vote dry, talk dry and live dry.
2. That numerous and hypocritical congregation of individuals who vote dry and drink like a school of mackerel.
3. Those who vote wet, talk wet, but live dry.
4. Out-and-out wet drinkers and wet voters.

It is the second group which is largely responsible for the anomalous condition we have here, with the outward form of prohibition preventing nobody from obtaining all the liquor he wants.

Hypocritical people breed hypocritical situations. Judge Burgwyn knows perfectly well that if the people wanted the law enforced, it would be enforced.

Since the Grand Jury is powerless to do anything about either, we suspect that Judge Burgwyn's well-intentioned request was just so many words wasted.

Metal Or Planes

Should We Send Russia Aluminum or Bombers? Enough aluminum to make 500 medium bombers—2,000,000 pounds of virgin metal has suddenly popped up out of a New Jersey waste pile and has been sold by its owner, the Reynolds Metal Company, to Red Russia.

We certainly did not expect that in these times, when aluminum bids to replace gold as a precious metal, there should be a cache of such proportions. A thousand tons of aluminum is equal to half of all the metal produced by the Reynolds Company in the past twelve months.

been put to use whereby the much discussed shortage could be alleviated. If a thousand tons of aluminum will help the Russians stop Hitler, we say give it to them—fourfold. The point that worries us a little is, can the Russian airplane factories make the most efficient use of the metal? Can the aluminum be shaped into the fuselages and manufactured into airplanes in time?

Or, we wonder, would it not be quicker to keep the aluminum, make the bombers, and send Russia the finished product, under its own power, by way of the Aleutian Islands and Siberia?

Myers Hunter A Doctor Greatly Beloved By His Many Small Patients

For 32 years he was physician to Thompson, and in that gift of long service to children is summed up the moral qualities and characteristics of Dr. William Myers Hunter, who died last night.

A kinder and gentler person never lived, nor one more beloved by all the children who came under his watchful care. If we are not mistaken, he began his medical career as a general practitioner, but he found that the graver and sometimes hopeless illnesses of adults were too great a drain upon his sympathetic nature.

Into full many a distressed household had this tall, quiet man entered, his black bag in hand. His method was deliberate. Before the stethoscope came out, there is a light touch, which would alleviate the sufferings of his trustful patients and allay the worries of their parents.

A doctor must have, of course, his non-professional personality, and Myers Hunter was a man who relished the companionship of his family and his many friends. His dominant mood was that of a non-belligerent, and the dominant mission of his life had to do with the care of little children.

Painful City Manager Armstrong's Status Mayhap Needs Clarifying

In what are usually referred to as local political circles, it is pretty generally understood that City Manager Armstrong was more than a non-belligerent in the last election. There is evidence that he cast his lot with the faction usually referred to as "the Douglas crowd."

The Citizens Group, however, did not immediately ask for Mr. Armstrong's resignation. They permitted him to work for months drawing up the new City budget. Then, as the budget neared completion, the search for a new city manager developed.

Theoretically, at least, the position of city manager is supposed to be a neutral political job. This does not mean that a city manager shouldn't be enough of a politician to get along with people and groups; it means that he should refrain from taking up with one faction and against another.

Obviously, Mr. Armstrong is not acceptable to the Citizens Group, for reasons that are good enough, we take it. All the same, it is most unfortunate both for him and the Council that the effort to replace him has been so long dragged out.

The Order Of RAF

By Dorothy Thompson Note: This is the first of a series of articles by Miss Thompson on the RAF—Editors, The News.

LONDON—The Royal Air Force is not an army. It is an order, a knightly order, representing a fighting force but not only as a fighting force but as a performance.

These young men saved England a year ago and they have yet realized by the many. Their names are known to us without need. Individual exploits have been a constant feature of the RAF. The RAF will play a great role in the future. It is a force that emerges from the war.

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RAP WIVES ARE A SPECIAL KIND OF WOMEN

Their wives are, I must add, a special kind of new young woman. They are women who are used to demands that they be happy and keep their husbands happy all the time.

Most women who I talked to despise the RAF as an inferior enemy. They admire the strategy and tactics of the Luftwaffe but not the individual pilot.

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Improving on Barnum

It is unnecessary to feel all of the pain of the situation. The situation is a matter of fact.

THE QUEEN CITY'S HOPE CHEST

- No. 1 - An Uptown Theater-Auditorium
No. 2 - A Separate Court District
No. 3 - An Uptown Rest Room
No. 4 - Street-Widening

SSHH! Daddy Is Busy



Letters to the Editor: Protest Against Beckman

Note: The following open letter to Archbishop Francis J. L. Beckman, 1105 Locust Street, Dubuque, Iowa.

We do not deny you American the right to say what he wants to say. Nevertheless, in a time of national emergency, every responsible citizen has the duty to refrain from unsupported slurs at the Government of his country.

We understand fully that the fact of being a bishop of the Catholic Church does not make you less of an individual with your own personal beliefs and personal antagonisms.

The tone of your address was one calculated to arouse the passions and inflame the minds of American Catholics. Their President and his appointees in the executive branch of their Government.

We were taught that the Jews worshiped the God that the Gentiles worshiped but did not accept Christ. A study has convinced the writer that this is not true.

If the Jews had been worshipping the true God, Christ had no mission here. Paul once said that if the Jews of Moscow could make a man good Christ lived and died for them.

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You professed to see no difference between the belligerents and spoke no word of condemnation of the Nazi system—its even of its attacks on religion or its debasing of the human personality.

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Side Glances



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TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

Go yet into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation.—Mark 16:15.

Price Law Legality

By Raymond Clapper DURING consideration of Price Fixing, the question of constitutionality is likely to come up.

Consideration of the new Supreme Court. It is natural to expect that a majority of the court would be long way to sustaining the opinion as delivered by the Federal Government especially during this crisis.

But aside from that, the two holders members of the court, Chief Justice Stone and Associate Justice Roberts, both Republicans, have indicated an attitude which would seem to justify, in their eyes, Federal measures to prevent harmful effects of the defense program.

The attitude of Chief Justice Stone is suggested in a quotation from his essay on the common law, which was discovered by William Hard in preparing an article on the Chief Justice for Readers Digest. In that essay, Justice Stone said there comes a point where the right to do as one will with one's own property must bow to public restrictions, such as zoning ordinances or even price-fixing regulations.

He said that just where to draw the line between liberty and Government action for the larger good is the perpetual question of Constitutional Law. It is necessarily a question of degree which may vary with the time and with the place," he said.

MILK PRICE-FIXING LAW IS UPHOLD

In 1934 the old court upheld the right of a state to fix milk prices, in the famous case of Nebbia vs. New York. The opinion was delivered by Justice Roberts. He said that under our form of Government the use of property and the making of contracts are normally matters of private and not of public concern.

The general rule, he said, is that both shall be free of Government interference. "But," said Justice Roberts, "neither property rights nor contract rights are absolute; for Government cannot exist if the citizen may as will use his property to the detriment of his fellows, or exercise his freedom of contract to the detriment of the public."

Government is within proper sphere of power. It is important now to recall these words of the two Republican members of the court who antedate the Roosevelt Administration. For this tends to remove any ground for contending that private rights are being sacrificed to the emergency without warrant, and by a plant court now overwhelmingly dominated by appointees of President Roosevelt.

More difficult problem. Rent control may raise a more difficult problem. The question is whether this function is reserved to the states even in times of emergency. Possibly the defense program of the Federal Government are broad enough to cover the installment of rents in localities where Federal defense work is going on.

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Visitin' Around

How's That Again? (Bridgetown Item) Margaret News (said) W. S. Jones and son, Edley are making a new pasture today (Tuesday) on the other side of Rumlford's house on the hillside from the branch to change his calves from the other pasture.

Yeh, But How? (North Wilkesboro Herald) Billy Decker, ten-year-old son of Mr. Bob Pardee who lives on the hillside two down the Yakin on the north side, had a gray owl which he was taking to the Forester Nu-Way Station last Thursday captured by someone he said and left at Ed. Yates' place (Edwards store place) lower on the hillside. It appeared to be large as a downy cocker and measured a few inches over