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Welcome, Veterans

It is our happy privilege to extend, on behalf of the community, a cordial welcome to the delegates and other visitors who are to be our guests Sunday, Monday and Tuesday in connection with the annual convention of the United Spanish War Veterans and Auxiliary.

It is an honor to any town to play host to such a gathering and we can assure our expected guests that our people are anxious that this encampment be remembered as one of the most successful and enjoyable experienced during the twenty-year period in which such meetings have been held.

Retribution Is Sure

From Greece comes a shocking story telling of systematic Nazi inhumanity. A year ago it would have been blazoned over the front pages of all newspapers, and the skeptical would have asked whether this was like the World War horror stories which were discredited afterward.

But not so now. We have learned that no savagery is too great for the Nazis to perpetrate. Atrocities have been heaped upon atrocities until authenticated accounts have ceased to be sensational news. After what happened in Poland nothing seems worth doubting.

Because the Allied Nations were unprepared, we can only pity now. But there will be a tomorrow—a time when all pulling and striking together, we shall be in a strong position to promise to the people of Poland, of Greece, of Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia and the Low Countries that we are coming as one force to put an end to such savagery. There will be sure, devastating retribution for the Hitler regime in return for the horrible crimes they have and are still committing.

Let's Not Be Fooled

Senator Burnet R. Maybank seeking re-election, says there is only one issue before the voters of the state and that is winning the war and winning it as quickly as possible.

Don't let this gentleman or any other make you believe there are no issues. Winning the war is our first job, of course, as all are agreed, but there are other issues the people need to become aroused over if government by the people, rather than a Socialized nation and state, is to be preserved.

Mr. Maybank ought to read the resolutions introduced at the Newberry county convention by his opponent. They are full of issues that vitally affect the people.

Or if he would listen to Senator Byrd, or read some of his excellent articles on the state of the nation, he would see there are other problems besides the war, it has the support of the American people. The war, unfortunately, is being used by many politicians to promote the doctrine of state socialism under the guise of war emergency. This group wants to divert the public's mind from vital domestic problems that are closely related to every citizen of the nation.

Just one example from thousands. Senator Byrd said last week that \$32,809 had been appropriated for a student union building at New Mexico State college, and \$30,652 for a municipal golf course at Raton, N. M., with a war on. The National Youth administration alone spent \$262,892 for long-distance calls in a year. And yet with such examples of waste, unnecessary spending and squandering of taxpayers' money which has been going on the past nine years, and is related in no way to the war, the senator says there are no issues. He is "kidding" himself.

Commercializing The Sabbath

A few weeks ago a professional baseball game was stopped on Sunday by the sheriff of Greenville county because it was a violation of the law in the opinion of the county attorney. Other than from two or three churches, not a word appeared in the Greenville papers upholding the sheriff for doing his sworn duty in enforcing the state statute. Their editorial columns were conspicuously silent on what happened.

An appeal from the ruling was made, of course, for that always follows. Now the supreme court says Sunday baseball in that city will be legal after the air base, now under construction, is completed.

The next move is Sunday movies in Greenville, the decision to be made by city council. And it's a pretty safe bet that the advocates will win in the fight. That has been the result almost everywhere where such agitation has arisen.

When Sheriff Bearden stopped the Sunday game there were about 3,500 persons in the stands. The sheriff

said he counted only three men in uniform.

A persistent attempt to break down the Sabbath and its sacred traditions is under way all over the country to afford recreation, we are told, for the young men in camps. The agitation does not come from the soldiers but largely from other selfish interests. But that is what happens. Let some sort of an army project be established in Clinton, either permanently or temporarily, and hardly before it is here there will be a clamoring for legalized Sunday amusements.

At the rate we are going the Sabbath will soon be destroyed unless the people arouse themselves and come to its defense. Already in the larger cities it is the big commercialized day of the week.

Should Be Made An Issue

Governor R. M. Jefferies is a candidate for the office of state senator from Colleton county, a position he has held without opposition since 1926. From that section reports come that he is the "political boss" of the county and that opponents hesitate to offer against him. Why the people will stand for any public official to become their supreme "boss" we have never been able to understand.

It is noted that the Colleton senator has an opponent who stated in his announcement that he is opposed to ring rule and in favor of returning the office of senator to the people as intended under the Constitution. Men of integrity, character and ability offering on such platforms (regardless of the county), deserve to be elected. We have had an overdose in Columbia in recent years of so-called senatorial courtesy and county dictating on the part of a group of senators who through certain legislation have made themselves sort of general managers of the counties rather than servants of the people.

Governor Jefferies hesitated, and hesitated, and then decided not to offer for governor this summer. It is probably well that he did. An attorney with a legal bill against the state for \$185,000 is too expensive a gentleman for the people to employ. Mr. Jefferies has been a high official and spokesman for that political monster, Santee-Cooper, which is now deeply entangled with the state's political affairs. It is commonly reported that it was "born" to help re-elect Senator Byrnes and to elect Maybank as governor. In recent months because of an unexpected war, it was suddenly labeled a "defense measure."

And speaking of the grasping Santee-Cooper, it should be made an important issue in every legislative race in the state this summer and discussed in the campaigns. Voters should demand that every candidate offering for the senate and house tell them honestly, without dodging or fence-straddling, if they endorse or oppose the persistent effort being made by the officials of this incomplete \$52,000,000 project to gain a monopoly over the state's power supply—to socialize the state.

We need to ask a great many questions this summer and demand honest answers.

A Bungling Job

Now comes another announcement from Washington that motorists in the seventeen east coast gasoline-rationed states will be required to register on July 1, 2 and 3 for the new gasoline ration books under the "permanent" rationing plan which becomes effective July 15. Registrars, we are advised by the Office of Price Administration, will issue only the basic "A" books available to all car owners. Owners who feel that this basic ration (whatever it is to be) is not enough for their driving needs will be required to submit applications for additional rations to their local rationing board.

We ask this entirely sensible and timely question which we have raised before: If it is necessary to conserve gas, and rubber, and to take such drastic steps to make the people war-conscious—why in the name of fairness and common sense are not the restrictions placed upon every American car-owner? Should only a part of the people be called upon to help win the war?

This new plan means we will start all over, Washington admits that what we have done has been wrong. It further means that millions of people must take the time and trouble to register again, that millions more will be wasted in printing cards and instructions few can understand, and that we are to have more red tape and confusion.

The gasoline rationing plan has been one of inexcusable blundering, so typical of so many of the administration's actions connected with the war. In Washington we see equivocation and evasion, stalling and sidestepping, procrastination and delay,

a lack of firmness in meeting issues, vitally important issues entrusted to incompetent men, unfitted by experience and training for their responsibilities. The gasoline confusion began more than a year ago with Mr. Ickes' clowning about a shortage that did not exist. The result today is that the average citizen believes the whole rationing plan is a "phony"—that much we are told we must or must not do sounds like child-play. It is high time that some one in the administration speak with frankness and tell the people the truth if confidence is to be created, an end put to uncertainty and distrust and the suspicion removed of ulterior motives on the part of certain influential persons in the administration who are trying to force the American people to do without necessary articles. Then there is the probability that Leon Henderson needs to be curbed of his unlimited power in the rationing of essential commodities.

These questions are in the minds of the people—we need not attempt to fool ourselves.

The present rationing plan which has been tested and found wanting, should be revamped to get rid of objectionable loopholes. It failed to work because it was not backed up with enforceable regulations. Too wide a difference was shown by ration boards in deciding how much gasoline each motorist was entitled to receive. It provides no control over the gasoline stations. It affords an opportunity for the selfish minority to take advantage of the cooperative majority.

Sunday Is 'His' Day

The nation over next Sunday has been designated as "Father's Day," when a small homage, at least, would be paid to dad who foots the bills and struggles along from year to year to keep the wolf from the door. "Honor A Great American—Your Dad," is the slogan adopted to call attention to the date.

"Father's day," which of course is a poor second to Mother's day, was originated by Mrs. John Bruce Dodd, in Spokane, Wash., in 1910. This year's celebration will therefore mark the 32nd annual observation of the event, which is now celebrated more or less seriously throughout the nation. It is to our credit, that there is a growing tendency to treat the anniversary with more respect, that father be remembered with gifts of love and appreciation; and that the glories and responsibilities of fatherhood be emphasized.

Speaking seriously, dad has had lots of days in his time. The days his youngsters were born were happy ones for him. Their first day in school was father's day, the day of their graduation from high school and college was father's day. The day his daughter married was a red letter day for him and filled his heart with hope for her for the future. And the day when his "first grandchild" came "back home" for a visit was the most memorable and brought the greatest thrill to his soul.

But now, June 21 has been set aside especially as his day. Dad is probably getting along in years, he has seen some pretty tough, uncertain times, along with the good ones. He has experienced a lot of heartaches and most of them have been about his family, but somehow he has weathered them through, he was kept plugging and doing his bit in a quiet way for those who are bound to him by the closest ties. Millions of these dads are now concerned, as well as mothers, over the absence of their sons in army service either at home or abroad, with a feeling of uncertainty and anxiety about what the future holds. One of these typical dads, with his eyes full, said to us a few days ago when we inquired of his son now at an unknown destination: "I know my boy will be all right, that he will go straight and never forsake the teachings given him by his dear mother and myself." What a priceless joy and satisfaction this assurance brings to that home.

If father is the right kind, he has fought for the mother and the children through thick and thin. His disappointments and reverses he has interpreted almost wholly in their effect upon his family. Many a night he has gone to bed with a heavy heart, discouraged and unable to sleep—but he awakened smiling in the morning and started back at his job like a man.

Dad will be a lot happier if occasionally he is given a personal evidence that he is appreciated, and that the ideals and ideas that mean much to him are an inspiration to those for whom his life is spent in unselfish service and love.

NOBODY'S BUSINESS

By GEE McGEE

mr. w. p. b. administration, washington, d. c.

dear sirs:

flat rock is drying up because her citizens are hog-tied about gas and tires. mr. slim chance, sr., wrote you 2 months ago for a priority on an inner tube for his combination ford and dairy truck, and up to now he has not heard hide or scratch from you. he has had to let his best cow go dry and the calf is running with the other cow. if he had of had an inner tube, this would not of took place.

mr. holsum moore is down and out also. he can't look after his large farming interests. it is located 5 miles south of town. there is 43 akers in it, pastor and all. he can't walk down there. he got a "a" card for gas. his son, holsum, jr., borried the car and the card last sunday and when he re-

turned home early monday morning, about 4 a.m. he had barely enough gas to get in the front yard. he used everything up, and no more can be had. what must he do? he is cripple in his legs.

mr. jim simpkins has had to park his truck under the shed. he was not allowed to run it over 15 miles from its base, flat rock, so that put jim in sight of 5 places he had been trucking to and from, but now he can't get to any of these places onner count of the o.p.a. ruling. if you could make it 20 miles, and give him a "x" card like the senators all got, he could support his family and possibly buy a war defense stamp ever now and then. he is thru as it now stands.

no sugar has ruint mrs. sligh byrd's health. she has tell off 12 lb. no tea has given mr. tom head the delirium trembles, and he is not able to work. he always followed a drunk with tea, but he has to stay drunk now all of the time as he can get no tea to sober up on. mr. slim chance, jr., is ashamed to go out in company with no cuffs on his new britches. he just mopes around the house and he mought commit suicide ansoforth. can't you do something for us, please sir?

yores trullie,
mjke lark, rfd.

Goat Getters

If there is anything more tiresome to a 100% movie fan than the long previews and the uninteresting advertisements (that you have to pay to see), I can't imagine what it is... unless it is the screen introduction of a picture that is immediately forthcoming. They have to tell everything about it, who did this and who did that, etc. and etc Nobody gives a hoot about 90% of the stuff that you gaze upon. What they want is perhaps the names of the leading (only) characters, and possibly the studio that made the thing possible.

If I were to introduce a girl-friend of mine to a boy-friend or a bunch of friends, a la movie, I would say: "Joe, this is Mary Asker. Her hair was finger-waved by the Fingerless Beauty Shoppe. Her nose was powdered by Kirk. Her finger-nails were painted by Screwski. Her eye-brows were latched on by Doskoski. Her eye-lashes were developed and cemented on by Jove. Her slip was made by Madame Vinsilkonaskush. Her lips were tinted by Pinky Skinner."

And her shoes were made by Oxford, polish by Bixby, laced up by Lacy, and rubber-heeled by Rubinski. Her ear-bobs were furnished by Bob Earrick. Her jewels were pawned by Jokoski. Her corsage was furnished by Flowers & Co. Her underthings were produced by Underlings and Sister. Her teeth were polished by Pepsy Dent. Her hose were created by Hosey Stockings. Her dress was furnished by Dressers, Inc. Her cheek mole was stuck on by Cheek Indentor.

Her voice was trained by Vocal Chord, Jr. Her belt was furnished by Cattleman and Heifer. Her dimple was made by Dimple Dooly. Her fan was designed by Fannie Breeze. Her necklace was made by Woolworth-Kress & Co. Her freckles were removed by Paint & Varnish Co. Her lipsing is a creation of Lisponski of Paris. In other words, Joe, meet Miss Movvie Aektress." After all, she is only "Movvie." And Jo saw or heard nothing I said, but enjoyed "Movvie's" beautiful face and figure.

Farmers Applying Weevil Poison

Farmers throughout the county are now busy applying boll weevil poison and killing grass, County Agent C. B. Cannon said yesterday. The poison applied before weevils puncture the squares gives best results, he states.

Checking for weevils last week showed as high as 116 per acre, according to Mr. Cannon. There are

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Take notice that on the 23rd day of June, 1942, I will render a final account of my acts and doings as Guardian of the estate of Ellotte Inez Dobbins in the office of the Judge of Probate of Laurens County, at 10 o'clock a.m., and on the same day will apply for a final discharge from my trust as Guardian.
Any person indebted to said estate is notified and required to make payment on or before that date; and all persons having claims against said estate will present them on or before said date, duly proven, or be forever barred.
MRS. CORDELIA DOBBINS,
Guardian.
May 21, 1942—18-4p.

FINAL SETTLEMENT
Take notice that on the 25th day of June, 1942, I will render a final account of my acts and doings as Executor of the estate of Wm. M. Sumner in the office of the Judge of Probate of Laurens County, at 10 o'clock a. m., and on the same day will apply for a final discharge from my trust as Executor.
Any person indebted to said estate is notified and required to make payment on or before that date; and all persons having claims against said estate will present them on or before said date, duly proven, or be forever barred.
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