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"Polls" Not Prophets.

An early morning broadcast from below the Rio Grande tells you that if you will send the broadcaster a dollar with your name and the date of your birth, you will receive in exchange a book that will reveal to an unerring guide in your life to the future. Likewise there will be seen answers to specific questions with which you are concerned, whether your sweetheart is true to you, whether the business deal you are thinking about will be successful, how the coming election will result or anything else you want to know.

The information will be buttressed by charts and grades showing the relative positions of Jupiter, Arcturus, and Betelgeuse at your natal moment, which definitely determines your destiny.

It is all intensely scientific and is derived from the lost lore of the Medes and Persians, the key to which is in the exclusive possession of the broadcaster.

Some people may doubt the validity of the astrological conclusions, but enough fall for it to support a huge radio station and make the announcer wealthy.

These reflections are provoked by a recent publication of a popular national poll purporting to forecast the present political situation. It accords Wendell Willkie 304 electoral votes against a mere 227 for President Roosevelt. My comment today is not because the alleged poll gives the Republicans the best of it. Readers of this column will perhaps recall that from the inception of the enterprise I have questioned the value of the forecasts, whether they showed in favor of my party or not.

I have before me the report of the poll made at this same political period in 1936. The date is August 9 of that year and it is set forth that Governor Landon had at that writing 22 electoral votes against only 255 for Roosevelt.

Today the poll only lists the states as "leaning Republican." They were more positive in 1936, for they recorded as states "safely Republican," Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Delaware, Wyoming, Kansas and Nebraska, as well as Maine and Vermont. It recorded as leaning Republican, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Rhode Island, Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota and Michigan.

Now does anybody actually believe that between August and November in 1936 anything happened to change eighteen great states from Republican to overwhelmingly Democratic? The campaign progressed in routine fashion. There were no cataclysms, political tornadoes, or popular earthquakes to change the currents. So steady was the course of events that Chairman John Hamilton of the Republican National Committee, relying on the Gallup poll and on the Literary Digest poll of unhappy memory—prophesied on election eve that the Kansas Governor would carry all states north of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi. It was evident, in retrospect, at least, that had the election been held in August the result would have been practically what it was in November.

Both National headquarters that year were infested with scientific calculators who estimated the trends, weighed their reports and did all the other technical things that were supposed to make their totals stand up—and every one of them went awry. Even the poll that inspires this summary left thirteen important states with more than two hundred electoral votes in doubt as the election closed. The only prophet who made good was Chairman Farley, who relied neither on reading the stars, nor on abstruse deductions from subtle cross sections based on supposed sampling, but simply added up his reports from away down the line to the ward leaders and bluntly told the country that Roosevelt would carry all states except Maine and Vermont.

There is no necessity to ascribe to the authors of the various polls any unworthy motive or to accuse them of any partiality in the returns. There is not even a reason to advert invidiously to the circumstance that a majority of the newspaper clients who publish them are enlisted on the anti-administration side, and therefore are glad to print a table showing an anti-administration trend.

Nevertheless my newspaper experience teaches me that an unusual, unexpected story is a very much more marketable commodity than the recital of the obvious. Furthermore this question arises:

If the same process, applied by the same people, to the same localities produced a return nearly 100 per cent wrong four years ago, isn't the same result eventuating this year at the same political hour, in all probability, equally suspect?

It is a political theory of long standing that to create an illusion of victory is a worthwhile expedient to attract the bandwagon vote. Hence the jubilant welcome by the Willkie folks of the recent poll; hence the almost free of charge practice of claiming everything in advance of the election. If the guess turns out well, it may be pointed to with pride; if it goes sour it nothing has been lost.

So with a poll, with all the accompaniment of scientific terminology and technical assumption of precise methods. It is only a guess based on the expression of opinion of a comparatively few people, gathered by a small force of solicitors of problematical competence. If it turns out right it affords excellent advertising for the enterprise. If it turns out wrong, there is always the explanation that conditions changed, for in every one of these institutions there are employed a thousand ifs and perhaps, in escape clauses.

The classical instance is, of course, the Literary Digest, which spent millions in its efforts, working on a system it thought invincible. People answer by it, bet on it, and accepted as they would an assay in a laboratory—until it came a cropper so abysmal that it caused it to flee the field of prophecy. The laboratory theory is all right because matter is homogenous and immutable. It is different when it is attempted to apply the methods of 5,000,000 voters, of all varieties and degrees of opinion, subject to change without notice and whose curiosity about politics, though it may be keen at times, is not so great as they would assay in a laboratory—until it came a cropper so abysmal that it caused it to flee the field of prophecy. The laboratory theory is all right because matter is homogenous and immutable. It is different when it is attempted to apply the methods of 5,000,000 voters, of all varieties and degrees of opinion, subject to change without notice and whose curiosity about politics, though it may be keen at times, is not so great as they would assay in a laboratory—until they come to be alone with their consciences in the voting booth.

Cooking Over Charcoal.

In these days, when so many persons own automobiles and nearly every car has a trunk a big as a caboose, the picnic menu no longer consists of a basketful of cold chicken, sandwiches, fruit and pies. It is possible now to carry along to the outdoors thermos bottles or buckets of drinkables or eatables, and also perishable ones, and have them emerge from their containers sizzling hot or freezing cold. Those who want picnicking minus cookery you can still have it and live high.

But the supreme picnic delicacy remains the sirloin steak cooked over an open fire.

One may now buy for a dime a bagful of charcoal with enough in it to cook a dozen large steaks. The people who make such things have manufactured a great variety of charcoal stoves for use in the open. All that is necessary in addition is a few newspaper pages torn up to start things and in a few minutes a fire of glowing intensity is ready for the steaks.

Burned to a crisp on the outside and running red within, possessing a flavor no gas stove can impart and indeed few coal stoves, such steaks represent to practically all men and most women the pinnacle of gastronomic delight.

Some people enjoy the charcoal cooked meats so much that they frequently carry their picnic stoves out into their backyards and gardens and cook there. This is passed along as a suggestion to those who object to the journey and the insects involved in outdoor jaunts—in short, those who feel about the matter as one lady who remarked: "Somehow when the picnic is over it seems as though we might just as well have had it at home."

Congestion Slows Business.

A survey indicates that shoppers are avoiding congested sections, with serious effect on retail business. Two thousand merchants, representing the entire United States, agree in this.

Little is offered in the way of constructive remedies except decentralization, through the scattering of store and other business buildings over wider areas and the establishment of branch stores, in the larger cities, away from congested centers.

Readily understandable is the hesitancy among merchants to report to such a plan, Capital outlay would be necessary and widespread business losses would result. The purpose of traffic regulation is to protect and aid the general public. Indirectly, traffic could which make it easy for the shopper benefit the shopkeeper.

Wider driveways and sidewalks are not feasible, because of the prohibitive cost, in sections already built up along narrow thoroughfares. In few cities and towns are there enough parallel routes to relieve congestion by distributing traffic over a number of streets. And there seems to be no attempt made to put certain classes of traffic to ascertain for their own convenience the paths of least resistance.

If traffic problems are to be solved there must be a willingness on the part of all elements to cooperate and, if need be, make sacrifices for the common good.

Hot Enough There.

Inasmuch as no one is ever likely to have occasion to go there, it does not make much difference that down about 186 miles from the surface of the earth it is just as hot now as when the globe began to cool off. But that is one of those notorious facts interesting if somewhat useless conclusions reached through calculations of scientists. Dr. L. H. Adams of Carnegie Institution's geophysical laboratory discloses that the heat of the earth's dense semi-plastic iron core has been estimated at 5,432 degrees Fahrenheit.

A Tokyo spokesman is squawking that the empire is crawling with fifth columnists and Trojan horses. Goodie!

The Washington MERRY-GO-ROUND By DREW PEARSON & ROBERT ALLEN
A study of men and motives
Washington, D. C.

GENERAL PERSHING

General Pershing issued a warning that unless aid is given the British Prime Minister, Adolf Hitler, the United States faces certain attack, was not a bolt from the blue to Washington insiders as friend of Colonel Lindbergh. When the A. E. F. commander decided, after a study of contemporary military reports, to come out of retirement and speak to the nation, he did not know that the flyer also planned to talk.

Also, Pershing wrote his speech without any knowledge of what Lindbergh would say. However, Pershing did tune in on the latter's broadcast. But it was only for a few minutes.

The General of the Armies became so incensed at Lindbergh's views that he turned off the radio and snapped, "That's outrageous. I'm saying something about that young man in my talk tonight, but I shall make it my business to do so on another occasion."

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TENANT FARMERS

Despite all the good intentions of Henry Wallace regarding the share-cropping tenant farmer, the inside fact is that both have been increasing in numbers and decreasing in security, year by year. Everybody knows that, but only an either "Grapes of Wrath," there is no more authentic material than exists in Washington.

It is not being shouted from the housetops, but between 1930 and 1935, the number of tenant farmers increased at the rate of 40,000 a year to reach a total of almost 2,865,000. The 1940 census, when it is completed, is due to expected to show a still higher figure.

Privately agriculture department officials admit that they feel sorry for just about licked, and have almost abandoned their drive to save tenantry.

There are three reasons for the increase in tenant farming:

1. Increased mechanization. Best index of this is the mounting sale of tractors. Technological unemployment, which long ago hit the factory, has now come to the farm.

2. Rotten farm policy. To prevent price-depressing surpluses, AAA contracts with farmers to plant less. This means fewer tenants are needed to plant, tend and harvest the crops. Meanwhile, the rented land next year gives higher yield, necessitating further reduction of acreage.

2. In spite of AAA efforts, however, rents and mortgages have not gotten proportional benefits of the farm program. Rents go up for the landlords, many of whom are absentee owners, AAA officials, headed by Cecil Carlile, admit they can't make an issue of this or they will lose landlords' compliance.

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ECONOMISTS

Economists in the department are now trying to plan for second-class tenants. This represents a radical shift of direction. For until recently, the theme was to encourage tenants to owners, with government aid.

Instead, realizing that tenancy trends are incapable of owning and renting a farm, AAA planners are not trying to decrease the number of tenants but to increase their miserable status. It is pointed out that tenantry in England is much higher than in the United States, 60 per cent against 42; but that those farm tenants have a degree of protection unknown here.

First step in this direction is to try to legislate the relation between farmer and tenant by statute, which, unlike contracts, seems to bind the relation between them. Over 10 per cent of all tenants and sharecroppers have only verbal agreements with their landlords.

Conferences in the agriculture department are preparing for such a drive. Preliminary material has been drawn up, under Economist Dover P. Trent. The country will soon hear about the "flexible farm lease."

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MERRY-GO-ROUND

Rep. Joe Bates, new G. O. P. national chairman, has added to his staff Dave Ingalls, campaign manager of Sen. Bob Taft.

The famed Sunset Two Per Cent club is virtually broke and practically defunct. Hardest blow was the new Hatch act. This is costing the club hundreds of "dues" paying members.

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G. O. P. TROUBLES

The campaign organizing difficulties of the faction-scarred Democratic party have been paralleled. Little has been said about it. But the summer of Republican woes has been one of bickering, jealousy, and internal strife.

Real reason for that gathering of party chiefs at Colorado Springs last week was to clear away a batch of inside snags which have plagued the Republican machine, after more than a month of activity, to be less than one-third organized.

Patronize Mercury Advertisers

50 YEARS AGO

Thursday, August 28, 1890

W. P. Bell, Jr., left for prospecting trip, Montana.

Al Peter completed his two story house in the west end and would move into it soon.

1,200 to 1,500 persons attended the picnic of the Farmers and Laborers Union gave in Mathers' woods last week.

Two licensed taverns with 12 licensed saloons attended to again be opened.

Unprecedented price of $5 per day was offered for brick masons.

Special train to May ville was delayed several hours at Miller's Station by spreading rails. No one was hurt.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. John D. Howell, of this city, August 23, twin daughters—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott, East Union, a daughter.

10 YEARS AGO

Thursday, August 29, 1940

J. C. Gillespie bought 107 head of Southdown sheep in Pendleton county.

H. R. Russell executed bond as county superintendent of schools and was sworn in.

W. H. Cole and wife, of the "Golden Rule" store, left for Baltimore to make purchases for their store.

William Reel left for Ewing to take charge of the firms store at that place. Joe Griffin ner was named his assistant.

Dr. N. H. McNew retired as editor of the Carlisle Democrat. He was succeeded by Mr. R. Willis, Bracken county, former assistant State librarian.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Dowling, a daughter—To Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barr, August 26, a son.

Died—Mr. E. L. Dorsey, 72, brother of Mr. T. A. Dorsey, of this city, at his home in Mysville—Mrs. Maria Myers, 67, at her home near Brambleit.

20 YEARS AGO

Thursday, August 26, 1920

A total of 601 Masons, includ 15 members of the local chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, participated in the Masonic picnic held in Mathers' woods last Wednesday.

The Deposit Bank of Carlisle received quarters under the new law, passed by the last legislature, which is set in a fiduciary capacity.

Cecil Marion, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Mann, fell from the second floor and died of his left hand partially blown off by an exploding dynamite cap.

Tobacco growers of Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana at a meeting in Louisville, voted to reduce acreage of leaf rather than on absolute cut-out in the crop for forthcoming year.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Colie Marshall, of the county, August 19, a daughter—To Mr. and Mrs. Ben Duncan, of the county, August 19, a daughter.

FOURTH ESTATE'S LOSS

(Delon County Advocate)

The Courier-Journal and Louisville Times suffered irreparable loss last week when death claimed Byrne Allen Evans, publisher and editor of The News-Democrat at Russellville.

Although his first love was his newspaper, "Pug" as he was affectionately known to a host of friends, found time to participate in many other activities. His second love, perhaps, was horseshoes, in which he widely known throughout the South for his fairness in officiating at contests.

Few individuals devoted more time to helping some persons who sought advice or assistance of any kind.

Congenial, affable and courteous, Byrne Evans made friends wherever he went, and the people of Logan County placed him at the top in esteem and respect.

From Other Editorial Pages

GOVERNOR'S WIFE

(Richmond Daily Register)

Mrs. Luren D. Dickinson, wife of the governor of Michigan, who died on her farm near Lansing last week (Aug. 8) was nobody individually. Although she was the wife of the governor of a state, she claimed nothing special from the commonwealth and after all there are many governor wives and wives of members of legislators and representatives.

Mrs. Dickinson was not important socially or politically, and until health failed her she continued making and selling her own butter and serving as correspondent for the county newspaper published in the county in which she lived.

What made her interesting to many people was her personification of a day that has all but passed. She, as her husband, was symbolic of an age that many in this day look back upon as narrow, stilted and dull, but that was also an age that made no compromise with the devil, that disciplined itself and its children in free frills or pretenses, saw a clear line between right and wrong and performed its duties without much complaint.

No revival of that day is possible. Nor would that necessarily be beneficial. The age it brought back its intolerance, its narrowness, its hypocrisy. But a revival of the faithfulness to principle and the humility that characterized the day would be highly beneficial to this or any age.

WHO SHALL TAKE HIS PLACE?

(Ashland Daily Independent)

The government has been deep in a Hamletlike soliloquy since May on the question of who is to take the risk of loss when industrial plants build addition for war purposes which might become worthless if the need for them passed. To amortize or not to amortize?

It is time the question be decided. All this soliloquizing is tending to hold up the defense program.

Here is the matter at issue. You own a candied factory. The government wants you to make wafers for national defense. It will cost you $10,000 to build and equip a widget plant. Financing you have the money.

But suppose, after you have plunked $10,000 into the widget plant the war danger passes, and the government stops no more wafers. A widget plant, after, say, two years, becomes worthless. You are out the $10,000.

So industrialists want the government to share the risk. Years ago, $2,000,000 of their war profits go into the kitty for security against losses. Now they want exempt from war taxes.

SIT TIGHT, CONGRESS

(Harlan Daily Enterprise)

Back in June it had been proposed that Congress adjourn as soon as possible. We were among those who felt that Congress should sit tight and saw up the critical state of affairs being what it was.

Before the Congress has done work of the most urgent kind for national defense. It has started ruling nearly five billion dollars in defense funds. It has passed the "Swoosem navy" bill. It has gotten well into discussion of the program of training for the National Guard and for universal selective service. It is deep in discussion of tax measures critically affecting the defense program. It has confirmed a new secretary of the navy and of war.

That is work that fully justified a long session since June when adjournment was urged. Since then world affairs have become more, year critical. Problems have piled up that call for Congress to continue in session and get to grips with the national problems to today even plaster.

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NEWS OF KENTUCKY

Mrs. Iona Williams, 20, was killed Saturday when struck by a truck near London, Ky.

Over 1,700 prisoners of the state moved into new reformatory at LaGrange Thursday.

The Bracken Chronicle began its 71st volume of the paper with last week's issue. The weekly was established in 1869.

Citizenship was restored by Acting Governor E. C. Dawson to Fred Garson and Otto Marsh Wednesday.

Four persons face charges of counterfeiting as a result of their attempt to pass bogus quarters in Stanford.

A truck which he was cranking jostled into gear and ran over J. M. Blum, 35, Fayette county resident, breaking his leg.

Federal Judge H. Church Ford left his office in the federal building in Lexington Monday for a three-week vacation.

Dennis Henderson, 62, was found dead Monday in a ditch near his home at Nicholasville. No indications of violence were apparent.

Six miners were injured, one fatally, when a state fall Monday fell on nine cars carrying sixty men to work at Hazard.

The Secretary of State has approved the incorporation of the Goodrich Tire and Rubber Company of Louisville capitalized at $10,000.

A Sunday morning fire caused an estimated $2,500 damage to the farm of F. C. Cleveland on the Georgetown pike, three miles from Paris.

Mitchell Perkins, 20, Glasgow, sustained a broken back when a horse ran away and pulled a drill over him. His condition is critical.

Three men crowded about a two gallon bottle of "hooch" in a Louisville cafe and made away with coin boxes containing about $35.

Mrs. Emma Martin, 92, a cousin of William Jennings Bryan and one of the oldest residents in Greenup died at her home there Friday.

Millard Hopkins, 22, of Yeager, was killed Sunday when the automobile in which he was riding careened off the road at nearby Kell's creek.

Harlan county' week-end gun toll stood at three dead and one wounded. Following the shooting of Walter Roe, 30, Yancey, Ky., miner late Sunday night.

One of five men under bond on a charge of raping a miner's wife was shot and killed in a Harlan county gun duel Saturday by the husband of the alleged rape victim.

Struck by a low-hanging tree branch while riding on top of a truckload of Texas Longhorns, Ruark, 16-year-old Mason county youth Friday sustained a fractured right hip.

Ray Baker, 21, was drowned in the Kentucky river at the mouth of Red Creek near Tyrese eight miles east of Irvine while in swimming with two companions Sunday.

Members of the State Board of Health met Tuesday at Frankfort to formulate a program to prevent the spread of venereal disease in Frankfort and Franklin county.

Clarence A. Boyles, Louisville, was elected to the position of Great Sachem, at the annual meeting of the Kentucky Council of Red Men held at Richmond.

Suspension of four retail beer licenses in and near Louisville on charges of dealers having whiskey and beer on hand was announced by the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

Samuel Dean Campbell, 21, Fulton, has been appointed by the U. S. Marine Corps as engineer cadet to the S. S. Delbrasil, operated by the Mississippi Shipping Company.

Betty Lou McK. valuable roadster mare owned by Vern Youngblood, a horse exhibitor of Jackson, Tenn., was critically injured last Thursday at the Shelby county fairgrounds while warming up on the stable track. A shaft of wheel-vehicle entered lung to a depth of four inches.

Monroe Combs, Grapevine, Ky., died Monday night in Hazard as a result of injuries sustained when the automobile in which he was riding plunged over a 250 foot embankment.

Three brothers and a cousin, all Kellys and former students of the University of Kentucky, signed up for the Army air service in Louisville Wednesday and left immediately for Fort Knox to be outfitted.

A 16-year-old girl's fourday odyssey in a realm of nothingness that sometimes shows a weeping mother went to Cambridge, Ohio, and identified her as Bonnie Marie Collins, Drift, Ky.

The Public Building Administration Tuesday in Washington awarded a $104,600 contract to Montgomery Construction company, Grove City, Tenn., for construction of a court house at Pikeville, Ky.

Mrs. Linda Yarnell, 72, suffered a possible fracture of her right leg when she fell in step dancing from the side porch of the residence of her niece, Mrs. Ernest Blackburn, on the Trey pike, near Versailles.

A T. Olson, Norwood, Ohio, was held to the Harrod county grand jury on $1,250 bond on a charge of bigamy at his preliminary hearing here. Sheriff Cecil County Judge Charles T. Corn.

Miss Ada Meade, retired actress, who was associated with Fritzi Scheff, famed light opera star and formerly wife of the late Victor Herbert, is visiting friends in Lexington during the week.

The condition of Miss Reba Jaskin, 19, Casey county, who was injured Friday when struck by a truck while she was operating collided with another in Bourbon county, is still serious.

Sixteen Kentucky railway employees met in the first of a series of meetings this week at Lexington to effect the reorganization of the state legislative board of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

Murphy Henderson, 28 and his wife, Mrs. Virginia Deering Henderson, 24, Nicholasville were injured fatally Sunday when their automobile collided with a Louisville-to-Nashville bus on Highway 31-E near Bullfalls. Ky.

Two Newport men, brothers, were bound to a federal grand jury in Indianapolis Monday on charges of stealing 200 cases of whiskey from a truck enroute from Lawrenceburg, Indiana, to Minneapolis.

Eugene Little, 30, Alabama negro, was sentenced Friday for his of his common-law wife four years ago was apprehended in Lexington by John May, 39-year-old Alabama negro, formerly questioned concerning the crime.

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Underwood's Speech At Blue Licks

The following remarks compriised a part of the speech made Monday at Blue Licks by the principal speaker of the occasion, Frank Underwood, editor of the Lexington Herald:

"It is not enough to try to fight the battle of Blue Licks over again, though it might be well to remember in some of the unnecessary scraps and pitched battles of the present day.

"Our problems today are very different from those of 1782 but they still can be solved only by courage and by determination. To take the steps that are necessary is risk. It is easier to stand under cover and to keep out of the way.

"The pioneers who fought so bravely for their homes had only big stakes to play for. They lived what we would call "a hard life." We hear a lot of talk these days about wanting to be rugged individualists. We are individualists, all right, but not so rugged. Not one man in three can change a punctured automobile tire without almost dying a natural death.

"If men who lived in the log forts, in constant peril from the Indians and had to clear their paths before them in the wilderness, loved this land of ours so much that they would needlessly hazard their lives to capture the territory and assure us we be willing to undertake conscientiously the problems of our day.

"These problems are grave, complicated by endless change and uncertainty and by growing menace.

"One of the gravest difficulties that we have is the fact that we have forgotten the duties of citizenship. There was only one way that the pioneers could claim Kentucky and that was to engage in perilous warfare.

"Today we wish, whenever we can, to avoid the realities of meeting things done, as a commonwealth, in the only way that they can be accomplished.

"Another of our gravest problems is the disposition to underrate the importance of and to disdain to accept a public responsibility. We disdain to hold positions of trust and responsibility and then set about to tear down the institution that he may that they find it almost impossible to do, for so, the things for which they have been selected.

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AS TO PERSHING'S SUGGESTION

NEW YORK, (United Press) Pershing says that we ought to sell 50 "obsolete" destroyers to England to save our own country from Germany. On the same subject George Fielding Eliot says:

"The question which we have to ask ourselves is a plain one: It ought not to be befuddled by such considerations as whether the transfer of destroyers to Great Britain would or would not be 'an act of war.' It is not of course, but it that is only an academic question . . . The legal definitions of international conduct . . . are now obsolete."

It seems more logical to say obsolete as far as it suits the purpose of those who are hell-bent on getting this country into a war for which it is completely unprepared.

The authors of neutrality laws have given expression in treaties and conventions and things we have always stood and sometimes fought for, as international law, "obsolete."

As to the destroyers being "obsolete." If the men who fight in them, as men of this opinion intimate are willing to risk their lives for the fate of the world's freedom and the safety of our own country do needlessly hazard their lives to capture the territory and assure us we be willing to undertake conscientiously the problems of our day.

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"Eugene Little, 30, Alabama negro, was sentenced Friday for his of his common-law wife four years ago was apprehended in Lexington by John May, 39-year-old Alabama negro, formerly questioned concerning the crime.

"The Falmouth city council at its regular monthly meeting Tuesday tentatively considered the matter of building a dam on Licking river above Falmouth. The proposal of Dr. C. F. Crecelius concerning the project has been taken up with Congressman Brent Spence.

"Commander Andrew I. McKee, Lawrenceburg, stationed at Portsmouth, N. H., has been commended by Navy Secretary Knox along with seven other officers for assistance in the rescue of survivors and salvage of the submarine Squalus.

"Gerard Crommelin, formerly a resident of Bourbon county, was killed in action in his native Holland during the advance of German armies through the low country according to word received at Paris, Ky., relayed by the Netherlands minister in Washington.

"The Jessamine Journal, a weekly newspaper, property of Mrs. Dorothy Bell Scholes Nicholasville for the past 56 years, was sold Thursday to R. L. Brenaugh, city attorney; John C. Watts, county attorney; Phil Abramson and R. M. Hunter, Jr., merchants, all of Nicholasville.

"Examining trial for Wilmer Stone, 19, Kimbrell, Estill county, charged with manslaughter as the result of an accident in which Mrs. Boyd Moreland, 86, was injured fatally, will be held August 24 before Clark County Judge Joe S. Lindsay in Winchester.

Employment Shows Gain In Kentucky

The Kentucky Unemployment Compensation Commission had on deposit in the Treasury of the United States $29,471,279.48 as of July 31, it was reported today by Executive Director, Vego E. Barnes, who said that the total included interest earnings of $1,305,515.43.

Kentucky has withdrawn from the fund since January 1936, $2,135,000.00 for payment of benefits to eligible unemployed workers. In July, the Commission paid out $454,181.81 in insurance benefits.

Barnes stated that wages subject to contributions for the first quarter of 1940 indicated a 16 per cent increase in payrolls in employment covered by the Unemployment Insurance Law.

THE CAMPAIGN BOOKS

(Lexington Herald)

The attack made by Wendell Willkie on the Democratic campaign books and particularly upon the sale of advertising in them to produce revenue for political campaigns is partly justified. The Republicans have thought much of the campaign books as medium for advertising. They were more in the nature of a "racket."

At the other hand we think that it will be a good thing for America if advertising in books should be the major source of political campaigns were financed better than by a few or nationwide solicitations. One or two large and wealthy men in the country can pooled their tremendous donations to a campaign fund. But a candidate became simply a "front" for the predatory contributors who sought tariff favors and friendly freight rates and by other means of special privilege they could think up in order that they might profiteer at the expense of the government.

The Herald does not believe in either the spoils system or in forced assessments of public job-holders. Particularly is this true of those who work on the State payroll, and institutions in small jobs.

On the other hand it does appear that if those who support a candidate conscientiously feel that he may bring about vast social reforms that require such an upheaval as the New Deal has undertaken for the first time in American history, do not believe in the objectives they espouse enough to make real sacrifices for its success they have mighty little faith.

If both the two major political parties in the United States were financed by the rank and file, a candidate would be quite independent. Entailing consist erable expense to provide, but there are easier ways, well within the reach of everybody. For example, a clerk who sets off a dwelling room where a fire is kept for most of the time, day and night, is contributing regards warmth. If the pots lies are put in slatted crates through which air may freely pass, adequate movement of air is secured and heat is retained by leaving the closet door open on the hour or so daily. The fire is permitted to go out for the night, the warmth is sweetcrateous accumulated during the daylight hours may be made to last by wrapping each separately in newspaper. An inside corner of the room may be similarly used, but the bottom crate should be raised a foot or two above the floor, from a nearer the ceiling the better.

A second-story room of the dwelling, particularly one over the warmed living room, is excellent for storing the pots, crates are covered with sacking or with carpet, the potatoes separately wrapped, or embedded in dry soil or sand, or in sawdust.

Often, may be used an uncleistic, through which heat the chimney-flue passes. About this the crates or hampers of potatoes may be piled, wrapped, or in soil or sand, the whole covered as just now described. Near the flue masonry must be sound, so that there will be no danger of fire.

Another excellent way, one that is used by those who be the basketed potatoes right under the first-floor joists, in a cellar in which there is a heating furnace, for at that level the warmer air of the cellar accumulates.

Extra Good Eggs Bring No Reward

Farmers who produce high-quality eggs should be paid for them accordingly, according to Caton of the Kentucky College of Agriculture in a new circular called "Good Eggs for Market." The trouble seems to be that they often are not paid on a quality basis. Buyers count the eggs and that is all there is to it. All of which is discouraging to farmers who try to produce quality products. Copies of the circular may be had from county or home demonstration agent or by writing to the College of Agriculture.

THE GARDEN

FORAGE FOR WINTER

By John S. Gardner, Kentucky College of Agriculture

The real measure of a garden is the winter vegetable supply, the vegetables that are canned or stored. For the most part, gardeners make adequate arrangements for the former, but many could do better than they do, relative to providing storage for the vegetables that can be stored. In fact, many now put in cans and jars those vegetables that can quite as well be kept in root cellars, and this is uneconomical, in as much as it may restrict the store of canned vegetables.

The reason many times given is that storing facilities cost too much to provide, but this is not strictly so, for these may often be improvised from materials at hand, requiring little beyond the labor to build them. On the other hand, structures of a permanent nature may be built to be really things of beauty, but often at surprisingly low cost. The aim of this discussion is to suggest ways of doing, from the simplest to the quite elaborate, but still practicable, forms.

At the outset, the vegetables to be stored should be classified, whether they belong to the "warm" group, whose temperature is relatively little, and whose humidity must be kept low, or whether those whose storage requirements are more simple, the so-called "cool" group, including those providing for the "warm" vegetables, is fitte the best, and the reason cause need for their storing arises before that of the cool time, but still in time.

The warm vegetables are squashes and sweetpotatoes. Their requirements are a minimum temperature of 50 degrees, and dry atmosphere. To provide the former, the building must be tight enough to meet the extreme fluctuations of outside temperature, and the fire must be provided some means for its heating, to guarantee safe temperature, regardless of outside weather. So that the humidity may be kept below the dangerous stage, that of causing decay to start, ventilation provision must be made, adequate to changing the air completely in two hours at the most.

Such storage would be quite "professional," entailing consist erable expense to provide, but there are easier ways, well within the reach of everybody. For example, a clerk who sets off a dwelling room where a fire is kept for most of the time, day and night, is contributing regards warmth. If the potatoes are put in slatted crates through which air may freely pass, adequate movement of air is secured and heat is retained by leaving the closet door open on the hour or so daily. The fire is permitted to go out for the night, the warmth is sweetcrateous accumulated during the daylight hours may be made to last by wrapping each separately in newspaper. An inside corner of the room may be similarly used, but the bottom crate should be raised a foot or two above the floor, from a nearer the ceiling the better.

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Kentucky Wildlife

By Roger W. Barbour

BIDS SOUGHT

Bids for the construction of a new postoffice at Flemingsburg will be opened September 6, it has been announced by the Federal Works Agency, Public Works Administration, Washington.

The building designed by government architects, will be of brick construction and from all indications will be one of the finest small postoffices in the state.

Ant-lions

Of all the insects that occur in Kentucky, one of the most interesting is the ant-lion, sometimes called the "doodle-bug." The adult ant-lion is a rather large insect that superficially resembles a "snake-doctor," or dragon fly. The ant-lion is rather closely related to the dobson fly, which has been treated in a previous article.

The adults lay their eggs in sand, or some loose dry soil, and when the larvae hatch they begin to construct little pits. In construct