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Nutrition Program.

The excellent work being done by the Mirands and East Union schools in providing lunches for children as a part of the National Nutrition Program, deserves comment and praise.

They have organized according to the system carried out by the WPA and have workers paid and supervised by WPA. Because of their cooperation with WPA they have received many food items from the Kentucky Surplus Commodity Division.

Last Thursday, for instance, ninety-five children of the East Union School ate a gift Thanksgiving dinner. The menu included stuffed baked chicken, celery, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, fruit salad, pie and milk. The sum of five cents, combined with hard effort, cooperation, generous patrons, and great determination make this luncheon possible.

It is our belief there should be such a luncheon in every school in Kentucky, and, certainly there should be one in every school of Nicholas county.

"—And We Were Grateful For It."

There came to our desk this week a letter from Father Flanagan—founder and guiding light of Boys Town. There is a magnificence beyond our conception about the work he has done, the home he founded and where he has cared for homeless and abandoned youths numbering now into many, many hundreds. We liked the letter because it was simple, direct, and yet under the unadorned sentences, there was a pulse that beat strong of truth and faith and hope; it was a letter that made us stop just a moment and think.

He wrote: "In December 1917, when I borrowed $90 to pay the first months' rent on a building to house homeless and abandoned boys, I decided to spend my life saving boys from becoming misfits and recruits in the army of crime.

"Our beginning was very humble. In fact, our first Christmas Dinner consisted of sauerkraut and boiled potatoes—and we were grateful for it."

And that first Christmas they had sauerkraut and boiled potatoes—and they were grateful. That is hope; that is faith.

Father Flanagan went on, "I wish it were possible for you to spend Christmas Day with us. Here at Boys Town you would see hundreds of healthy, growing boys who but a few months ago were without hope, without a home, abandoned and utterly discouraged. You would see a fine rural community, with its own farm, schools, and workshops, made up of boys of every race and creed, from every corner of the United States. Here they live together, work together, learn together and govern themselves in the American way. Here they have found opportunity and happiness.

"Boys Town is non-sectarian, and receives no aid from any Church, State, or Federal Government, or Community Chest. It depends entirely on the voluntary contributions of its friends.

"At this Christmas Season, therefore, my boys join me in asking you to send us a contribution. Their hope is not for themselves alone, but for the thousands of homeless, neglected boys yet to come to Boys Town whose wounds are yet to be healed, and whose hearts are yet to be made glad.

"Please don't hesitate because you think "my bit won't help." It will. The cost of food, shelter and clothing for each boy at Boys Town is only 50c per day, or about $4 per week. You may provide for a boy for as many days or weeks as you wish, but, regardless of the amount you send it will be sincerely appreciated."

We feel there is no reason to say more. The address is: Father E. J. Flanagan, Boys Town, Nebraska.

Winter Driving.

The National Safety Council is calling upon motorists in the northern climes to change the tempo of their motoring when winter comes. This organization recognizes that nearly every driver has an average speed at which he operates his car, especially in rural areas.

Persons at the steering wheel are prone to hold to this average even when weather conditions are adverse. The council is eager to convince them that accidents can be avoided and lives saved if they will suit their speed to the kind of weather that prevails.

For the last three years the council has engaged in research to determine the reaction of a car in good mechanical condition when the brakes are applied. At twenty miles an hour a car can be stopped in twenty one feet on dry concrete, or in twenty-six feet if the road is wet. On packed snow, without chains, a car can not be stopped at the same speed in less than sixty-nine feet. With chains, the distance is forty feet.

When ice is encountered, a car can not be stopped less than 160 feet. It is not enough on the rear wheels, the stopping distance is eighty-eight feet, and if the ice has been sanded, a full stop may be made in eighty-six feet. At higher speeds—ans few drive at twenty miles an hour—the hazards increase proportionately.

Highway officials attempt to make roadways as safe as possible after heavy snows, or when a sleet storm has covered the paved surface with ice, but they can not assure dry surfaces at all times. There is no mystery about winter driving hazards. They can be foreseen and avoided, if the operators of cars will remember the warnings that the safety experts have issued.

Fish In The Streams.

The eyes of sportsmen in most sections are currently turned to other game than fish, but in Oregon the fishermen are enjoying a bonanza of chum salmon. The waters of coastal streams are yielding a spectacular volume that confounds the oldest old-timers.

There are so many chum salmon surging up the waterways that fish are actually tossed ashore in the jam.

It's all highly profitable for the commercial fishermen. Some of them have cleared $80 a day each. It's been like that since early October. Long since they should have petered out. But it went on and on while the Izaak Waltons marveled and the dollars poured into their pockets.

This is worth mentioning because the blessings of America once more are made so evident. Could this be a sort of visitation to impress it all more deeply on those who reside in this fair land? Fortunate ones have so much over here, and yet other lands are torn over there.

Strong crops in the fields, tender beef on the hoof, sweet fruit on the vines and plenty of fish in the rivers—what have Americans done to deserve it?

That answer does not come straitway. But it is not difficult to find in the Oregon fish run the answer to another question. Why are Americans seeking to protect? Many persons are struck again by the realization that material buildings are well as mere amorphous democratic ideals are involved.

The lowly chum salmon teaches a lesson.

To The Moon.

There should be a lot of fun in store for the travel bug a lower 100 years from now. Stories of trips to the moon have heretofore been regarded as creations of the imagination. But the great-grandchildren of the present generation may make such trips, according to Dr. Dinsmore Alter, director of the Griffith-Astronomical Observatory.

Already a study is being made of a new element known as Uranium 235, upon which the first flight will depend. According to the scientists, it is now possible to send objects to the moon. Of course, there is a little matter of cost involved, as well as fuel. If one were to send a ticket to the moon, which would mean a distance of some 232,000 to 253,000 miles, the expense would be somewhere around $100,000,000.

The most comforting thought about prospective trips to the moon is that it will be easy to get back, since the moon's gravitational pull is only one-sixth that of the earth's. At least it is well to know that one would not have to stay on the dead world even though its quiet might be comforting for a time.

Paragraphs.

Octane rating of gasoline may soon be lowered because of priorities on lead. If your engine starts to knock, blame Hitler.

If, as military officials suggest, civilians are trained to be the eyes and ears of the Army, sergeants will continue to be the mouth.

When it comes to mopping up excess American income, Uncle Sam will be able to learn a lot from Santa Claus in the next few weeks.

Suspending the law of supply and demand to halt the cost of living from going higher is proving to be quite a chore even for Congress.

On days that Mussolini isn't reshuffling his "command" or otherwise trading horses in the middle of a stream, it shouldn't be taken for granted that he is out of the stream.

In Paris high heels for men still are stylish. We'd hate to be in those shoes.

Be cautious at all times—but in preventing fires be cautious to beat the blaze!

You can now make butter direct from grass. All you need is a cow and a churn.

Peach preserves keep much better when placed on a top shelf—if there are children in the house.

We hope prices won't take that old pledge, "We will never take another drop."

Gray is all the latest people always sit between you and the aisle!

The Washington MERRY-GO-ROUND

By DREW PEARSON and ROBERT S. ALLEN

Washington, D. C.

LITTLE BUSINESS

The President has his desk a confidential report that would warm the heart of the defense-harried little business man if he could read it.

Submitted by Lowell Mellett, one of the "passion for anonymity" White House secretaries, following a careful survey in 35 states, the memorandum by inference severely criticizes OPM and war department handling of defense contracts.

Mellett found that little business generally is bitterly disgusted with the whole defense administration, is convinced that it is being run by big business and corporation lawyers, and is up in arms politically about the matter. Mellett warns that something must be done about this situation and do it fast or it will be just like had in next year's crucial congressional elections.

A long list of specific grievances are detailed in the report. Little firms are excluded from defense orders in favor of big concerns, even though there was no difference in their prices. Endless run-arounds from OPM and army branches because the little business men had to go to the Hill since Small manufacturers put out of business by the priorities system then establishes big concerns with defense contracts to hog supplies of raw materials.

Mellett also implies that the Defense Office of Price Administration, established several months ago to help little business, has so far accomplished very little in the way of relief. Small business is still at the cold when it comes to getting an equitable share of defense work.

The gist of the report is an old story to the President. For months others have been telling him the same thing, and he has done what he personally and effectively. The creation of SPAB and the Contract Distribution division was an effort to remedy the situation. But these agencies are manned with the same type of executives who have been running the defense program from the start—big business men.

There isn't one little business man among them.

Lone Refugee.

In fact, in all of Washington there is only one place where a little business man is functioning in behalf of small business.

That is in the Justice department, where trust-busting Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold has set up a Small Business section and certainly is no lead a genuine little business man.

He is Guy Hickomb, a strapping, two-fisted Atlanta filling station operator, who has never had a police job before, hates politics, and knows nothing better than to tangle with a brassbat who is pushing around a little fellow.

Operating from a cubby-hole office, with only a secretary as his assistant, and without fanfare and hoopla, Hickomb in the month he has been functioning already has chalked up an impressive record as a defender of little business men. He has got them contracts, supplies, and entry to official doors previously closed.

If you are a little business man and are having defense troubles, Hickomb is the one man in Washington to talk them to. He may not be able to help you, but he'll certainly try. There will be no complaints on that score.

HITLER CARVES TURKEY

The regular Nazi Thanksgiving hookup with Hitler comes at an especially good time for the Britishers, who undoubtedly is why the Nazis put the screws on Turkey so vigorously. Under these circumstances the Nazi squeeze on Turkey can be expected to tighten almost momentarily.

In fact, the more the Nazi drive in Russia bogs down with weather, the more likely is Hitler to take the easier, warmer, short cut through Turkey toward the oil fields of the Caucasus—and also toward the British oil fields in Mosul and the Euphrates valley.

For months the Nazis have been bringing small boats down to the Aegean via the Balkan railroads and the Danube, and are reported almost ready for landing party attacks on coastal points in the Middle East.

Preparing to meet this, General Wavell has been sending a constant stream of reinforcements from India, most of them to Iran, Iraq and Palestine. The British say they are in fairly good shape—though still woefully weak in tanks.

Faced with this situation, the Sultan, continue to be the enigma of Europe. Diplomatic betting is they will bow to Hitler.

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MERRY-GO-ROUND

Bill Bullitt, former ambassador to France, was asked by photographers to pose with strip-tease queen Ann Corio, as the two happened to board the same plane in Hartford, Conn. Bullitt declined. Comments Lo La Corio, "He'd better never run for office—my fans will souls him at the polls!"

A confidential commerce department report estimates that by the fall of 1942, 6,000,000 workers will be employed in defense industries. The number is now 1,500,000.

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"An Editor's Random Thoughts"

Editor's Note: For several years readers throughout the State have asked for reprints of the brilliant editorials upon Nature by the late Warren R. Fisher. With this in mind, and, believing that many would enjoy again his editorials, we are presenting reprints under the head used by Mr. Fisher on many times, "An Editor's Random Thoughts." We will try to pick each week one editorial by Mr. Fisher which we believe you will read again with joy, one in which you will find all the beauty of Kentuckiana.

"I singularly moved
To love the things that are not loved
Of all the Seasons, most
Love Winter, and to trace
The sense of that Olympian pallor on her face.

It is not death, but plentitude of peace;
And the dim cloud that does the world enfold
Hath less the character of dark and cold
Than warmth and light and love
And correspondent breathing seems to keep
With the infant harvest, breathing soft below
Its cider coverlet of snow."

—From "Winter," by Coventry Patmore.

It was more years ago than is pleasant to confess that the writer heard Thomas T. Stanton of "The Moneyless Man" fame, deliver a lecture and recite some of his poems. The next day, as we remember, there was a "book-killing" to be celebrated and we were up early and off on our own little errand, in order not to miss any of the interesting rites of "rendering" and "grinding." Lord how cold they did make around! And the darkies down at the cabin cooked up weird, though rather tasty, dishes from the unmentionables of the pigs' anatomy, which should not necessarily be proper food "up at the house" but which were delicacies to the investigating palate and iron-clad stomach of youth. And then there were blackbirds to shoot and rabbits to run and hunt to dry, until Christmas morning, and the bubbling kettle, and the glowing fires and the lazy wisps of wood smoke, rising like a spear shaft in the crisp air of autumn, completed a picture of rural life deep in Kentucky.

But we digress! Of the hounds tempted to the memory of those days of yesteryear, one was a black and tan, with a coat which had dashed off to serve the turn of an Oriental educationist, had not quite enough of the "Oriental" about it to keep before our eyes had stood a being who stood for "Spring," and "Summer," and "Autumn," and "Winter." Having used up all of the Seasons, the poetic Pegasus died, and Captain Stanton was sleep peacefully. He inspired a lad to poesy, but somehow it didn't "take" except that the lad was still deeply in love the admiration we hold for the music of falling lines.

And so happening on the verse of Coventry Patmore, which introduces this screed we are fain to confess that we did visit hours Winter an impulse in a recent tribute to Autumn in these columns. We saw the "walling and wailing" of the woods and meadows brown and sere." We missed the latent life, the "infant harvest breathing soft beneath its cider coverlet of snow."

Ever beautiful, ever wonderful, everlasting is Nature. The quickening of Spring, the liveliness of Summer and the glories of Autumn are apparent to the dullest eye. The imagination of the poet pictures the coming harvest under its blanket of snow; his ear hears the foetal heart-beat of the infant Spring; his eye envisions life in seeming death.

As we sit snug within and the wild gusts rattle the windows and the snow drifts in the fence corners, it is comforting to think that out there, deep down under the frozen earth is the quickening germ of another Springtime and another harvest. And to man, whose span is brief, who "struts and frets his hour upon the stage and then is seen no more," Nature in her wintry garb brings promise of a plenitude of peace," pledge of a Life Everlasting.

50 YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 10, 1891

Died—Miss Carrie Robinson, 54, at her home in this city on the 6th.

Coal office of James Spencer destroyed by fire last Wednesday night, entailing a loss of about $800.

Married—Miss Lucy E. Wilcett, of this city, and Mr. J. J. Williamson, of Carrollton, Mo., at the Christian church in this city on the 8th.—Miss Lizzie Eaton and Mr. Charles Cameron, both of the Parks Ferry neighborhood, on the 23rd.

Mr. H. F. Willett sustains a broken collar bone and other injuries when his horse become frightened and runs away near town Monday morning. The buggy was completely demolished.

Large frame and stone building opposite the court house, owned by J. H. Frey, completely destroyed by fire early last Saturday morning. The building was occupied by J. H. Frey, Dallas & Lasley and Al Peters. Mr. Frey announced that he will at once begin the erection of a modern brick building on the site.

40 YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 12, 1901

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Trumbo, of this city, on the 8th, a son.

Married—Miss Mary Jane Hall, formerly of this city, at Manchester, Ohio.—Mr. Morgan Royse, 80, of the Blue Licks neighborhood, at the home of his son in Fayette county on the 3rd.

Dr. M. Dills, who has been health officer of Nicholas county for the past 18 years, announces he will not be an applicant for reappointment.

Married—Miss Margaret Woodward and Mr. Charles Robert McVey, both of this county, at Mayesville on the 5th.—Miss Lizzie Plummer and Mr. William Rankin, both of the county, on the 12th.

Nicholas County Oil & Gas Company organized and the following officers elected: Jno. I. Williamson, president; G. W. Grimes, vice president; Frank Kennedy, secretary and treasurer; W. S. Dudley, Jr., general manager. The capital stock was placed at $10,000.

20 YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 8, 1921

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Mathias, of Washington, D. C., a son on Saturday, December 3.

Married—Miss Lucy Edna Cameron, 17, and Mr. Roy McClary, 21, of the Myers vicinity, last Friday.—Miss Mary E. Flinn of Alliance, Ohio, and Mr. Ray S. McLean of the Cassidy vicinity at Canton, Ohio, on November 26.

Died—Mrs. Ellen Burns, 78, at her home at Elaine last Friday after a long illness.—Raymond Hound, 11, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Will Shannon, near Buzzard Roost, last Thursday.—Gordon Ward 30, at his home in Bratton early Sunday.—Mr. Weston J. Myers, 11, at his home in this city last Friday morning after an illness of about two weeks.

The National Tuberculosis Association and its nearly 2000 related organizations is the largest non-governmental organization to fight our disease in this country. The Christmas Seal Sale is the sole support of these activities.

The eradication of bovine tuberculosis took 23 years and was practically completed last month. A total of 232,000,000 tuberculin tests were given and 4,500,000 cattle were detected and slaughtered.

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NEWS OF KENTUCKY

David C. Campbell, 80, a pioneer in the opening of East Kentucky coal fields, died Sunday of a heart attack.

Joseph McDowell, 75, a retired farmer and saddle horse breeder, died at his home at Danville Sunday afternoon following a long illness.

An army twin-motor A-20-A bomber, crashed and burned about five miles from Stanford Monday afternoon as the pilot escaped in a parachute leap.

Orvie Crawford, 30, of New Castle, was killed and Kenneth Rucker, 26, wounded in a shooting and cutting affray Friday near New Castle, according to Sheriff Reiss Bush.

Kentucky's business barometer for October registered gains over September and over October 1940, the University of Kentucky bureau of business research reported Monday.

Commonwealth's Attorney James Park Monday asked Fayette Circuit Court to summon two Federal Bureau of Investigation agents to testify at the trial of three men charged with the Miley slayings.

State Senator Paul B. Sidebottom died Sunday night at St. Joseph's hospital. He had been admitted October 25 after being struck by an automobile near his home at Williamstown.

Edgar Reynolds, local field representative for the United Mine Workers of America, Saturday said he felt the miners would demand refund of any deduction from their pay for three days there were absent from word last week.

Requests for appropriation increases totaling more than $1,500,000 a year for the 1942-44 period were laid before the state Legislative Council by heads of Kentucky's six state institutions of higher learning Monday.

A suit asking $25,000 damages was filed in Boyle Circuit Court at Danville Monday by J. B. Deering of Perryville in connection with the death of his son, James B. Deering, 17, in a traffic accident on September 13.

The Kentucky River at Hunters Ferry, about fifteen miles from Richmond, was dragged unsuccessfully Sunday for the second consecutive day for the body of John C. Warren, 72, farmer, who is believed to have drowned there Friday afternoon.

Twelve residents of Mingo County, West Virginia, and Martin County, Kentucky, went on trial in federal court at Huntington Monday on an indictment charging them jointly with conspiracy to violate the federal liquor laws.

At the request of Gov. Keen Johnson, Senator Chandler and eight members of the Kentucky delegation in the House called on Federal Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt Monday to express Kentucky's opposition to proposed federal control of unemployment compensation.

A general outlook for the fruit growers in 1942 is decidedly encouraging, Ira J. Olney, head of the horticulture department of the College of Agriculture, University of Kentucky, told delegates at the 86th annual meeting of the Kentucky State Horticultural Society at Paducah Monday.

Agriculture Commissioner William May reported that the state livestock inspecting patrol has discovered and blocked importation of 723 head of diseased cattle since the patrol began work just four months ago. He said if these cattle had reached Kentucky farms, thousands of native cattle would now be infected.

National American Legion commander Byn Stambaugh told the Kentucky department that the Legion's main objective is the defeat of Hitler. He rapped congressional, industrial and labor leaders interfering with the march of national defense and criticized minorities which publicly objected to legislation already approved by congress.

Commonwealth's Attorney H. B. Kinsolving, Shelbyville, and Spencer County Attorney elect G. Louis Hume, Taylorsville, late Monday were still piecing together facts surrounding the fatal shooting Sunday night of John Chesham, 29, and the wounding of his father, Thad Chesham, Sr., 61 Spencer County attorney, and Town Marshal James Elder, 35.

Retired Supreme Court Justice James Clark McReynolds has donated $6,000 to Centre College, President Robert L. McLeod, announced Thursday.

Money to buy uniforms and ammunition for Kentucky's Active State Militia will be asked of the General Assembly, it was announced Wednesday.

Injuries suffered in an automobile accident early Friday at Hawkinsville, Ga., claimed the life of Miss Anne Douglas McCown, 20, a senior at the University of Kentucky.

Plans for staging a historical pageant in five Western Kentucky cities next May as a part of Kentucky's Sesquicentennial celebration were made Friday night at Paducah.

The Pryor tobacco market at Owensboro opened Thursday with sales averaging $11.01 per 100 pounds, an increase of $1.05 above the opening day's average last year.

Ohe Howard, Log Lick, Clark county, was injured Thursday when a southbound Louisville and Nashville Railroad passenger train struck the car he was driving at the North Main street crossing in Winchester.

Lexington business in October averaged 10.5 per cent above October of last year in excess of 1940 and 8.7 per cent over September, 1941, the University of Kentucky bureau of business research reported Monday.

Tobacco sales opened at Louisville Tuesday with more than 2,000,000 pounds awaiting sale.

Smith Barlow Sr., 71, attorney for 25 years of Hardin, died Wednesday after a long illness.

The Public Service Commission Thursday ordered the Kentucky Utilities Company to refund to consumers in 1942 and 1943 a total of $2,000,000, of which $2,650,000, if any, and to credit the other half to the company's depreciation fund.

R. W. Tripp, locating engineer for the Kentucky Highway Department said the Frankfort West Side bypass would be built into a three lane highway from the Lexington city limits to a point just west of the Kent dam, 4 reservoir is scheduled to begin next spring.

A hearing on the East Kentucky Rural Electric cooperative Corporation's proposal to build a generating plant costing about $4,000,000 in Clark County and to erect 380 miles of transmission lines was postponed by the State Public Service Commission Friday to December 15.

Statements Wednesday by Selective Service and recruiting officials indicated that Kentucky's quota for December already noted in some other states—a total of 4,000 men—is fast being filled up in this area and a drive for men in the navy and other branches of the armed forces of America is now underway.

The West Kentucky Coal Company miners at a National Mine near Madisonville, Henderson, Tuesday at Sturgis, Westcreek and Earlington voted 780 to 60 against the United Mine Workers of America as their bargaining agency. No other issue was involved.

The executive committee of the Kentucky Conference on Social Welfare commended Gov. Keen Johnson Thursday "for his program for permanent relief, the rehabilitation of the state institutions and especially Greendale (the State Houses of Reform)."

H. L. Ragland, charged with operating a gambling house in the Kentucky Tavern in Guthrie, entered a plea of guilty when arraigned before Judge S. P. Slaughter in Todd County Court Friday afternoon and was fined $400 and cost on each of four counts—a total of $1,600 and costs.

Sam Purate, ousted Kenton County Clerk, filed injunction proceedings in Kenton Circuit Court Thursday to block action by Governor General Albert Meredith to force him to immediately vacate office—and gained a temporary restraining order against naming of his successor.

Preparations for the trial of three men charged with murder in the slaying of golf star Marion Miley and her mother were completed Thursday when the Commonwealth moved to subpoena nine witnesses and Raymond S. "Keeter" Baxter, 27, one of the defendants, asked a court order to permit his attorneys to inspect the statement he made to police.

Dispelling The Fog

By Charles Michelson Director of Publicity, Democratic National Committee

One of the curious suggestions emanating from the Isolationist camp is that we should endeavor to get England to consider peace terms with Germany.

Obviously, even if such a peace were possible, it would be one that recognizes the virtue of the Hitler regime, for the Reich would hardly abandon the theory that the Germans are a superior race and therefore entitled to dominate others. Hitler now dominates Europe from the North Sea to the Russian border, and a little beyond.

Suppose he were willing to declare her satisfaction with the concessions he has made and agree to stop with things as they are? Could the democracies agree to that? Moreover—going further with an impossible hypothesis—does anybody believe he should abide by such a treaty?

Europe is littered with the tatters of treaties torn up by Hitler. Hitler, when unready England's government disclosed an appeasement policy and Chamberlain condoned the rape of Czecho-Slovakia, announced that he had no further territorial ambitions in Europe. Then he proceeded to divide Poland with Russia and swept over Belgium, Holland, Denmark and Norway and so on.

It is straining credulity too far to suppose that he would be any more willing to keep his promises now than he was then.

Nor do Isolationists are indignant because Secretary of State Hull has refused even to listen to Russian proposals for a conference of foreign ministers, the two countries. Presumably the Russians meant to offer a restoration of the territory they extorted from Finland two years ago, or something along those lines. It was Senator Nye who declared at that time that it would be "a step toward war" when it was proposed to lend Finland $60,000,000 to aid in her defense against the aggression of the Stalin government.

It was, I believe, Senator Nye who wanted to add a rider to the lease-lend bill instructing President Roosevelt to "inquire into the possibility of bringing about a negotiated peace abroad."

Senator Vandenberg, when he was opposing the repeal of the Neutrality bill, put it a little differently. "I should prefer," he said, "that we present to all the Axis the choice of reasonable negotiations now as to the alternative of a bitter, frank, all-out entry into the war, if negotiations fail."

Now all the Isolationists are clamoring at the outset of this country pressing Finland to lies to Russia's proposals.

"It's a terrible reflection on our diplomacy and American thinking," said Senator Nye. "It's a perfectly disgraceful thing," said Senator Clark.

It is a tough situation for Finland. In the dispatches from abroad there is a hint, at least, that Great Britain threatens a declaration of war against her for, of course, Finland is fighting with the Nazis against Russia, and problems of supply via Arctic ports are of great concern to our interest. It may be that the result of the Russo-German battle will hinge on the aid given since Finland is giving Hitler—if not only by her forcing the fighting, but by the access she gives the German invaders, and their supply lines.

Perhaps Finland might be willing to quit, if she got the stolen territory back, but would Germany permit it? Perhaps it was, partially, to head off the British war declaration that the effort is being made here to get her to resume her neutrality. The Finns want to know why they will guarantee that Russia—if Russia is the winning side—would stick to her bargain after the war. The answer to that is another question: "Who will guarantee Finland's safety now? added to Hitler's collection if Hitler is the victor?"

We are furnishing Russia with war engines and other supplies, not because we love Russia, but for our own sake—because Russia is doing her part in stopping the world conquest in which the Reich has embarked. For war purposes, at the present moment, Finland and Germany are one. The consortium is whether we can permit our affection for and sympathy with the distressed little country to prevent us from trying to get her to abandon the Axis—in short, to get off Russia's back—when Russia is making our fight? Not that Russia is doing it for our sake, but for her own salvation.

Nobody suspects Finland—as square and honest a democracy as ever advanced the cause of liberty—of anything approaching accord with the Hitler philosophy. Their being joined is a plain marriage of convenience.

WPA's Contribution To The American Life

We have been accustomed to thinking of the WPA program as a community betterment, program, designed to relieve unemployment. But now, after six years, we are only beginning to realize that the WPA program has been our first line of home defense. It has been a primary weapon against the destructive internal forces that attack the nation in peace as well as in war—the forces of poverty and misery. These two, spawned by public indifference and neglect, are relentless destroyers. Against them, we must be always on the alert, because when millions of people are allowed to become weak and helpless victims of poverty and misery, they turn to the dictators in desperation, and barter their freedom for a mess of pottage.

That WPA has played a constructive part in our American way of living, has been brought out by its accomplishments. Here are some of its concrete achievements:

8,000 miles of road construction and improvement—covering one-fifth of the total road mileage of the country.

30,000 public buildings erected, and 50,000 more improved or enlarged. Included in this category are 1,000 hospitals and hospitals. One million school kids ate lunches in structures built by WPA.

65,000 new bridges and viaducts built, and 44,000 more reconstructed.

220 sewage disposal, water treatment, pumping, incinerator and other utility plants for cities and towns throughout the nation. WPA also laid out 35,000 miles of water and sewer State Hull has 3,800 new water wells and 2,700 reservoirs and storage tanks.

2,224,000 sanitary privies in rural areas, especially in the South.

8,000 recreation buildings, 2,500 new athletic fields, 2,800 playgrounds, 7,800 parks.

875 civilian and military airports improved or enlarged.

18,000 military buildings erected or improved. These include barracks, navy yards, armories, training camps and training stations.

President Determines Need Of 1,900 Defense Homes

President Roosevelt determined last week that a need existed for 1,900 homes for families of industrial defense workers and enlisted personnel in five localities, upon recommendation of Defense Housing Coordinator Palmer.

In addition, the President approved provision of 100 temporary dwelling units in Hartford, Conn.

Permanent homes planned are as follows:

Mobile, Ala., 1410; Banana River, Florida locality, 160; Lakeland, Florida locality, 60; Trinidad, British West Indies, 60; Key West, Fla., 210.

Sport Arenas For Army In 37 Camps Planned

Field houses in 37 Army camps covering all nine corps areas are being built, according to Thomas J. Trimble, the War Department has announced.

These sport arenas, most of them are scheduled for the end of November, will provide facilities for basketball, boxing, wrestling, volleyball, tennis, and badminton, as well as stage shows.

No more propitious time than now could be selected to urge Americans to protect itself against tuberculosis, according to Dr. Thomas J. Parran, surgeon general, U. S. Public Health Service.

It afforded the Finns an opportunity to get back at a bullies that has bullied her and threatened her independence off and on for several years.

On the other hand, the United States is committed to the destruction of Hitlerism, for it is quite certain that if the Fuehrer succeeds in Europe—and Asia—we are bound to be next on his list.

We have advised Finland that if she gives aid and comfort to Russia, she will forfeit the friendship of our country. That sounds mild, but forfeiture of friendship may mean quite a lot of trouble. Japan realizes it—and Japan is, up to date, a partner in the affairs of the Axis, while Finland is in it the whole way.

Possibly the argument that may have the most effect will be that if the Nazi's are definitely stopped in Russia, the war will be of relatively short duration; but if they are not, we may look forward to a long-time world war—and in such a war the independence of small nations on the fifing line will be a mere abstraction.

Navy Prepares For Trouble In Pacific

In view of the fact that conversations between the United States and Japan, which have been under way for some time, may be discontinued on short notice, the two countries are speeding up the strategic disposition of their forces in the Pacific.

Out of Japan are flowing processions of ships carrying troops and supplies 3,000 miles away to the Philippines. Other ships are carrying Japanese to the islands that flank the American-owned Philippines and Guam. Fleet dispositions are being worked out to the best advantage.

At the same time the United States is preparing, sending out knowledge that deer are protected in Kentucky and must not be killed. So far that reason, and because of their ages, there was no prosecution. The Bracken county authorities recommended no court procedure.

Officer Shelton confiscated the deer skin. The buck had a small rack of five points. It had been shot five times with a .22 bullet and finished by dogs.

Like other deer that have been seen recently in northern Kentucky the buck was missing probably in search of a doe.

According to latest information, Finland will hold its 1941 Christmas Seal Sale as usual. The sale was held in Finland during the grim Christmas of invasion in 1939 and again last year.

Deer Killed By Two Young Boys

Two Bracken county boys, 13 and 11, with the aid of their dogs, bagged a buck deer several days ago near Willow, in Bracken county, according to a report received by S. A. Wakefield, Director of the Division of Game and Fish, from Conservation Officers Stanley Shelton.

The act was committed with

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