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We're In This Deep.

Westbrook Pegler, who operates on the theory that a gallon of vinegar will catch as many flies as honey will attract and who proceeds to strew vinegar all through his daily column, wrote an article the other day in praise of President Roosevelt.

This was a bit strange as Pegler rarely praises anyone and has been a persistent critic of many administration policies. But in this latest effort he pointed out that a critic of Roosevelt policy is not necessarily a Roosevelt hater, and he reaffirmed his faith in the President as the best man in the world to be at the helm in the present conflict.

We liked that column, because we have always admired Pegler as a man of his convictions. We have thought him a bit bitter at times and we have disagreed on many occasions with his views, but we believe that he had faith in what he said.

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And we cannot help, as we hear criticism of the manner in which the war effort is being conducted, but wonder if the critics can possibly realize that what they are saying is in direct conflict with the facts of the last eight years.

The first voice of warning of things to come was the voice of the President of the United States. He saw, but we and our elected representatives in the Congress would not heed.

Senator Borah, the leader of the isolationist forces in Congress before his death, cheered our ostrich-like policy with a positive statement that there "will be no war in Europe this year." That was in 1939, and weeks later France was on her knees.

A movement was launched in Congress to fortify our islands in the Pacific, but a group of isolationists, Democrats and Republicans together, saw to it that the measure was beaten. It was Bruce Barton, then a Republican congressman from New York, who quipped "Guam with the wind" after a measure that would have fortified the Island of Guam was beaten in the House. It's not funny, now, is it? And Guam is gone with the wind—only the wind is the wind that was exploded from the "they can't get us, boys" in the House.

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It wasn't Roosevelt who did this. It was the Roosevelt haters, the That Man group, who brought it about. And now there are those who would sit back and criticize the manner in which he is attempting to carry on this war.

This is no time for recriminations. This is no time for idle criticism. This is no time for talk that has its inception in the fact that because we disapprove of some of the New Deal policies that we think nothing good can be accomplished in Washington.

We haven't had a single winning day since this war started. We're not the race of Supermen that we thought we were before this thing began. We're in this thing up to our necks, and unless we get in there and pitch we're going to lose those very same necks.

Unless we realize this pretty soon, we're going to be in a worse shape than we are.

You people that are talking the most—how much scrap material have you dumped in the barrel since this thing started? And how many bonds have you bought?

Clean Up Week.

Probably many persons have said it many times, but it was Supreme Court Justice Stanley Reed who told a Kentucky audience that the best manner in which the "home folks" could best help in the war effort was by going about their daily tasks and doing them as well as possible.

So the Clean Up week campaign which begins Monday in Carlisle is a task that should be done well. Each of us can accomplish something worthwhile if we will but clean up our own back-yards. It will aid the appearance and the general morale of the community if we have it spotless next Saturday.

This year cleanup week can be something more than just a week when we are tidying up our premises. The salvage committee in the county has asked for the old rags, old paper, old rubber and metal scrap, in response to a national plea for these materials. This year we can take that rubbish which we are going to throw out and convert some of it to the war effort.

A pen has been built on a downtown street for the metal. Certainly we can take those old pieces of iron and steel which are laying about the house or the yard and dump them into that pen to help get a Jap. Surely we can see that the waste paper and cardboard finds its way to the Salvage House.

Let's clean up with a will. Carlisle will look better and we'll all feel better when the job is done.

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And while we're cleaning up the private premises, how about getting the streets cleaned up a little, too. If any of you members of the city council have ever been on Main street in a high wind you know that you can scarcely see from the Deposit Bank to Cole's corner.

And while we're on the subject, what about cleaning up the rest rooms in the Nicholas county court house. That place over there is no bed of roses.

Unity Helps.

There was a great spirit of unity exhibited at the banquet held by the Young Business Men's club Friday night. Such a spirit helps this community, and one hundred men, working together in a unified program for the betterment of this area, can accomplish anything they set out to do.

Now let's get a program going. Let's not just dismiss the organization from our mind until it's banquet time again, and all get together on this thing.

We can do it if everyone will get out and push. We can't do it if a part insist on either riding or in sitting back and criticizing the pushers.

We see that they have now taken up the matter of rationing razor blades, but we suppose that we'll all scrape through someway.

One famous movie actress says that it is her ambition to kiss 10,000 soldiers this year. Could Sherman have been wrong about war?

The railways, it is reported, are doing a rushing business. However, it is too much to expect that the box car numbers ever catch up with the national debt.

Latest press release from Washington warns against the hoarding of money. What money?

Seeing a little dog chasing a great big truck always makes us wonder what he'd do with it if he ever caught it.

What we'd like to see is a fund to take care of German subs. A sinking fund would do it.

"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 so 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.

Viewing With Alarm.

We view with alarm the brilliant colors which young men's hose are beginning to affect this Spring. They remind us of the year 1908, which will be remembered as the year when our particular generation of adolescents went so completely to the devil.—Kansas City Star.

From the "Starbeams" column of the Kansas City Star and only a pert paragraph, of course, but typical of the seriously pessimistic outlook of the professional "viewers with alarm."

We can remember when young men were "given up" as hopeless because they followed the prevailing fad of parting their hair in the middle. I remember we heard an ancient whittler say: "I never seen a young feller who hangs his foot out of the buggy come to any good end."

And so today some of us plead guilty to the encroachment of the years by "viewing with alarm" the hatless youth in baggy trousers and his flapper sisters of carmined lips and flapping galoshes. Youth, we are quite sure, is going completely to the devil in the year 1926.

Perhaps someone may dig this screed from the files in 1946. Should they do so, a believer in the immutable sameness of old human nature may use it to point to the moral of a preachment to the effect that "back in 1926 the oldsters thought the jazz and flapperism and its concomitants spelled the ruin of youth, as today we view with alarm the wild tendencies of the present generation."

So we think it will be always. Each generation is bound for the bowwows in the opinion of the generation preceding it. Yet each generation manages to furnish its quota of perfectly good fathers and mothers for the next. He who grows older enjoys "crabbing about the worthlessness of the younger generation. It is a compensation of sorts for the pangs of envy.

The Washington MERRY-GO-ROUND

By DREW PEARSON & ROBERT ALLEN

AIR CRASHES

With the tremendous war expansion of the army and navy air branches has come an accompanying frequency of press reports of crashes by fledgling pilots. These stories have brought a flood of worried inquiries to Washington authorities.

Relatives of aviators have expressed concern over the number of these accidents and the adequacy of the training programs.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND has investigated both matters. For military reasons detailed figures cannot be disclosed. But the following generalizations can be published:

1. That the U. S. percentage of accidents is less than that of the British and appreciably under the best available German figures. The casualty rate among Nazi trainees is reported to be quite high due to limited training facilities, personnel and equipment.

2. While U. S. accidents have increased numerically because of the greatly increased number of men in training, the percentage of accidents has not increased. Today it is about the same as the ratio in 1940. This fact is of key importance, since it means there has been no deterioration in the basic quality of the army and navy air training systems despite speed-ups and other war factors.

3. The present training systems are far superior to those of the World war. Trainees are selected more carefully and given much more and better instruction before they get their coveted wings.

The question of allowing military air crashes to be reported has been a subject of inner circle debate for some time. Some authorities contend this is valuable information to the enemy, and cite the fact that Britain has banned such press stories.

The President, however, has not entirely agreed with this view. He is against publication of totals or percentages but sees no objection to press reports of individual mishaps. This is the policy being followed but the question is still under discussion.

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—Buy Defense Bonds—

SPRING AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Outside the White House fence march **soldiers with** fixed bayonets. But inside **the tall,** iron fence, defying **the changes** wrought by war, is the perennial transfiguration of spring.

The grass is a soft green, and the beds of pansies and jonquils have burst into bloom in colorful brilliance. The flowering shrubs and trees were never lovelier—the magnolias, japonica, and forsythia.

On the Pennsylvania avenue side, the magnolias are making a gorgeous showing, supported by the forsythia and japonica bushes, all at their best. The same three faithfuls are on display near the fountain in the South garden. These are the two best show places in the White House grounds.

The only scar in the scene is the construction work on the East grounds, where sewers and conduits are being laid for what is officially described as a "remodeling operation."

The colors seen best by the President from his desk are those of the jonquils and pansies in the rose garden just outside his office window.

There is a touch of irony in the fact that some of the best color is Nipponese in origin—the Japanese magnolias, and the japonicas, which are otherwise known as Japanese quince.

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—Buy Defense Bonds—

HULL AND WINCHELL

Cordell Hull, dignified, austere secretary of state, sat gazing out over the Atlantic ocean recently from a Miami Beach cabana adjacent to the cabana of turbulent, Broadway news-sleuth Walter Winchell.

For two months Mr. Hull has been absent from Washington; there has been speculation whether he would return. So news-sleuth Winchell put the question bluntly to his cabana neighbor:

"Mr. Secretary, are you going back to work?"

The secretary of state replied in the affirmative. He said that after he had had sufficient rest in the South, he was going back to work.

Note—One of Winchell's friends reproached him for putting such a blunt question to Mr. Hull. Replied Winchell: "I've gotta ask questions. That's my racket."

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HOME FRONT FLASHES

Donald Nelson's appointment of a co-ordinator to boss the rubber industry is the first of a number of similar industry rulers. Others slated to be named will be co-ordinators for textiles, food, aircraft, metals, etc.

Attention draft registrants! You can write it down as certain that congress will enact allotment legislation providing government aid for dependents. That means those exempted on dependent grounds will be reclassified.

Use Newspaper Advertising

50 YEARS AGO

There died—John Fitzgerald, of Carlisle, at a Lexington hospital.

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Dr. J. R. Tilton left for Columbia, Mo. to attend a pure-bred livestock sale.

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Dr. Jerry Foster returned from Philadelphia, where he recently graduated from medical school.

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James Spencer, Will Ross, W. W. Howe, and Charles W. Wood were in Mt. Olivet to assist in organizing a Knights of Pythias lodge.

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Henry Gaines and Tom Allen, colored, of Bourbon county, were held to the Nicholas county grand jury on a charge of using insulting language to a lady.

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Hon. Winfield Buckner of Robertson county announced his candidacy for circuit judge. There were now three candidates, the other two being Thomas Owens and W. W. Kimbrough.

40 YEARS AGO

Mrs. W. C. Wood arrived from Collins, Miss., for a visit with relatives.

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Married—Miss Ella Bedford and Dr. H. H. Buntin, both of Nicholas county, in Lexington.

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Elliot Colliver of Carlisle was awarded a contract to build a new $20,000 Odd Fellows Temple at Flemingsburg.

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J. Roy McIntyre of Carlisle was a member of the graduating class at the University of Louisville Medical College.

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Residence, barn, stable and other buildings of W. L. Gibson, near Carlisle were totally destroyed by fire.

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Drilling outfit of the Nicholas County Oil and Gas Company arrived and will be put to work near Park Hill.

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The following teachers in the Carlisle school were elected: **Prof. W. F. Ramey, Prof. C. F. Martin,** Misses **Mabelle Scott, Nannie** Colville, Sue Tuttle, **Mattie** Power, Bessie Kimbrough, Bettie Shaw, Hattie Secrest, and Anna Johnson.

20 YEARS AGO

Incendiarism was suspected as the Ingels building in Millersburg was razed by fire.

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Carlisle High school baseball team defeated both Mt. Sterling and Paris. Paris was downed 26 to 4 and Mt. Sterling by 8 to 5.

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Henry Harper was recorded as one of the best students in the University of Kentucky Engineering College.

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Governor Morrow issued proclamation calling upon citizens to observe the 100th birthday anniversary of Ulysses S. Grant.

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Fifty-three new suits were on file as circuit court prepared to convene.

"BOYS ARE FLYING KITES ON THE HILL

The sport is old—
Uncounted centuries ago
The slant-eyed lads of old Cathay
Gazed upward at their dragon kites
On such a windy day.

The hill is old—
Scant fragments have the elements
Carved from the cliffside, steep and brown;
Thus ever has it seemed to stand
Staunch guardian of the town.

The breeze is old—
Time was triremes and galleons sped
Full-sailed before it, as it blew
Around the world; the breeze is old—
Only the boys are new.

—B. Y. Williams

SOCIAL ERROR

Half a pound of sugar a week per person—that's the initial sugar ration to go into effect in mid-May. It may soon be a social boner comparable to eating with your knife to take more than a scant teaspoonful of sugar for your coffee when you're a dinner guest. Some hosts might even tell you to bring your own, as they do in England.—Maysville Ledger.

OTHER EDITORIALS

"Get Fighting Mad"

By W. J. Weir, in Printers' Ink

Don't get me wrong—I'm just an ordinary guy. I'm not trying to pose as an expert on the moulding of public opinion. I'm not talking about what I'd do if it was my job to whip up the country on the war effort.

I'm talking as an average citizen. I'm saying, not what I'd like to tell them, but what I'd like to be told. Soon.

Because I'm concerned, and I've been concerned, about my reaction to all that's been happening. I'm buying bonds. I'm paying taxes. I'm doing with less sugar.

But deep down inside, down where it really matters, something hasn't taken place yet that I feel ought to take place. I'm all a welter of confusion there. It keeps me scratching my head and mopping my brow when I know I ought to be clenching my fists.

You understand? It's like this:

I want to be told—not to buy Defense Stamps or Defense Bonds. I want to be told to buy Victory Stamps or War Bonds.

I want to be told—not about the construction of houses in Defense Areas. I want to be told about the construction of houses in War Production Areas.

I want to be told—not to remember Pearl Harbor. I want to be told to take Tokyo, to bomb Berlin, to raze Rome.

I want to be told—not to do my part to keep Nazism or Fascism from these shores. I want to be told to do my part to spread Americanism to all shores.

I want to be told—not to help keep our world and our way of life from being lost. I want to be told to help build a new world and a better way of life.

I want a positive program instead of a passive one. I want something to fight for—I'm sick and tired of having only something to fight against. I'm hungry for something to get pepped up about—I'm repelled from having only something to fear. I want something to do—not just to wait for.

It hasn't been so long since the last war that I forget what happened then. I remember the parades and the speeches and the ringing slogans. Then we fought to make the world safe for democracy. We bought Liberty Bonds. We knew that the Yanks were coming.

We set out to avenge Belgium—not just to remember it. We made a vow that we'd reach Berlin or bust. We toyed with plans to hang the Kaiser. We warned the Hun to "keep your head down Fritzieboy!" We girded ourselves for a Crusade—we didn't close the doors for a siege.

We hated the Kaiser—we didn't laugh at him. We printed his loathsome physiognomy on toilet paper—to make the most ignominious use of it. We likened his upturn handle-bars to the devil's horns—not to anything so harmless and pathetic as the famous hirsute prop Charlie Chaplin plasters on his upper lip. We saw nothing to be amused about in his vain and pompous posturings—as we do today in Mussolini's puffy strutting. We didn't pin our hopes on the defective eyesight of our enemy.

We planted war gardens. We poured money into war chests. We had gasless Sundays and yelled "Slacker!" at anyone who dared to venture out in his Winton or Hupmobile or Sterns-Knight. We churned one pound of butter into two pounds and did it with as much will as if we were turning out ammunition.

We took the offensive psychologically long beore we took it physically. And if we hadn't taken it psychologically, we'd never have developed the drive to take it physically. And don't tell me we can't do the same now.

I want to sing that today we control our own destiny, tomorrow the destiny of the whole world. I want to sail against Germany, against Italy, against Japan. If they can sail against us and our allies, why can't we sail against them?

I want to construct a greater America co-prosperity sphere. I want to correct the mistakes of the Versailles treaty insofar as they allowed all this to happen. I want to win lebensraum for the democratic way of life.

I'm fed up with singing plaintive songs—I want to sing battle songs. Don't tell me there'll be bluebirds over the white cliffs of Dover. To hell with bluebirds. Tell me there'll be vultures and a deathly silence over Berchtesgaden.

I'm bored with keeping a stiff upper lip—I want to develop a stiff uppercut. I'm tired of being made to feel sad. I want the experience—the purging, marshaling, driving experience—of being made to feel mad. **Fighting mad!**

You get me!

THE POLICY OF THE EAGLE IN ACTION

That inspired flight from Australia to the Philippines and back has lifted up the heart of America. Those thirteen Army bombers "cut the score down a little," as one of the flyers said, between ourselves and the Japs in the Pacific. But the damage and the consternation which were visited upon the enemy were the least part of the victory; the greater part was its quick, keen refreshment to the spirit of the countrymen of the victors. At last we have seen the policy of the eagle which President Roosevelt promised us—"flying high and striking hard"—beautifully exemplified.

The enemy, German and Japanese, has traveled far on the maxim that fortune favors the bold. His audacity has overwhelmed stronghold after stronghold that was "impregnable" and achieved many a military and naval feat that was "impossible." But our men in the Pacific have now demonstrated that our side can bring into play the elements of daring and surprise with courage and ingenuity that can take the breath away for a moment even of the gangster gamblers who have set upon us. We have from General Royce and his gallant force, under the inspiration of General MacArthur, a token of the end of the defensive psychology which the enemy has exploited with such demoniac skill. We are unutterably glad and proud.

The news came, somewhat ironically, along with notice that Mr. McNutt, Federal Security Administrator, has abolished the "division of physical fitness"—which he had inherited from the Office of Civilian Defense where Mrs. Roosevelt and Mayor LaGuardia had confected it as a "morale-builder." Talk about morale! Not all the information and propaganda services which sprawl in Washington can inculcate the spirit of attack as can one perfect example of the spirit of attack in action.—Courier-Journal.

FROM OUR READERS

Dear Mercury:

You did not send me a notice—but I'm sure my time for Mercury was up in March. I can't do without the Mercury. Enclosed find $1.25 for next six months. I thank you.

Sincerely
Mrs. Berenice S. Norton

NEWS OF KENTUCKY

Appointment of Edward Briscoe of Louisville as chief probation officer for the western Kentucky district federal court was made permanent instead of temporary by Judges Shackelford Miller and Mac Swinford.

Guard Marvin Akers of Jeffersonville, Ind., and Center Mel Brewer of New Albany, Ind., were elected co-captains of the University of Kentucky basketball team for next season.

Members of Paducah's Chief Paduke post of the American Legion voted to arrange a new fund-raising drive in continuing their effort to have Paducah represented in Kitty League baseball this season.

C. H. Chenault of Georgetown is a new member of the state soil conservation commission, taking the place of the late Joe E. Robinson of Lancaster, by appointment from Gov. Keen Johnson.

State Motor Transportation Director William Blanton granted permission for three McCracken county school bus operators to haul paying passengers to alleviate a transportation shortage affecting orders in Paducah factories and railroad shops.

A Civilian Conservation Corps motor repair shop at Corbin was among 45 throughout the country turned over to the army, presumably for training army mechanics, by order of President Roosevelt.

The Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Association, meeting at Louisville, chose these officers: Laurie Apitz, University of Louisville athletic director, president; Quinn Decker, Centre College athletic director, vice-president; Oscar Gunkler, Berea College physical education director, secretary-treasurer.

The state motor transportation division authorized the **Louisville & Nashville Railroad to institute pick up and delivery** of its freight by trucks to and from its railroad stations on routes from Elizabethtown to Madisonville and from Guthrie to Hopkinsville.

The case of Wes Ingram, former police chief of Olive Hill, charged with murder in the shooting of Clarence Scott, was expected to reach a jury in circuit court at Grayson Tuesday. Scott, a roadhouse operator, was shot to death at Olive Hill last October. Evidence in the case was completed Monday.

The body of a man found on the bank of the Kentucky River near High Bridge in Mercer County Saturday was identified as that of John C. Warren, 72, Madison County farmer who drowned last November 29 after he fell from a skiff at Hunter's Ferry.

Fire this week destroyed the Southern Continental Telephone Company exchange housed in the home of Mrs. Mamie Bland at Glendale in Hardin County. The switchboard was operated by Mrs. Bland. Telephone service was re-established shortly after the fire.

Approximately 2,000 students representing 103 Kentucky schools are expected to participate in the eighteenth annual state high school music festival at the University of Kentucky Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The participants will be those who received rating of "excellent" or better in competitions held recently at Murray, Madisonville, Bowling Green, Louisville, Covington, Richmond, Harlan, Pineville and Pikeville.

Buy U. S. Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps!

A Boyd county grand jury indicted Jack Arnold Hanners, 32, on a murder charge in the fatal shooting last week of Chalmer Gullett, 33, head of an Ashland transfer firm. Trial was set for April 29. Patrolman Sam Perry testified at a coroner's inquest that Hanners, a nightwatchman, told him Gullett had paid attention to Mrs. Hanners.

At Mount Vernon, another murder indictment charged Finley Duncan, 29, of Cincinnati in the death of Edward Colyer, 29, also of Cincinnati. Colyer's body was found in a burned automobile near Mount Vernon. Rockcastle County Jailer D. C. Clark said Duncan and Colyer were brothers-in-law and had lived at Burnside, Ky. He reported that Duncan was unable to explain the cause of the automobile accident in which Colyer was killed as the two were returning from Tennessee.

The war is impeding justice in McCracken county. Circuit Judge Joe L. Price said at Paducah that numbers of witnesses scheduled to appear at the current term could not be located and Commonwealth's Attorney Holland G. Bryan said many had gone into the armed services or to defense industries in other localities.

Sixteen cars of a Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad freight train were derailed three miles south of Pikeville, eight being badly smashed and one plunging into the Russell Fork of the Big Sandy river. Federal Bureau of Investigation agents declined to comment on the wreck, apparently caused by a defective switch, but it was indicated they were investigating possibilities of sabotage. The train was southbound from Detroit to Miami.

Two Johnson county fiscal court members, the Rev. Winfrey Meek and Randall Daniels, served six-hour sentences and paid $10 fines, for contempt of **their own court. County Judge W. J. Ward imposed the penal**ties when the court convened in his absence to consider a motion he had declined to entertain. The fines and sentences were imposed April 10 but habeas corpus proceedings delayed payment and service until Thursday.

Greenup circuit court received a suit charging that the Rev. John R. Gilpin of the First Baptist Church of Russell "wrongfully converted to his own use" property of the late Mrs. Sophia Boggess and asking judgment of $1,500 against him. After Mrs. Boggess' death in a traffic accident January 31, a will filed by Gilpin purportedly left him all her property. The conversion suit was filed by an administrator appointed when Gilpin did not answer a contest of the will on behalf of Mrs. Boggess' only child, Irene Boggess.

Six hundred Kentucky prisoners who have volunteered to serve in the armed forces are being given physical examinations at Eddyville penitentiary and the state reformatory in Oldham county. They are the convicts designated by a 1942 legislative act as eligible for parole ahead of the previously specified period of half their terms, provided they join the army. All were convicted of lesser crimes and are acceptable on that score to the army. Those found physically and otherwise fit will be inducted directly from prison.

Nine girls, some of whom were aroused from sleep, escaped harm early Sunday when fire badly damaged the nine-room lodging house of Mrs. Mattie Borders at Hodgenville. The girls were roomers.

Miss Jane Isaacs, 21, of Louisville, killed herself with a policeman's revolver while in his automobile last night, Deputy Coroner M. Rodger Dougherty said in reporting the death a suicide. Louisville Police Chief A. E. Kimberling suspended the officer, Patrolman Benjamin B. Brucker, who was off duty and in a nearby soft drink parlor when the shot was fired.

A 70-year-old member of a homemakers' club in Fulton county is walking through her community to encourage families to have gardens.

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GIBBERISH

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shop. That Leonard took all day to sell the ad, taking the young lady who owned the dress shop to lunch. That the ad Leonard sold was a five dollar ad. That Leonard still hasn't been paid.

And that, says Mr. Kendall, is what happened in Paris.

In the Roberts report on Pearl Harbor is contained an item that will go down into history alongside Nelson's famous words at Trafalgar and John Paul Jones' declaration that "We have just begun to fight!"

"Pearl Harbor, Sunday, December Seventh—and the ship's chaplain was getting ready for Divine service," said the Roberts' report, "when suddenly the preparations were interrupted by the Japs' attack. Dropping his preparations, he ran to the anti-aircraft gun and began "preaching lead at the Japanese." A few minutes later he was heard to intone: "Praise the Lord and, pass the ammunition. I just got one of the s---- ------s."

You know we're always boosting those classified advertisements of ours, and they really will do a job if you have something you want to sell, buy, find, or trade. But it is not the purpose of this department to let the seeds of commercialism creep into its themes.

However, last week George Gaffin lost a nine dollar fountain pen and great was the sorrow in and about his place of business. He stopped us and told us to get it back for him with a classified advertisement. We wrote the ad, and thought no more about the matter.

Then on Tuesday, Sheriff Humpty Clark told us he had found the pen. So we hurried in and bet George two cokes that he'd have his pen back before Thursday night.

Well, the paper came out, Humpty came in and glanced at the classified section, and went back and gave George his pen. It broke a speed record on results because he had the pen back five minutes after The **Mercury hit the streets.**

But now he's suspicious, won't pay the cokes, won't give anybody any reward, and just barely is speaking to Humpty and me.

We can't understand it.

The Quick and the Dead

Has anybody seen Henry Peters since he went through the other day with the army? . . . He may come back a sergeant. . . . Some of the boys were trying to play the nickelodeon at Doc Bradshaw's twice for six cents during the recent One Cent sale. . . . Mr. Tom Botts can't understand it but he ended up that chicken deal with two more chickens than when he started. . . . All you people who were fixing to use up a lot of current during that free month had better be warned that the meters have already been read for the free period and go slow.

This is just to keep the report factual. . . . Last week we ran a little story saying that Rev. Estal Taylor and Dr. W. B. Hopkins were to build a scrap iron pen. . . The pen is built. . . . It was built by Dr. Hopkins. . . . Rev. Taylor went fishing on the afternoon that the pen was constructed. . . . Dr. Hopkins says that the partnership is hereby dissolved.

Crack Down on Beer Dealer

Frankfort, April 21 (Special)—The retail beer license of George Murray, 712 Winchester Avenue, Ashland, was under suspension today for five days by ruling of the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, it was announced.

Members of the Board sustained charges, presented by the Kentucky Brewers & Beer Distributors Committee, that liquor was sold on February 6th in the restaurant operated by Murray. It was licensed only for the sale of beer.

"The Committee is determined that such practices shall stop. It shall continue to recommend drastic action against licensees who refuse to heed our warning to clean up," Committee State Director Frank E. Daugherty said after the ruling was handed down by the State licensing body.

Set the Rising Sun!

Improved Uniform International SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D.
Of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.
(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Lesson for April 26

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WAYSIDE CONVERSATIONS

LESSON TEXT—Luke 13:22-35.
GOLDEN TEXT—And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.—Luke 14:27.

Learning by talking with Christ as they walked from place to place—such was the training for service which the disciples received. That was the greatest school this world has ever known, for while it had no great buildings, no beautiful campus, no learned faculty, it had the Son of God Himself as preceptor and teacher. With all due regard for our fine colleges and seminaries, we say this is still the outstanding need of Christian workers—to walk and talk with Christ.

On the day of which our lesson speaks the subject considered was how to be saved, and who should be saved. Several trends of thought emerged, but all pointed in the one direction of a diligent following of God's plan. In order to be saved, we learn, a man must

I. Make an Earnest Effort (vv. 22-24).

The question regarding how many were saved received no direct answer for our Lord wished to direct attention to the far more important question—Are you saved? Get that settled and the other matter will care for itself.

Here some who assume that it is an easy thing to be saved will receive a surprise, for our Lord says (v. 24) that it is something one must "agonize" over, for so may the word "strive" be translated. The door into eternal life is so narrow that no man can pass through it with his sins—they must be taken away. Seeking is not enough (v. 24), one must "strive" to enter in.

II. Enter While the Door is Open (vv. 25-30).

The door stands open for all who will, to come in. (What a friendly thing is an open door!) But men idly ignore it, or definitely reject its opportunity. Or they seek it, but do not strive to enter in, and all at once it is closed. Then in a frenzy they seek to enter, but it is too late. What an appalling thing—to be eternally too late!

Note their claims of acquaintance with the Lord (v. 26). One is reminded of those who think they are Christians because father or mother belonged to the church, or because they attend an occasional church supper or listen to a sermon by radio. Unless we know Him personally as our Saviour, He will have to say to us, "Depart from me, ye workers of iniquity" (v. 27). Let us make that matter very clear to those to whom we minister, lest they be eternally lost.

III. Follow the Fearless Christ (vv. 31-33).

To know the high and unwavering character of one's leader is to go forward with real confidence. What about the Captain of our salvation? Here we find Him facing the indirect threat of a powerful and wicked earthly ruler, in perfect calmness, with the very poise of eternity upon Him.

Christ, conscious of His divine mission and with determination to do the Father's will (Heb. 10:7), knew no fear of man. As we are in His holy will as Christian men and women, we too "may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me" (Heb. 13:6).

Consider the rebuke to Herod (v. 32). There is probably no place in Scripture where our Lord spoke with such stinging contempt of any man. It is almost as though the black cloud of eternal judgment already had settled around the head of this man who was so sly and crafty that the tenderhearted Jesus called him a "fox." One wonders of how many He would have to say the same in this our day of supreme and malicious wickedness.

We find one more vitally important thought here. Our Lord offers Himself. He calls sinners to repentance, but they must

IV. Respond to His Invitation (vv. 34, 35).

To fail to accept His proffered love is to be left desolate. To reject Him as Saviour (either by neglect or by definite act) is inevitably to bring judgment. To the Jews this meant loss of their national home—their leading city, but to us it means the loss of our eternal souls.

"There is terrible suggestiveness in the two statements in verse 34, 'I would,' 'Ye would not.' The whole secret of Jerusalem's desolation and destruction is found in the words, 'Ye would not.' The whole secret of the loss of the individual soul is found in the words, 'Ye will not' (John 5:40)" (John W. Bradbury).

This lesson presses home to the individual reader the question, Are you saved? What is your answer? It also affords the Sunday school teacher an excellent opportunity to seek to lead the members of the class to a definite decision for Christ. The Sunday school is a good place to give an invitation

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Fleming Youths Held In Postoffice Robbery

Two Fleming county youths on parole from Fayette Circuit Court were being held at Flemingsburg Friday in connection with the robbery of the Elizaville postoffice in Fleming county.

Fleming County Judge Robert S. Stokley said the youths were Robert Kirk, 19, of Elizaville, and Warren Markwell, 20, of Flemingsburg. Judge Stokley said they were arrested at Flemingsburg Wednesday night by Patrolman Ed Riley and were being held for postal authorities who are investigating the theft of $31 from the Elizaville postoffice Saturday night.

Fleming court officials said the youths had been paroled recently by Fayette Circuit Court at Lexington after they had had pleaded guilty to a petit larceny charge, amended from grand larceny, in connection with the theft of a coin-operated phonograph from a Fayette county establishment.

Trio Unhurt

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Toy and their child, all of Nicholas county, escaped injury Sunday afternoon when the light truck in which they were riding slid down an embankment and overturned near Buzzard Roost.

Friday Last Day To File Suits

Friday, April 24, is the last day for filing suits for the May term of Nicholas circuit court, Lacy Barnett, clerk of the court, pointed out here this week. Under Kentucky law, suits must be filed at least ten days before the court convenes, and Judge J. C. Dedman will deliver his charge to the grand jury on May 4.

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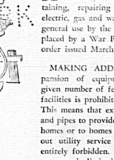

A STRICTER LIMITATION upon utility companies for maintaining, repairing and supplying electric, gas and water facilities for general use by the public, has been placed by a War Production Board order issued March 26.

MAKING ADDITIONS or expansion of equipment beyond a given number of feet from existing facilities is prohibited by the order. This means that extensions of lines and pipes to provide service for new homes or to homes heretofore without utility service is now almost entirely forbidden. The order also puts certain limitations on repairing non-defense equipment.

THE ORDER APPLIES equally to commercial and industrial customers desiring to expand their existing utility facilities—except in the case of war material producers whose preference ratings are such as to exclude them from the restriction order. Excluded also from the tightened restriction are maintenance and repairs to facilities for public health and safety.

OUR CUSTOMERS may be sure we will do everything consistent with the war effort to continue to supply their normal needs . . . but non-defense expansion and extensions are almost entirely ruled out.

AS WAR CONDITIONS change other restrictions may be added. So if you are planning to build a new home, store or factory, or to make improvements—be sure to consult us. Don't rely on gossip . . . we'll give you the facts!

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