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The Platform Isn't Sound.

In Republican newspapers and among Republican politicians where there is discussion of the coming Congressional elections you hear various estimates of how their party will fare in the voting. These estimates run all the way from a gain of say ten or a dozen seats in the House of Representatives to perhaps twice that number by those who make any pretension of conservatism and go on from there to a claim of actually overturning the Democratic majority for stability to lose.

Since these claims are made it seems not unreasonable to ask on what basis they come to these optimistic conclusions. In order to make them valid or to have even a semblance of probability there should be something in the record of the party or the individual candidates which would contain an appeal to the voters of the entire country. Human nature as a rule tends to resist change, to let well enough alone, and to accept something new and different only after having seen it demonstrated that it was better. Consequently it is up to the advocates of change to show by actual performance or by sufficiently convincing promises that what they have to offer is superior to what they have and have been accustomed to.

On such a premise how are these Republican soothsayers able to justify their professed expectations? There is nothing in the recent record of the party or in the record of any of its conspicuous members which reveals any feature of leadership, any positive policy or even any attractive and acceptable alternative to the course they condemn in the other party. Their only practice has been one of criticism and negation. Not only has the party as a whole had no program of its own to advance, but its members cannot even agree among themselves. In the absence of leadership each candidate has abandoned any attempt to adopt a national viewpoint and goes forth into the campaign hoping by means of some local issue that will appeal to the voters of his district to get himself elected or reelected.

It is possible of course that this provincial plan of campaigning will be successful in some special cases. There are probably districts where the Republican Representative with a perfectly negative record, who has demonstrated that he has no comprehension of the colossal events taking place in the world, may be successful because of some particular reason or neighborhood issue. The voters may even disapprove his attitude or lack of attitude on the war and all its implications but say "he's only one, he can't do any harm, let's give him another chance." Not a very high-minded way of looking at things in the present crisis of the nation and the world, yet it may happen in a few cases.

Taking the country as a whole however, no such trivial uncomprehending and dangerous attitude is going to be assumed. The people admire leadership, they like accomplishment, they demand affirmative, progressive policies. They have all these things now. They are not going to junk them in favor of indecision and negation, as the Republican prognosticators will learn in November. Meanwhile they can have a lot of innocent fun with their dope sheets.

GOP Indicted For Lack of Preparedness in World's Most Critical Period.

Josephus Daniels, publisher and editor of the Raleigh News & Observer, and former Secretary of the Navy during Woodrow Wilson's Administration, took the GOP obstructionists to task recently for their lack of preparedness in the world's most critical period.

In a scathing editorial entitled, "Fixing Responsibility," Mr. Daniels advised the Democrats not to let the Republican's [illegible] record for preparedness after Pearl Harbor cover up their sins committed for 12 years and how they opposed President Roosevelt's preparedness program up to the declaration of war.

In these days of much talk of "Politics Adjourned," said Josephus Daniels, in his editorial, "some people have argued it is not right to speak of the part the Republicans played from 1921 to 1933, when they were in full control of government."

"Certainly," said Mr. Daniels, "the Republicans cannot escape responsibility for these crimes:

"1. In 1920-21, before going out of office, after the Republican Senate had given the death-blow to an effective League of Nations (the only hope of preventing other wars), Woodrow Wilson urged Congress to continue a big Navy prgram and make it 'the most adequate in the world' after the League of Nations had been scuttled. Wilson's Secretary of the Navy was berated because of his advocacy of the biggest Navy in December, 1920, and the enlargement of the two-ocean Navy that had been created in 1920. The Republican Congress killed the proposal of navy building and as long as it was in power, until 1933, the naval, army and air power was neglected.

"2. This attitude indicts the Republican administration for the lack of preparedness in the world's most critical period. And when Roosevelt came into office and advocated stronger national defense, the Republicans voted against his plan, called him 'a war monger' and with few exceptions, every Republican in Congress voted against fortifying Guam and increased preparedness, ridiculed the possibility of any foreign power sinking American ships on this side of the Atlantic, and never gave help in national defense until the House was on fire after Pearl Harbor.

"3. The Republican party is responsible for the Frenzied Finance and the Era of Depression which sent into poverty and bankruptcy thousands of American citizens who were in distress until the New Deal pulled them out.

"4. Under the Republican administration the Mellons and the other monopolists obtained a stranglehold on competitive companies and gave the trusts a free hand.

The voters will know this record and will show in November that they will punish those responsible for these four crimes. The Republicans cannot evade responsibility or punishment.

"The moving finger writes, and, having writ,
Moves on; nor all your piety nor wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line
Nor all your tears wash out a word of 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.

A "Traveller" of the Craft Drops In.

"When all the world is old, lad,
And all the trees are brown;
And all the sport is stale, lad,
And all the wheels run down."

A journeyman printer dropped in last week. He wasn't "eating," he said, and there was apparently no such thing as a job for a printer man.

So he spent the night at the shop, was thoroughly breakfasted by one of the force, was given a bit of a "stake" and trudged out the Maysville pike. He had been here before, under similar conditions, but somehow he seemed to be losing the indomitable, carefree spirit, the cheerful philosophy of the "traveller." As we gave him a lift to the main highway the next morning, he told us that he had always felt that his luck would "break" his way eventually, that some unexpected good would befall him at last. But he was losing hope somehow, he said. He was a man past sixty, evidently, homeless, penniless, out of work, and we saw him walk away a pathetic figure, the embodiment of failure, as the world would see it.

Yet to him, no doubt, has come much happiness in life. The flavor of an irresponsible freedom has been his, the lure of the open road, new faces, new scenes. The [illegible] of ennui has not been his to suffer, the repetition of the petty task. But, for this his kind must pay at last. He, poor fellow, homeless, penniless, has had his dance, and now the piper approaches, demanding his pay.

"I [illegible] several sheets in Minnesota, as a young man," he said. "But I couldn't make the grade—John Barleycorn." "Can you chuck old John under the chin with impunity now?" we asked. "Yes," he replied, "I can take a drink, or two drinks, or none at all." Well, that is something to have achieved.

He walked away slowly, a shirt and a change of underwear bulging the pocket of his threadbare coat and we hoped someone would brave the fear of hitch-hikers and give him a lift. His lot is a sad one, but he is fortunate in one regard. Every small town has its weekly newspaper, in its more or less dingy shop. There he will find sympathy and a haven, if no work. Nearly always he will leave with a few coins to jingle in his pocket. For if there is any place on top of earth where the shortcomings of a man are met with more kindly tolerance than in a country print shop, this writer hasn't found it.

Aye! but we hope not vale! old timer. Yours is a vanishing type, among whom, in a long experience, we have found but one crook; from whom we have learned something of human nature, picked up a bit of philosophy, come to believe that there is something about types and ink that breeds a kindly tolerance for the faults of others, a respect for what the world calls failure.

The Washington MERRY-GO-ROUND

By DREW PEARSON

Washington, D. C.

FOURTH TERM DATA

Not much has been said about it publicly, but already the question of the Fourth Term has come in for a lot of backstage discussion.

Republicans, worried about it, want to do everything possible to block it. And in the vicinity of the White House, some of those who would like to stay around indefinitely, want to do everything possible to encourage it.

But those closest to the President are convinced that there will be no Fourth Term. Even if he could get it, they say that this is the last thing Roosevelt wants.

Or even if there should be a tremendous demand on the part of the public against changing horses in midstream, they don't think the President would yield. His ideals for preservation of the democratic system are too deep-rooted, they say, for him to continue in office for what would be a total of 16 years.

However, the President does have one very definite political goal, and that is to retain control of congress during his two remaining years in office.

He remembers all too clearly, when he was assistant secretary of the navy, the chaos which the country faced when Woodrow Wilson lost control of the house of representatives. He also remembers the troubles faced by Herbert Hoover, Calvin Coolidge and his cousin Teddy Roosevelt when they faced a rebellious congress during their last two years in office.

So the President is out to win the house, and win it at all costs next November. To that end he will leave Washington—something he hasn't done since 1940—and take a swing through the Middle West some time in October.

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JOBS TO REPUBLICANS

Some of FDR's political advisers, among them Democratic Chairman Ed Flynn, tell him privately that the battle to control the house in November will not be easy. One trouble is patronage.

Patronage is a word which may bring a bad smell to the public, but to the politician it is like the smell of raw meat to a circus lion. He will not perform without it.

Back in the early days of the New Deal, Jim Farley kept a little card index of how every congressman voted on important issues and what jobs he had received. When the congressman stopped voting right, he stopped getting jobs for his constituents. That system worked like a charm—for a while. But in recent years Roosevelt himself has given more and more jobs to Republicans, while Leon Henderson, the greatest job dispenser of war times, has placed everything in the hands of state governors, a large proportion of them Republicans.

So today, the President's political friends say that his definition of patronage is: "Something which you hold out to your friends, but use to reward your enemies."

And these friends have had the short end of the patronage stick for so long that, as November approaches, FDR is finding a lot of the old politicos unwilling to go to bat for him, while the rewarded enemies won't stay put.

So the congressional elections are going to be tougher than a lot of people realize, and you will probably see certain seasoned political seadogs, among them Ed Flynn, resigning from the picture before many weeks are over.

Note: Patronage under the old congressional system had a lot of faults, but it was not half as bad as under the present dollar-a-year man system, where somebody gets a key WPB job or a cellophane commission merely because he is the friend of a big accounting firm or a partner of a Wall Street broker.

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WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

One of the best jobs of Americanization has been done by the Illinois State Register of Springfield in its series of editorials and radio programs paying tribute to the big contribution foreign groups have made to the culture and progress of the U. S. A.

The radio program, called "Americans All—Immigrants All" told the story of how the men of many races had contributed to this country—the Italians, including men like Frank Capra, LaGuardia, and Ernest Cuneo; the Welsh, including Charles Evans Hughes; the Slavs—Louis Adamic, Sikorsky, Seversky; Joseph Pulitzer from Hungary, John Philip Sousa from Portugal, George Vournas from Greece and thousands of others.

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CAPITAL CHAFF

¶ According to [illegible] Senator Styles Bridges, who sits on the Republican side of the aisle, Democratic Senator Scott Lucas of Illinois is one of the coming men of the country.

¶ When Henry Kaiser first got his big shipbuilding contracts he had Tommy "The Cork" Corcoran as his Washington contact man. Now he doesn't . . . Kaiser isn't making much headway with his cargo planes.

—Buy War Bonds—

Get Tokyo!

50 YEARS AGO

50 YEARS AGO

Grand jury reports returning 11 indictments.

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Dogs raid flocks near Moorefield, killing over one hundred sheep.

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Born—To Mr. and Mrs. David Dinsmore, of the county, on September 28, a son.

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Al Peters buys the J. H. Minogue residence on Main street.

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Died—Mr. Dinwiddie McKee, 65, at his home on the Maysville pike, near Millersburg.

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About 25 colts, sired by C. T. Donnell's "Simons Boy" and A. J. Barr's "Le Grand" shown here Saturday.

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"There is a woman in this county who is the mother of 31 children. She was in town this week, hale and hearty."

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Married—Miss Lelia Potts and Mr. Harry Talbert, both of Moorefield, on Sept. 20—Miss Carrie McDaniel and Mr. James Spencer, both of Carlisle, on Sept. 28.

40 YEARS AGO

Thompson Scott leaves for Cincinnati to enter Medical College.

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Potts and Grimes sell their 208 acre farm for $6,000.

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Died—John R. Harney, 35, at his residence near Crayton.

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After 10 years in the City Store, S. M. Waugh announced his retirement.

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Married—Miss Sara V. Clay and Mr. Arthur V. Allison both of county, Sept. 30—Miss Alma Metcalfe and Mr. Fred Manley of Harriman, Tenn. on Oct. 2.

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Seven veterans of the Mexican War now reside in Carlisle. They are A. R. Fisher, J. P. Ashley, James McCracken, Joel Day, Sr., John Martin, James R. Campbell, and James Sutherland.

20 YEARS AGO

Carlisle High School lost its opening football game to Paris by a 12 to 0 score.

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Judge J. C. Tedman convened Nicholas circuit court here with an extremely light docket.

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Sterling Vaughn was chosen H. P. in the Nicholas county chapter, No. 11, R. A. M.

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Carlisle Christian Church celebrated its 10th anniversary.

Lost and found columns of Tokio newspapers are crowded these days. Every time an American buys a War Bond, the Japs lose face. Buy your 10% every pay day.

DISPELLING THE FOG

This is the season, recurring in election years, for the starting of clubs and organizations with patriotic names that may or may not be what those names import.

A favorite [illegible] is to hitch up ostensibly with one of the regular political organizations and through the pulling effect of the implied connection to gather in contributions. Ordinarily there is no political significance in this, because the contributor is indifferent to whether the man who shells out the cash is interested in one party or the other.

It may be recalled that last year an enterprising young man started the Democratic National Press in Washington. The publishing industry was electrified by seeing in its pages numerous advertisements of corporations manufacturing things as diversified as heavy machinery to [illegible]. Curiously enough these advertisements came from companies that had either secured government contracts or hoped to. An inquiry addressed to the advertisers elicited that they thought the Democratic National Committee was interested because the solicitation, by telephone, purported to come from Democratic National Headquarters in Washington, and the publisher had taken the pains to tell them that while the Hatch Act made it unlawful for corporations to contribute advertising directly to the Democratic National Committee, there was nothing to prevent their placing their notices in the Democratic National Press.

The enterprise naturally folded out of existence when the customers were advised that neither the Democratic National Committee nor any of its branches had any association with the magazine.

Of course there will be legitimate as well as illegitimate propositions crop up before election day, and it might be wise for people who are asked for subscriptions to communicate with the party organizations before sending in their checks.

A "Familiar" Pattern

This letter is occasioned by the advent of a mysterious money-raising outfit in Chicago, whose literature suggests a resurgence of the lamented Liberty League principle. Nobody seems to know very much about it, and its title, "The National Council on Character and Citizenship," sounds all right. Its literature, addressed apparently to people it wants to engage in the money-raising, mentions that "its first quota objective is $100,000." Some of those approached have been told that there would be permitted to retain as commission half of what they collect. The "National Director" is Mr. Carl G. Collier, who announces the purpose of securing a million members before the national conventions of 1944. The solicitors are invited to get five-dollar members, hundred-dollar life members, and donor members at five hundred dollars and upward per.

A pamphlet, "Save Free America," issued by the National Council on Character and Citizenship, proclaims that in politics the Council is strictly nonpartisan. In religion it is interfaith and non-sectarian. It is also inter-racial," and Mr. Collier pledges the full loyalty of the National Council, "its membership and its magazine—to an all-out cooperation with the government's war effort, to acceptance of necessary emergency controls and restrictions, but a determination to restore democratic processes with the return of peace."

National Director Collier, a noted high pressure fund raiser, is also "Assistant Treasurer," to whom contributions are to be sent. He was one of the territorial directors of the Republican National Committee in the 1940 campaign. And his organization generally appears to be built around the membership of the Republican Union League Club of Chicago.

The Invaluable "By Line"

"The Council," that publishes "The American Citizen," sends out as part of its literature a reprint of an old number of that magazine filled with articles by eminent citizens of all parties. As far as known, Mr. Collier's organization has issued no copies of the magazine since "The Council" acquired or inherited the publication. The issue in question appears to follow the precedent of the "Democratic Press" in as much as the alleged special articles are reprints of speeches made in Congress and elsewhere.

Obviously, the National Council on Character and Citizenship has the same rights and privileges to carry on an anti-New Deal enterprise as had the old Liberty League. However the indicated percursor of the enterprise didn't offer 50 per cent to its solicitors of contributions.

—On Pay Day, Buy Bonds—

Buy U. S. Defense Bonds

NEWS OF KENTUCKY

A Floyd circuit jury convicted Cecil Newsome, 24, of manslaughter in connection with the fatal stabbing of Lawrence Collins, 28, in 1940, and fixed his penalty at five years imprisonment.

State Highway Commissioner J. Lyter Donaldson has ordered operators of all highway department vehicles to keep their speed below 35 miles per hour. He threatened "severe disciplinary action" against violators.

Four hundred and ten students have enlisted in the army's reserve ground and air force college training program at the University of Kentucky.

The will of Mrs. Mattie Bishop Speed, filed for probate in county court at Louisville, leaves her $1,273,738.82 estate to the Speed Memorial Museum, hospitals, churches, educational and charitable institutions, a niece and many friends and acquaintances.

Murphy Reed, Graves county sheriff, said that he had received a warrant charging Palmar Pinnegar, Paducah labor leader, with confederating and banding to intimidate in connection with alleged union activities at a defense plant near Viola. The charge, the sheriff said, was in addition to charges of assault and battery and unlawfully enticing workers away from their jobs filed against Pinnegar last Thursday. The labor leader was released on $100 bond.

The state unemployment compensation commission announced that it had banned long distance telephone calls in order to aid the war effort. It expects to save $6,700 this year as a result.

The state public service commission has approved the raising of charges to flat rate water consumers in Frankfort whose outlets have been inceased with a proviso that meters must be installed when demanded. The order was given the Tri-City Utilities Company.

The Paducah board of education has been notified by the War Production Board that construction of the new $9,000 Tilghman Trade school may be continued. Construction work had been held up several weeks while the WPB investigated the justification for using a small quantity of iron roof trusses in construction of the building.

Frank Mortimer Drake, 60, former assistant Jefferson county commonwealth's attorney, died of a heart attack at a Louisville hospital.

Douglas Burrows, 42, of Hazard, died as the result of burns suffered earlier this week when he came in contact with an electric power line.

County Judge W. H. Crowder, Jr., Mayfield, ordered a $100 cash bond posted by Palmer Pinnegar, Paducah labor leader, on a charge of enticing workers away fro ma project near Viola forfeited when Pinnegar failed to appear for examining trial. Joseph Freeland, Paducah, attorney for Pinnegar, said the labor leader had gone to San Diego, Calif., to enlist in the navy.

Luther F. Morgan, welding instructor, said that mountain women from the Inez section, who are used to doing manual labor, are doing good work in a welding training course at Warfield.

A Greenup circuit court jury decided in favor of the county following a trial in which 12 property owners sought damages amounting to $20,450 as the result of the building of the White Oak overpass at nearby Riverton two years ago. The plaintiffs contended that the project, which eliminated a dangerous railroad crossing, left them "stranded."

H. M. Maynard, 66, teacher in Floyd county schools for many years, died at a hospital at Prestonsburg after suffering a paralytic stroke.

One hundred and seventy-seven farm workers from Martin and Johnson counties left Monday for New York to help harvest crops and 200 more from the eastern section of the state are to go to New York and 200 to New Jersey next week. One hundred and seventy-five farm workers from Martin county went to New York Sept. 8 to help harvest garden crops.

None of the seven occupants of an army bomber which crashed during a take-off at Louisville was injured seriously. Officials at the field said the plane was taking off on a return flight to Drane Field, Lakeland, Fla., and struck a fence at the end of a runway.

A truckers' information office of the Office of Defense Transportation is to start operation at Louisville Monday with a branch office to be established within a week. M. J. Marlin, member of the ODT advisory committee, said that later offices would be set up at Lexington, Owensboro or Bowling Green, and possibly Paducah.

Fred C. Koster, Sr., 68, physical instructor at Theodore Ahrens Trade School for 13 years, died at his home at Louisville after an illness of seven months.

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BLACK'S CROSS ROAD

Mr. and Mrs. John M. DeAtley left Tuesday for a two weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomason and daughter in Huntville, Alabama, and Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Thomas Hornback, Panama City, Florida.

Irene Smoot spent Sunday with Maxine Dotson.

Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Figgins and son, Wilmore, were entertained Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Everett Galloway and sons.

Pfc. Jess C. Wasson, Patterson Field, Ohio; Miss Margaret Houtz, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Houtz, Dayton, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Crouch, Miss Mary Wasson, Lexington; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wasson and son were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Wasson and family.

Mrs. Raymond Earlywine is visiting relatives in Cincinnati.

Miss Eva Jane Wasson has returned home after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Crouch in Lexington.

Miss Jane Brown is visiting friends in Lexington.

Mr. John B. Stewart is on the sick list.

Mrs. Emerson Galloway and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Grant Galloway Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Webb and children spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jess Liaville of the Moorefield road.

Mr. and Mrs. George Buzzard and daughter were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Howard and family.

Mrs. Everett Galloway is visiting her aunt in Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Manley and family, Mt. Sterling, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Webb and family.

Mrs. John M. Wasson and son have returned home after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bell at Taylor's Creek.

GIBBERISH

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tary of labor (the latter being singularly unemployed at the moment because nobody was laboring) when a man passed with a pick and shovel.

"At long last," Mr. Hoover gleefully shouted, giving the medicine ball a flip, "we have turned the corner. There is a man going to work. I must speak to him and find out where he has found a job."

So tripping down to the fence, he hailed the fellow who was passing on.

"I am happy to see you are going to work," Mr. Hoover said. "And I would like to know what manner of employment you are about to undertake. Building a bridge? Digging a ditch? Or maybe excavating for a new building?" There was hope in his voice.

"Hell, no," replied the man with the hoe. "I ain't going to work. I'm going over here to the cemetery and dig up Grover Cleveland and show him a real panic."

But that is beside the point. We were talking of the good song which has been written by the Nicholas countian, and we must speak of our first meeting with it.

We were sitting down to dinner Sunday at the Feeback hotel, a place where we have eaten regularly until this column appeared, when we spied a sheet of music on the piano. It was, you guessed it, "Tighten Your Belt."

Now this song was written to be sung at patriotic rallies, in and about the home, and probably to be hummed by the busy housewife as she does her morning dusting or by the farmer as he strips the good burley leaf from the stalk. But I hardly believed that Mrs. Berry intended it for dinner music. And I couldn't help but think as I gazed in reverence at the copy of the sheet music that a hotel dining room is a darned funny place to exhibit a piece of music entitled "Tighten Your Belt."

Just imagine a setting like this.

It is the evening meal in a hotel. The waiters move to and fro on silent footsteps. The gleam of polished glass is in the air. Shiny silver resides at every plate. Coffee sends its aroma through the whole of the chamber. Down at one end of the room, an orchestra softly plays that new number "Tighten Your Belt."

I want to make it plain that I am not talking about the Feeback dining room because every time I have ever eaten a meal there I have been forced to loosen, not tighten my belt at the end of the first course, and the only way I could think of to get around this procedure would be to wear suspenders, a practice which I have never followed but which has been recommended by a great many persons as being better for the circulation.

But that tighten your belt idea has possibilities far beyond the scope for which Mrs. Berry intended it. The wife who has frittered away her afternoon playing bridge or in getting an off the konk hair-do, could simply remind her spouse when he peeped into the supper pot to "Tighten Your Belt" by singing to him, and his patriotism would be involved if he tried to argue with the song that was at that moment cutting of the American circulaion with its new notches.

Anyway, Mrs. Berry is to be commended for her new song, and if the Feeback hotel wants it in the dining room, why rest assured that it doesn't mean anything as far as the quantity of food is concerned.

Don't let this get around too much, but you can even get sugar in your coffee there.

But if they want to display a song, I would suggest the "Three Little Sisters" as much more appropriate.

Improved Uniform International SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for September 27

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JOSEPH: AN EXAMPLE OF FORGIVENESS

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 45:1-15; 47:11, 12.

GOLDEN TEXT—Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.—Ephesians 4:32.

Forgiveness, opening the way for the restoration of fellowship and the showing of kindness, brought the story of Joseph and his brethren to a happy ending. Under the good hand of God the story which began with tragedy is brought to a conclusion of blessing.

Following the earnest plea of Judah, the heart of Joseph could no longer withhold itself from the full expression of affection and devotion to his family.

I. Love Overcomes Fear (vv. 1-4).

Joseph tenderly shielded the family troubles from the eyes and ears of strangers by sending out the Egyptians. It was the first step of consideration which paved the way for reconciliation. How often just the opposite is done—airing family affairs before the world, and humiliating those who may be in the wrong, thus making it difficult for them to admit their guilt.

Then, too, this was a moment too tender and delicate to be seen by outsiders. The tears of a strong man like Joseph mean a deep movement of spirit—a solemn and often a sacred moment.

It should also be noted that the brothers were afraid, and well they might be, because of their sin against Joseph. After almost 50 years these unrepentant men found themselves face to face with the one whom they had supposed they had disposed of, and they knew their sin had found them out. It always does, sooner or later, but inevitably.

How great and noble was the forgiving love of Joseph; an example to us, especially appropriate and needed in a world of hate and bitterness.

II. Grace Overrules Sin (vv. 5-8).

The guilt of these men was none the less and Joseph could not remove it, but he encouraged them by showing how God had used their evil devices to work out His own good pleasure. He can make the wrath of man to praise Him (Ps. 76:10).

It is worth stressing again that in the very hour when the prospects for Joseph's future usefulness seemed ruined, God was opening the door to the greatest experiences of his life and was preparing him to serve the thousands whose lives were saved by his wisdom and ability in the years of famine.

Nothing is more important in the life of a child of God than to be yielded to His will, unmoved by circumstances, abiding His time, responding to His guidance whether it be by the opening or closing of doors, prosperity or adversity. And herein is the marvel of it all—even sin may be overruled by God's grace for His own glory. That does not invite anyone to sin that grace may abound (Rom. 6:1, 2), but it does offer encouragement to the one who has fallen, that God can redeem the years that the locust have eaten (Joel 2:25).

Our lesson also sets us an example of how true forgiveness acts, something we need. So often when forgiveness is asked or granted there is an "I can forgive but I can't forget" attitude, which means that while hostilities have ceased, at least temporarily, there is no real friendship or the disposition to show kindness. Is there any real forgiveness at all in such an attitude of heart and mind? We fear not.

III. Kindness Provides the Best (vv. 9-15; 47:11, 12).

It might have been enough to send food and a kind greeting with the brothers to their own land, but love does not seek the minimum expression of its feeling. It asks not how little, but how much can I give or do.

Bringing his aged father and brothers into the land of plenty was not enough, Joseph also gave to them the "best of the land" (47:11). His thoughtful consideration in sending for his father (Gen. 46:5-7) was part of the same piece of kindness.

Joseph puts to shame the modern "hard-boiled" attitude toward needy and aged members of the family. In their eager and relentless pursuit of fame or riches, many ignore or trample upon the members of their own families. Often they are ashamed of the broken bodies, the humble apparel, the broken or uneducated speech of their parents. They fear lest their new-found friends in the circle of wealth and supposed "position" will think them strange or ridiculous. God pity the man or woman who is ashamed of a humble or aged father and mother!

Joseph, who really had an exalted position gained by merit and by the blessing of God, never forgot his place before God as a son in the family and as a brother. Let us consider him and do likewise.

Get Tokyo!

COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Bath Circuit Court

O. R. Gaffin, as Administrator of J. L. Hall, Deceased, et al., Plaintiffs

vs. Notice of Sale in Equity

Joe S. Hall, A single man and person of unsound mind, et al., Defendants

Under and by virtue of a judgment and order of sale of the Bath Circuit Court rendered at its Special September Term, 1942 (September 12th, 1942) thereof in the above styled action, the undersigned Master Commissioner of the Bath Circuit Court, will on

MONDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1942

at or about the hour of 2 O'Clock P. M. (the same being County Court Day) offer for sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder on a credit of six months at the front door of the court house in Carlisle, Nicholas County, Kentucky, the following described tracts of land, to-wit:

FIRST TRACT:

A tract or parcel of land lying and being in Nicholas County, Kentucky, containing 109.93 acres, more or less and being bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a stone in Long Branch in line with Joe Scott; thence with the division line of Scott and Hawkins N. 30 deg. E. 1753 feet to a fence post in line with B. H. Sharp; thence with his line N. 86 1-2 deg. W. 1100 feet to a fence post in line of same; thence N. 3 1-2 deg. 1183 feet to a fence post, corner to B. H. Sharp and Fannie Sharp; thence with Fannie Sharp's line N. 85 1-2 deg. W. 1058 feet to a fence post, corner to same; thence S. 4 deg. W. 1006 feet to a fence post, corner to same; thence S. 75 deg. W. 962 feet to a stone in center line of Bell land or road in the line with other land and Ollie Sharp; thence with the center line of said lane or road S. 2 deg. E. 160 feet to a stone; thence S. 9 deg. W. 958 feet to a stone on the north margin of the lane or road, a corner to the other land of Ollie Sharp; thence with the line of same and Waller Sharp S. 86 deg. E. 2014 feet to a stone in Long Branch, corner to Waller Sharp and Joe Scott; thence up the branch with Scott's line S. 55 1-2 deg. E. 120 feet to a stone; thence S. 41 deg. E. 340 feet to a stone to the place of beginning, containing 109.93 acres, more or less. Also a certain lot or parcel of land with all the improvements thereon bounded and abutted by the lands of John R. Sharp, Ollie Richart and W. H. Scott, the Ollie Richart land now being part of the tract described herein containing one acre more or less but there is excepted from the tract of land first above described about two acres of same that said Ollie Richart has conveyed to Waller Sharp; said two acres lies across the road from the main body of land.

It being the same land conveyed to Jessie L. Hall by deed from the Federal Land Bank of Louisville of date the 31st day of December, 1934 and of record in Deed Book 43, Page 204, Office of the Clerk of the Nicholas County Court.

SECOND TRACT:

A tract or parcel of land lying and being in Nicholas County, Kentucky, and being bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Lying on the North side of the Sharpsburg and East Union Turnpike Road (Southern Route) and bounded as follows:

BEGINNING at a set stone on the North side of said turnpike road, corner to Mrs. Fannie Sharp's land and the Bell School house lot; thence with said school house lot and J. W. Lane N. 2 1-2 E. 7 1-2 chains to a set stone, corner with said Lane; thence N. 29 1-2 E. 2.87 chains to a stone, corner to said Lane; thence N. 34 1-2 E. 23.95 chains to a corner post of a fence in said Lane's line, corner to James Stewart; thence N. 85 W. 12.85 chains to a stake in said Stewart's line and corner to Mrs. Molar; thence S. 83 1-2 W. 20.35 chains to a stone, corner to Thomas Bramblett and Mrs. Molar; thence S. 24 1-2 W. 5.80 chains to a corner post of a fence at the east end of a rock fence or abutment, corner with Mrs. Molar and E. F. Wilson; thence S. 13 1-2 E. 1.67 chains to a stone to said Wilson; thence S. 65 1-2 E. 2.6 chains to the middle of a large hackberry tree at a gate, corner to said Wilson; thence 2 3-4 W. 8.55 chains to a point in the middle of said turnpike road, corner to Mrs. Fannie Sharp and said Wilson; thence with the middle of said turnpike road S. 65 E. 10 chains to an angle in said turnpike road; corner with Mrs. Fannie Sharp and said Wilson; thence with the middle of said turnpike road S. 65 E. 10 chains to an angle in said turnpike road, corner with Mrs. Sharp; thence N. 75 E. 3 chains to an angle in said turnpike road, corner with said Mrs. Sharp; thence N. 61 3-4 E. 7 chains to an angle of said turnpike road, corner with Mrs. Sharp; thence N. 67 1-2 E. 2.27 chains to the beginning, containing 56.87 acres, more or less, however six acres and 26 poles of said tract having been previously sold there remains 51 acres, more or less.

It being the same land conveyed to Jessie L. Hall by deed from Benjamin Gilvin, et al., by William Conley, Master Commissioner of the Nicholas Circuit Court by deed of date 21st day of May, 1940 and of record in Deed Book 46 Page 375, Office of the Clerk of the Nicholas County Court.

THIRD TRACT:

A tract or parcel of land lying and being in Nicholas County, Kentucky, on the waters of Brushy Fork Creek and being bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a stone in Robert Williams' line and corner to said first parties other land; thence N. 11 1-4 E. 47.25 poles to a stone, corner to said first parties other land; thence N. 61 1-2 W. 70.68 poles to a stone in Hillock's line and corner to said first parties other land; thence N. 29 E. 77.64 poles to a stone, corner to Gaunce's Heirs in Hillock's line; thence S. 61 3-4 E. 91.75 poles to a corner to A. Brooks and said Heirs; thence S. 32 3-4 W. 37 poles to a stone, corner to A. Brooks; thence S. 53 E. 19.50 poles to a stone, corner to said Brooks; thence S. 41 W. 52.64 poles to a stone, corner to Robert Williams and Brooks; thence S. 46 1-2 W. 31.16 poles to the beginning, containing 50 acres.

It being the same land conveyed to Jessie L. Hall by deed from James Barlow et al of date March 20th, 1901 and of record in Deed Book 19 Page 15, Office of the Clerk of the Nicholas County Court and to which W. B. Hall obtained title to a one-half interest by deed from Jessie L. Hall of date June, 1st, 1909 and of record in Deed Book 26 Page 253, Office of the Clerk of the Nicholas County Court.

Said parcels of land will each be sold separately and for the purpose of settling the estate of Jessie L. Hall, deceased and to raise the sum of $1535.32 including estimated costs and for the further reason that the said tracts of land cannot be divided among the joint owners thereof without materially impairing its value and the value of the interests of the joint owners thereof.

TERMS OF SALE: The purchaser or purchasers will be required to execute a bond or bonds payable to the undersigned Master Commissioner for the amount of the purchase price with surety thereon to be approved by the Master Commissioner; said bond or bonds to become due and be payable six months from date of sale and bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from date of sale until paid; said bond or bonds to have the force and effect of a judgment and to remain a lien on the land sold until paid and in case of a default in the payment of same no replevy shall be allowed.

The purchaser or purchasers shall assume and pay all unpaid taxes against said property which become due and payable in the year 1943 and possession thereof shall be given March 1st, 1943.

Bidders will be prepared to comply with the foregoing terms of sale.

L. A. Goodpaster, Master Commissioner Bath Circuit Court

Attorney: A. C. Conway, Owingsville, Ky.
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