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Commending the press, Prentiss M. Brown, OPA Administrator, in a letter to Arthur T. Robb, editor of Editor and Publisher Magazine, said: "No finer single service in the interest of the American public has been performed during this war than the splendid handling by the nation's press of the OPA processed foods rationing program."

An auto speeder always discovers his mistakes by accident.

WHEN A MAN'S DOWN

A little more kindness,
A little less creed,
A little more giving,
A little less greed;
A little more smile,
A little less frown,
A little less kicking
A man when he's down;
A little more "we,"
A little less "I,"
A little more laugh,
A little less cry;
A little more flowers
On the pathway of life,
And fewer on graves
At the end of the strife.

One of the best but hardest things to remember is to forget your troubles.

There is no longer any way of loading the tax bill "onto the other fellow." It is now in the lap of every family in the land. Taxes come ahead of all family bills. The American family will have to learn to economize as never before.

A single person with an income of \$100 a month will pay the Federal government approximately \$175 in 1943, and this does not include any state income tax, property tax or excise taxes. A single person earning \$15 a week, with no dependents, will pay some \$56 Federal taxes, not counting other taxes.

We will have to go without a lot of things hereafter to accumulate tax money. As we scrimp to meet our tax obligations, we will take increasing interest in seeing that city, county, state and Federal governments also economize; that frills and furbelows in government are eliminated for the duration, and for a long period thereafter.

It is one thing for government to broaden individual opportunity and provide a maximum of care for the needy. It is quite a different thing to build up government to where it dictates to the individual in the commonest affairs of life. The first type of government is what our boys are fighting to preserve. The second type is what they think they are fighting to prevent coming to America.

The Office of Price Administration has issued a public statement thanking the thousands of newspapers in the United States for the millions of dollars worth of space they donated to the government in repeated publication of the voluminous data regarding War Ration Book No. 2. This was an incalculable saving to the government in money and man hours, and a great convenience to the public.

Said the angler to his friend—"The fish I caught was too small to fool with, so I got a couple of other men to help me throw it back into the river."

ROGUE THEATRE

"SILVER STALLION"

—with—

DAVID SHARPE
Fri. March 19-20 Sat. Mat.

BING CROSBY
BOB HOPE
DOROTHY LAMOUR

—in—

"ROAD TO MOROCCO"

Sunday Matinee begins at 2:00 p. m.
Pre.-Sun.-Mon. March 20-21-22

IT'S A RIOT! You won't deny it!
Don Joan
AMECHE BENNETT

—in—

"GIRL TROUBLE"

Wed. March 24-25 Thurs.



-Three On a Date-With Hitler!



The late Hick Halcomb, a picturesque individual if there ever was one (and a good friend of mine), used to tell about a candidate for district attorney who came to him for advice in a hard-fought campaign. Hick said, "Why don't you ask your opponent where he was on the night of March 19, 1936?" The candidate inquired, "But where was he?" Hick replied, "Thunder, I don't know—but he won't remember, either."

Nomination for the world's worst jokes:

He was a musician—but his monkey died.

The loan shark problem in Texas is nearer solution as the result of a unanimous report by a House of Representatives committee in favor of Rep. W. W. Bridgers' constitutional amendment giving the legislature authority to pass a statute regulating the small loan business. Most States have enacted such a statute but a constitutional amendment here is necessary first. Then individuals needing small, personal loans will not have to pay 240 per cent interest or more to foreign-owned chains that drain Texas of \$30,000,000 a year in extortionate interest. Soldiers, sailors and war plant workers are being victimized and public sentiment is strongly in favor of ending this vicious, unpatriotic racket.

Buck Bailey is, and has been for years, line coach of Washington State. When I knew him, he was a young athlete, starting as catcher of the Brady baseball team a long time ago. Managing the club was Bert Maxwell who had pitched for Brooklyn. Naturally all the players had a profound respect for the ability of the big leaguer—but Buck went beyond this and believed implicitly anything that Maxwell might say so long as the manager kept a straight face.

Former Rep. Bailey Jones of Austin (who was on the Brady team) relates that one day as the club came in for its last time at bat, Brady was two runs behind and Buck Bailey said, "Well, coach, it looks like they've got us." Maxwell said solemnly, "Not at all—Jack Hampton is going to lead off with a single; Bailey Jones will hit a double and then you'll bring them both in with a home run, giving us three scores and the ball game."

Buck said, "That would do it all right." Hampton didn't open the inning with a single but he did get a base on balls, and that amounted to the same thing. Jones smashed a two-bagger and there were the two runners on base, just as Manager Maxwell had said. Buck strode to the plate, swinging three bats; tossed two of the sticks aside; planted his feet firmly, swung at the first pitch—and knocked it over the fence to score three runs and win the old ball game.

As Buck completed his trot around the bases, he looked over to the bench and yelled, "Well, Coach, it worked, didn't it?"

"Czar" Reed, Speaker of the National House of Representatives nearly half a century ago, was presiding when a Congressman declaimed, "In the words of Henry Clay, I would rather be right than President." Reed broke in, "The gentleman need not worry; he will never be either."

Pertinent Paragraphs from Panhandle Press

Items of interest culled from newspapers on the Times' exchange list.

After looking at our ration book and the point chart displayed by our grocer most of us are going to make a firm resolve to plant a bigger and a better Victory garden this year. It is the only way those empty pantry shelves can be filled up.—The Tulsa Herald.

Three hundred fifty-four weekly and semi-weekly papers went out of business last year. When a paper's income sinks to where it cannot continue, then it is that merchants and the chamber of commerce awake and try to get another paper started, but with little success now-a-days. It is much better to use the newspaper's services while it is going and prevent the loss. Out-of-town printing concerns sing a siren song, but if they are patronized by too many local concerns, the community suffers.—McLean News.

After voting beer out of Nolan county something more than a year ago by a decided majority after it had been legally sold there for several years, the wets recently asked for another election. It was held last Saturday, the result being two to one in favor of the dries. But the wets fared better in an election held Saturday throughout Gaines county, the county remaining wet by a majority of twelve votes. Mighty few counties on these plains permit the sale even of beer. Gaines county is a regrettable exception to the rule. Foolish Gaines! Most people are learning that it doesn't pay to drink. They prefer to remain sober and stay alive—and spend their surplus coin for war bonds.—Lynn County News.

Do you believe in free speech and a free press? We believe you do. A free press gives us license to criticize what we deem to be wrong, or laud what we believe to be right. What we choose as wrong another may choose as right and vice versa. No editor or writer can please everyone—we do not try. A free American press has had much to do with maintaining a free America. There are men in Washington who would muzzle the press if they dared. If they had their way how long would your freedom last? Be tolerant.—Higgins News.

If you've seen the Red Cross "buttons" you have no doubt noticed that they are not buttons at all, but are little paper tabs marked with the Red Cross symbol. The reason for the change—to save metal. Even the small amount of metal used for Red Cross buttons runs into sizeable figures when measured in terms of war goods and the Red Cross will have 52 tons of metal—enough to build one medium-sized tank plus eight jeeps—by the shift to the paper button.—The Hereford Brand.

That man who bought 50 pounds of coffee just before rationing went into effect will be one of the first, when the war is over and the boys come home, to be at the bus station to meet them and tell them how the folks at home sacrificed while they were away winning the war.—The Fairfield Reporter.

The best news this county has had in a long time, is the Marvin Jones has been drafted, to serve as right-hand man of Economics Director Byrnes.

Few men in America know more about food production problems than Marvin Jones and few men have the general interest of the whole of our country, at heart, closer than he. He is level-headed, and we can bet that common sense will prevail

to the limit of any influence he may have in the stabilization movement. Secretary of Agriculture Wickard, apparently is buckling under the responsibility of his task. If this is true, the administration could not do a better thing to restore the confidence of the South and Southwest than to put Judge Jones in that position.

At present, Marvin Jones is on leave of absence from the U. S. Court of Claims. It's good to know that he is on the firing line of active duty, again.—Moore County News.

Remember the depression of a few years ago? Remember how the liquor interests boasted that they were helping the farmers by using so much grain? Remember how they bragged about reducing unemployment by giving work to so many people? Remember how they bragged about taxes they were paying. These figures should be thrown in their teeth today. There is no surplus of grain, but a food shortage faces the nation. The farmer has no time to raise grain for liquor, when the nation needs this grain to feed the army, munition workers and civilians. Liquor will not keep people from starving. There is no surplus workers. As a matter of fact, millions of men are needed in the war plants, on farms and other lines of work. Men engaged in making liquor can get jobs—jobs which are profitable to the nation. Liquor makes the workers less valuable to the nation at a time when the entire manpower resource is so vital. Regardless of how well the army and navy is regulating liquor, the stuff is still demoralizing those who use it and now would be a good time to abolish its use.—The Canyon News.

The house at Austin has engrossed a bill to permit state convicts to be hired out for farm labor, by way of relieving the agricultural man power shortage. In the past, Texas has had some unhappy experiences with leasing of convicts to farmers. So many abuses developed that the legislature put a stop to the practice about 30 years ago. Those who remember the troubles to which the lease system gave rise hope that the pending bill embodies proper safeguards. They hope also that it is drawn as a temporary measure, only for the duration. The measure may be justified, under existing conditions, but it should not be enacted save as an emergency measure. The policy which it embodies is one that Texas has hired and found unsatisfactory.—Wichita Falls Daily Times.

It is possible to grow cotton that produces seed with very little lint.

Maybe this variety would be profitable from the feed standpoint, if low grade lint is to continue to depress the price.—McLean News.

Not so many years ago women were discouraged from entering the professions, commercial life or employment in industry. Such careers were frowned upon and thought below womanly dignity. But now, God bless 'em, how could we get along without 'em in all walks of life?—Higgins News.

WAR BOARDS ON FARM MACHINERY

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture War Boards now have the authority, by amendment to Food Production Order 3, to approve charges in distribution quotas for rationed farm machinery and equipment.

Times Wantads—5c a line.

PLENTY OF GOOD
Colorado Lump Coal
THE COAL YOU NEED FOR HEATING AND COOKING
REAL FUEL ECONOMY IS FOUND IN THE USE OF THIS COAL WHICH ALWAYS GIVES THE GREATEST HEAT AND THE LEAST TROUBLE
FARMERS GIN
BRISCOE

It's fun for you... BUT WORK for your eyes!

Eyes are now being used at least 20% more in the home than they were a year ago... based on a recent survey of over 3,000 people in 914 families. Because of this, remember that lots of things which are fun for you, are work for your eyes. There's extra need to watch your light and guard eyesight!



"Yes sree, it'll whistle tomorrow!" Many a man now gets a big kick out of being the repair man around home. But you'll spend less time at it and see better if you avoid glare by having the right size bulb in your fixture.



"This plane's going to be a honey, sis"... and so is that new doll dress. But close work like this means greater risk of eyestrain. See that the lamp they work by is close enough and has at least a 100-watt bulb in it.



It's a game now for Mom... but how she works at it, trying to make everything, including Dad's socks, last longer! If she'd only move the lamp back close to her elbow, she'd find mending less tiring, and less strain for her eyes.

HOW TO GET MORE OUT OF LIGHT

1. Keep bulbs and reflectors clean... dust and dirt waste more light than you think.
2. Replace dark shades or shades turned yellow; get more light.
3. Arrange lamps and furniture so each lamp can serve two or more people if necessary.
4. When you buy a lamp bulb, buy carefully; be sure it's the right size to protect eyes.

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