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Best Wishes For 1941

Ere another issue of THE NEWS father time will have us write it 1941.

The passing years of 1940 has not been a weak sister to us folks of the United States and we can truthfully explain; "Peace on Earth, Good Will Towards Men."

When we glance over our budget we will readily discover we are living a very rapid pace and enjoying many luxuries that we could dispense with, but using the words of some of Queen Annes county best citizens, "Why be poor and show it?

Let's make a summary of our good county, Queen Anne's, which will apply to our adjoining sister counties.

Farmers—real honest to goodness dirt farmers—crops and prices have been above the average, and their monthly milk check have furnished them ready cash to keep the wheels of progress turning while their hog crops have filled their meat house with ample provisions for the year 1941.

Our watermen—the brand that is true to their work—have had a very prosperous year with their catch of fish, crab and oysters. And those who have been willing to work have laid away a few pennies for a rainy day or bought homes.

Our merchant, who didn't advertise, did a fair business, while those that offered bargains by advertising, got the best of the business.

As a whole we feel that 1940 has been good to our people, and may 1941 be a shade better to all is the sincere wish of

MIKE and STEINEY

Dirty Names No Remedy

The seeds of fascism and state socialism are being increasingly sown in this country. There is constant political pressure to make the individual more and more subservient to government. Don't try to blame the "other fellow" for this situation. Don't think you can remedy it by calling dirty names.

There are a few basic ideals embodied in our United States constitution that can save this country from ever being dominated by a fascist or totalitarian philosophy if the people value the personal rights and liberties guaranteed them by the constitution.

By the same token, the people will lose rights and liberties in proportion as they allow them to be encroached upon or destroyed by promised political cure-alls which limit individual opportunity under the guise of the state or government being better able to care for the people than the people can care for themselves.

If you are a laboring man, a bank depositor, a life insurance policyholder, the owner of a bit of stock or a bond in one of this country's industrial enterprises, or the owner of a farm or a home, you play a vital part in the American system of free enterprise. You have the right to vote and keep your government your "servant," not your "master."

As you permit government to go into competition with private business by devious methods and designs, you promote the totalitarian idea, whether you realize it or not.

Not Too Hot Not Too Cold

By JOHN EMBERT

Which is Wrong?

According to the papers, automobile fatalities are up 104 in the counties. I believe it would be a good idea to break this down as to whether this increase was caused by city or county drivers. I see a lot of reckless driving on the roads and when I look at the license it is invariably a county license number. In this State, where the county and city are about equal in automobile licenses, it might be a good idea to start a campaign as to which are the safety drivers, city or county. It might be the means of saving some this reckless taking of human lives by building up a rivalry between city and county for operating automobiles discreetly

Frozen Otto

Is science going to let the remarkable case of Otto Keiger, the unemployed sausage stuffer, pass without comment? Otto, who was frozen stiff, is thawed, and now walks abroad, freely hinged, in full possession of his faculties—Otto the human icile who stood in the frigid waters of Lake Michigan from 6 p. m. Friday until 11.20 a.m. Saturday, seventeen long hours of suspended animation. Where are the psychologists? Where are the heart and circulation experts? Where are the meat packers? Where's Kipley?

The world is taking Otto much too casually. It is muffing the same chance it muffed with Lazarus.

Our Defense

A writer in Baltimore Sun, betrays a deep and patriotic interest in national defense. It expressed willingness to be told how to step up the defense program emboldens me to offer my suggestion of several things the average citizen may do to aid.

The first thing to do is to forget the election bitterness and try to get in step with the leadership toward preparedness which our President has furnished far in advance of the rest of the nation

Those of us who are concerned about the slow progress of production have been told the real reason by Mr. Edgar Ansell Mowrer, an experienced and alert observer. He says it is because the majority of industrialists, businessmen, politicians and labor is still unaware of the acute danger we are in. From my own activities in the past six months I would say that labor is far ahead of the other groups in its appreciation of the danger and its efforts to help. Most of the others have done nothing

Contributing causes, which only a complete will for defense will cure, are the mechanical and skilled personnel difficulties which cannot he solved hastily. We Americans hate to give up many of the gadgets of "civilization." Plants which should be making tanks and plane engines are still building sleek limousines. Industry has been so thoroughly mechanized that there is a woeful shortage of the skilled artisans needed to tool up adequately for defense production.

I am reluctantly forced to the conclusion that the majority of us will not be really integrated with defense until a state of full emergency is brought home to us.

To Serve Humanity

There are businessmen in the United States, and some in Queenstown, who have the idea that the chief end or the human race is the promotion of business. Of course, every intelligent person understands that business is justified only when it serve humanity.

Our philosophies have become somewhat confused because, generally speaking, whatever promotes the economic well being of individuals usually assists the race, as a whole. Realization of this truth does not require a blind idolatary of business, per se, and the exoneration of any tactics that return profits to individuals.

We have, we are glad to say, many public-spirited businessmen in this county. This is not to say that no business man in our community is selfish, that none is unfair in methods and that none would stoop to illegal methods to gain private profit.

The time is at hand when better businessmen, intent upon the honor and reputation of business, should give some attention to the comparatively few sharks that prey upon unfortunate human beings.

The pride that a competent business man takes in the service that he renders, at a fair profit, is in jeopardly every time a slicker pulls a fast deal, regardless of the amount of money involved

Why Worry?

When the Italians launched their offensive against the Greeks, the people or the United States, for the most part, worried lest Mussolini's soldiers make mince meat of the brave Greece.

We have shared both apprehensions, along with millions of other citizens. The first worry has passed away for the present and the second anxiety is abating. If the course of the strugge in Albania continues along its present way for a few more weeks we will have no further worry about the ability of the Greeks to take care of them selves.

Maryland In Fourth Place In Whiskey Production

Maryland distilleries turned out a lot of liquor during the last fiscal year. But Kentucky, where they also drink it, turned out a lot more.

The Government reported that Maryland was the fourth biggest whisky producer, turning out 8,434,955 gallons. Kentucky, first with more than the next four combined, produced 42,073,690 of the nation's 98,993,303 gallon output for the year ended June 30 last.

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