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A BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
REMEMBER IN YOUTH AND YOU WILL NOT REGRET IN OLD AGE: Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth, when the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt say I have no pleasure in them.—Ecclesiastes 12:1.

France, Au Revoir!

Farewell, France, until in some happier day we may see you again!
Painful the words, after a year's waiting and hoping that somehow out of the wreck of France something might have been salvaged for freedom. Painful the words to those who have felt and who still feel that the French people are good, and clean, and wholesome.

Nevertheless the Petains, and Darlans and the Laval are in charge of France. They have personally elected (no one compelled them personally) to play ball with Hitler. Aside from actions, which might have been forced on them by circumstances, they have given lip service to Fascism, which was not. They have opened the gates of Tunisia and Syria to the German invader; they have chosen to ride a surfboard on the "wave of the future," on which one may expect the remainder of the French navy to be launched at any moment.

For the moment, the Frenchmen of Fascist mold of mind are in the saddle. For the moment, they are France. Resolutely we must push into the background for the moment the memory of Frenchmen who fought so gallantly for freedom, our own as well as theirs. We must forget, for the moment, that "Liberty, Fraternity and Equality" were born in France. We must not speculate, for the moment, that perhaps 90 per cent of Frenchmen still love freedom. For the moment, such force as France has is at the disposal of the Totalitarian Revolution.

To all who love France, who love the French people, who love the freedom which found so fine a flowering in France, it is painful to say this. But it is the nasty truth.
All that can be said today by the most ardent lover of all things French is, "France, au Revoir!"

Science Scores A Whale Of A Sensation

Science, proclaims a breathless newspaper article, has at last affirmed that a whale really could have swallowed Jonah.
It seems that a Dr. Eugene Maximilian Karl Geiling, professor of pharmacology, having little to do one dull day, crawled through the gullet of a (dead) whale. He found it slimy, but definitely roomy.

Upon All Of Us

From the Soldier's Handbook, small pocket introduction to military life issued by the War Department:
"The American people of their own will, and through the men they have elected to represent them in Congress, have determined that the free institutions of this country will continue to exist. They have declared that, if necessary, we will defend our right to live in our own American way and continue to enjoy the benefits and privileges which are granted to the citizens of no other nation. It is upon you, and the many thousands of your comrades now in the military service, that our country has placed its confident faith that this defense will succeed should it ever be challenged."

The spring fever some people are kicking about is the same case they had all winter.
Chinese used umbrellas 3000 years ago, so borrowing must be an old, old custom.
Germany passed up its customary May Day celebration this year. Not a bad idea to wait until they're positive they have something to celebrate.

Hitler Reported Losing Faith In Soothsayers



Washington Lookers-On Do Lots Of Second Guessing But President Is Awaiting Proper Time For Decision

By Peter Edson The Reporter-Telegram Washington Correspondent
WASHINGTON.—It isn't just in the country at large, outside the District of Columbia, that people are confused, wondering what's coming next, wondering who's leading who where and what for. The whispering gallery that is Washington is all full of uncertainties as a Molotov broadcast.

There are unofficial, self appointed experts at every luncheon and dinner table who knew exactly why Hess went to Scotland, five minutes after he landed, who profess to know the exact status of the convoy issue, who say they have the real, inside straight dope on what Simmson meant in his last speech, and who can tell you exactly what kind of little green apples the President ate that gave him his current belly ache.

How effective is the stall? The question is therefore raised as to what extent the stall has become a matter of policy, or at least to what extent it has become an American diplomatic device, and how effectively it has been wielded by the President.
The whole problem resolves itself into this all-important matter of timing. Try to start a fight before the bell rings and you're a punk. Stall a little, particularly if your opponent is stronger than you are, and perhaps he'll show his weakness.

JUDGE AND ATTORNEY WILL SWEAR TO IT
NEW YORK, May 21.—(AP)—A duly-qualified Queens County Judge and an assistant district attorney are prepared to make solemn affidavits it actually happened.
Anyway, court procedure was interrupted when Judge Charles S. Colden was distracted by a gnawing sound. It was a small gray mouse chewing on the sole of a newspaper reporter's shoe. The reporter was so busy he hadn't noticed.

Dallas Benefactor Who Clothed Poor Dies In California

LOS ANGELES, Calif., May 21.—(AP)—Some of the poor of Dallas, Tex., may go cold next Christmas.
Their clothing store benefactor, I. Rude, died yesterday.

CRANIUM CRACKERS

Ancient Battlefield
When the war spread to the Near East, it enveloped a land known as the cradle of our civilization, for the country of Iraq is believed the site of the Garden of Eden. See if you can answer these questions about this ancient land.
1. By what names were the countries of Iraq and Iran formerly known?
2. Name the two rivers that flow through Iraq to form the valley believed site of the Garden of Eden.

STRIKE TIES WORK ON SHELL LOADING PLANT

RAVANNA, O., May 21.—(AP)—A strike of rank and file AFL unionists today tied up construction work on the government's 30,000-shell-loading plant near here.
An employees' spokesman said between 5,000 and 7,000 laborers walked out to enforce demands for a wage increase.

Changes In WPA Law May Bring Out Opposition

WASHINGTON, May 21.—(AP)—Members of Congress today generally applauded President Roosevelt's sharply reduced request for WPA funds, but some opposition developed to his requests for administrative changes in the law.
The opposition was based on the contention that the legislative changes he asked might induce some work relief clients to make the WPA their "career."

Phillips And Ratner State Oil Industry Ready For Defense

TULSA, Okla., May 21.—(AP)—The governors of two major oil producing states declared today the oil industry is prepared to meet demands of national defense.
The two governors, Leon C. Phillips of Oklahoma and Payne Ratner of Kansas, spoke at a general session luncheon of the mid-year meeting of the Petroleum Institute of America.

Council Reviews Police Activities

The Midland Safety Council pledged unanimous support to the city police department at its meeting last night.
The council approved methods of the police chief and his staff and recommended rigid safety precautions be continued.
A committee to remind citizens by written message of traffic violations will go into action this week.
The council will entertain members of the Midland Junior high safety patrol with a picnic at Cloverdale Park and Chief L. P. McCasland will speak. Mrs. W. Y. Penn will arrange transportation and food. The date has not been set.

Munition Maids



Girl workers tighten caps on completed bombs as production of fragmentation bombs for U. S. and Britain moves into high gear at E. G. Budd plant in Philadelphia.

PLANT DEDICATION

HOUSTON, May 21.—(AP)—The steel plant being erected at Trish Bend, by the Sheffield Steel Corporation, will be dedicated Tuesday.

County Clerk Gets Names Of Notaries

A supplementary list of Midland notaries public, who have qualified for appointments, was received by the county clerk's office today.
The list includes: Lillian D. Arnett, S. B. Fowler, Dorothy Hamilton, Dee Hanks, and E. B. Richards.
One hundred and ninety eight notaries were listed.

College Recognizes Two Women Students

Miss Doris La Rue Stapleton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stapleton, and Miss Mary Kendrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kendrick, both of Midland and students in Texas Tech, were given recognition at the college.
Miss Stapleton was recognized for membership in the women's press club, and Miss Kendrick for work in radio and membership in Alpha Psi Omega.

Fascist Planes Torpedo Cruiser

ROME, May 21.—(AP)—The Italian high command announced today that Fascist torpedo-carrying planes had torpedoed a 10,000-ton British cruiser in the Eastern Mediterranean.
An Italian submarine was credited with sinking the 7,350-ton British steamer Lyccon in the Atlantic.

MINISTER TO BOARD MEETING

The Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Hinds will leave Thursday morning for Fort Worth. As a member of the board of trustees of Texas Wesleyan College, Mr. Hinds will attend the annual meeting of the group. The two will also be present for part of the fiftieth anniversary celebration of TWC. They will return here Saturday.



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Midland Dairy Day Show

Friday, May 23rd--9 A. M. At Midland Fair Grounds No Admission Charge Public Invited Judging Of Dairy Cattle Display of Home-Produced Dairy Products HOME DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO WOMEN 11:30 A. M.

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