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Marshall Will Be Missed

The resignation of Marshall Johnson as editor of the Manassas Journal to work for the Associated Press in Richmond is regretted throughout this area. His resignation has also left a vacancy in the Journal staff that cannot easily be filled for he was more than an editor—he was part of the community.

Mr. Johnson, or Marshall as he is called by most everyone, did a magnificent job as editor of this paper.

He was constantly working, gathering news, advertisements, writing editorials and the thousand other jobs of a weekly newspaper editor. Also, he was always on the alert for new ideas and methods in journalism.

Not only was he constantly working on the Journal but also he was active in the various civic organizations of Manassas. He was forever interested in the community at large.

In Richmond Marshall will be working on a metropolitan daily—a far cry from a weekly newspaper—But regardless he will go "big time" on us; for his friends, sentiments, and the Journal are in Manassas and these he will not readily forget.

Yes, Marshall will be missed by the Journal—missed by the community. He will not be forgotten. And as for his new work in Richmond—the best of luck and success is hoped for him.

Looks Like Window Dressing

Evidently taking cognizance of some criticism of the policy followed in China, the President of the United States recently announced the appointment of a special group to review our Far Eastern policy.

Unless the study is designed to con-

vince the people of the country that the Government is somewhat uncertain as to its policy, we are at a loss to understand the need for a special board to hammer out a set of guides for the day-to-day conduct of the United States affairs in the Far East. This is what Mr. Acheson calls the first objective of the study.

We would presume that the State Department, staffed with competent, intelligent and capable officials, has developed, many months ago, a "set of guides" for our position. If it has not already evolved such an outline, based upon existing facts and logical conclusions, the inescapable conclusion is that our policy in respect to China has been a hit-or-miss affair.

Churchill Urges Unity

"Our dangers are great, but so is our strength," declared Winston Churchill, in addressing the people of Strasbourg, where the Council of Europe was in the process of beginning.

The War Prime Minister of Great Britain called attention to the long religious, dynastic and nationalistic wars that Europe has experienced and asked:

"Are we to sink, after all our victories and sufferings, into final chaos, into ideological wars thrust upon us by barbarous and wicked oligarchies, whose fifth column agents are infiltrating into so many lands?"

This is the question that confronts the free peoples of the world. It stems, not from the agitated emotions of people, but from the machinations of ruling regimes, possessed of the power to regiment their people and to collect their resources for the purpose of aggressive militarism. It is the present epitome of the "might makes right" theory, which finds expression in totalitarian nations, where ambitious men direct the activities of millions in accord with their ambitious, and suspected, programs.

The loyal alumni are about to make up their minds whether the football team justifies the continuance of the institution of learning.

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The Human Race



The Reader's Forum

ED. PAGE—ADD FORUM COL. — "A LETTER FROM FLORIDA" BY IONE RISON COOLIGAN

August 10, 1949

Dear Editor, Did it ever occur to you that your weekly paper, "The Manassas Journal," comes all the way to Florida; and is enjoyed immensely, by others, as well as myself?

I am a former resident of Dumfries, but am also a subscriber to your paper. I was born there and lived there until 8 years ago when I married. Since then, I have always had access to your wonderful paper. I enjoy it a great deal, as it keeps me in touch with friends, acquaintances, and classmates of former years; as well as the county and state news in general. I do wish to congratulate you on the progress and increasing interest which has befallen your paper in the past 3 years.

Now that I have boasted your nice county paper, I would also like to cast a few laurels in the direction of the state from which this letter comes; in case some of your readers are contemplating a visit to the "Sunshine State" this winter.

I have lived in Florida (West Palm Beach, Tampa and Gainesville) the past 3 years, and I think it is one of the most beautiful states in the country. In the vicinity of Tampa and St. Petersburg there are so very many points of beauty and interests which are far too numerous to mention. Any one of them is within one day's round trip from there.

I have been through most all of the towns along both the east and west coasts of Florida.

Sarasota is the headquarters of the Ringling Brothers', Barnum and Bailey Circus. In Miami there is scenery and amusement to suit any type of individual. Then there are the "Marine Studios in Marineland, Fla., where any species of fish or water mammals can be found. St. Augustine is one of the quaintest towns I've ever seen. There you will find the "Oldest House" in America, "The Fountain of Youth" (the water tastes terrible though!); "The Alligator and Ostrich Farms" and the "Oldest Schoolhouse" under four flags. Near Jacksonville you

will find the "Oriental Gardens" and "Jacksonville Beaches," where autos can be driven right near the surf's edge.

Then inland you will find many other beautiful and interesting places such as "Cypress Gardens" in Winter Haven; "Bok's Singing Tower" in Lake Wales, and "Ross

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IEWS AND REVIEWS

What They Say Whether Right or Wrong Paul G. Hoffman, Economic Cooperation Administrator:

"I have been impressed by a new spirit of confidence and hope that I find all through Europe as compared with one year ago."

Robert L. Doughton, chairman, House Ways and Means Committee:

"There is no one who would like to see a reduction in excise taxes more than I would."

Harry S. Truman:

"In two instances, if we had been ready, there would have been no wars."

Lucius D. Clay, former Military Governor of Germany:

"Today in Europe, Communism has been checked."

Carl Spaatz, General, U. S. Air Force, retired:

"Our potential enemies are just waiting until we are weak enough so they can hit us."

William Bronson White, dining-car steward for 51 years:

"It's not like it was in the old days. Then we used to work seven days a week, fifty-two weeks a year."

Charles Schuman, president, Illinois Agricultural Association:

"More and more, agriculture is becoming a minority group in our nation."

Scott W. Lucas, U. S. Senator from Illinois:

"I predict that the Congress eventually will approve a bill for Federal aid to education which will be satisfactory to Americans of all faiths."

Kenneth S. Wherry, U. S. Senator from Nebraska:

"Great Britain, like the United States, is afflicted by extravagant government expenditures."

J. Edward Dirks, preacher:

"We live the way we live because of our belief."

WISE AND OTHERWISE

One Can

One can sit out the hot humid spell in the cellar—being careful to brush the fungus off one's person before resuming one's place in the community.—Washington Star.

Impossible

It is extremely difficult to argue with a person who ad libs statistics.—Grit.

But Also

The good neighbor is the individual who not only feeds the vacationist's goldfish but also occasionally feeds the vacationist's husband.—Boston Globe.

Do They?

Tell the young grad he must start in a small way and he has an apt reply: "Do they ask Ted Williams to bunt?"—Milwaukee Journal.

Could?

Only one man in a thousand is a leader of men, but the other 999 are secretly sure they could do it better.—Minneapolis Star.

No Comparison

Having never heard a Voice of America program as jammed by the Russians, we have no basis for saying how it compares with the standard jam session.—Portland Oregonian.

GOLDEN GLEAMS

Poets were the first teachers of mankind. —Cicero.

There is no more self-assured man than a bad poet. —Martial.

Poets, being liars by profession, ought to have good memories. —Jonathan Swift.

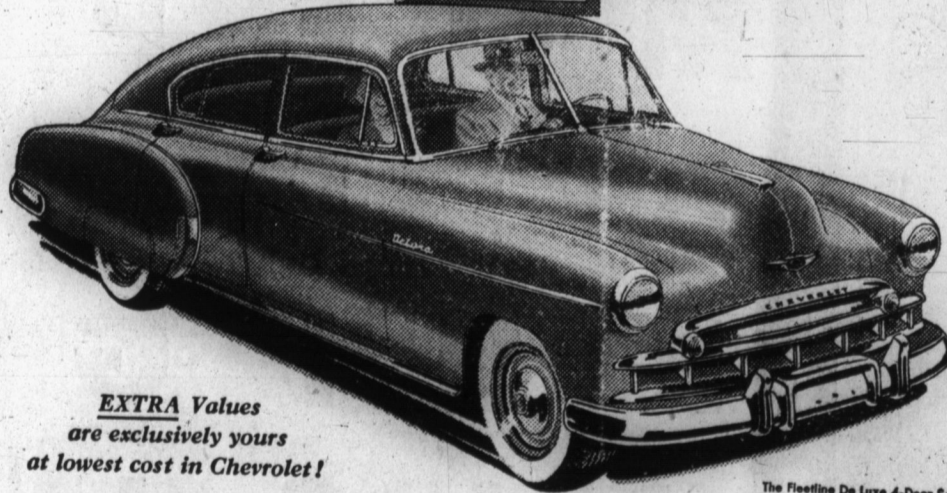
A great poet is the most precious jewel of a nation. —Ludwig van Beethoven.

No man was ever yet a great poet, without at the same time being a profound philosopher. —S. T. Coleridge.

Perhaps no person can be a poet, or can even enjoy poetry, without a certain unsoundness of mind. —T. B. Macaulay.

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