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PUBLIC APPLAUSE

The manner in which a public applauds its
officials sometimes is strange. The office-holder who
spends the greatest amount of funds receives the
largest headlines in the newspapers and the greatest
amount of cheering from the gallery.

When the committee on public health in Bir-
mingham, made up of Mrs. Hope Halgren and
others, for its health department, there was
little said about the saving. If the committee
had recommended doubling the contemplated ex-
penditure the cheers would have been deafening, even
though this move would have been foolish.

The man in public office who spends long hours
in the attempt to save for the public, it is a sad
thing to say, is too often an "also ran" at the next
election, while he who starts projects more or less
monumental and often extravagantly, leads the
field.

This happens in Birmingham just as it does in De-
troit and every other community where expansion
is taking place.

Of course the answer is that many persons place
too much expectation on values. They fail to
remember that expenditures may be intelligent or
stupid and that this always does not depend upon
the size type the newspapers use in making the
announcement.

ADVICE OF AN AGED MAN

"If there is something to be done, do it and forget
any personal unpleasantness attached to the task."

This sound advice of Charles Simmons, 91 year
old pioneer of Southfield Township, as reported in
last week's ECCENTRIC is given by himself as one
reason for his success during many years he has
enjoyed this life. It is an axiom that goes hand-
in-hand with success in any line.

Looking over the list of the great through the ages
shows clearly enough that all men who have attained
success did so by the hardest kind of work. They
forgot the actual "work" connected with the task
at hand and concentrated on their goal.

The story of anyone who has attained greatness
from the earliest history to the present day is filled
with struggles with adversity. Environment is al-
ways difficult. The self is given to procrastinate
and to take the easiest way out. Temptations are
many. This is as true of Demosthenes as of Henry
Ford.

There is no success without a battle and no battle
without pain.

WELCOME NEWS AND A DUTY

Birmingham will welcome news of the possibility
of the office and commercial building to be erected
on west Maple avenue by Senator James Couzens as
announced in this week's ECCENTRIC. This promise
is made by the senator with the provision that
Birmingham grows to an extent great enough to
warrant the improvement within the next few years.

The village faces the prospect now of having two
large office buildings. One to be built by
Senator Couzens and the other at Maple and Wood-
ward avenues by the Briggs Development & Invest-
ment company of Detroit. And the prospect is
indeed a pleasant one.

There is a duty resting on Birmingham's
shoulders before this dream can be realized. And it
is well that the duty is clear.

She must create the actual need for these build-
ings. In other words, she must continue her rapid
growth at her present rate of speed.

Everyone has a share of this duty and there is not
the slightest reason to feel that it will be shirked.
There has been proof positive of that before.

GIVE THE KING A CHANCE

Down in Detroit where all sorts of things happen,
the council has had considerable ado over the ques-
tion of presenting golden keys to the city's dis-
tinguished visitors. It has finally been decided that
the purchase of 1,000 gilded passports will be de-
ferred to a later date, if, indeed, not put off forever.

But the debates in public and private were the
interesting parts of the whole affair.

It seems that the city divided itself into radical
and conservative groups. The left favored the pur-
chase of all the glittering gold against the invasion
of a Queen Marie, a Lindbergh or what you will.

The conservatives on the right were staunch advo-
cates of the wooden key which "was good enough
for their fathers."

Of course this really is a monumental question.
No doubt it required the attention and astute think-
ing it received. We do not care for the method in-
volved, but we do care for the result. The matter
was settled without calling them a fair chance. The
mutter was settled without calling them a fair chance.

Professional travelers are in a far better position
to know about such things than the men who sit
at council meetings. And questionnaires are easy
to send out.

Faith may move mountains and span seas, but
first you've got to have some of it yourself.

If the new car eliminates the 4rd joke we think
the Jews should forgive Henry everything.

THE WATER ORDINANCE

A special committee of the Birmingham village
commission is busy these days studying the possibility
of the village water ordinance with a view to
straightening out any difficulties that they may en-
counter.

Just what is wrong with the ordinance remains to
be seen when the study is completed and the com-
mittee makes its report. Perhaps they will find it
satisfactory. This, however, is doubtful, for its
flaws are apparent to many.

At any rate there are numerous complaints and
the matter is well worth study. The commission
is wise in probing into this affair. They are doing
what the citizens wish them to do. Their report is
awaited eagerly.

'TIS A STRANGE LAND

The latest false report that has kept the telephone
lines of newspaper offices throughout the country
busy is that Mayor William Hale Thompson of
Chicago has been assassinated. Jack Demme, who
reported dead after his fight with Tunney, Sharkey
was reported a death victim after his fight with
Dempsy. The president of the United States is
often reported murdered and in Birmingham it is
not an unusual thing for the office of THE ECCEN-
TRIC to receive queries relative to the truth involved
in a current report that one of its well known citi-
zens has been dispatched to the hereafter, either from
an airplane fall or from an assassin's bullet.

Whence come all these wild tales and why are
they invented? Every person who has occasion to
assist the owner of the excited voice on the other
end of the wire that the reports are not veracious
often wonders. At best he can guess.

Perhaps it all simmers down to the American's
yearning for the sensational. He is always attracted by
the abnormal and by the imaginative. If he can
tell a friend some wild tale he knows he will receive
a degree of pleasure from the friend's reaction.

WHY PENALIZE YOUTH?

We recently read of a bill introduced into one of
our state legislatures, the purpose of which was to
withhold full professional recognition from young
engineers until they had reached the age of 23 years.
In another state it was proposed to prohibit girls
from teaching school until they had reached the age
of 18.

Later we saw an exhaustive account of the ac-
complishments of two young German radio engineers,
which made the proposed legislation mentioned ap-
pear ridiculous.

One of these engineers, Baron Manfred von
Ardenne, has achieved international fame for his
epochal radio inventions at the age of 20, and is
now in the United States exchanging views with
our leading engineers and scientists at Harvard and
other universities.

He is accompanied by Edward Dietze of Ham-
burg, who is only 18 years of age, yet holds the posi-
tion of scientific adviser to the North German Radio
League.

These young men would still have to wait several
years before being recognized as full fledged engi-
neers were they subject to a law such as is being
advocated in an American state.

Ability and not age should govern recognition in
any profession or other calling. Why should youth
be penalized? Or age either, for that matter?

LINDY WRITES A NOTE

Among the many letters received in New York by
Col. Lindbergh one morning recently was one from
a boy in Boston, who wanted the aviator to fly over
the hospital in which he is a patient.

The request appealed to Lindbergh, but as it could
not be complied with he wrote the lad a note and
sent it with a photograph by air mail. The note said:

"Dear Ned:
"I saw your letter today just before leaving on my
tour of the country. I can't fly over the hospital in
Boston where you are because it would be against
the law. In order not to disappoint you, I am send-
ing you a picture of myself and the 'Spirit of St. Louis', which you can show to the other boys
and girls who are with you.

"I hope you will be well soon and that you can
get back to your home in Spokane in time for the
autumn in September. There will be lots of aviators
out there and you can see them close up.

"With my best wishes,
"Charles A. Lindbergh."

And when he received that note and photograph it
is easy to believe that Ned was the proudest boy in
Boston.

DEMOCRACY

Democracy is not so much a form of government
as a set of principles. Other forms of govern-
ment may be equally efficient—know better ways of
integrating and purifying administration that we
have yet learned. We must learn what we
can, and yet scrupulously spare everything that we
do with the high principles we brought into the
world; that justice may be done to the lowly no less
than to the great; that government may serve its
people, not make itself their master—may in its ser-
vice heed both the wishes and the needs of those who
are its rest and from may be its leadership, not
for aggrandizement; that the people may be the
state.—Woodrow Wilson.

QUICK THINKING

If every human being could be in full possession
of all the faculties that control self-preservation,
he would be a safety problem. But civilization
has numbered those faculties. We do not anticipate
danger. We merely combat it when it develops,
generally too late to be effective. Making laws to
fit the lack of precautionary measures of the indi-
vidual is an impossibility. And that will be the only
method of establishing safety where highways and
railroads cross.

If you drive an automobile, never drink more
than two cups of coffee at one time—especially if
you are in Jersey City. A citizen there was arrested
for driving while intoxicated, but declared that his
confusion resulted from drinking 20 cups of coffee.
The police told the judge that such a quantity of
caffeine smelled exactly like alcohol, and the judge
believed it. It cost the driver \$200, or ten dollars
a cup.

ON THE BEACH AT WAI-KI-KI

The Other Chap
Says Something

THE CHARACTER BUSINESS.

Clyde Reed, editor of The Par-
sons Sun, has brought a new tubular
Duplex press like that which The
Emporia Gazette has had for the
last two or three years. The
growth of The Parsons Sun since
Mr. Reed came home from To-
peka has been one of the pleasant
phenomena of the Kansas news-
paper business. The Sun has aver-
aged 11 pages during the last year
and Parsons is ordinarily accorded
an 8-page town. The new press
will make it possible to get out 16
pages at the rate of 20,000 an
hour, which will help a little.

But the chief thing which will
help or hinder The Parsons Sun is
Clyde Reed. Making a news-
paper is called the newspaper
business, but speaking broadly it
is the character business. A man
in a country town by which we
mean any town under 200,000 is
of vast importance to the paper
than its physical equipment.
A country newspaper editor can
remember the definition, any
paper in a town under 200,000
is a sign of one thing: That in
the crucible of Parsons Clyde
Reed is standing up well under the
grind. The liar, the lazy man, the
weakling, or the braggart is found
out sooner or later in every coun-
try newspaper and sooner or later
his paper's failure is an index of
the popular verdict against him.

The fact that The Parsons Sun
is getting prosperous enough to re-
quire a first class country news-
paper press speaks well for Clyde
Reed.

And why a man who is getting
that kind of a verdict from that
kind of a community should care
to waste his time piddling around
Topeka in a political job even
though it carries great honor and
offers great opportunities for ser-
vice, Heaven only knows! (Wil-
son Allen White—Emporia Gaz-
ette).

Village Inventor
Recalls Acquaintance With Ford

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had experimented with the heated
tube.

In refutation of the charge so
often made that Ford himself is
not a practical engineer but only a
"thinner and firmer" of men Mr.
Purvis said:

"I know for a fact that Mr.
Ford is a man of engineering. He
could never have held down the
positions he did without being a
first-class mechanical engineer. I
know too of his remarkable ability
as a draftsman and his ability to
draw excellent mechanical draw-
ings. For some time in 1897 he in-
structed in this phase of engineer-
ing in the Detroit Y. M. C. A.;
and all this while he did his own
work and developed the motor car
and his inventions."

Mr. Purvis, it seems, has a right
to speak authoritatively on
this subject. He is a mechanical
drawing, besides knowing a thing
or two about creative engineering
and invention.

He has 12 patents to his credit
in Washington. Several are lubri-
cating devices and one a feature
to be attached to a boiler which

introduces a compound into the

boiler to prevent scaling.

One of the instruments he has
devised is what is called the Purvis
Positive Protection Indicator and
is used today on many lake boats.
It enables the captain of a boat
to tell immediately what is going
on in the engine room and to dis-
cover as soon as he has given his
speed and direction signals from
the bridge whether they have been
carried out properly.

Sailed For 35 Years

Another one of Mr. Purvis' feats
is drawing plans for houses to
scale.

Mr. Purvis learned engineering
in a machine shop, spent 35 years
aboard ships, and was chief en-
gineer for several big firms requir-
ing extensive machinery.

He has been working for the
village of Birmingham for seven
years in entire charge of the
mechanical end of the water works.
During that time he has lived with
his wife in a building joining the
pump house on west Maple avenue.

He saw the old steam pump
cut into the discard and electric
pumpers substituted three years
ago. Since that time, he said,
with just a touch of pardonable
pride, there has not been a break
down on either of the two electric
pumps and not a cent has been
spent on them except for "oil and
packing."

With the raising of the
pump house, Mr. Purvis and his
wife will be forced to move to
some home in the village will provide
him with a grander home.

There he will live and continue to
take care of the village pumping
system.

POEMS LOVE

BY CHARLES HANSON TOWNE

"When She Comes Home," by
James Whitcomb Riley.
I can not emphasize too much,
that in James Whitcomb Riley,
America had a greater poet
as true a singer as ever lived any-
where. No one has approached
him, and Lockhart says that in
Indiana, has become famous be-
cause the Hoosier poet lived so
quietly in that stable house where
he wrote so much of his best
verse. He is as honest as the
elements, and nothing is surer
than that the songs, with their
laughter and heartbreak, will sur-
vive when more pretentious poems
have passed to oblivion.

"When she comes home again," A
thousand ways
I fashion, to myself, the tender
ness

Of my glad welcome: I shall
remind you,
And touch her, as when first in
the old days

I touched her, her girlish hand, nor
dared upraise
Mine eyes, such was my faint
hearted distress.

Then silence; and the perfume of
her dress:
The room with away a little of
a haze

Cloy eyesight—sought, even—
And tears—yes; and the ache
here in the throat.

To know that I so ill deserve the
place
Her arms make for me; and the
happiness of a space!

I stay with kisses, ere the tearful
face
Again is hidden in the old em-
brace.

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rell Co. Poem reprinted by special
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Carl Huddell, 75, and Mrs.
Elizabeth Wagner, 70, were re-
cently married in St. Louis in the
presence of 10 children of former
marriages.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN: The Probate
Court for the County of Oakland
in a session of said Court, held at the
Probate Office in the City of Pontiac,
A. D. 1927.

Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Ella A.
Stewart, Deceased.

Charles Clark Stewart, having filed his
petition, praying that an instrument filed
in said Court be admitted to Probate as
the last will and testament of said de-
ceased and the administration of said
estate be granted. That the 31st day of
September, A. D. 1927, at ten a. m., at
and Probate Office, be and is hereby ap-
pointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered: That public no-
tice thereof be given by publication of
a copy hereof for three successive weeks
previous to the day of hearing in the
Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper
printed and circulated in said county.

ROSS STOCKWELL,
Judge of Probate.

A true and
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