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Some Fishing Entries

In order to quiet the fears of some of Ye Ed's friends who, for the seven days from May 16 to 23, failing to see him working his usual 16 hours per day, have wondered where he was, it is here recorded that he accompanied four local chaps on a trout fishing expedition up near Alpena.

And, be it faithfully and truthfully recorded, numerous (meaning more than one) fish were taken from two very beautiful swift flowing, cold and clear streams leading into Hubbard Lake.

To present even the feeblest portrayal of the very wonderful time which Ye Ed, together with Norman Lyle, Carl Strand, Tom Schooley, and Robert Preble, (all local fishermen and true) had upon the premises owned by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tillotson, of Hubbard Lake, would require ten or twelve columns of this newspaper; and even then, perhaps, some of you might doubt the facts as we could set them forth.

Suffice to say, however, we managed to trade quite a number of Bloomfield Township's largest and juiciest anglerworms for trout—sometimes as many as a dozen worms for one trout, which proves that as delectable a bit of life as a brook trout often emulates men and hogs in the matter of food. And comes to an abrupt end in the process, too.

As we mentioned in opening this journal entry, four paragraphs above, we are publishing these words to quiet the fears of many friends. Later on, and then still later on, we hope to be able to make similar entries for 1929; in the meantime we shall dig anglerworms while waiting for Michigan brook trout to attain longer dimensions.

Spiritual Highways

If you wish to hear one of today's greatest inspirational preachers, try to arrange your earthly affairs so that nothing will prevent you from being present at the local First Baptist Church the evening of June 5, for, folks, that is the evening when Dr. Merton S. Rice, of the Detroit Metropolitan church, will stand up before those assembled and, with a clear directness that is easy to follow, reach out across the aisles of the church and lift your thoughts to lofty heights—they will drag your feet with them to more secure highways upon which to trace a more spiritual path upon earth.

The School Bond Issue

June 10 is the date set for balloting upon the proposition of issuing \$2,000,000 in school bonds. The proceeds to be used for the building of a needed addition to the Barnum grade school; \$35,000.00 of the amount is for a swimming tank. A year ago voters of this school district approved an issue of \$140,000.00 for a Barnum addition, the bonds for which were never issued. This sum, then, will be added to the \$241,000.00 issue, if it is the polls June 10, making a total of \$385,000.00 in new indebtedness against the district. School officials have declared that, if the proposition wins June 10, the school tax rate stands very little chance of being increased which, in these high-powered days of comfort and convenience arguments, means that the voters will undoubtedly place their okay upon the bond issue.

Mrs. and Mrs. A. L. Moore, of Pontiac, recently announced a gift of \$10,000 toward a Y. W. C. A. girls' home for that city. That is a fine sentiment on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Moore—the realization of which probably affords them many times fifty thousands of dollars' worth of soul-satisfaction. Pontiac needs more people like the Moores.

CHARLES S. SEED, publisher of the Rochester (Mich.) Clarion, laments the fact that a school teacher in his town was seen one day last week puffing a cigarette in the grill room of the hotel Stetler in Detroit. "He should crusade for feminine smoking rooms in the school house, if he doesn't want them to go so far from home to do their puffing," exclaimed Bill Spivens, of Wagontrucks, when told of the escapade.

HENRY FORD, able to obtain anything that money may buy for the betterment of himself and his organization, repeatedly declares himself as opposed to the modification of the prohibition laws; if beer and light wines is a good thing for labor, Ford certainly would be in possession of this alleged truth, and would erect several blocks of beer emporiums near to his factories. The truth is, of course, that nobody may buy for the betterment of himself and his organization, repeatedly declares himself as opposed to the modification of the prohibition laws; if beer and light wines is a good thing for labor, Ford certainly would be in possession of this alleged truth, and would erect several blocks of beer emporiums near to his factories.

God Speed You, Graduates

Three Birmingham boys and the same number of girls received degrees upon graduation at the University of Michigan this year. They are: Rollin M. Smith, W. E. Peck, Nels W. Burkman, Sarah L. Knox, Margaret V. Sabom, and Frances Looney. They will enter life, the sum total of all that loving, sacrificing parents could create and offer; they would make their lives more complete, they will not neglect—as the year roll on—the infinite capacities of their souls. God speed you, young men and women, upon your pilgrimage among mankind!

We Salute You, Governor

Say what you will, yet the fact remains that it required more than ordinary courage for Governor Green to receive the records of capital punishment; his veto may do some harm politically with certain blood-thirsty newspaper publishers and readers—but, after all, the Governor probably had in mind future quiet days in laion when, as a private citizen, he would have to live with his own verdict. We salute you, Governor, for your God-dishion, Harry Nimmo, Phil Reid, Howard Fitzgerald, Schuyler Marshall, and the remainder of the blood-thirsty journalistic brethren. Amen.

A Vindication

Our good friend, Frank L. Bryce, who publishes the Grand Ledge Independent over near Lansing, printed the following paragraph (caption and all) in his newspaper recently.

TO GEORGE AVERILL. George, some time ago you invited an editor of a Michigan weekly to make a trip through the prisons to learn some things which you thought he didn't and ought to know. The Independent says that you now invite you yourself to a trip to Lansing and likewise "learn some things" from the inside! It's just possible you would find that the faults you speak of are not entirely due to a "vindictive typewriter!"

Mr. Bryce was referring to some comment we made regarding the journalistic activities of one Ed Lawson, of Michigan State Digest, when Nowack is making some attacks upon Governor Green.

Well, Frank, perhaps we were wrong in referring to Nowack's typewriter as "vindictive"; we hereby correct it to read "a vindictive Nowack."

Success Secrets

Recent wild speculation in stocks and the varying fortunes of the speculators bring to mind the career of Thomas W. Lawson, who died a few years ago, at the age of 67.

He was quite an author. In 1888 he wrote a book called "Secrets of Success" and for several years it appeared that no one was more capable of explaining those secrets than he. But finally his luck deserted him and he died in poverty.

We do not know much about the secrets of success, but we do know the secret of Lawson's ultimate failure. He was a gambler. He gambled for big stakes and he often made tremendous winnings through his stock manipulations, he finally lost—as all gamblers do when they play long enough.

FOR FIFTY-ONE YEARS, with never an interruption, The Eccentric has gone forth into this community, and its adjacent neighborhood, upon its mission of heralding the affairs of those who have lived, and still live, here. Only forty-nine more years to complete the first hundred—and then, so time says, things will be easier. Well, let the sands trickle through the small aperture in the hour glass—and may the sand never be absent from these columns.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Village last week officially took measures to eliminate all billboards from its highways. Even though we own a billboard of our own, we are willing to agree that a similar measure for Birmingham would not harm the local landscape.

RICHARD LAWLER, whose tall, angular form does not loom so largely upon Birmingham's horizon since the village fathers caused to be erected the new ornamental electric light poles on Woodward avenue, has a Birmingham policeman; he was raised from the rank of sergeant to that of lieutenant last week by Chief Anderson. With his new responsibilities resting upon his shoulders, Lieut. Lawler may now turn his countenance toward other mountain tops.

MEMBERS OF THE BIRMINGHAM Lions Club, a goodly service organization, similar to Exchange, Gyros, and Rotary, carried away first honor recently at a district convention of Lions clubs held in Battle Creek. This youthful group of Birmingham business and professional men has "been on its toes" ever since it came into existence over a year ago; it is becoming so peppy that, unless other local service clubs enter a protest, the Lions will rotate and gyrate all over the community as they exchange their roars.

CITIZENS OF MICHIGAN have had some of their shortcomings repaired during the recent session of the State Legislature—perhaps. And what is not taken care of by the State is taken care of by Congress. Citizens are advised to live "neath the folds of the Stars and Stripes and are afforded plenty of governmental protection and what have you?

About To See How Much Real "Kick" There Is In It



PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications for this column. All communications must be signed, but signatures will be kept confidential upon request.

CADDIES

To the Editor: You quote Mr. William Olsen as saying that the boys who are caddying at golf courses on Sunday should be in Sunday School and that such Sunday labor will have a bad effect upon the future. His remarks are entirely true but until the church people have the nerve to insist that child labor on Sunday be forbidden it will go on and on. How many people in Birmingham have the courage to join a movement that says, "Play golf if you choose on Sunday but in the name of posterity don't make minors carry your bags for you? It is sport to you but work to them."

Did you hear the Legislature discussing Sunday child labor? You did not. They were too busy finding ways to punish unto death some unfortunate who has not had the chance that we have had, here in Michigan, to receive religious education either on Sunday or week-day.

Where are many of Birmingham's children getting their moral and religious education? Not in school during the week and if you strip them of golf clubs on Sunday surely they don't get it on the Lord's Day. Surely Birmingham with all its cultured people must find at least a try to find some solution to this problem. Educated crooks are worse than dumb ones.

HUMAN LIFE IS CHEAP

Since the beginning of history, human life has been held more cheaply than anything else in the world. It is so held today.

A large percentage of the human race has always met death through the criminality, ignorance or carelessness of fellow men.

Could the minds of all men be directed to the preservation of human life, what a difference it would make! No more wars, no more murders, no more preventable deaths through automobile accidents, no more lives lost in fires started through carelessness—how changed would be the front pages of our daily newspapers!

To mention only three causes of violent death, the best authorities estimate that in the United States each year 10,000 are murdered, 25,000 are killed in automobile accidents and 15,000 are burned to death.

The total number of persons killed in accidents now reaches more than 75,000 a year. While giving our attention to a multitude of other reform problems would it not be well to devote more serious thought and action towards reducing this appalling and unnecessary waste of human life?

The Other Chap Says Something

MEXICO'S GENERALS Oregon, after the de la Huerta revolt, created eighty new generals as reward for loyalty. The Mexican generals are absolute lords of life and property. They ride over the land in private cars, with large entourages and many women. They requisition everything they want and rarely pay. They have been known murder parents to get a daughter, brothers to get a sister.

A member of Fortes Gil's cabinet told me just before I left Mexico that General Ferreira, who

Gen. Dawes' Criticism of Senate Is Apparently Well Borne Out By Present Obstructionism

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Chicago Press Staff Writer. Washington, May 30.—As vice president, Charles G. Dawes could see it—he saw that the United States is in an obstructive, and hollered loudly for reform. The senate's rules permit obstruction—or, rather, its lack of rules.

The lower house's rules force the representatives to transact business in the upper house. The lower house long ago surrendered nearly all its power to a scant half dozen of bosses. Their job is to get action, and they do it—not hesitating to club an occasional representative into good behavior, if he balks. A stuffed parliamentary club, of course—but it can knock an unruly representative into the gutter same as in the senate, each soldier is his own boss. They orate and wrangle and filibuster. A stint of legislation that the representatives have finished handsly, in a few days, often is squabbled over for weeks in the upper house, and then maybe is turned down, or amended until it virtually is spoiled.

If General Dawes had had his way, the senate would be hobbled today, just as is the lower house. In such case the present obstruction of congress would be almost ended now, as the G. F. managers had. The present

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