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## William Howard Taft

Varied, in this life, are the ideas and ideals that dominate the consciousness of human beings; to find a man, or a woman, whose mind is filled with a lofty ambition, tinged with tolerance and good humor, is a rare and fortunate happening. To place such a mind in high public service is, indeed, a great asset for society.

All of which leads us to the belief that William Howard Taft, recently deceased Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and at one time President, gained a niche in the hearts and minds of all Americans that will enshrine him enduringly for ever. America, and the whole world, is much better off because of the influence of Mr. Taft upon the scene of human activities. He carried his place upon earth; everything he came in touch with was made better for his contact.

Large of girth, broad of smile, his heart stretched even broader and often encompassed the barrenness of other people, at he went about doing good. America officialdom, in offices high and low, may well take heed of Mr. Taft's career, and, emulating it, lift higher the level of democratic government. We join the rest of the United States in lamenting his passing; we pray that his life may inspire others to public service of unselfish and unsullied character.

## Frank D. Fitzgerald

One of the most valued attributes possessed by mankind is that of substantial character, manifest in unflinching honesty, integrity, and loyalty to high ideals—in both public and private life. This reminds us of the personality of Frank D. Fitzgerald, at present business manager, of the State Highway Department, and undoubtedly, Michigan's next Secretary of State. We have known Mr. Fitzgerald for but a little over a year, yet upon the half dozen occasions when we have been in his company, we have been struck by his utter freedom from pettiness. We prophesy a brilliant future in public life for the distinguished citizen from Grand Lodge.

## The Thought's The Thing!

Products from the famous German House of Krupp, instead of being huge guns for the destruction of mankind, now are cash registers, omnibuses, locomotives, and motor trucks. Fascinating indeed, are the changes brought about within a few years by modern science. Thus do we see how inanimate natural resources of tree, plant, and metal, are made into tools of usefulness for mankind simply because the human thought back of it all is constructive; mis use misunderstanding, some hatred, too much cupidity, into the thought back of the House of Krupp and you'll have its products, over night, made into weapons of destruction. What people think, after all, determines very greatly the conditions in which they live—or die, we believe. Don't you, too?

## A New Breed Needed

Most people are so hurried through the span of consciousness that stands between the cradle and the grave that they have not time to go into deep fundamentals. So most of the leadership of humanity falls into the hands of a few people. And if these few leaders be moved with an unselfish purpose in life, those who are led will be given ample opportunity to enjoy the fruits of their labors. In spite of many opinions, most of the world's leaders have been idealists—or else mankind would have progressed as far as it has. What is needed nowadays is the breeding of a race of future public officials who will never betray the public trust in any station they may hold. We need to eliminate selfishness in petty places. The high places seem to take care of themselves.

BEING A PROPRIETOR of a hotel might have its drawbacks. Think of all the distant, poor relations who might come to park on him.

THE HUMAN BODY, due to some slight irregularity, can do more mischief than almost anything imaginable. A man who became a terrible pessimist and run-down in health, discovered that a change in his eating habits cleared up his whole attitude toward life and brought back vigor and strength.

A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS, no matter how small, needs two things. First, a boss must be practically enough to make a profit. Otherwise the sheriff will place the place out. Second, the business, for real success, should be inspired by enthusiasm and ideals. Just the urge for money-grabbing alone will seldom carry a business man to the peaks.

JUDGING FROM THE appearance of woman's shoes, many a modern miss may be up at the heels, but she's certainly down at the toes.

## The Worth of Music

The other evening, at a testimonial banquet given by the Union League Club for Edgar A. Guest, Michigan's poet, the strains of reed, string, and human voice blended into a composite harmony many times during the program; and the assembled banqueters thrilled to the harmony of tuneful sound. How much our individual and collective lives may be enriched and regenerated through listening to good music! Let's have more of it in public places, such as parks, pavilions, assembly halls, etc. 'Tis good insurance for the soul o' man and his maid—no good music. Don't you think so, too?

## A Good Policeman

Because the work of the Police Department in any community consists of the preservation of the public peace and order, the apprehension of offenders, the protection of persons and property under the laws of the state, and the enforcement of the ordinances of the village, the ideal police officer must be, above all, honest, fearless, and efficient.

Of these three virtues, efficiency should be the first rule of his conduct. He should be efficient in the execution of his duty that he acts not for himself but for the public. He is responsible to them and his appointment is in no sense for his own purposes. Upon this principle hinges the entire law regulating his functions.

This evidence of efficiency must be always present. Although human in every respect, he is required by his position in society to be without feeling except zeal to perform what the law commands. His feelings should never be allowed to urge him to brutality, fear, nor favoritism. Nor should he allow his sympathy to induce him to illegal leniency. He must always remember that his task should not invade the realm of the courts; 'tis not an officer's privilege to be the judge and the jury.

In the performance of his duty he should, under no circumstances, use unnecessary force. On the other hand, under the proper circumstances, he should not hesitate to use necessary force in the performance of his duty.

In other words, a good police officer must be an efficient gentleman. Men of this type may become as valuable as good teachers, good preachers, good parents—or even as good newspaper editors.

Let us have more efficiency of the honest, intelligent, and fearless type in American police circles.

## What Would You Be?

All activities are merely the expressions of the things that human beings are thinking about. Furthermore, it seems, there is a conflict between good and evil thinking through the peoples of the earth.

These thoughts and activities may lead us into war or famine or pestilence, life or death. A single word may start a revolution or a reformation. Some people follow inspirational gleams and inscribe themselves happily upon the tablets of posterity; others follow lesser lights—too often smoked in poor, barren thoughts—and not only make themselves unhappy, but drag others down with them. We cannot live alone—for what we are and what we do affects in some degree a portion of the entire world. Would you understand? Then observe how . . .

Socrates had an idea which clung to him so persistently that it carried him to the contents of a hemlock cup, then death, then immortal glory; Moses, forlorn lute among the butlers, forlorn, the daughter of Pharaoh, listened to "the still, small voice," and led the Children of Israel out of bondage in Egypt; Napoleon, pulsating with the glamour of a swelling ego, burst from his ambitious military cocoon to the throne of France—thence to solitary banishment upon the life of Elba.

Jesus, wandering and wandering upon the landscape of pastoral Judea, gazed into the heaven's blue, and unable to see the countenance of Jehovah, concluded that God dwelt within man; upon this premise the youthful son of Mary based his convictions of Innateness, or God with us, and he found coming to his contemporaries new ideas about life and coming to his relation to life—he carried his ideas far and wide, even to Mt. Calvary—and a million billion people will seek to follow in his steps.

William Hohenzollern, aided by a coterie of military mind in Germany, plunged the world into a Great War, and 21 millions of the flower of the world's youth succumbed to the maw of cannon; the first shot of which was but the single trigger-finger of a half-mad Jugoslav student named Princip who killed an Austrian archduke in the summer of 1914.

Would you be a peaceful world? Would you seek to be loved? Such conditions are accomplished as the inevitable result of the desires, urges, and impulses that sweep through your mind. Keep your mind free from hatred, resentment, covetousness, slander, etc., and you will have made a great start toward Utopia upon earth.

PICK AND PICK IS THE NAME of a fashionable New York shop for women. We mention this not to give them some free advertising, but merely to show that they are well able to divide the bushel of ideas which they no doubt possess.

A BOOTLEGGER complains business is rotten. He says it isn't the federal authorities that are bothering him, it's his too much competition.

A NICE, MISTY CLIP PIN of baguette and round (not square) diamonds seems to complete the appearance of woman; also girls or girlish women. You can get them in dozen lots for about \$15,000 per doz. What's that? . . . sure, the coldest winter in many years.

## Inspired Thoughts

**The Night Has A Thousand Eyes**  
The night has a thousand eyes,  
And the day but one;  
Yet the light of the bright world dies  
With the dying sun.

**The mind has a thousand eyes,**  
And the heart but one;  
Yet the light of a whole life dies  
When love is done.

—FRANCIS W. BOURMILLON.

## JUST ONE DARNED THING AFTER ANOTHER!



## PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications for this column. All communications must be signed and should be kept confidential upon request.

To the Editor:

As you know, there is quite a lot of unemployment among non-union men here in Birmingham. For instance, I refer to carpenters, masons, bricklayers, and other trades. Let us have more efficiency of the honest, intelligent, and fearless type in American police circles.

At any rate, I have been told that none of these local men could get work on a single one of the following jobs: Bridge Building; Hanna Building; Municipal Building; Public Library; and the Community House, now nearing completion.

The man who talked to me is able-bodied, capable in his trade, and capable of doing a full day's work. He has had practically no income for four months, except what he has picked up as "handyman."

He tried to get work on the Community House but he was told he had no need of men. He said he'd tried many times before, with no result. In talking to me he said he didn't begrudge any man his job—and he realized that perhaps there was no place for him on this particular job, and of course he expected nobody to make a job for him. And yet he had contributed his mite toward financing this building since it was his idea to build it. He said he had a bit to think how it galled him like him to do the same thing while others in the same line could get work on this thing they were helping to support.

It's true, when jobs don't exist, it's hard to know what to do for men who need and want work. But I thought the viewpoint of this particular man is understandable and reasonable when he argued that, at least, in the erection of our own public buildings, some consideration should be given to local skilled labor.

Detroit is trying to do something similar to this in replacing foreigners on public pay rolls with local men.

There may be good reasons why our own local men are not given that sort of consideration—and if there is a good reason, it seems fair to ask what that reason is.

Yours truly,  
CHARLES S. KINISON.

To the Editor:  
The case of the Eastern Michigan Railway, which is due to the new interurban fare is prejudiced by the fact that the Eastern Michigan Railway is possible for the commuters to obtain the new tickets. The commuters carry them and they are not given the same consideration as the regular passengers. Under these circumstances it seems to me the plan is forced to failure. The only way in which the whole question could be settled definitely in my opinion, is by removing the traffic monopoly on Woodward avenue, which is a fact of the State is disposed to do. Competition would speedily settle the matter and settle it equitably.

Yours truly,  
DR. HUGO EICHEN, 415 Harmon avenue.

**Cross Grasses Cautiously**  
Professor—What pests are scattered all over the earth? Class (in chorus)—Pedestrians. Virginia Reel.

## The Other Chap Says Something—

### LENTEN SEASON IS HERE

To the church man, Wednesday was an important date on the calendar. The day is known to the clergy and to those laymen who observe sacred things as "Ash Wednesday," the first day of Lent. The Lenten season has been observed for ages by many churches, and in later years most of the Protestant churches have adopted the custom of observing Lent, a period of reflection during the season approaching Easter Sunday.

Several years ago The Advertiser printed a series of "hints" to its readers under the heading "Go to Church Sunday." Mrs. L. A. Heidemann clipped the article and has kept it all these years. The message, she says, is especially appropriate to the Lenten season, and has asked that it again be printed.

Following is the clipping:

**Go to Church on Sunday**  
(Hints to fathers, husbands and brothers from one of themselves.)

**Go to Church**—to correct your compass, study your chart, and get ready for the end of life's voyage.

**Go to Church**—and learn about the God your molley loves.

**Go to Church**—that the kids may know something of your devotion if you are taken from them.

**Go to Church**—and take them with you. It won't hurt them. They may learn to go for themselves.

**Go to Church**—it is the nearest you will get to Heaven while in the body.

**Go to Church**—Many have started for Heaven from the pulpit. Talk magazine is different than Mr. Newett's little country weekly newspaper.

**Go to Church**—with hundreds of thousands of copies going into every nook and corner of the United States.

Not only have our officials been accused of malfeasance in office, but our great state has been charged with committing crime and protecting crime. Label of the worst sort, if not true! Our Governor, all the public officials mentioned—even our President through his proper officials, can easily clear up this whole mess by court action.

Will Governor Green be another Roosevelt or will he permit the charges of official conspiracy with crime definitely buried at his tomb?

Secretary—Yes, he says the way it's been with every poem I've written so far—The Pathfinder.

**Simplest Way—and Best**  
Lady of the House: "Why Mary! You're breaking more porcelain and glassware than you pay amounts to! What can we do about it?"

Mary: "I don't know, ma'am—maybe you'll have to raise my pay."—Exchange.

**Best Buy Stamp Art?**  
Scribble Stamp Art is the world's best buy stamp art. It's the way it's been with every poem I've written so far—The Pathfinder.

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## A Birmingham Link In A Michigan Chain

On Saturday the fifteenth, the National Grocery Co., a Michigan Corporation with many of its stockholders residents of Birmingham and Bloomfield, will open its first Birmingham National Groceries at 180 West Maple Ave.

When the National Grocery was looking for a location in Birmingham, naturally it came to business headquarters, where the result of this was arranged for the building of this beautiful new store on a long time lease on property we had already sold to the Webber Corporation.

This new National store with the two main A. S. F. stores, the two Kroger stores, the Strong and Thayer stores, the assurance of the Birmingham food store users we have negotiated, and our best wishes go to the National Groceries in its new Birmingham enterprise.

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## The "Big Shots" Say:

D'Amico Berenguer, successor to

"There is no unrest in Spain today and public order is maintained everywhere."

Nancy Astor, member British Parliament:  
"I sometimes speak myself, but I am not proud of it."

Charles Curtis, Vice President:  
"The leaders of yesterday are giving way to those of today, and those of today must give way to those of tomorrow."

H. L. Mencken, American critic:  
"The Americans language has come on its way like a runaway horse and is now without bit or bridle."

Lord Hawtorn:  
"The connection between discharged bankrupts and large-scale crime is one of those phenomena difficult to explain."

Hugh Walpole, British novelist:  
"The two great topics of conversation in America today seem to be money and prohibition."

Irene Rich, actress:  
"The Americans beauty and grace in the long gowns and dresses, and blowing skirts that reach the floor, and to every woman's dignity."

George Bernard Shaw, British author:  
"Instead of being killed at twenty miles or so with a 16-inch gun, our bay sailors in future will be killed at ten miles with 8-inch guns."

Johnny Ganaro, Chicago gangster, dying and asked if he knew who shot him:  
"Sure, Two guys that wore pants and hats and coats. Write that down and don't bother me."

Henry Ford, auto maker:  
"As an expert I say the only business to people after they are forty."

G. K. Chesterton, British author:  
"The evolutionist seems to know everything about the future while his opponents in the present know nothing about the past."

Bernard Russell, philosopher:  
"The married woman attempts to make culture take the place of work, while her husband attempts to make work take the place of culture."

Francis P. Garvan, president Chemical Foundation:  
"Modern chemistry plus aerobics has made war impossible. It would be foolish for any warship to leave its dock."

Bernard Shaw, British author:  
"Almost all enduring success comes to people after they are forty."

Check looks:  
"She's a lot older than she looks."

"Yes, and what's more, she looks it."—Tit-Bits.

## OUR SCRAP BOOK

### LEARNING BY DOING

(The Review of Education)  
The late Charles W. Eliot once wrote: "It is a matter of every-day experience that most Americans cannot observe with accuracy, repeat correctly a conversation, describe accurately what they have seen or heard, or write out a correct account of a transaction through which they witnessed."

"The most important part of education has always been the training in the use of the senses, through which the best part of knowledge comes. This training has two purposes: first, to train the individual in the use of his senses, and second, to train the faculty of accurate observation—namely, the acquisition of some sort of habit, the habit of careful reflection and measurement which results in precise statement and record."

"The teaching of the senses should always have been a prime object in human education at every stage from primary to professional. That prime object has never been, and is not today."

MONOPOLY  
One day I went to a monumental postoffice building to buy a stamp and while I was there I climbed fourteen feet of granite steps to reach the first-floor level. I entered through revolving doors that looked as though they had not been cleaned for a month. The floor of the lobby was filthy. The windows were covered with grime. The air was rank. I walked 100 feet to the stamp and an equal distance to mail my thought.

When I left the building, this thought was in my mind: Only a public monopoly could survive in the face of such utter carelessness for the convenience and sensitiveness of its customers.

—William Feather.

## Skimming Headlines

London plans Americanized hotel with 2,000 baths.

National Conference Board states that increased government costs are due to rise in state and local expenditures.

The Farm Conference at Washington aims to make a world-wide farm survey. It desires to inventory is the gauge of production.

Soviet Russia declared to be facing a "show-down."

Big company formed to make use of constants. Synthetic lumber, synthetic products to be made. Ex-Governor Loomis interested.

Counsel for both the State of Michigan and the State of Wisconsin differ widely on the border line in Great Britain between the two states.

Norwegian explorers, now in the Antarctic, report the discovery of new land between Greenland and East Coast Land on the northern edge of Antarctica.

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