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Homes, Schools and Children

It has always seemed to us that the finest thing about any institution is the quality of humankind that inhabits it. In a home, nothing is finer than the man or woman who lives therein—unless it is their children; mere beauty of outside or inside, of ornaments or furnishings, are as nothing when compared to the wonderful attributes that may manifest by the human beings who, after all, merely take the material environment in which they live.

A Courageous Mother

An Australian woman, mother of four children, entered a swimming marathon contest in an endeavor to earn money for the purchase of food for her impoverished family. She stayed in the water 37 hours and 52 minutes, within 23 minutes as long as another woman who received \$1,500 as first prize.

1931's GREATEST MYSTERY? Who selected the agencies to combine for this year's Michigan automobile license plates?

He's Sahara-Minded

The evils that lurk within the flowing bowl are bad evils, for the expression of good human characteristics, which is the aim of E. Gannett, New York State publisher of his 17 daily newspapers.

The Strength of Humility

A shriveled-up man, weighing less than a hundred pounds, is of greater danger to the peace of Great Britain than any battle ship afloat. His name is Mahatma Gandhi, and he lives in far-off India.

For Our High School Graduates

Twenty-three young men and women, embodying all that the world holds most precious among human possessions, graduated from the Baldwin high school last week. During their stay in the school system they were taught many subjects, some of which may be found useful in later life.

Things We've Said Before

Light is the symbol of all life and the sustenance of all life. Absolute darkness signifies non-existence; an ecstasy of space without the stars. It is beyond man's comprehension, for even that which we call "pitch-blackness" upon earth has a degree of radiance.

Our Weather Man

"Every cloud has a silver lining," said the saying at this time. I look more eagerly for the silver lining on fish. It is a consolation to me to see that it's warmer enough for fish to swim around in below the surface of the water. The weather forecast for today is concerned with the texture of the ice in the water and to warmer weather before July.

Michigan's legislature is absorbing the expensive heat of the taxpayer's coal pile in Lansing. If the present session were to get a bill, we would get a bill for the purchase of steam radiators.

THE "BIG SHOTS" SAY:

Calvin B. Hoover, professor, Duke University: "Force and fear reign supreme and individual liberties, freedom of speech, of conscience and the press are non-existent in Soviet Russia."

Will Durant, American philosopher: "The men who are elected are not those who have the greatest good, but those who have the greatest political skill."

ADD QUOTES

Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown... has an aching tooth... in it... rests on a pillow under a cloud... about to be cut off... or... in lot in love.

INTRODUCING C. O. D. SNEER, professor of the Weekly Sneer, and Casimir Blinifand, a member of the Sneer-in-charge committee.

LET'S LICK 'EM At some time during every session of the State Legislature, the question of whether or not Michigan shall continue to pay the salaries of its judges...

Paralafs

The remarkable thing is, not that money makes fools of great people, but that it makes great people of fools—Davenport Times.

Unemployment

The Detroit Bureau of Governmental Research reports that in the state of Michigan there is one official elected for every 18 votes cast in the recent election. In 1928 township officials and 27,512 rural school district officials were elected.

YESTERDAY Mahatma Gandhi was freed from prison and his nation won a great victory. Through his efforts without having in India now seems to be coming up to the level of the life's work that it crowned with success.

Abraham Lincoln

We say he sleeps beneath the earth's brown sod. In winter 'neath a covert of snow. In summertime that flowers above him grow And over him the grasses sway and nod.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS —of Long Ago

FIFTY YEARS AGO H. A. Poppleton left for Boston, "the Hub," yesterday.

Peters' circus of ill-famed notoriety. A debate between the Franklin Lyceum and the Birmingham Lyceum was held on Friday evening.

Twenty-five years ago Daniel Smith will set 2,000 fruit trees on his Bloomfield Hills farm this spring.

Five years ago What is hoped to be the outstanding entertainment event of the year is to be staged in the Baldwin auditorium Thursday evening, April 8, when a decided musical comedy, under the auspices of the Rotary club, will be put on for the benefit of Oakland County crippled children.

All of Us Are You A Mess? THE OFFICE in which I work is generally conceded to be the sloppiest of all offices. Old files, books, scraps of paper, clippings, letters, pamphlets, newspaper cuts, pictures and other valuable properties are piled perilously high on desks, and...

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PEOPLE'S COLUMN

To the Editor: The National Executive Committee of the American Legion in Indianapolis on January 25, 1931, expressed its opinion that the immediate cashing of the Adjusted Compensation Certificates, an action that is in accordance with the opinion of the rank and file of the Legion...

Every town all over the country is securing some choice bit of land for park purposes. Why not Birmingham?

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