If You Ask Me - -

By MARJORIE ELAINE PORTER

A news brief from New York informs us that Hunter College is the "largest woman's college" in the world. But who is frank enough to admit she is the largest woman?

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Merrily they rolled along! A plate of rolls baked one morning in New York was served for breakfast the following morning in Los Angeles. Who but the modern business woman would think of such an expedient? The rolls were sent by the Soroptimist Club, a business women's organization in New York, to the sister club in Los Angeles. The trip was made by air. How about sending poached eggs, Los Angeles?

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Among the subjects which are wisely taboo to the tactful woman are age and politics. Yet many times those are the very things that worry us secretly.

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Politics, not so much perhaps. But age? What about the woman to whom youth and beauty are social assets? What about the business woman to whom youth is the capital from which she is continually drawing? What about the self-supporting woman with responsibilities to whom youth is the time to make hay while the sun shines?

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Let's get this age bugaboo out in the open and look it right in the eye. Here are a few facts which should rob it of all its terror:

Madame Marie Curie, foremost woman scientist of the world, is 63 years old.

Mrs. Minnie Maddern Fiske, noted American actress as popular today as she was umsteen years ago, is more 60 plus than she will admit.

Also, while considering the stage, look as the inimitable Marie Dressler, 63, and still making life laugh at her.

Then there's Evangeline Booth. One doesn't think of her as being 66 years old.

Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink is still singing to the world at the age of 70.

And Jane Addams, founder of Hull House, one of the greatest women philanthropists of all time, is 60 years old.

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We don't count years by wrinkles now. We count our years by our achievements, be they domestic, professional, or commercial. What Ralph Waldo Emerson said of man, also applies to women today: "We do not count a man's years until he has nothing else to count."

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And politics? If women worry about politics in a general way it is usually because they have been accused of political laxity since obtaining the franchise.

All they need to dispel this conscience-prick is a good comeback in the form of facts. Here are the facts:

Since receiving the vote 11 years ago, 13 women have been members of Congress, two have been governors, and six have been secretaries of various states. At the present time there are 149 women members of state legislatures. Five women recently passed the state department examinations for foreign service. Three women are representing the department of commerce as trade commissioners in foreign lands.

If you don't want to "raise your boy to be a soldier," educate daughter to be a political aspirant.

Appropos of this discussion, witness the case of Mrs. L. Gunnlaughton, of Sturgeon Bay, Wis. Her name was placed on the ballot as candidate for town treasurer against that of her husband, whom she defeated by a vote of 82 to 50.

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Sixty-five years of one's life spent at one task! Those of us who complain about the monotony of continuous dish washing should consider the case of the old potter as the Detroit pottery visited last week by the Women's Literary Club of Birmingham. This 78-year-old veteran of his craft showed the club women how he moulded his clay on an old fashioned "one leg" treadle wheel, and told them he had been practicing his art for 65 years.

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What do you think about the California woman who bequeathed a fortune of $15,000 to her 18-year-old cat. This is carrying respect for age a little too far. Mitzi is the millionaire cat who was the pet of the late Mrs. Maude F. Ide, also known as Dr. Maude F. Cain.

Poor little Mitzi was left a home in San Gabriel with a trust fund of $15,000. She reposes on a four poster bed in a private chamber, provided with a cat walk down to the flower garden.

Probably Mitzi is secretly purring to herself, "Is this the life! And I've still got eight to go!"

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LIONS NOMINATE JUNE CANDIDATES

Peck, Wingerden Head Slate For Club's Annual Election

Raymond Peck and A. W. Wingerden will be candidates for the office of president of the Birmingham Lions Club at the club's annual election to be held in June, it was announced at last Wednesday's meeting when the entire slate of nominations was presented by the nominating committee.

Howard D. Crull and Dr. N. Weir Burkman will be candidates for the first vice-presidency. Other nominations include Dr. J. P. McConkie and William Wood, second vice-president; B. J. Meirow, secretary; James Kelly and Leigh Smith, treasurer; Joseph R. Dalley and Russell McBride, lion tamer, and Dr. G. R. Norton, tail twister.

State Opens 26 Parks Tomorrow

LANSSING, May 14—Twenty-six Michigan state parks will open for the season tomorrow. These will be in addition to the 20 parks which have been open throughout the year.

The parks open only during the summer season are re-opening 15 days earlier than in previous years. An early demand from the public for park service has made this early date necessary, according to H. J. Hoffmaster, superintendent of state parks.

Park employes have been at work for several weeks preparing the parks for the opening, painting and repairing buildings and equipment, putting the picnic and other grounds in suitable shape and cleaning out the bathing beaches.

WOMEN WHO PLAY FAIR . . .

"It isn't a question of honesty--but promptness!"

Mrs. Jones had started it all. Someone had told the lady-next-door and the lady-next-door had told Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Brown told Mrs. Jones that the new woman up the street let her bills pile up "something scandalous!"

"You don't mean it!"..."Well, I never..."

Then, suddenly, they all looked self-conscious.

"Well, come to think of it," Mrs. Smith said, "I have some bills myself that should be taken care of..."

"Yes, me too. But the stores expect to wait for their money. A few months later is just as good then as now."

Mrs. White burst to with her usual vigor

"Let me tell you ladies something! It's not playing fair with your creditors when you let your bills drag!" She gave them a chance to think it over and then she went on.

"They're fair enough to believe you're honest...they give you the goods and allow you to keep the money that belongs to them! Of course, you're honest and will pay some time, but money paid later is not 'as good then as now'! In the meantime, how are your creditors going to eat and live? They have bills to pay too...

"What I say is, give them their due! And if you can pay your bills promptly, you should not be careless about them. It wouldn't be long before you'd be in the good habit of paying promptly and you would have real peace of mind!"

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Political Influence Viewed As Hampering National Bank Policy

State Banks Interfere With Needed Legislation, Comptroller Says

By JOHN W. POLE
Comptroller of the Currency

(John William Pole was born at Kings Lynn, England, and was educated in the private schools of London. After serving as assistant engineer of the city of Mansfield, he came to the United States in 1893. He engaged in the exportation of lumber and later entered the banking business at Decatur, Ala. In 1915 he was named national bank examiner in the fifth Federal Reserve district. He was appointed chief national bank examiner for the U. S. in 1923. Since 1928 he has been comptroller of the currency.)

SELF-EXAMINATION is difficult in an atmosphere of optimism and prosperity but in times of depression we are led to discover and attempt to remedy the weak spots. This principle is applicable to our system of banking. Commerce and trade are so dependent upon banking that any serious defects in the banking system necessarily have an adverse effect upon our economic progress.

John W. Pole

Our great commercial banks have successfully weathered the storm of economic depression. Their strength and facilities are unimpaired. But can we have a strong banking system for the country as a whole so long as it is possible for banks nearly all in the rural communities to fail at the approximate average rate of 500 per year as has been the case for the past 10 years?

The chief difficulty in considering our banking system as a whole is political rather than economic. We have in fact 50 systems of commercial banking in the United States, one for each state, one for the District of Columbia and one for the nation as a whole—the national banking system.

No state legislature can take under consideration a banking policy of a scope wider than its own physical domain. Congress alone has the power to enacy a comprehensive nation-wide banking law. But congress has never taken over the whole field of commercial banking. Whether it has the power so to do I must leave to the lawyers. The practical situation remains that whenever congress undertakes to set up standards specifically for the national banks, the state banks, if they consider themselves adversely affected, have been able to exert a potent political influence.

As a consequence congress was led to adopt the policy of permitting state legislatures to take the lead in banking legislation and from time to time giving the national banks relief from state bank competition. This came to be known as the doctrine of parity.

Acting upon my responsibility for recommending to congress the enactment of banking legislation I have taken the position that the whole question of parity between national and state banks should be abandoned in favor of legislation for the national banks upon a national policy alone.

In other words, a system of branch banking under national sponsorship, national control and national standards. This would enable all classes of our population to have easy access to the best and strongest type of banking which we have been able to develop.

Adams School Teacher Turns Down Re-Election

Miss Sarah Bo Bo, a member of the art repartment at Adams School who was one of the 14 teachers dropped by the Board of Education from next year's staff because of lack of sufficient funds, as was explained in The Eccentric for April 30, had declined re-election to the staff before the board's action, it has been explained by Superintendent Clarence Vliet. Miss Josephine Poor, science teacher at Barnum School, has also declined re-election. Miss Poor will be replaced, however, whereas Miss Bo Bo's position will be left vacant.

William J. Harcourt, Attorney, 1026 Dime Bank Bldg., Detroit, Michigan.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

DEFAULT having been made in conditions of a certain indenture of mortgage, made by George H. Mann and Jennie Arnold Mann, his wife, of the Village of Clarkston, Oakland County, Michigan, mortgagors, to the Clarkston State Bank, a corporation, under the laws of Michigan of Clarkston, Oakland County, Michigan, dated the 8th day of July, A. D. 1926, and recorded on the 21st day of July, A. D. 1926, in Liber 423 of Mortgages, on pages 141 to 144 inc., in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland, at the City of Pontiac, Michigan, and whereas by the terms and provisions of the said mortgage, it is provided and agreed among other things that in case default be made in the payment of principal or interest, or in taxes or insurance, or any part thereof, when the same are payable, and should the same, or any part thereof, remain unpaid for the period of thirty days, the whole principal sum of the said mortgage, together with all arrearages and interest thereon, shall at the option of said mortgagee, its legal representatives or assigns, and without notice become and be due and payable immediately thereafter, though the period above limited for the payment thereof may not have expired, the commencement by the said mortgagee, its legal representatives or assigns, of proceedings to foreclose this mortgage in any manner authorized by law, shall be deemed an exercise of the said option. Whereas, the said mortgagor having failed and neglected to make payment of installments of principal and interest as evidenced by a certain note which the said mortgage was given to secure, and more than thirty days having elapsed since the happening of such default, and whereas the undersigned as the owners of the said mortgage have elected and do elect to declare said mortgage in default, and to exercise their right to declare the whole amount due on said mortgage due and payable forthwith, and whereas, there is claimed to be due and owing on this date for principal and interest the sum of ($1,-968.00) One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty and 68/100 Dollars, and whereas, the undersigned as owners of the said mortgage does hereby declare the whole amount of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage due and payable forthwith, and whereas, no proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover said money or any part thereof. Now, Therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Thursday, the 25th day of June, A. D. 1931, at twelve o'clock noon, Eastern Standard Time, the undersigned will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Northerly or Huron Street entrance of the Oakland County Court House in the City of Pontiac, County of Oakland, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland is held), the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as will be necessary to realize the amount due as aforesaid, on said mortgage, together with interest thereon, and all legal costs allowed by law, and provided for in said mortgage, including the statutory attorney fees, to-wit:

In the Village of Clarkston, Oakland County, Mich.

The Easterly 66 ft. of Lot 1, Northwestern addition to the Village of Clarkston, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Dated this 18th day of March, A. D. 1931.

THE CLARKSTON STATE BANK, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee.

WILLIAM J. HARCOURT, Attorney for Mortgagee, Business Address: 1026 Dime Bank Bldg., Detroit, Michigan.

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NOTICE OF FORFEITURE OF LAND CONTRACT

To Walter Pearce Holcomb and Myra V. Holcomb, his wife:

You are hereby notified that a certain land contract, bearing date the seventeenth day of May, 1930, by and between Fred J. Lyon and Mary C. Lyon, his wife, of the first part, and Walter Pearce Holcomb and Myra V. Holcomb, his wife, of the second part, is in default by reason of the non-payment of the installments of principal, interest and taxes due thereunder, and you are hereby further notified that the said Fred J. Lyon and Mary C. Lyon, his wife, elect to declare and do hereby declare said land contract forfeited, and you are hereby further notified to yield, surrender and deliver up possession of the premises in said land contract mentioned and of which you are now in possession, under and by virtue of the terms thereof.

Said premises are described in said land contract as follows, viz:

Land situate in the Township of West Bloomfield, Oakland County, State of Michigan, described as: The north one-half (½) of Lot numbered thirty-nine (39) of Bonsteel and Smith's Plat of Orchard Beach, according to the plat recorded thereof as filed in the office of the Register of Deeds for said County, said Lot being forty-four (44) feet on Pine Lake by two hundred twenty-eight (228) feet deep;

the amount now in default being $1,080.-02, to be paid on or before the expiration of three (3) weeks from the date of the publication hereof.

CLARE E. OGDEN, Attorney for Fred J. Lyon and Mary C. Lyon, Oakland Savings Bldg., Birmingham, Michigan.

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