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As Mother, So Daughter

The modern parent likes to believe that his or her boyhood or girlhood was spent in an environment far different from that of his or her offspring.

Take the case of the Michigan girl who, desiring to play a cruel joke upon her severe mother, read a love-letter to her parent, on the pretense that it was from a boy friend.

How early parents forget! How unchanged, after all, is one generation from another in its fundamental foolishness and its romantic nonsense.

Lying In The Bunkers

Last week we published some facetious comment lawyers being good fellows "because they always have a good lie."

I didn't overlook the little dig which you gave the lawyers in the editorial column of your last publication, anent members of our profession being good fellows because of their "good lie."

Indian Patriots

One of the most regrettable acts of the United States government, since it opened conquest upon Western Hemisphere, is its cruel treatment of the American Indian.

Would it be asking too much for the American government to create a national sentiment in favor of these charming Indian leaders of the past whose word was as good as any man's?

It seems to us that American history has never given the Indian a fair chance to be correctly impressed upon the minds of our youth.

God's Wages

How much money do you suppose Americans spent for pleasure during 1930? In spite of a so-called business depression, the public of the United States parted with \$12,945,000,000.

Of EVERY 1000 BARNES born in this country, 114 are boys and only 486 are girls.

Then per cent is the accepted custom for tipping people who get things done for which you already have paid.

ONLY SIXTY PER CENT of America's marriageable population is married.

THE TWO of the MOST ACTIVE clubwomen at Detroit, we learn, are Miss Fanny B. Hasty and Mrs. Harry Hurry.

Leading The Legislature

One evening last week we sat on one of those quite comfortable "sofas" in the Michigan State Senate chamber, listened to a brief, but heated, political skirmish over certain pieces of legislation to regulate the expenditures of local units of government by a state commission; the bill is known as the Culver Indiana bill.

Take the case of Senator Herbert J. Rulison, of Escanaba. His argument on the floor of the Senate branded Governor Brucker and Brucker's secretary and other political aids as "Boy Scout legislators, guilty of the pack-jacking legislation through the threat of gubernatorial veto, and political trickery."

From our own observation, we are quite convinced that Governor Brucker and his political friends and office-holders did considerable lobbying in the recent legislative session; some of it undoubtedly has been permissible and some of it undoubtedly has been unbecomingly so.

Personally, we think that the best way to obtain legislative aid for a Governor is for the Governor to accomplish it through characterful leadership. Every legislator who, beneath his skin, to lead; he may legislate so as to generally win the approval of the strong leadership of the state's Chief Executive.

We hope Governor Brucker has learned something along this line for the next session which he may call.

Aiding Our Police

Man's mind continues to evolve new devices to aid him in many ways. For instance, the latest move is to use the typewriter cover the wires, by police departments from one place to another; it will supplement radio broadcasting by providing a more permanent record of the announcement.

In the meantime, however, what of the personnel of our great city police department? Are they being strengthened with new courage, new moral forcefulness, greater inspiration and enthusiasm to aid society in doing right? It seems to us that human nature, unless it is unceasingly regenerated under the inspiration of some fine science and invention, which society needs more than teletype aids for its police, needs more of a greater willingness on the part of the average citizen to be a law-abiding citizen, and a more courageous intention on the part of the average police officer to dignify the job he holds.

It is not only the police who crooks in this world; but in other days, in proportion to the earth's population; all we have, unfortunately, is more citizen and police toleration of crooks.

Men, Money and Madness?

Here's a bit of comment upon the capitalistic system of these United States, written by Joe Sturges, a freelance publisher, at present Field Secretary of the Michigan Press Association, stationed at East Lansing. Mr. Sturges presents an accurate picture of something you are interested in:

People of the United States have talked too long in terms of money. Too much attention has been centered on the accumulation of wealth, with due regard to the manner and means employed in its acquisition.

Now that the Supreme Court has ruled that sweet milk can be sold as such, perhaps it can tell us what's what.

We suggest that the fellow who spent an hour trying to sell five \$5 gold pieces for \$2.50 each to farmers who are so set on their noses for rock gardens and other things is low, or more than the average.

God's wages are not in money, but in the knowledge of doing it for the advancement of the human race.

But they all up like this: "White Mule" in the Grand Rapids Herald.

Amos W. Woodcock has invited a graduate student to investigate these on prohibition enforcement and college subjects.

No Longer Drowned Out (The dining)—Seems to me we don't hear much jazz in the response.

With news of its credit to the community in which it has lived and grown since 1926, the State Bank of Birmingham, greatly enlarged after a period of reconstruction, announces that a formal opening of the institution in its completed stage will take place Saturday, May 30.

EX-TRIX

Ecce Signum

Where'er the Master trod He journeyed to the cross; The more he gave of God, The greater was his loss.

He filled the world with light, With hope the soul that grieves; To him was given sight, And death between two thieves.

—CHARLES G. THANDEN.

From The Eccentric Columns of Long Ago

Fifty Years Ago

James White spends his spare time shooting the festive crowd on the boulevard.

Our band discoursed very good music Tuesday eve. Call on the baritone.

Anyone having the compiled laws of Michigan, belonging to the town clerk office, will kindly return said volume immediately.

George Toms has nearly completed his new high flavored bouillon on Mill street, and will soon have one of the noblest little bars shops in this ballwalk.

Pontiac young gent's start home from this burg early Monday morning with long and short hair, but it was not the hair that was palpitating "buzzum."

Mrs. James A. Bailey is visiting friends in New York state, but will soon return; meanwhile Bertha is improving the time and will surprise the good lady on her arrival.

The Burlington Hawkeye thinks its emphasis on the "woman" of 175 pounds of sweet femininity throw her seakins arms around her neck and kiss her brother Justice.

Miss Jennie Hannon of South Lansing, a pleasant home connoisseur, has been invited to give hosts of warm friends hereabouts.

Miss Jennie is one of those common sense young ladies, who need only to be known to be popular and to be liked.

A robin, after many discouragements, succeeded in building its nest in the chimney of Mrs. N. M. Corey's house under the porch and in due time raised a brood of five young birds.

The Junior League Baseball team, after a successful season, beat the Southfield Juniors last Saturday forenoon by a score of 10 to 0.

Europe is expected to be keen for a revival of prosperity in the United States, so that it can borrow money—Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

DIRECTORY

Advertisement for a directory listing various services and businesses in Birmingham, including automotive services, electrical services, and general garages.

The "Big Shots" Say—

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Bryan Unsettled, Colorado school bus here, about to visit Pres. Hoover.

Gilbert K. Chesterton, British essayist, leaving the United States.

Florens Ziefel, beauty girl showed her teeth in the cause of beauty.

Charles M. Schwab, steel magnate: "We are getting back to sane times with longer skirts."

Michael Arlen, British author: "In my country there is agitation about this question and that issue everywhere; good, eager, hot arguments."

Mahatma Gandhi, Indian Nationalist leader: "I was never made to be ornamental."

J. A. Lyon, police inspector: "In many instances business men consider it better business to deal with racketeers than with the law-enforcement agencies."

Helen Willis, tennis star: "If you see a tennis player who looks as if he is working very hard, then that means he isn't very good."

George Faith, British economist: "Communism and starvation go together."

Mrs. William Walker, wife: "Never argue with a man, for he is always wrong."

Our Scrap Book

Salvation in Intelligence: The world insists that we shall be good. Why should it not insist that we shall be intelligent?

ONE OF THE OUTRAGED CITIZENS: Perhaps civilization will permit time to be so far advanced that people will consider it a disgrace to keep these dangerous, filthy, disgusting brutes on their premises, and especially in their houses.

ParaLafs: Style arbiters tell us that bright aprons will be a disgrace in the near future. But what is brighter than more is brighter men's clothes.—Louisville Times.

First commercial production of rubber has begun in the United States. That ought to put some snap into the situation.—Oakland World-Herald.

He Got It: In court he told a man he had purchased a half-dozen salmon for a thousand pounds. The undertaker, however, that had entered the place he really tended only to have a shave.—The Humorist.

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