

TURN TO PAST, BANKER PLEADS

Says Philosophy of History Holds Remedy For Ills Today

If contemporary civilization would take time to listen to a clear enunciation of the philosophical principles which guided the great races of ancient history, social injustice, individual suffering and world-wide unrest would be unknown today.

Such, in brief, was the message delivered to the Birmingham Lions Club at its weekly meeting in the Community House yesterday by Everett E. Pitts, vice-president of the Fidelity Trust Company of Detroit.

Beginning with the human race 6,000 years ago, Mr. Pitts traced the history of civilization down to the present, emphasizing the part each sage and leader played in the development of his time.

"The greatest contribution which any people make is the philosophy underlying their works," he said, and quoted excerpts from the sayings of Hindu, Egyptian, Chinese, Persian and other civilizations to show that the principles of self-sacrifice, humility and right living have been operative during the periods of greatest accomplishment from the beginning of time.

"People today have lost sight of the things that once made them great," he declared, adding that "if bankers would go back far enough in history they might be right."

He quoted the following translation from Sanskrit as a declaration of what he considers most needed today: "Listen to the salutation of the dawn. Look to this day, For yesterday is already a dream."

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E. J. Vaughan, maintenance engineer for Oakland County Road Commission: "All the money used to keep up our county roads is obtained from the state gas and weight tax. As we gradually take over the township roads, made necessary by an act of the last legislature, we may eventually find it impossible to get along on state funds alone. In that case we shall probably require a county tax to help out. Of course, you will also get re-statement because of the elimination of township work on highways."

And tomorrow only a vision. But today will live! Makes every yesterday a dream of happiness. And every tomorrow a vision of hope.

Look well, therefore, to this day—Such is the salutation of the dawn.

Tuggey Reports 19 August Convictions

Arthur J. Tuggey, justice of the peace, collected \$470 in fines and \$90 in costs, according to his monthly report.

Two persons were convicted of reckless driving, five of driving while under the influence of liquor, and nine of speeding. Three persons were fined for public intoxication. One defendant was given a 15-day jail sentence. All convictions were based on violations of Birmingham village ordinances.

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REACH ACCORD IN SIDEWALK ISSUE

Commission Ends Controversy; Asks Property Owners To Pay Costs

The controversy over the construction of a proposed sidewalk along Southlawn boulevard from Birmingham Exchange Club to the Boardman building at the corner of the site, which the Boardman building is to be built on, was ended at the Commission meeting Tuesday night when the property owners agreed to pay the immediate cost of the property owners themselves.

By this method the necessity of establishing a special assessment district will be eliminated and the village will not be forced to finance the project until taxes are collected and thereby face the possibility of a loss through delinquencies. Village Manager James W. Parry has estimated the cost of the sidewalk at \$25,000.

Decision to adopt the resolution directing construction of the walk at the village end of the site was reached after Commissioner Lawrence E. Hulbert, who opposed the proposal of a bond issue for a special assessment district.

Property owners petitioned the Commission for the sidewalk walk through the office of Pierce School children.

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EXCHANGITES HEAR HIGHWAY ENGINEER

E. J. Vaughan Discusses County Road Maintenance At Tuesday Meeting

E. J. Vaughan, maintenance engineer for the Oakland County Road Commission, was the speaker at the Birmingham Exchange Club meeting Tuesday evening at the Community House.

Among the things Mr. Vaughan spoke of were these: Oakland County controls a total of 790 miles of roads; 415 miles consist of pavement, the remaining 375 miles being of gravel.

There are 120 miles of state-built and maintained roads in the county. A 20-foot strip of standard concrete pavement costs between \$30,000 and \$35,000 per mile, and lasts about 20 years. The same road built of gravel costs approximately \$9,000, Mr. Vaughan stated, and has an ordinary usage, as long as the mile of concrete, although concrete is preferred.

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E. W. (Cy) Oberon, president Birmingham Exchange Club: "The gold mine we maintain last Wednesday afternoon was a fine get-together, even if our club did lose again. I always get much inspiration from such group meetings."

Russian Soviets now admit that there is a natural difference in the ability and loyalty of workers toward jobs—and propose to recognize that fact by paying some workers more than others. Thus begins their capitalist again—for it is a natural law that a more able and loyal than another?

Walter S. Gifford, head of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, will act for President Hoover in a nationwide effort to raise funds for the unemployed, to provide insurance cover for them this winter. I wish Mr. Gifford much success, but we place little hope in such a plan to bring about real relief. President Hoover's plan is only a palliative applied to a national boiling, it may aid in removing some of the pain of the moment, but in the long run it is a poisonous eruption to another spot on the national body.

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