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Private Business Also Erms

It is our honest belief that the average unit of government is conducted on a par, and in some cases above par, with that of private business. The past two years have revealed, throughout the entire world, the futility, the unsoundness, the inefficiency, the incompetence, and too often the actual dishonesty, of rule in charge of privately owned business. Thousands of failures have been seen in every portion of the so-called civilized globe. In our own country, where business progress is claimed to be better than anywhere in the world, we have observed the crumbling of our commercial and financial structure to a most alarming degree.

At the same time, it is true, there has been revealed in too many cities and villages, counties and states, and even in the federal government, a gross incompetence and laxity of sound principles; in many large cities, where one would look for mellowed wisdom in municipal conduct, there has been a complete breakdown of governmental procedure. So that the failure of human beings to conduct their affairs is just as great in private business as in government.

In private business, of course, the sheriff arrives on the scene with less difficulty than in the city's affairs; in private business the sheriff puts a lock on the door, and seals the assets, thus dening the citizen the failure with comparative ease. But in the case of a municipality the sheriff has little or no access—because too often the municipality's front door has been removed, and there's no place to fasten the padlock. So the poor taxpayers just stand around and, of course, do a bit of howling.

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Life Calls To Us

In spite of the upsets that come to the world which man, himself, makes, the world of an orderly nature continues in the rotation of the seasons. Trees and shrubs, grass and bushes that, a short space since, were apparently lifeless, have once again announced in their colorful way that their portion of the universe is alive and well. Surely, as Birmingham and vicinity, (and all other lovely sections of land) put on new raiment, they offer testimony of an abundance of life for all. Let us humans ponder their plan, and, as we come through our own winter of depression, emerge into a new fullness of blossom in the coloring of our lives.

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Forgetting Quarrels

Most of the world's citizens go about their various earthly tasks, by necessity unmindful and too often inarticulate upon some of mankind's most pressing and momentous problems. The attainment of world peace may be clasped among those human affairs in which, for all, a most hopeful leaders announced in their colorful way that their portion of the universe is alive and well. Surely, as Birmingham and vicinity, (and all other lovely sections of land) put on new raiment, they offer testimony of an abundance of life for all. Let us humans ponder their plan, and, as we come through our own winter of depression, emerge into a new fullness of blossom in the coloring of our lives.

Michigan Democrats are thus far unable to settle upon a strong candidate for Governor. If they ever do, autumn this year may be a real colorful affair.

All of Us

By Marshall Maslin

IT IS GOOD for us to remember, at times, those men and women who were strong and bold and enduring. Those heroes and heroines who knew their own minds and were not afraid to stand for them and fought patiently until they attained it and were not content until they were.

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ALSO DOUBLE-CROSSED



PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications for this column. All communications must be signed, but signatures will be kept confidential upon request.

DOGS AT LARGE

To the Editor:
With the spring at hand and garden lovers trying to enter the yard and garden contest we hear so much about right now, I would like to make a plea to the dog owners of the village who seem to be in a permanent state of antagonism, allowing them to roam at large destroying other people's plants and shrubs, regarding them as their own property. I am a lover of pets of all kinds and have owned a dog myself for nearly 20 years. But an am quite certain I fed my dog so it wasn't necessary for it to go around sniffing other people's garbage cans over for the food it needs.

BANK AD

Light Whites for Beer
Lives like a man with soul so dry.
Or be the sage or ignorant.
This does not save you from the beer that made Milwaukee famous!

Some pretzels and a foaming can.
A bit of bread well-spread with Stilton.
(An unjustified case to man.
Far better (Hoosman says) than Milton.

Jest For The Fun of It

FAMOUS FIRMS
Saw above
A Masterpiece
"Which of these firms of fiction do you consider best?"

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"The Big Shots" Say:

Ramsay MacDonald, British Prime Minister:
"The day of leisurely and formal conference and dispatch writing is over. The peace of the world will have to be maintained by conference."

Ramon de Valera, President, Irish Free State:
"One might, perhaps, believe our country was engaged in an unequal struggle with a struggle against Great Britain but we are not without means of action. I can testify that we have great strength in the United States."

Chiang Kai-shek, Chinese leader:
"The Chinese will resist to the very last invasion of the Japanese. We believe we are right. We believe the world, and particularly the United States, agrees with us in our stand."

Louis Brandeis, Associate Justice, U. S. Supreme Court:
"I believe every president in someone's ignorance."

Clarence True Wilson, general secretary, Methodist Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Safety:
"I am not opposed to a referendum on Prohibition every ten years if the people want it."

John N. Garner, Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives:
"The country at this time is in a condition where the worst taxes you could possibly levy would be better than the present state of affairs. Email Ludwig, German biographer:
"Mussolini is not a man of war but one of the surest generals of European peace."

Mary Pickford, speaking to an audience of workhouse inmates:
"I consider it a great privilege to be poor."

THE OTHER CHAP SAYS SOMETHING

ADVERTISING'S GREATNESS

While we are on the subject of the so-called depression, we wonder if we would be severely criticized if we suggested that America would never again see the measure of apparent prosperity and wealth which she has known in the past few years. The measure of the great inflationary bubble, jobs were plentiful, wages were high, and out of balance) and the American people were "living high." There were no more speculators. Big business paid enormous salaries and dividends. There was such a case and luxury and fast living—no more for the good of the people. I thought I might have found Goldsmith's lines:
"I'll have the land, to hasten—
Where wealth accumulates,
And men decay."
Or, in other language of a verse writer whose name we do not know:
"What thought the Roman in his knees?
It was not emerald, but envy,
That he had seen the land grow greedy
And grow old."

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