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Help Our Wandering Youth

The practical mind of Senator James Couzens has sounded a practical solution for a serious problem in our nation today, which he suggests that the several hundred thousands of unemployed wandering youth be given better and superior training courses in our military establishments. Certainly, if one stops to think seriously in the matter, one must admit that this idea holds a two-fold benefit; one for the youth, the other for the nation.

For, do you not see, such a plan is the most practical yet devised, (in these days of unemployment), by which the active mind of wandering youth may be directed toward things that are constructive; for under the leadership of the military authorities of the country youth is infinitely better of than it is in freight cars, on the open road, or sheltered in the various "outposts" of society.

France in maintaining her huge standing army, has done almost the same thing suggested by Senator Couzens, except that she forcefully keeps 800,000 of her youth bearing arms—which is a form of public duty.

If the Army of youth outlined by Senator Couzens can be maintained by the military authorities, yet directed to do good military work for state and nation, both the youth and the country will be benefited.

Yes, let's support Senator Couzens' practical plan to take care of our wandering, unemployed youth, until the present depression leaves behind it an opportunity for work for all who seek it.

Outstate Sentiment

Here is a typical illustration of the reason that much of the Michigan area outside of the southeastern section of the state refuses to place their deal of trust and confidence in the promises of anything of a governmental nature coming from Detroit. In their splendid Tuscola County Advertiser, published weekly at Caro, A. D. Galley and his son, James, last week offered this comment upon the subject:

Many people in Detroit profess to think that we in up-state sections of the state are hard boiled because we don't want the state re-appropriated so that Detroit and a few other cities could control the whole state government. They cry loud and long about "taxation without representation" and ask that the state government be handed over to them because their population (both citizen and non-citizen) entitles them to more representation in the state House and Senate.

But we up here in the backwoods look at the matter in a little different light. When we see such things going on as are now in progress in Detroit, we are glad to see that they are not to be trusted to run their city government in an efficient and economical manner, we do not feel like trusting them to run the whole state, for fear that the latter might eventually be in the same financial situation as is the city now.

There will be plenty of time to talk reprobation when we clean up our own back yard and show signs of keeping it in that condition and of less than it is in that condition.

Correcting M. S. C.

Michigan State College, for two years the scene of a "rom" among faculty members that a few weeks ago resulted in ousting three long-time members, has adopted new rules concerning its "musical college." This "college" was the center of most of the discord. The action of the Board of Agriculture in changing the name of the "musical college" bears out the testimony of the faculty members that "some things on this campus ought to be corrected." But this manner of "correction" is far from satisfying the taxpayers of Michigan, according to many who have watched this fracas at East Lansing.

The things you buy come from your own country or from some foreign land. Every time you buy something made outside the United States you are sending a portion of your money AWAY from your own people; every time you buy AMERICAN-MADE goods you KEEP your money within your own country, to be used in our own fight against hard times. The whole world today is engaged in an economic war; this "bloodless battle" will go on for a while, then subside, and it will again—as long as human nature remains what it is—keep nations in a state of economic warfare. And may that day speed to the whole human race which there will be less need for an economic isolation of nations.

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THE OTHER CHAP SAYS SOMETHING

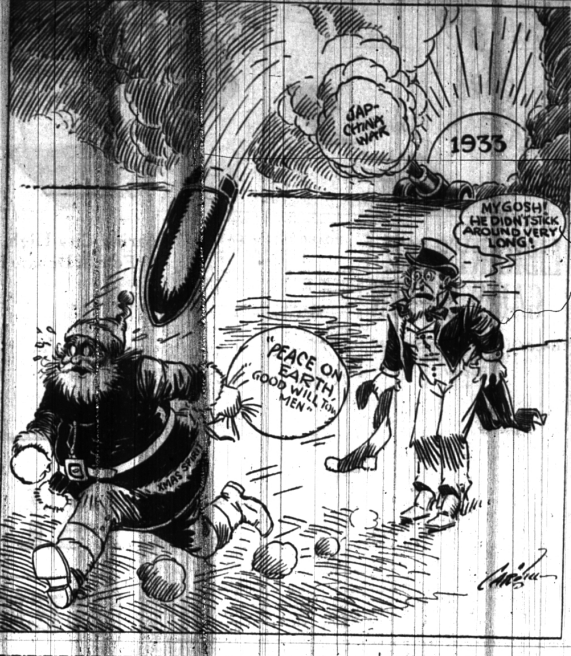
WHAT ABOUT HONESTY
 As a nation we are in need of a complete change in our manner of thinking. No matter how severely we may sound the fact is we have been paying too much attention to the easy money fellow who has watched his money disappear like water through his fingers. We have been too busy with our own selfish interests to care for the needs of the people. We have been too busy with our own selfish interests to care for the needs of the people. We have been too busy with our own selfish interests to care for the needs of the people.

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PRACTICAL EDUCATION
 An intelligent contribution to the current discussion regarding what is desirable in the way of present-day education was made by Dr. John T. Tigert, president of the University of Florida, who declared that the true purpose of education is to fit the citizen to serve as well as to live.

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THE DAWN CAME UP LIKE THUNDER—



FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background of The Birmingham of Today.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
 Mr. W. H. Odson wants the person who carried his fork at Byron Hickory, Michigan, to return it to the owner, Mr. Odson, and save further trouble.

Mr. T. T. Hargis has the management place in the library Association on the dramatic line. "Among the libraries" that is to spell an former efforts "that is to spell an former efforts."

The ice harvest on the mill pond has commenced in earnest and teams are busy hauling away the congealed fluid, which is about 14 inches thick and is clear as crystal.

Frank Ford has put a new steam boiler on his place and returned to the owners, Mr. Odson, and save further trouble.

Monday school began, and the usual number of pupils filled the school building. The children were happy and the teachers were busy.

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The "Big Shots" Say:

Kurt von Schleicher, German Minister of Defense
 "The German army has no air force, tanks, heavy artillery or anti-aircraft guns and her navy has no submarines, air-craft carriers or cruisers."

J. B. S. Haldane, British scientist
 "I am all for breeding up and weeding out, but I feel we do not at present know enough of the possibilities of a lot of people, who we say, are failures now and should never have been born."

C. E. M. Joad, British lecturer
 "The air force could bomb a concentration of strikers or marching revolutionaries out of existence in ten minutes."

William Green, president, American Federation of Labor
 "We know with fatalistic certainty that the nation is facing its worst winter of unemployment."

Adolph Hitler, German political leader
 "I won't lose my head. I am 43 years old while my opponent is 85. My breath will last longer than my opponent's."

FIVE YEARS AGO
 Prospects for a new postoffice in Birmingham from today with the announcement by James W. Cobb, postmaster, that the office would be located in the new building, Mr. Cobb was advised.

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PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications for this column. All communications should be signed, but pen names will be used if desired. Letters must be limited to 200 words, and must be in the office by Tuesday noon for publication the following Thursday.

LAND CONTRACTS
 To the Editor:
 It was surprising to read in Sunday's Detroit Free Press about Judge Ira Jaffe's moratorium on evictions and on foreclosures of land contracts and mortgages, and I hope that the Judges of Oakland County will follow suit.

It is impossible for people who bought homes at 1928 prices to reduce the principal with 1932 incomes. Furthermore, one of these homes, in spite of the fact that almost half has been paid, the balance is still so high that two new homes could be bought today for the balance alone, due to the terrible drop in real estate value.

How does the seller expect the buyer to live up to his 1928 contract with 1932 income, if any? Land contract buying needs help to be revised. Just now it is a farce. The seller gets all the protection, the buyer none!

VICTORIA J. HELMUTZ, 911 Chester street

FIRST STATE BANK
 To the Editor:
 Through your paper the public would like to know when, if ever, you are going to get more of their money back from the First State Savings Bank and why they have allowed the bank to run up these thousands of dollars of "looming" staff of help with nothing to do except eat up people's money, and it is needed so much at present.

Everyone is afraid to offend the other fellow. Everyone is just sitting back waiting for the other fellow to do something. Well, they will have to hurry up and do something or the women will take it in their hands.

Are there no men with an independent mind to come forward and help their fellow men to do justice to them that can not help themselves? I could say a lot more but will wait to see if any other men left with the grip stamp left in them to come forward and help their fellow men to do justice to them that can not help themselves.

KATR DRUMM, 800 Woodward avenue.

Jest For the Fun of It

Triplet on Pleasure Bent
 My lipstick tells the knell of parting day,
 I've washed my hands and punched the time clock's face.
 Eight hours of work, and now by vertebrae,
 My lipstick tolls the knell of parting day.
 Though worn and weary all my vertebrae,
 I'll join the lowing herd and spin in space.
 My lipstick tolls the knell of parting day.

No Wonder
 "Why did you demiss your stenographer?"
 "Sh-sh-sh-w-w-w was too slow to do my words!"

Strange Shapes
 "Auntie to small niece who says light left on!"
 "You sleep in the dark at home."
 "Baby—yes, but my own dark at home, auntie—Hooray!"

Missinterpretation
 Political Speaker: I am exceedingly pleased to see such a dense crowd gathered here tonight.
 Voice: Don't be too pleased. We ain't all dense.

In A Round About Way
 Bride: How do you like my cake?
 Husband: Well—er—to be honest, it is just like those cakes of which my father used to say they were not like his mother used to make.

True Confession
 Minister: I noticed that your husband went out in the middle of the day.
 Mrs. Green: He's very well, Mrs. Green. Isn't he very well?
 Minister: He's very well, sir, that's what it is. He's started walking in his sleep now!

Still Learning From Father
 John Macpherson had married. Some weeks later he met Pat, his friend from Ireland.
 "Well, John, had said Pat. "I suppose you had a lot of silver for wedding presents?"
 "Ay, mon," said John, "mostly silver they were."
 "And what did your father give you?" asked Pat.
 "He gave me a bottle of acid to test the silver 'til," said the newly married man.

Phone Your WANT AD Early!

Do not wait until the "last minute" to place your Want Ad. Each week a large number are received too late for insertion. The closing time for Want Ads is 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

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This is a Good Time To Start Saving and it's not too late to join our CHRISTMAS CLUB

NOW THAT the business of the holidays is over for another year, it's time to think of the important business of getting ahead financially.

There's one sure way and that is by consistent SAVING! Start right out these first few weeks of 1933 for the things that are worth saving for. . . Travel, Vacations, Ample Money when you need it, as at Christmas time.

As you plan your savings for this year, plan to save consistently in our Christmas Club. Save every week, down through the year, and you will congratulate yourself for having joined. There is a Christmas Club to fit your needs.

4% ON SAVINGS

The FIRST NATIONAL BANK
 BIRMINGHAM

Strong Enough To Protect All . . .

Must Be
 Things must be getting better when the men of the Wisconsin company have to go way out in the woods to hunt for wolves.

Should
 One thing remains to be done in the time of lean times is propaganda. Europe's top laureates could pen an "Owed to Uncle Sam." —Chicago Daily News.