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## Suing To Collect Taxes

Supervisors of Oakland County last week, in order to  
 escape a lawsuit, agreed to spread a tax of \$212,000 on the  
 next tax roll by a portion of the defaulted road  
 assessment debt. Bondholders, tired of waiting for re-  
 turn on their investment, had threatened suit to compel  
 an even larger amount to be spread many years. Other  
 units of government in the County, including Bir-  
 mingham, face similar lawsuits.

During the "prosperity era" between 1922 and  
 1929 the entire United States, both as private citizens  
 and as citizens banded into the various units of govern-  
 ment, stretched their credit for the purchase of every-  
 thing from a radio to schoolhouses, paved roads, and  
 airports; now they are asked to pay for these improve-  
 ments. And, during an economic depression, it is very  
 difficult to do so—as everybody now knows.

In the case of an individual, he may declare him-  
 self "broke" and go through bankruptcy. Units of  
 government, however, find their only relief through  
 default on their obligations. And bondholders, refusing  
 to accept continued default, are taking to the courts.

Verily, the way of the taxpayer is hard.

## HOLC Baloney

You may have noticed that the federal government  
 has decided to curtail loaning to distressed homeowners  
 through the HOLC. The dispatches from Washing-  
 ton suggests that this curtailment is being done be-  
 cause "indications are that distressed homeowners eli-  
 gible have applied for relief." So answer this one, please:  
 Thad D. Seely, receiver for the closed First National  
 Bank here last spring applied for loans through the  
 HOLC at Detroit for more than \$400,000 on mort-  
 gages he held in trust. Actually, he has received less  
 than \$2,000 from HOLC on his application. You peo-  
 ple who have money frozen in Mr. Seely's care, this  
 is not much baloney or something, there are in cer-  
 tain Washington dispatches.

## Daniel In His Cups

Daniel Webster was not only one of the greatest or-  
 ators of his day, but he was considered an authority on  
 political and governmental matters. He was inclined,  
 for purposes of relaxation, to indulge in rather heavy  
 doses of hard liquor at times.

Just as Senator Borah gets the largest galleries in the  
 senate chamber today when he is scheduled for a  
 speech, so Daniel Webster used to pack the house. One  
 day during his long period of service in the senate he  
 was scheduled to speak on the fiscal affairs of the na-  
 tion. The galleries were filled long before his arrival.

When he did arrive it was obvious that he had  
 about four or five too many drinks. He was expansive  
 and jovial as he walked to his seat. When it came time  
 for his talk he rose unsteadily to his feet and started  
 to orate in drunken style about the tariff.

After about 10 minutes of this, the audience thor-  
 oughly enjoying the show, the senator sitting next to  
 Webster poked him in the ribs and whispered, "The  
 national debt, the national debt."

Webster turned to the audience and belted,  
 "That's right, the national debt." Then, his face light-  
 ing up, he turned to the senator who had poked him  
 and said in a voice loud enough for the whole audience  
 to hear, "How much is it? I'll pay it myself."—The  
 Pocketbook.

## Share And Progress Alike

Arthur E. Morgan, who is chairman of the Tennessee  
 Valley Authority and—in his spare time, so to speak—  
 president of Antioch College, tells his students at the  
 opening of the fall term that America must begin to  
 build character "on the plane of social responsibility."

Now, it is the peculiar privilege of college presidents  
 to mouth charming phrases before a wide-eyed convoca-  
 tion of newly arrived freshmen. But Mr. Morgan's  
 suggestion hits a new note, and it might be worth a  
 second look.

"Each individual," he says, "must determine to fol-  
 low for himself the disciplined good life, regardless of  
 the pressure of the mass."

Does this mean a reversion to the loose talk about an  
 "aristocracy of brains" that we heard so much about a  
 few years ago? Not necessarily, for Dr. Morgan goes on  
 to add:

"There must grow a willingness to share the com-  
 mon lot and progress only as the common lot can  
 progress. To a large extent, that means a change of  
 personal aims and desires."

And it is precisely in this direction that the present  
 trend in American life must be going if the high hopes  
 of the last 18 months are not to be dashed.

It does no harm to recall that it was some such  
 notion as this which helped, in the early years of the  
 republic, to build that great American dream which  
 has always dazzled our eyes just beyond the horizon.

It came to believe, in these fresh new days, that  
 human life could be lived on a basis different from  
 anything previously tried; that the best of the human  
 spirit could be made as sacred as the rights of the  
 mightiest, and that progress should mean nothing at  
 all unless it means a better life and a truer freedom for  
 the fellow at the bottom of the heap.

It was, and is, a noble dream. Like all dreams, it has

been stained and frayed in its passage through  
 the years. But it remains our finest heritage; and if the  
 ambition of this age to reach anything at all, it must  
 mean a revival of that dream and a new effort to attain it.

And, as Dr. Morgan suggests, before we can attain  
 it we must find a new mental attitude. We must, some-  
 how, get this "willingness to share the common lot  
 and progress only as the common lot can progress."  
 Only in that way can we make of the New Deal  
 anything more than an empty set of slogans.—Sentinel,  
 Bemidji, Minn.

## Michigan Elects Fiftieth Governor

Michigan elected a governor November 6 for the 10th  
 time in its history as a state, archives of the Depart-  
 ment of State show.

Although Michigan has been a sovereign member of  
 the United States for 100 years, records disclose that  
 the territory composing Michigan has been under the  
 executive supervision of a governor for 311 years. The  
 first governor was M. Chauvin, Commander of Chastes  
 and M. deMonte. His was a military control starting  
 in 1603 and he was the first of 25 French-Canadian  
 governors whose regime lasted until 1760 when British-  
 Canadian forces took control.

There were eight different men placed in charge of  
 the territory by the British; but during the final years  
 of this administration, Michigan was declared to be a  
 part of the United States and under the jurisdiction  
 of the Governor of the Northwest Territory. John  
 Graves Simcoe, according to departmental records,  
 was appointed in 1792 as the last British govern-  
 or while General Arthur St. Clair as Governor of the  
 Northwest Territory took the reins of control in 1787.

In 1800 Michigan became a part of the Indiana Terri-  
 tory under General William Henry Harrison as govern-  
 or.

Five years later Michigan became a separate territory  
 and General William Hull on March 1, 1805 became the  
 first Territorial Governor of Michigan. During the  
 next 30 years there were eight governors and acting  
 governors in charge of the territory.

There is some conflict as to the exact date when  
 Michigan became a state. Stevens Thompson Mason  
 was inaugurated as first governor of Michigan on No-  
 vember 3, 1835. But the act of Congress admitting  
 Michigan to statehood was not approved by the Pres-  
 ident until January 26, 1837.

Lieutenant governors, secretaries of State, state  
 treasurers, auditors general, attorneys general and  
 superintendents of public instruction were appointed  
 until 1830 when these offices became elective positions.  
 The office of state land commissioner was listed as a  
 state official and continued as an elective branch of  
 the state government from 1831 to 1914.

The first highway commissioner was appointed in  
 1905. In 1913 this office was changed so that the  
 highway commissioner was elected.

The state records show that since Governor Robert  
 McClelland resigned in March, 1831, to become Sec-  
 retary of the Interior of the United States, every gov-  
 ernor has served out the term for which they were  
 elected. Twice before that time, two other governors  
 resigned to take seats in the United States senate to  
 which they had been elected.—Exchange.

With a tremendous majority of his own Party in both  
 Houses of Congress, President Roosevelt is in an  
 unique position to obtain complete political co-opera-  
 tion for his program during the next session. The Na-  
 tion—regardless of Party—ought to hope that he will  
 be able to bring the United States out of this de-  
 pression. If he doesn't by 1936, then his program will  
 be at fault. Everyone ought to admire the President's  
 great crusade to bring about social justice, to the end  
 that more Americans will gain economic security. It  
 is a big task, but in fact, 2000 years ago in  
 Galilee, Will human nature measure up to the oppor-  
 tunity to bring in Utopia?

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT journeyed to his home at Hyde  
 Park to cast his vote in the recent election. Why  
 didn't he use an absent voter's ballot? Do you suppose  
 he's worried about the service of Postmaster-General  
 Ayer's department?

It is a pity that the nation's liquor revenue is  
 below pre-prohibition times. To increase this source  
 of revenue, we suppose somebody will propose a  
 "Drink More and More Weak."

## All of Us

—By Marshall Maslin  
 THE BEST SIDE OF A MAN  
 KNOW HOW TO get on the best side of a man?  
 Ask him to do something for you.  
 Not someone. Not something that demands too much of him. Not anything you have no  
 right to ask of any man... But something he can do for you, and will willingly do for you.  
 Ask him for that. Ask him, in effect, to give you a portion of himself.  
 Afterwards he will like you more than he did before.

Do you know why it works out this way? Do you know why it is so easy to get on the best side of a man?  
 It is because you are asking for something he can do for you, and will willingly do for you.  
 Do you know why YOU feel a friendliness toward the people you have helped?  
 Perhaps I can't set it down exactly, in all details, as it is, but I can guess at it... You ask me to do something for you, and you make me feel useful. I am doing more than nobody; I am able to help you... You put yourself under obligation to me, and that is not unpleasant; I am a creditor as well as a debtor. I like being that... I feel that you will like me because I have helped you. It is good to be liked. And most important of all, you have compelled me to use the better part of myself. I want to do that. I know that I should use that side of myself more than I do. And helping you, I have strengthened me and makes me feel better than I know I am... So, when you ask me to do something for you, you get on the best side of me.

But don't make the mistake of too obviously paying off the obligation. Don't wish his friends to be ungrateful, but he hates the thought that they depend upon your friendship as a business relationship, in which, if he does something for you, then you must do something for him. The man who makes a business of doing something for him. The man who makes a business of "under obligation to anybody" prides himself on his sturdy independence, but he flaunts his "independence" in every man's eye. He offends the weak masses of us. We admire him, but he dims the flame of our affection by just a little.

But don't ask too much or too often. Your friend is glad to help you on your way, but he cannot carry you; he will stand by him as your friend; do not ask him to be your guardian.

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# Birmingham Business Leaders

No. 45



Had not a relative of Manley Bailey once interested him in the funeral directing business, he might be spending his fall days and nights pondering a football strategy as coach of a gridiron team some place.

For the world of athletics once engrossed a considerable portion of Manley's attention. Born in Birmingham, he attended the public schools here and is still remembered as one of the local high schools' most versatile athletes. Competing in football, baseball, basketball and track, he collected no less than 12 varsity letters in his four-year career. In all four years, he directed the football team from the quarterback position.

After high school, Manley entered Michigan State College with the intention of majoring in education. At the end of the first year, however, the relative converted him to undertaking and he enrolled in the Cincinnati College of Embalming in 1928. Following graduation, he entered business in Birmingham the next year and has been here ever since.

He still keeps up his interest in sports, although his actual participation is limited chiefly to golf and volleyball. His real hobby, however, lies in something even less strenuous than those two—Fraternity at Michigan State, and Pi Sigma Epsilon, national profession on Woodward avenue, which he cultivates jealously as a pride of his neighborhood.

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# FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS

—of Long Ago

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

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
 Political excitement decreased. The only thing that leads the Democrats this year is the band. New boys, the sooner they pay those election bets the better, but don't mention Democratic white to Frank Blakely.

A. C. Ellis is public spirited enough to set up a new street lamp at his own expense in front of his residence on Maple avenue.

We will not only have a change in our administration, but the young folk will have a change in the amusement line on Thanksgiving, Nov. 27, at which time they will give a special hop at National Hall.

Martin Wilde has an apple tree in full blossom. Richard Hatch is our authority for this assertion, and any troubling injury will have to be settled with him as we do not hold ourselves responsible for it.

A young lady visitor from Detroit not long since complained to her aunt that a pin was sticking in her back. An examination showed that one of those big hornets had stung her three times, only producing a pin sticking sensation. Verily, the article of Detroit girl is very tough or the Birmingham hornet is much weaker than used to be when we sat down on him in school one time.

A great big box nearly as large as a load of hay arrived by express last week and caused as much excitement as the election of Cleveland, until we saw that it contained a set of band instruments for a new band just organized at Troy. Verily, the article of Detroit girl changed to sorrow and pity for the neighbors who will be within hearing distance while the boys are learning.

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**  
 In the midst of life we are in debt.

Mrs. Haynes, head of philanthropic work in Cadillac, says: "The usual contribution taken at Thanksgiving time for poor families will not be those big hornets, because no saloons here have made it unnecessary."

Despite a very rainy evening on Tuesday, Nov. 16, Mrs. Mary Phillips and John Mooney were married at the U. P. parsonage on Bates street, by the Rev. R. G. Pinkerton. We sincerely hope they may have showers of blessing.

She says: "The library board paid no attention to the destruction of property on Halloween, though the vandals are well known to them, and also to the extra police force hired by them and paid for by the people. Not so, with the library board! What, on the evening of Nov. 10, some of our boys were disorderly in the library room, a complaint against the vandals was quickly lodged with the proper authorities, and steps promptly taken to prevent its recurrence."

Everybody seems to have a crack at the village board in this issue. That's right—express your opinion, we'll print it.

H. J. Corfield, landscape architect of New York, who has been constructing the Scripps Memorial Park in Detroit for the estate of the late James E. Scripps, has also been designing and planting a new

**FIVE YEARS AGO**  
 Birmingham's Village Commission, in order to establish a definite plan for the Wider Woodward street conform with the plan offered by Arthur C. Conroy of Boston, village planner, yesterday sent recommendations to Grover C. Dillman, state highway commissioner.

Another record for brevity was established by the Village Commission at Monday's session, which lasted only 18 minutes. The former record held by the present Commission was made at the session Nov. 11 when the village business was up for discussion for two hours in 25 minutes. As in the latter session, there was little business up for discussion.

With the completion of additional facilities for winter sports at Bloomfield Township Park, Birmingham this year will have an enlarged playground when the first snow falls. Quarten Lake will again be available for ice-skating, but extensive plans are also under way for recreation during the cold months at the new park. Robert Y. Moore, township supervisor, said.

The farewell sermon of the late Floyd Emerson Logge, minister of the First Presbyterian Church, who is leaving Birmingham to assume new pastoral duties at Elmwood, N. D. the last of this month, will be delivered by his congregation at the services next Sunday at 11 A. M.

**ALMANAC**  
 Well, you see we use this easy cut-up to begin with, and...

NOVEMBER  
 19—Lincoln delivers famous Gettysburg address, 1863.

20—Seminole Indian War starts in Florida, 1817.

21—First practical phonograph shown by Edison, 1877.

22—Chinese government takes imports of opium, 1906.

23—Franklin Pierce, 16th President, born 1804.

24—Adeline Parli makes first U. S. airplane, 1908.

25—Grant wins great victory at Chattanooga, 1863.

## The Other Chap Says Something

**AGRICULTURAL RECOVERY?**  
 After floundering about in the economic maze that admittedly was beyond its comprehension, the federal administration and its trust after more than a year and a half are finally beginning to appreciate that all their experiments have brought little relief, and the president is finally beginning to look toward sounder economic principles for a definite solution. Whether he will go far enough and permit industry to work out its own salvation remains to be seen.

There is just one good feature about the administration's program put into effect during the last 18 months, and that is the feeding of the unfortunate unemployed. Although this has cost an exorbitant price compared with what it need to have cost, it does not begin to compare with the vast sums that have been squandered on futile efforts projected by the brain trust. If the federal government had outright a bounty to farmers and home owners to relieve them of indebtedness it would have accomplished more good than all the alphabetic gymnastics put together, and it would have been accomplished in less time and at less cost than the present fruitless wastes.—Adrian Van Kovering in Zealand Record.

**MORAL AND SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS**  
 The Century of Progress at Chicago has closed its doors forever, and to many who saw that exhibition, some conception of the progress of the century has been given. A thousand years ago a century showed few gains. But from 1804 to 1934 science, invention and education have made more advancement than from the birth of Christ to 1834. The steam trains, telegraph, telephone, automobiles, radios, airplanes, and practically all machinery have come into the picture. Magic has blossomed forth from the mind of man. But what of moral progress? The same old causes of misery, poverty and evil are still with us. Will man ever accomplish, in the field of human conduct, moral welfare, and character, triumphs comparable with those of science?—Wm. H. Canfield in Livingstone (Howell) Republican-Press.

**One Minute Pulpit**  
 If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink.—Proverbs 25:21.

**Jest For Fun**  
 Requite  
 Since I moved to the suburbs  
 I miss the hustle, bustle, noise,  
 I miss the clamor and the strife,  
 I miss the neighbors all around,  
 I miss the shining lights  
 That brightened up the avenues  
 And helped to pass the nights.  
 I miss the city's joys so much—  
 You know what I mean—  
 That every single chance I get  
 I miss the five fifteen. —R. C. O.

**Famous Firm's Skin & Bones**  
 Helpful Suggestion  
 "Can you help me select a gift for a wealthy old aunt who is awfully weak and can hardly walk?"  
 Clerk: "How about some floor wax?"  
 —California Pelican

**Her Lookout**  
 Bill: The girl I am married to has a twin sister.  
 M. Gee: How do you tell them apart?  
 Bill: I don't try. It's up to the other one to look out for herself.  
 —Drexel Drexler

**Safety First**  
 Pullman Conductor: Boy, what's the idea of the red lantern on that lerk?  
 Porter: Look here, boss. Here in rule 13 it says—always hang a red lantern where the rear of a sleeper is exposed.  
 —Ohio Hobo

**Ungrateful**  
 Fireman: Why should I lend you five dollars?  
 Seaman: Because I didn't ask you for 10 dollars. Have you no sense of gratitude?  
 —Sidestep

**Merely Technical**  
 "You are only technically guilty," said his lawyer. "As for being in jail—"  
 "It's a mere technicality, I know, but how about getting me out?"

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