

Many years of fairly alert observation of citizens in a so-called democracy convince me that, on the whole, people are slow to resent government changes—even if such changes seem to threaten their very liberty. As a collective unit, a nation can be led to civic chaos, and seem to like it.

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TRADE LITTLE AFFECTED BY LONG DROUGHT

Business in Most Sectors Shows Increase Over Past Year

Up to this time the extremely hot weather and the drought which have prevailed in many areas of the country have apparently not greatly affected wholesale and retail trade, according to the Department of Commerce. The Minneapolis report stated that notwithstanding the severe drought, business is holding up with surprising activity. Sales of city stores for June were 12 per cent over June of last year. In country stores sales were up 14 per cent while during the first two weeks in July the same ratio was maintained. While wholesale business was quiet in St. Paul and Minneapolis, all business was holding up well in the drought areas. Wholesale business in St. Louis was reported unchanged while Kansas City reported gains of 20 per cent in wholesale lines compared with last year. In Kansas City itself the extremely hot weather curtailed business considerably.

Omaha was one of the spots reporting adversely on the effects of the drought on business. The report from that city stated that the hot, dry weather was beginning to affect many lines of business, especially those dependent on rural trade. From Birmingham came the welcome news that the extreme drought and heat conditions in Alabama had been broken by several heavy rains. As a result, crop conditions were reported looking more favorable. Business activity, as measured by bank clearings, was up more than 23 per cent above last year.

Atlanta, where business might be expected to be hurt by the drought in the Southeastern section of the country, reported business on the upgrade. Wholesale dealers said they were enjoying material increases in the sale of agricultural implements over the same period a year ago. The Georgia feed crop was benefited by rains, reducing the estimated \$50,000,000 crop damage. Wholesale trade in Charleston was 15 per cent above last year.

A great influx of buyers attended the furniture showings, exposition and the national furniture show in Chicago. At the American Furniture Mart there were 1,400 more registrations than for the same season last year. In other wholesale channels, however, trade was reported spotty. Many retailers in the Chicago area were reported studying the effects of the drought before placing definite commitments for large orders for fall delivery. Cincinnati, where sale drygoods houses found business 40 per cent better than last year, while in Louisville the volume of wholesale orders held well above this time last year although they were slower to move because of the drought. Wholesale activity in Houston showed gains over 1935 averaging around 45 per cent.

Most of the areas reported increased employment due to the combination of sustained industrial activity, heavier buildings, and sharp seasonal demands for help in rural areas. From Pittsburgh came the report that the first six months of 1936 broke all records for the like period in the production of plate glass. Portland, Oregon, reported tourist traffic the heaviest in the history of the State, while large crowds were converging on Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, and Cleveland to attend the expositions in progress in those cities. The sale of oranges for consumption as fresh fruit reached a new all-time record for June, the report from Los Angeles showed.

THE INQUIRING REPORTER

Question: Are you in favor of the establishment of a municipal recreation park here, the cost to be defrayed by contribution?
D. A. Green, 175 W. Maple—
"It is a much needed project and I would be very much in favor of such a project if it were maintained. A town of this size could well use one. We could have a fine skating rink if it was taken care of."

L. A. Slusser, 545 Pierce Street—
"Sure, I would be in favor of it. Anything of benefit to the kiddies is a good thing."

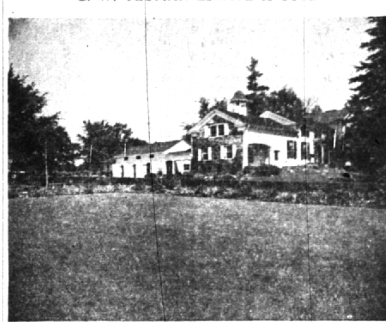
Mrs. Robert Wiley, 319 Henley—
"I am not in favor of it. I feel that we can just manage to keep the Community House open so tiny attempt another project. I think most of the children have their own lawns to play on in Birmingham."

J. V. Martin, 1512 Bennaville—
"It would be very nice for the children. We need such a park."
R. H. Fisher, 2187 Yorkshire—
"I would be in favor of it. I think it would give the kids something to do and keep them out of trouble and danger."

Mrs. R. R. Robison, 187 Merrill—
"Yes, I would be in favor of it. Children who have small lawns need a place like that."

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Shown above is the George W. Yeoman's estate on Brigham Road and overlooking Franklin River. This fine example of a remodeled Early American farmhouse on the site of the old Telegraph Road, has been recently sold to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce B. Van Dusen of Toledo, Ohio, who will occupy it early this coming fall. The transaction was handled through Miss Brock, Inc., local Realtors.

READING CLUB IS CAUTIONED ABOUT COMING DEADLINE

Group Advised That Ten Books Must Be Read By August 29

Miss Helen Norman, assistant Librarian, has issued a warning to all members of the Summer Vacation Reading Club that they have only until August 29 to complete their required reading. Many boys and girls in the group have read and reported on only two or three books to date, she stated. The number of books that must be read if members wish to receive their reading certificates and be eligible for the planned Fall party is ten. Miss Norman pointed out that no extension of time could be granted under any circumstances.

Approximately 153 boys and girls are enrolled in the club. Of that number over 100 have read and reported on one or more books. Twenty-five have completed the required work on at least ten books and are now eligible for their certificates. Nelda Mae Smith is the present leader of the entire group, having read and reported his certificate. She is a member of the 7A class at Pierce School.

The reading club was started on June 8 although entries were accepted up to June 27. Only children in the fourth to eighth grades, inclusive, were accepted. The purpose of the reading club is to keep boys and girls interested in reading and to guide them in reading a better class of books.

COHAN'S MEDAL

A grateful Congress, passing in the midst of important work, authorized the President to present a gold medal to George M. Cohan in recognition of his services during the World War. It was Cohan who composed the war-time song "Over There."

The martial spirit of this composition cannot be denied. It helped to lure more than one young man from his occupational avocations to the front. And some of them were never to hear again the strains of this song. That, of course, is poignant, but viewing it in the cold light of a dispassionate aftermath, there is no room in our national makeup for scenes of such hysteria.

The manner in which we were swept into that conflict is something which a great many of us would like to forget, but at least it had this rather mournful benefit: We will not go to bat for other nations in a vast hurry again—Royal Oak Daily Tribune.



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THREE ENGLISH BOOKS ADDED BY LIBRARIAN

New Editions Deal With Cathedrals, Abbeys And Embroidery

Miss Adeline Cooke, Librarian, announces that three valuable source books have been added to the shelves of the Baldwin Public Library. On her recent trip to England, Miss Cooke obtained copies of works explaining in detail the construction and plans of old English cathedrals and abbeys. In addition, she obtained a copy of "The Embroidress," a bound volume dealing with the art of embroidery.

"Cathedrals" is the title of the book dealing with church edifices. It contains 74 illustrations and an equal number of line drawings of the construction and plans of length include Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral and the Manchester, Oxford and Salisbury edifices. Under the architectural section is the story of "Cathedrals and how to understand their architecture."

The book on "Abbeys" contains 56 line drawings, 100 page plates and a map explaining the design and construction of English abbeys. It is edited by M. R. James, provost of Eton. The edition contains an additional chapter on monastic life and buildings by A. Hamilton Thompson, Professor of Medieval History, University of Leeds. The classification of abbeys according to order is given in the book. The orders include Benedictine, Cistercian, Augustinian and others.

The third book brought back by Miss Cooke is "The Embroidress," a periodical treating of the practice and history of all kinds of decorative needlework. It is published by James Pearsall and Co., Ltd., and edited by two women. The authors take up in detail the explanation of needlework, including stitches, designs and materials. Color plates and many other illustrations augment the work. The book represents one year's issue of the quarterly publication issued in England on embroidery.

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A cannibal is one who loves his fellowman, says the Ottawa Journal. And, according to the Chattanooga News, he is one who gets along well with people, because he can stomach anybody. But the plain fact is that a cannibal is a beast; he's always taking other people in—Toronto Star.

He cites the numerous compliments he has received from various police departments and the sheriff's office, on the manner in which he has responded to accident cases and other fatalities in the County, as justification for asking the voters to continue their confidence in his ability. Mr. Kimball is a member of the Lions International, American Legion, Masonic Lodge and Knights of Pythias. He is married and has one son.

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