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Room For Improvement In Every Activity Of Life
People shouldn't kill themselves at work or play just to break records. They don't need to.

Tells How He Feels While "Dead."
A news story from Aberdeen, Washington, tells of the experience of Theodore Prinz, who was injured in an automobile accident and sent to the hospital.

Rotten Money System
There are people in the United States who believe that all this talk about regulating securities and exchanges and the practice of big business men is political hokum.

Practical Paragraphs
A VICTORY IS A STARTING POINT
It is one thing to win a victory. It is another thing to hold it.

A Failure May Not Be A Failure
A young business man realized about 2 years ago that his debts were piling up too fast.

Why Should An Editor Try To Please Everybody?

"I should think running a home-town newspaper would be a very difficult job—trying to please everybody."

In making the above remark an editor's commissioner friend was well meaning but not too thoughtful.

Running a home-town newspaper is difficult, and must be extremely so for editors who try to please everybody.

An honest editor with convictions is sure to make enemies. On the other hand, if he doesn't he won't have any very strong friends.

It is not an editor's duty to needlessly step on people's toes nor to have behind his editorial "we" to stir things about a public official's policies which he wouldn't say to his face under proper circumstances.

But if a man has some experiences upon which to draw, an insatiable appetite for facts, a fairly well established philosophy of life, and a lot of faith in plain, everyday people, he believes that he can helpfully interpret the news of the day, condemn wrong practices and uphold right principles without fear of the type of person who may decide to hate him.

If such an editor will not be afraid of facts—found, contrasted, and analyzed—himself, and will avoid that malicious malady known as "enlargement of the cocco" we believe that with a little business ability he will get along.

Is Scouting Worth It?
In thousands of American communities' boy business and professional men group of their ownable time to serve on the boards of committees. Other men spend many hours planning programs and in other ways investing their time in a group of boys, as Scoutmasters.

Thousands of dollars are spent on summer camps. Most of them are spent on uniforms and to maintain district directors and their offices.

What does scouting do for the boys to justify this expenditure of time, energy and money?

In the first place, it gives the boy a better realization of the importance of certain fundamental ideas about life and his responsibility.

Second, it gives him some very useful camping, first-aid and swimming instruction along with other practical knowledge. Coming the way it does—outside the usual channels of church, school and home—it is sometimes more thoroughly assimilated.

Third, it teaches him to be companionable, to give and take, to appreciate his homeland and revere his God.

Besides this, either because scouting appeals to that sort of boy or does something extra for boys, surveys have shown that they average higher on school standing. Moreover, you would search court records hard and long to find one who had been before a judge for a misdemeanor who had had as much as three years training.

But that's not all. Scores of men who are doing things for their communities as well as making good themselves, reveals that an exceptionally large proportion of those under forty have had some scout training as boys or have been helping in the movement.

Parental "Pats And Swats"
Some parents can bring up some of their children with the use of very little physical force.

Very few, however, would think it fair not to use a lot of moral suasion to direct young people in accordance with time-proven principles. It appears that a woman attorney in Chicago chose to let her children do as they pleased. One daughter pleased to marry at 16.

The other, I have heard, shocked her parents by appearing in a theatre as a fan-dancer. The naturally hard mother is trying to make the most of the situation.

It's too late to make the best of those for whose presence in the world she is responsible. If you never train a horse you can't expect that ever-horse-own will make him plow a straight furrow just because he's hitched to a plow.

Child training usually includes pats of approval and a few swats of disapproval. Letting them "go it" their own sweet way doesn't turn out so sweet for those concerned.

CHARLES F. KETTERING, General Motors' inventive genius, recently showed an audience how an egg can be fried on cakes of ice, there being electrically generated heat beneath the ice. Well, we are not sure, but certain egg-eaters in restaurants may have been fried only on the ice itself.

Why not amend the Judge or the Court by an act of Congress, that course, the course, however, is very simple:

Any such act of alteration, of whatever nature, unless it establishes some higher authority to whose judgment the Court decision could be submitted for final review, would be useless.

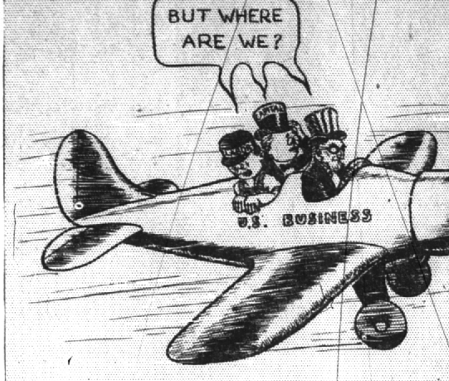
On the other hand, if Congress should attempt to establish such a final tribunal then that tribunal, be it one man or the whole United States Congress and the President together, would be the Supreme Court, and the Court as it now exists would no longer be supreme, but merely a Chamber of Councilors of the Supreme Court.

But Congress has no authority to create a new Supreme Court nor to take the supreme power away from the present one. The Supreme Court is created by the Constitution and not by Congress.

It was not so created by the founders in order that harmony and cooperation might prevail, as the President indicates in his report illustration of the three-hour team. Rather, it was created in order that the ship and can chart his course, still the owners of the ship have determined the destination of the ship and cargo and furnished the captain with a compass to guide him. The captain has no right to change his owners' decision, though circumstan-

VISIBILITY ZERO

BUT WHERE ARE WE?



FOG OF LABOR PROBLEMS

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PEOPLES COLUMN

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People's Column, The Birmingham Eccentric, 230-232 North Woodward Avenue, Birmingham, Mich.

The writer notes that G. R. A. in his column "THIS & THAT" in your issue of April 1, 1937, in relation to "Just who is God and how close to the life of a human being should He be?"

Why ring in the sick Truth as the pastor? Which is in the making of the earth, the Man or the Pastor? Sometimes it is the greater revelation than he is a Christian, but more often he is a greater Christian than he is a pastor.

Many men, pastors, do not achieve that inner glow of Truth in spite of their religious life. I say because, for the great majority, theology is a stumbling block.

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Man asks "What is Truth?" only when looking upon a golden head of Truth and seeing not its structural supports. In this day and such such lack of vision causing a veil which which is palpable, but which cannot be seen by merely playing the blame upon this or that theology of upod a dispenser of theology. What we need is of convinced movement, toward bringing Man and his History intelligently together. We are suffering greatly for a cross which is being nailed to a cross of a gross ignorance of Truth, certainly is entitled to receive a more intelligent, more intelligent than it receive through the smogged mias of theology.

Perhaps I am wrong, but that is the way I get it. Yours truly, A. M. RHOBIN, R. E. N. Walnut Lake.

Editor, Birm. Eccentric, Dear Sir: "Hats off to Mr. Millington. We are glad that you have man left in our midst today with courage to come to the front and voice his opinions. I believe like Mr. Millington. You have to be born under another flag to really appreciate what this great United States has to offer namely, freedom, opportunity, liberty, and privileges that no other country in the world has. Fortunate are those who were born under "Old Glory." It is a grand old flag and worth fighting for."

Recently our country has been over by some hat-headed politicians, who wear on the shoulders of the so-called "forgotten" men. On top of that, a group of racketeers flaunting our law and order and calling to the laboring men, follow us, and we will lead you into prosperity. This is a falsehood and can only mean one thing, more destitution and despair. Our governor sits idly by and says, "We must have peace." We have not only peace, but a figure of fun, but has made a laughing stock of the State of Michigan. I wonder if our country is very generous with tax payers' money, however, we do have a few real Americans in the world who are proud to accept that. And when June and December roll around again, we may have some tax payers some of our law and order is respected. There is such a thing as "patience ceasing to become a virtue." So let us hope that Governor Murphy comes "out from under the other" soon and gives these great industries back to the men who at least have provided a few of the necessities of life to the laboring man.

Keep on fighting Mr. Millington, this country needs more men like you. Wife of an Industrial Executive, also a Birm. Eccentric.

Mrs. J. C. Wheaton, 187 N. Adams St. Son: "Daddy, dear, what is an actor?"

Daddy: "An actor? My son, an actor is a man who can walk to the side of a stage, peer into the wings filled with theatrical puppets, dirt and dust, other actors, gaudy hands, old cloths and other 'prop' and say: 'What a lovely view there is from this window!'"

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'My Country, 'Tis of Thee'...

By T. H. MILLINGTON

What is back of that expression which, more often than not, is used as a slang phrase? Without doubt it questions, not the says so, but who does the saying.

Although a devout constitutionalist, did you feel a little astonished when you read that in one of his lectures, High Court Justice, Chief Justice Hughes, said: "The Constitution is what the judges say it is?"

It is a blessing wherever there is in America for a hundred and fifty years the fact that the Supreme Court is what the Supreme Court says it is has been accepted, because there has been a finality of decision.

The President's proposition does not remove the fact of the need of finality. It merely and

badly proposes that the President plus a subservient Congress shall be the final judges. This President's own most speeches are the best condemnation of the course he now proposes. It is a foreign and subversive idea—not a New Deal, but an Old-World reincarnation of the system of enslavement of the people.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

Insiders See No Real Assurance Against Additional New Taxes

By SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON—There isn't any real assurance here, on the part of the administration, that the new tax law will be passed.

The Income tax yield was about \$150,000,000 short of expectations, and quite aside from that, presidential advisers who favor increasing levies are being heard. Their theory is that only by keeping mass purchasing power at a fair-kept level can we look toward higher wages, a more profitable system. Higher taxes will provide for surplus income and profits so they can be turned back to low-income or non-income groups which are without purchasing power.

POPULAR arguments among administration economists are that drawing surplus income off the top in taxes, will divert it from stock market speculation and will avert threatened inflation and a subsequent deflation. They think, too, that this method will let the poorer classes through federal relief that drawing surplus income is possible to balance the budget without denying relief benefits, and finally that by moving taxes up to the administration will make a beginning toward balancing the budget.

In its friendship for organized labor and sympathy with its desire for higher wage levels, the administration has been embarrassed by widespread strikes. Most workers have almost no

purchase power when they are on strike, and even if they win their fight for higher wages, their real purchasing power may not be much increased. Congress must ever go wrong because theology destroys the individual cups for each man in Bible without the use of this or that theological par of smoked

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