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Fifty Years Ago

'Twill soon be time to swear off. One young man has done so already, we are glad to tell you.

Some bad boys tried recently to scare the editor of the Rochester Era with a home-made bomb. But it didn't work worth two cents.

Morgan Rundel is attending business college at Kalamazoo, and says he likes it amazingly.

Joe Gravlin don't want us to tell that he broke his finger loading wood, so we won't say a word about it.

Will our exchange please note that Birmingham wants a manufacturing enterprise of some kind and is willing to furnish a site for it!

That libel suit against Editor Wm. Nesbitt, of Big Rapids brought the plaintiff out the little end of the horn and a power of advertising and fame to the plucky Bill.

Miss Mamie Young's teaching at Franklin is highly gratifying to all, but what they need over there is more teachers and more room, and what is needed ought to be had. The town can afford it.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago

Plenty sloppy weather for this time of year.

Ever since Tuesday, Dec. 3, down near Clawson at Ephraim Bell's house, a baby boy has made it so lively for Eph that he Doesn't know it's tax time and is barely aware that Christmas is coming.

Up at the Endicott farm there has been great over-hauling and repairs. Barns, house and other buildings have been carefully gone over by the most careful of workmen, Frank W. Sherman.

Mr. MacDougall, of Purdy street, is visiting his children, Dr. and Mrs. Wallace McBride. They do say that Mrs. Lou looked wild when she saw D. O. D. come unexpectedly into the house. Mac says visiting is fine, and he is going to stay until 1913.

The Grand Central meat market has started and is under complete control of its satisfied owner, Mr. Sheppard. The other two markets are keeping their eye on the shop and already meat is down a little. So now even a poor country editor can get himself some link sassiges. Huh?

—o—

Five Years Ago

Board may have to close park Clubhouse. Township considers move to save approximately $1,000.00 during the winter months.

Youth confesses automobile theft. Former village resident, eighteen, admits he stole car when arrested for speeding.

Maples route Ypsilanti quintet. Visiting team score but one field goal, as Baldwin wins 47-8.

Community House maintains services. Reduced budget fails to slacken welfare work or curtail general activity.

New city charter nears completion. Commission will call public hearing on proposed document; meets tonight.

Low food prices prevail for current holiday season. Local merchants promise an economical and tasteful Christmas for Birmingham.

Village matron held up, robbed. Deputies without trace of "well-mannered" bandit who took clothing and jewelry.

Ample Directions

"Here, sonny, run and put this parcel on the bus for me."

"What bus?"

"Any bus. It's my husband's dinner, and he works in the Lost Property."

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals are requested by the City of Birmingham, Michigan, for one bookkeeping machine with flat bed writing surface, 9 accumulation registers, double cross footer and typewriting keyboard. This machine is to be used in billing and payroll work.

Proposals should be plainly marked "Proposal for Bookkeeping Machine" and addressed to the City Clerk. They will be opened at 7 p m. Monday, December 20, 1937.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive irregularities in proposals.

IRENE E. HANLEY,
City Clerk.

December 16, 1937.

LIBRARY OFFERS WIDE VARIETY OF NEW BOOKS

If anyone yearns for a fuller life through books and fails to achieve it, the fault certainly will not lie with the Baldwin Public Library. New books ranging from modern business problems to ancient Chinese philosophy, and from Cleopatra to Madame Curie are now offered to local readers from the library shelves, the only difficulty lying in what one's final choice will be.

"Cleopatra"—Emil Ludwig. It was while he was writing "The Nile" that Ludwig first became fascinated by the Egyptian queen and the romantic stories woven about her name. In this book he presents her astonishing history in full detail. His first biography of a women, it is the story not only of Cleopatra, Anthony and Caesar, but of the whole world in which that trio played their dominant roles.

"Madame Curie"—Eve Curie. This is the first full-length biography of the greatest of all women scientists, and likely never to be displaced as the definitive one, since her daughter is the author of it. Madame Curie, the daughter of an impoverished Polish professor, was forced to work as a governess in the country houses on the steppes while her sister studied in Paris. Finally she reached Paris herself, beautiful, burning with ambition, and often on the verge of collapse from starvation. With her husband, Pierre, she went on to her first achievements, still largely ignored by the world. After he was killed in a street accident she went on alone, with her two children. The note of triumph deepens after she gains her tremendous new weapon for medicines, but the book is enthralling, from the introduction to the back cover.

"The Importance of Living"—Yu-t'ang Lin. For the first time, this book of Dr. Lin's brings an outlook which comprehends both East and West, and throws the light of Oriental perception on Western living. It is too human to be called philosophy, too honest to be classed with the "self help" books. Gaily serious, profoundly naive, cynically kind, shot through and through with a sense of comedy and backed by science as well as by 3,000 year old Chinese sagacity, it brings the salt and flavor and the tang of life.

"The Pieces of a Fan"—Vincent Sheean. This is a collection of short stories, each one complete in its artistic entity, a notable performance in the art of creating a character or in setting an unforgettable situation. They range from the court of Louis XV to the country house of a contemporary social climber, and from a lovely Italian lake to the Reed country of Virginia mountains.

"Apes, Men and Morons"—Earnest A. Hooton, professor of anthropology at Harvard. Here is a stimulating inquiry into the history and possible future of that far-from-perfect natural phenomenon known as Homo Sapiens. It is written for the laymen, not the scientist, since, as Hooton affirms, the scientist doesn't control evolution, and only tries to understand it.

"Andrew Jackson: Portrait of a President"—Marquis James. This tells how the great border chieftain, swept into politics against his wish and always to his own regret, made the presidency of our young nation one of the first offices of the world. The unpredictable performance provides a rapid a succession of surprises as did his career as a frontier gallant, sportsman, duelist and military adventurer.

Space prohibits more than a brief mention of other new books at the library. The titles and authors follow.

"More Power to Advertising"—James R. Adams.

"1001 Christmas Facts and Fancies"—Alfred Carl Hottes.

"Home Grown" — Della T. Lutes.

Teacher: "Willie, can you tell me if fish can travel long distances?"

Willie: "Well, ours go around the globe every day."

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NON-PARTISAN STATE NEWS LETTER

LANSING, Dec. 16—Announcement of a proposed legislative investigation of cooperatives in Michigan — consumers' cooperatives as well as producers' cooperatives— was greeted jubilantly by local sponsors of the Scandinavian substitute for private retail business.

The legislative probe started out originally to look into finances of the Wolverine "self-help" cooperative in Lansing which received federal subsidy money as a welfare project. But when Attorney General Starr ruled that legislative investigations by committee had no legal standing after adjournment of the legislature, the legislative council took up the torch. Speaker George Schroeder, council chairman, declared that the investigation would include all cooperatives.

Friends of the Michigan cooperative movement are welcoming the prospect of statewide publicity. It is pointed out that the Klan, nearly deceased, is now thriving again since the press hullabaloo over Justice Black's former membership in the hooded order.

Representative Vernon J. Brown of Mason resigned from the investigating subcommittee of the legislative council, declaring that the extended probe was "beyond the scope contemplated in house resolution No. 114."

Special Session?

Several developments are complicating the prospect of another special session of the state legislature early in 1938.

1. Governor Murphy's candidacy for re-election is generally taken for granted. There are a number of administrative sores yet to be healed over before Murphy runs the risk of having his measures rebuffed in the legislature.

2. The main reason for a special session would be the passage of a labor relations bill. With a business recession now in force and general layoff looking for many workers, the time is not considered opportune for organized labor to demand higher wages at the threat of strikes.

The Michigan Federation of Labor held a special meeting in Lansing last Sunday (Dec. 12) to discuss a policy on labor relations legislation, apparently in anticipation of a special session.

The governor's statement of Thanksgiving week indicated that he would not tolerate with "wildcat" sit-down strikes brought about by a minority group.

30 Hour Week

A 30-hour week with 40 hours' pay is sought by C. I. O. workers in the Chrysler U. A. W. local in the Detroit area. Their contract with the automobile company expires March 31.

While this demand for a shorter week with the same pay is probably only a weapon for bargaining, the resolution indicates a trend towards higher manufacturing costs.

At a time when Congress is considering passage of an hour-wage bill giving the federal government the authority to establish hour and wage levels throughout the nation, it is interesting to note that Michigan's average cost per man-hour in industries is exceeded only by those in Wyoming and Montana where little industry exists and is tied actually by the man-hour cost in New York state.

Figures compiled by the National Industrial Conference board from the last census of manufactures lists the following states with man-hour costs of 50 cents or over:

D. C., 64; Wyoming, 61; Montana, 61; New York, 60; Michigan, 60; Nevada, 58; Illinois, 58; California, 57; Ohio, 57; Washinton, 56; Idaho, 55; New Jersey, 54; North Dakota, 54; Oregon, 52; Colorado, 51; Pennsylvania, 51; Kansas, 50; Nebraska, 50; Indiana, 50; Arizona, 50.

At the bottom of the list are southern states such as Virginia, Louisiana, Tennessee, Arkansas, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina, Georgia and South Carolina with man-hour costs ranging from 40 down to 23 cents.

"Decentralization"

The Detroit district council of the C. I. O. recently appealed to Governor Murphy to fight widespread advance of unemployment, asking him specifically to stop layoffs by spreading the work through a shorter week and to stop "decentralization of industry such as farming work out of the state."

The reference of the automobile workers to "decentralization" was viewed as a criticism of the policy of General Motors corporation, for one, in opening new plants in other states so that "all eggs wouldn't be in the same basket."

If manufacturing costs are increased still more in Michigan, the inevitable result would be a speeding up of this decentralization—"farming work out of the state," as the C. I. O. council puts it.

Of course, the only thing that might slow up the movement would be a federal hour-wage law under either the A. F. L. plan of an outright minimum for the entire nation or the C. I. O. fovored plan of regional hour-wage levels to be determined by another bureau at Washington.

In view of the fact that 90 per cent of all the automobiles in the world are made in Michigan, the labor developments are worth watching.

Van Wagoner in Action

According to word received at the state capitol, chances are pretty slim that congress will cut $200,000,000 from the federal road fund for allotment to states.

Murray D. Van Wagoner, state highway commissioner, recently returned from Washington where he mobilized Michigan congressmen to stick to the highway spending program, using as a weapon the fact that about $100,000,000 of the federal gasoline-oil tax revenue last year was not used for highway purposes.

Economy and balance-budgeting are all right for speech-making, but they are a horse of a different color when it comes to the home districts. Congressmen are getting jittery, and defeat of the Roosevelt economy move is now generally conceded.

Michigan State Debt

In contrast to Michigan's sound financial condition, its state debt of some $22,000,000—the outstanding bond indebtedness of $72,000,000 being offset by a cash sinking fund of nearly $50,000,000—recent statistics by Dun & Bradstreet show that borrowing by state governments increased the state debts 34.25 per cent in the last seven years.

During the same period, Michigan's debt was reduced—not increased.

New York state accounts for more than one-fifth of the present total debt of the 48 states of which 27 have raised the debts, 18 have reduced them, and three have effected no change.

Louisiana heads the list of the higher per capita increase of $34.59, due chiefly to "Kingfish" Huey Long.

Holiday Trade Good

Most merchants are enjoying a good holiday trade, despite the "psychological panic" as economists call the present business recession.

If there really was a slump in October, it didn't show in sales tax collections which totalled $5,117,069 as compared to $4,419,336 last year. The tax increase, so far, for this year is now $7,750,000.

Business may not be of the boom proportions that Babson predicted for this fall, but it still is better than this time last year. Of course, there are occasional exceptions to the rule.

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