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A Practical Method of Progressing During 1937

The beginning of a New Year always appeals to the individual, who is easily led into thinking that something new really starts, and affords an opportunity for inaugurating better days for human beings, governments and associations.

Since there are, no doubt, hundreds of people in this community who look forward to 1937 with bright hopes and high aspirations, it is not amiss to give them some encouragement.

Throwing aside all the advanced talk of mental scientists it may be assumed that the first duty of the individual is self-development.

No personal inventory would be complete without some analysis of your use of time and money. Time is the essence of life, as time has well said and most of us waste much of it without even thinking that we are spending life itself.

Anyways, as 1937 gets underway there should be some realization of the duty involved in developing our individual personalities to the highest possible level.

Fear of Poverty in Old Age The play "Over the Hill to the Poorhouse" brought tears to many eyes and fears to many hearts.

Why do SO MANY MEN—and quite a few women—go into Michigan's north woods every fall to hunt deer? Recently, we overheard a lady sum it up thusly: "Men like to have their eye inflated, and so they go into the woods to shoot a wild animal, come home with it on the back of their cars, stick out their chests, and imagine they have overcome some primitive conditions in life."

Paint the Killer's Car a Bright Red

The reckless or careless driver is a potential killer. Sometimes he goes months without an accident. Then comes the day or night when he crashes into another car or pedestrian.

Chief of Police Pickert in Detroit made a silly gesture of futility this last week. He said the police are powerless to stop reckless drivers. As we understand it, the police are the representatives of the public. At that, there is some food for thought in what Mr. Pickert, has to say—and what we believe he means.

Traffic deaths, injuries and property loss are no longer something at which to shrug one's shoulders. Every ordinary measure has been exhausted in an effort to make the publicly owned streets and highways safe for the public. These efforts have failed. It is time for drastic measures.

If you see a known reckless driver approaching a half-mile away, you will be on the lookout when he comes near. If you were able to spot a known reckless driver coming toward an intersection from a cross road, you would likely give him plenty of room. All right, there is a way to discourage reckless drivers and reckless driving.

As soon as any driver is established as a careless driver, let him be compelled to paint a bright red stripe from the front to the back of his car and along the sides so that other motorists may see that red stripe and be warned.

In addition to the warning such a system would do to motorists and pedestrians, it would make him a constant and abiding object of scorn and contempt in the eyes of everyone who saw him. His acquaintances would ridicule him. Even hitch-hikers would avoid him.

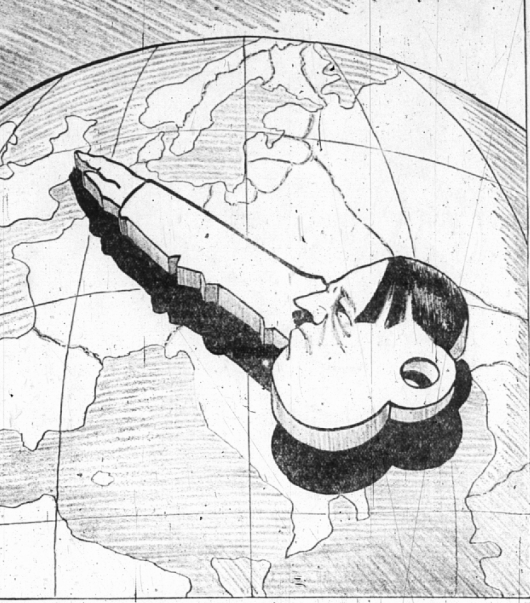
We do not offer these suggestions as a substitute for existing punishment—instant additional and admittedly drastic measures to make streets and highways safer for law-abiding citizens and innocent children.

A Few Kind Words For Those Who Make Our Laws Congress will soon assemble to consider the state of the Union and to determine what legislation, if any, should be passed for the benefit of the people of the United States.

About Obscene Literature It is interesting to report that the editors of several obscene magazines have been sentenced to serve three to five years in prison, and that they do not appeal.

One Way To Ruin Children One of the problems confronting American parents is deciding how an eye-thief they do for their children. Occasionally, one hears of stern and selfish parents who fail to do enough but, more often the reverse is the case and fond fathers and mothers interfere with proper child development by doing too much for their offspring.

KEY TO EUROPEAN PEACE



THE OTHER CHAP SAYS . . .

A GOOD RECORD

Who will be the next highway commissioner of Michigan? This is a question one hears frequently these days. Anything which even resembles a political forecast is held in very low esteem these days.

TODAY IS BETTER Folks have learned to live on a more neighborly basis than they did fifty and sixty years ago, for as I look back at fighting between men and boys was quite common and thence, were no mark of disgrace, and the course of the improvement is, I think, toward a simpler, more dignified and a truer performance.

JUST THINKERS

Indiana newspaper says the taxpayers need a battle cry—State News. They need a battle cry. A man used to be content with three meals a day. Now he wants a cocktail hour thrown in.

WASHINGTON LETTER

Conflict Certain in Congress Over Neutrality Legislation

WASHINGTON.—A battle is deemed certain in Congress over legislation to insure peace for America. The existing neutrality act expires in May.

BEAUTIFUL SNOW

SHOW is coming down from heaven To make the whole world white. And ere the night Is o'er, the white snow will be deep. Deep this snow will be About the earth everywhere. Wherever has. Unhappily places were. And now will know. Where they have been. As for the world it is clothed In the wondrous white of snow. Oh, snow, snow, snow. I wish my night. For my night. Head all my worthiness and see that I may catch and carry back. I would that like the world. I wish be all fresh and beautiful snow.

DON'T BE SICK!

There are too many sick folk scattered over the country, and possibly half of them could help themselves by simply trying a change of disposition. Do you know every time you tell your troubles you are improving your subconscious mind with a falsehood which you in turn will have to pay in increased pains and riches that body was given you to live and it's up to you to know how you treat it.

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SENATOR ARTHUR H. VANDENBERG (Rep., Mich.), a member of the foreign relations committee, will argue for hard and fast neutrality.

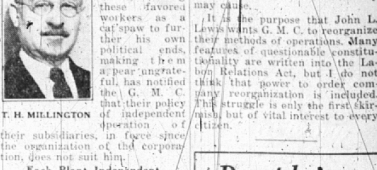
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'My Country, 'Tis of Thee'...

By T. H. MILLINGTON

PEARLS AND SWINE The old adage of throwing pearls before swine appears to be exact for swine in every form. Who is the whole country has been thrilled recently by the magnificent Christmas message.



Each Plant Independent If John L. Lewis were in the usual business of selling automobiles or motor vehicles, he would soon find out that he could not sell to the general office of the G. M. Co. for their plants, he would have to sell to each individual plant. Further, he would soon learn that although he might sell the Chevrolet Company, for instance, that would be his reason for his believing that he would have to sell to other plants in the big, or, very versa. Every body knows that the G. M. Co.

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Public Minded The worst part of this anti-unionism is that the general American people feel that the public tendencies to favor the "underdog," at least passively, has been a failure.

Bonus Wasted Many sane people thought that in view of the millions of slaves to be freed, that the government made a mistake in paying bonuses at this time. It looked like asking for trouble, if you will, but the same of the approaching conflict, labor, openly looked that such a waste of money.

Customer Pays If G. M. Co. instead of paying bonuses to the dealers, they should have paid the amount of money to the credit of their own customers, as a percentage of the price paid for their cars. The company has already done great favors with the public. If they had done it this way, they would have a lot of friends. They would have a lot of friends. They would have a lot of friends. They would have a lot of friends.

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