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## Four Ideas For that many a way Young People are anxiously watching for our utterance, we will take a chance.

First of all, we would say to young men and women, about to begin life for themselves, that they must stand against making the mistake that sets the acquisition of money as the first objective of human activity.

Secondly, we would urge them to seek an understanding of the expression that happiness is to be found within themselves, rather than in other people or external forces.

In the third place, we would suggest that, in their youthful zeal and enthusiasm, they remember that the world is an old place, populated by an ancient race, and that human relationships and customs are not to be lightly challenged, or thrown into the ash-can.

For the fourth, and last piece of advice, at least for this issue, we would induce them to seriously set their own values upon all things and, once convinced of the value of anything, that they live their life on the basis of their honest appraisal.

This may seem like a small start to the young person, who seeks the answers, but it is, we think, enough for a start.

We have all heard about the girl who carried an Atlantic around with her as a sort of chaperon. Another carried the New Yorker to her. A third carried the Atlantic around with her as a sort of chaperon. Another carried the New Yorker to her.

Bettered Her Social Standing she was modern. Both of them remind us of another member of the fair sex, a colored maid by the name of Anna May. Yes, I do not know her, but she is said to be: "Notice you have been taking our empty grapefruit skin home with you. What do you do with them?"

The socially ambitious Negress looked at her mistress with a knowing smirk and answered: "Yes, I do not carry 'em home. I think they make my garbage look stylish."

Well, they are not the only folks in the world who pretend to be what they are not. Perhaps, after all, it matters little how we get our satisfactions. Some find their reward in acquiring millions of dollars of property, some in climbing ladders. In the end many of them find that all they have been doing is decorating a garbage pail. Shining lines.

The prevalence of gambling all over the United States has aroused considerable discussions as to the best methods of combatting an admitted evil.

One Way To Stop Gambling In New York where a convention is attempting to frame a new constitution, the question of including a ban on gambling was the cause of considerable debate. Of course, gambling is proscribed in most states, but the statute is widely violated and in some states, like Florida, gambling rackets have become a public scandal.

A new approach to the problem is reported from Tampa, Fla., where businessmen and their employees have pledged themselves to boycott the operation of gambling establishments. Instead of hurling epithets at gamblers, which do little harm, the Tampa idea is to cut off the revenue that supports the racketeers. Certainly, this will be an effective weapon if the businessmen and their employees refuse to contribute their money to the upkeep and support of the gamblers.

William B. Haggard, businessman, who presented the plan, pointed out that gambling took between \$10,000 and \$20,000 a day from business channels. He described commercial gambling as a "business with a gross income, a gross profit and a net profit." By stopping the revenue of the gamblers, he said, the businessmen have the sure way to close up the gambling establishments.

The Tampa attack on gambling is sensible and will be effective. All that it needs is the resolution of every law-abiding citizen that they will not patronize gambling establishments. If the better-class citizens in any community boycott any business, the enterprise will not last very long. In fact, such a boycott is more effective than law. It cannot be fought in the undertaking. It eliminates the evil by cutting off its source of supply. Inevitably, a slow death follows.

APPLICATION OF MODERN collection methods to the gathering of taxes seems to us to be a practical idea, one that we have suggested for many years. We note that Pontiac is investigating the plan, and may determine to collect city taxes each month. About four times a year, for a community like Birmingham, would be better assurance, in our opinion, of larger tax collections.

THIS AREA HAS HAD PLENTY of electrical storms during the past two weeks. Even the Heavens declare the much needed illumination, and they also speak the much needed water upon the land.

Every rain fall is an opposition vote, by J. Phylus, against the efforts of the New Deal to control crops.

SA THE STAFFPOST and the newspapers say that Richard P. Frankestein, of Detroit, is pretty close to the Communist Party, eh? That's what Homer Martin, UAW president, also told the public to know. All of which suggests that Governor Frank Murphy better look into the matter, and if the story is true, then Mr. Murphy should to remove Mr. Frankestein from the State Welfare Commission, a place to which the Governor appointed the labor leader months ago.

THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION has gone on record as being opposed to the un-Americanism of the NLRB setup, claiming that this federal agency is purely in favor of labor. The NLRB sets up one class against another. It recommends that the Act be changed so that employers be given fair play in hearings. You may rest assured that the NLRB WILL have to be changed, or there'll be a revolution in this country that will upset somebody's applecart.

## LET'S GO DOWN THIS HILL IN HIGH!



Forty thousand traffic fatalities annually. Let's go down this hill in high!

19% DECREASE IN TRAFFIC FATALITIES FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 1938

Washington Letter by Special Correspondent

Northwest Farmers Protesting AAA Plan for '39 Wheat Crop

WASHINGTON—In the face of a huge wheat crop this year, spring wheat farmers in Minnesota, the Dakotas and Montana are complaining to the National Grange that the proposed AAA controls on next year's crop will be unfair to them.

In their letters of protest, they contend there is no surplus of surplus wheat and that if they are forced to sell their surplus at a price below the market, it will be necessary to import wheat from Canada for milling purposes.

Admitting that there is a large surplus of winter wheat grown for the most part in the Great Plains area, the National Grange points out that there hasn't been a surplus of hard red spring wheat in 10 years, and that in the last four years this country has imported from Canada 120,000,000 bushels of wheat of this type.

The Grange objection to the AAA program for wheat is that it is not adjusted to the five types of wheat, and treats all types the same.

Another objection is that the program of controls will adversely affect the small wheat farmer east of the Mississippi river who produces an average of 15 acres a year as a nurse crop for straw and feed for livestock.

AAA officials say it would be an ideal situation if there were special provisions in the agriculture bill for all kinds of wheat, but that this is not possible just now. The wheat program is new and the matter foremost in the minds of Department of Agriculture planners is the handling of this year's surplus.

There is present a carryover of 180,000,000 bushels of wheat, and 936,000,000 bushels will be harvested this year. AAA officials consider this huge surplus a demonstration of the wisdom of the policy of "planned abundance."

Against 80,000,000 acres planted to wheat this year, AAA hopes farmers will co-operate to reduce this to 55,000,000 acres in 1939.

They are trying to handle this year's surplus by making wheat loans to the farmer can without some of his wheat from market, by having the farmer to insure this year's surplus, and by buying and distributing some of the surplus to farmers on relief.

AAA points out that, because of a grasshopper blight, some of the northwest wheat farmers may be reaping short harvests, but the law provides no way to handle their case separately.

Random Remarks

Lord Gainford, British club member, says: "I think there is nothing better than needs work to enable one to think outly and at the same time enjoy the occupation."

Raymond Tiffany, general counsel, National Small Business Administration, says: "The salvation of our people lies in the small business man and woman of the United States."

Morris Sheppard, chairman, Senate Finance Committee, says: "In my opinion, Mr. Henry Ford is a damned fool for permitting the world's greatest gangster to give him a citation."

Lee Pressman, general counsel, CIO, says: "There are some facts on the record which make the hanging of the Liberty Bell when the Bar Association is changing, seem a little better."

William Hudd, secretary, Republican Program Committee, says: "I would advise myself if we could get Frank Dwan Roosevelt to have only a vote and a smile and a talent for making a hat into a rabbit warren."

Douglas Corrigan, trans-Atlantic pilot, says: "I don't think I'll make any more mistakes in the future."

Leonard Cottrell, sociologist, says: "Families living in one-room schools teaching children about factors that make or break marriages."

Charles P. Taft, Republican candidate in Ohio, says: "The combination of the machine politician and the mastermind who know a lot of answers."

Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, says: "We must not forget that the work of the Foreign Service is"

## Happenings of Long Ago

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

Seventy Years Ago  
 Our village is having a boom. Permission has been asked and granted by the village board, allowing certain persons to canvass the town and see how many families will take water from the well. If provided we get them, they will certainly prove a factor in our people will be asked to vote for or on the subject. As far as we can see all seem to favor the project, and we all know that a water supply is sadly needed. We would like to see it become a reality both because of the steady and then to have plenty of good water means health, the laws, the dustless streets and a city city to be proud of.

A good work horse for sale, cheap, or will exchange for a good cow or a few sheep. Call at the office.

The Eccentric's excursion is due for WEDNESDAY, August 12. This will be the pleasantest excursion of the whole season, in fact a great big family picnic, where everyone knows each other and all enjoy a neighborly feeling.

We wish it distinctly understood that no matter how many go on our excursion the boat cannot possibly be overcrowded. The boat has a capacity of 2,500 people and there will probably be only 1,000 on the trip. No crowd, no confusion.

John A. Brook, a candidate of the Peonibus party for Vice-President, will address the citizens of Birmingham and vicinity, at National Hall of Monday evening, Aug. 27. Let everyone come and hear the great orator.

Twenty-Five Years Ago  
 Members of St. James' Guild will hold a food sale August 20th at the market of Erwin & Smith. Sale will open at 2:30 o'clock this Saturday afternoon.

The committee appointed to select a high school site met at 12:45 on Wednesday, August 12, at 7:30 p. m. Following was the committee: Geo. Parley, Dr. X. Shaw, A. Golden, Frank Guba, Geo. Farnes, Frank Stant, Dr. D. M. Johnston, Frank Schlaak, John Hanna, W. B. Randle, R. C. Little, and F. O. Mitchell. Those Lytle, etc.

A commission form of government will "put out" red tape, and eliminate privileges of men who have it, right away?

The way Judge Campbell plans the speeders isn't slow. Big fines from very little causes grow. The owners of new auto find it so. If you won't take our word, just try it and you'll know.

The monthly vital statistics bulletin, issued at Lansing, gives the figures for Oakland County for the month of June. There were in this county during that month, 81 births and 14 deaths, a margin of 67 for the month.

Number One Hundred and Ninety-fourth Avenue means the village will hold a great fair, and for a moment or two. During last week improvements have been made in the village. They have been in the village, and the room in the Library building and a room has been added for the storing of water motors.

New Words For Old  
 The comely terming cetil does its stuff nowhere and well.—From Variety.

No Worse  
 Still, the destruction of life in the Orient is no worse than that in the Accident.—Newark Ledger.

It Does  
 The gift of gab causes many a man to give himself away.—Los Angeles Times.

Streamlined Deficits  
 There seems to be more to this railroad problem than just fixing up a locomotive to look like something else.—Chicago Daily News.

So Would We  
 Business would like to know whether the fix it is the 21st First National Bank, or is it a fix or profit.—Norfolk Virginian.

What Is It  
 But if living is cheaper, what is it the government buys that requires more tax money every year?—Publishers Syndicate.

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