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**Men Need Not Fear
"Dangerous Age"**

R. Brown, British psychologist, who points out that men between 45 and 50 are in a "dangerous age" because they are in a position where they are not young enough to be vigorous and not old enough to be wise.

All his life, says the doctor, the man may have been dissatisfied with his job and his status in the world, looking upon both as temporary conditions to be altered when his "dream" comes in. Around fifty, however, the hoped for "lucky break" becomes an uncertainty and the individual must give up the relief that he has found in his "dreams."

The good doctor says there are only two ways out of the difficulty for men at this stage. One is the way of regression, to close one's eye to the facts of life and go back to an earlier and probably lower level. Changing occupations and swapping wives, in the belief that success in a big way is just ahead, is one expression of this way. Another is to live through the childhood, identifying the youngsters with himself and attempting to direct their lives along the line that the father would have liked to have led himself.

The only sensible way out, says Dr. Brown, is to frankly recognize one's age and recognize, that so far as the man himself is concerned, much personal achievement is through. Then, forgetting himself, to live for his children, for others, as they are, rather than as he would like them to be, and thus take up some worthy cause in the world.

**Money, Trade
And Prosperity**

Money is an ingenious device of mankind to facilitate the exchange of commodities between people. Its use has replaced the ancient custom of barter, in which commodities were swapped to such an extent that people have misunderstood its function.

Although the United States has \$140,000,000,000 worth of gold, or considerably more than its share in comparison with the rest of the world, it is not content with this. It is looking down of prosperity. What is needed to restore "good times" is the increased barter of commodities.

The wheat farmer, for example, finds a huge surplus depressing prices while millions in other lands starve. Yet everyone knows that other people have made their money by selling wheat. The world can use and obviously a swap of commodities would be to the interest of both nations.

The illustration, repeated thousands of times, explains how the prosperity and progress of people are interwoven and intertwined in the trading of their commodities. It also demonstrates that prosperity depends upon the trade that is advantageous to both peoples or individuals.

**Contrary
Human Nature**

Contrary human nature prevails among men, and it is this which is the cause of the unwillingness of normal men and women to use the brains that generous nature has provided.

Number two, in our catalog of wonder, is the ease with which comparatively ignorant persons give judgment upon people, issues and events. It is often a reversal of nature, in an ignorant with a language tongue!

Number three, if anybody wants to know, is a composite of two capacities in the human specimens that we meet in all walks of life. One is the capacity of the average men and women for goodness and at the same time, in awe, we shudder at their capacity for evil.

**Highways
And Speed**

While this is reasoning, indeed, the fatalities that occur on our highways are too many. Many of them are caused by the fact that our highways are not built for the speed at which modern automobiles operate.

There was a school of thought, some years ago, which held that highway safety would depend upon reducing the speed of automobiles. This idea has largely vanished. Instead, today, we find engineers and road builders making their plans on the basis of one hundred miles an hour automobiles. The argument is that such speeds are necessary to make the highways as planned and constructed to accommodate vehicles of that velocity.

**Here Is A
Write-Down!**

The Corporation was formed in 1929, with a stated book valuation of \$581,283,157. At this time, its investments are virtually the same but, based upon quotations as of June 30, had a value of \$145,918,967.

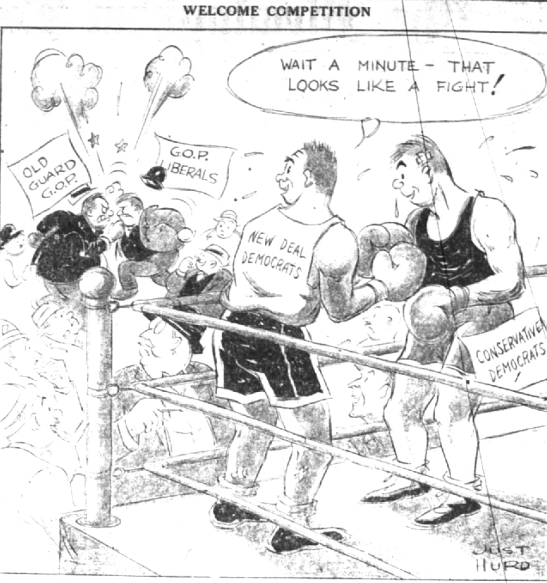
The write-down lopped off \$433,364,190 of the Corporation's valuation. The huge depreciation in the market value of the securities held during the past eight years is given as the cause of the tremendous write-down.

A Substitute For Silk

The Japanese may lose their huge markets for raw silk in the United States, if two plants, to be erected in the near future, for the production of an entirely new synthetic yarn, meet the expectations of experts.

Synthetic yarns and fabrics have been used in this country for some years, but little progress has been made in the hosiery field. This remained almost exclusively an outlet for Japanese silk, but the new plants are designed primarily to provide synthetic fibres for hosiery.

Inasmuch as Japan provides about ninety per cent of our \$100,000,000 worth of raw silk imports annually, it is obvious that the Japanese will suffer the heaviest loss if some synthetic yarn is developed to make the Japanese market satisfactory to American women. However, officials of the two companies declare that the new yarn will not be ready for about a year.



**Congressional
Comment**
by
Representative
George A. Donero
172 Michigan Street

In recent months, Assistant Administrator H. A. Long, of the Public Works Administration, has pointed out to the effect that the following projects have been approved on the 17th District:

Pontiac, hospital about, \$245,000; Ferndale, gymnasium, \$24,000; Clarkston, school improvement, \$9,000; Walled Lake, school, \$87,000; Bloomfield Hills, school improvement, \$7,000; Pontiac, disposal plant, \$192,000; and at \$188,000. Waterford school, addition, \$11,121; Lake Orion, high school addition, \$8,100; Oxford, parking, \$20,125; and Hazel Park, waterworks improvement, \$10,000. Unless otherwise specified, the amounts given above refer to grants.

It is significant to note that Michigan communities have refused to vote money to match Federal funds offered under PWA grants. According to a dispatch in the Detroit Free Press, the amount of six million dollars of the 25 million dollars in PWA grants can be used for Michigan projects is going begging.

Of eight Michigan projects submitted for consideration by the Federal government, only one was approved. Highland Park is the only one. The other seven were rejected. The reason for this is that the Federal government is not interested in building projects that are not of a permanent nature.

**You Can't Spend
It Twice**
BY RAYMOND M. MEN

The next Budget Message to Congress will again be written in Red Ink.

This forecast from informed sources at Washington comes, of course, as no surprise to the American people. The habit of reckless spending by government during the past few years has made deficits running into the billions inescapable.

But, as recent events have demonstrated, it has not succeeded in making such deficits popular. Cautious and thrifty people have shown their understanding and resentment of the fact that it is they who must foot the bills.

For the National Debt, like the National Budget, adds in the end, to the great burden of taxes which only the people can pay.

And, as the people realize, every dollar commandeered for taxes, whether directly or indirectly, means a dollar taken out of their earnings and savings.

They realize also that they cannot spend these earnings twice. The dollar taken for taxes is gone—it cannot be spent again for food or clothes or rent or enjoyment by the man or the woman who toiled for it.

Instead it is spent by office-holders and politicians.

The writers and earners of America understand that government must look to them for support. But they understand too, that when the money they contribute to the support is squandered, not only they, but the nation as a whole, is hurt. For money spent by the government to supply their needs creates new production and new employment, while money wasted by politicians helps only the politicians themselves.

Economy in government may prove to be the only way to save the nation from the ambitions of bureaucrats—but it will also prove an accelerator to the progress and the well-being of America and all her people.

**WASHINGTON
LETTER**
BY SPECIAL
CORRESPONDENT

**Canada and U. S. Will Discuss
World Wheat at Winnipeg**

WASHINGTON—While attention is focused on the friendly disposition of the United States to our South American neighbors meeting in Peru, Department of Agriculture officials will be quietly advancing the friendship of the United States and Canada. At the request of Premier John Bracken of Manitoba, the department is sending delegates to a conference in Winnipeg, Dec. 12 to 14, to discuss wheat and wheat import requirements.

In a sense, the wheat exporting countries want a market for 900,000,000 bushels of wheat a year. Some day the government bureau and units—some day the farmer will realize that Santa Claus, too, has to pay for the gifts in his big pack.

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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.

Fifty Years Ago
Dec. 13, 1888
Mrs. Wm. H. Hooper is making an extended visit in Detroit.
Miss Lillian Hooper is visiting Miss Lillian Wagon at Farmington.
Mrs. M. E. Church with a fine hanging lamp.
Each purchaser of \$2 worth of goods at my store, which contains a hat or bonnet, will receive a better book, L. T. Furman.

Annual convention of Birmingham chapter, No. 95, R. A. M., Monday eve, Dec. 17, for the election of officers and the payment of dues. A full attendance is requested. M. G. Jones, secretary.

San Martin and Billy Tries are roaming about in the wilds of Virginia seeking when they can divert. If we were in their place, looking at the fact that we are on the front edge of a very cold winter, we'd stay home.

Annual communication of Birmingham chapter, No. 44, F. & A. M., for the purpose of electing officers and payment of dues, on Thursday evening, Dec. 17, a full attendance is requested. M. A. Randall, secretary.

One of the merriest parties of the season was participated in by about 50 young people at Mrs. W. H. Hooper's, recently, in honor of Mr. Frank Evans. All who have every enjoyed Mrs. Hooper's good time may know what a good time they had.

Mr. Nixon having kindly offered the ladies of the cemetery association the use of his store, they will have on sale next Saturday evening a supply of candy for Christmas. They will also have choice candy. They will also have the same place the Saturday and Monday before Christmas. Any one wishing a supply of candy for Christmas will have the order promptly filled if left with those in charge.

A little professional baseball player arrived at the home of W. H. Hooper on Tuesday last. Will say he came all equipped for the diamond.

Next week we will publish an interesting article from the pen of Mrs. J. E. Quick.

That fatherly smile which Prof. Harkness wears is caused by the arrival of "The sweetest girl on earth."

D. L. Davis has once more betted down to business and is ready to buy mortgages, loan money and attend to his law practice.

Twenty-five Years Ago
Dec. 12, 1913
Miss George Newman visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Hawthorn in Troy, last Friday.

Mrs. Marion C. Liche spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Huiey Shaffer, of Pontiac.

For the first time in three and one-half years, our old friend Samuel C. Mills took a trip south of the city. He was accompanied by wife and two children. He left on Monday morning for a week at Detroit on a contract walk the way. E. E. Larkins, who he fell off his seat with a stroke at the growth and improvement Southwest. He says in two weeks you can walk from Royal Oak to Detroit on a contract walk the way. E. E. Larkins, who he fell off his seat with a stroke at the growth and improvement Southwest. He says in two weeks you can walk from Royal Oak to Detroit on a contract walk the way.

Mr. Marion Evans has returned to her home after a week's visit at Mr. and Mrs. Max Clark's, of Pontiac.

There is going to be a big dance in Birmingham some time during the first week in January. It will be the dance of the up-to-date villagers. Are you up-to-date? If not, please make arrangements to learn before the next party. Either the Boston or the Step-Tango. Revival or Castle Walk taught in this evening.

Joseph Goshels, German Propaganda Minister, said: "If I were a Jew, I would remain silent. There is only one way to win a war, and that is to say nothing but truth about Germany."

Getulio Vargas, president, Brazil, said: "Brazil will continue its traditions in international relations, but always with the great American people, to whom Brazil is united by fact of solidarity."

Neville Chamberlain, British Prime Minister, said: "I wish this country to be a great power."

Adolph Hitler, German Dictator, said: "We are not going to Canada. We are not going to Canada."

Kenji Kodama, head of Japanese Company to develop China, said: "We are not going to Canada. We are not going to Canada."

Zyckhoff Molotoff, Soviet Premier, said: "We will answer every blow by an aggressor, whether in the East or the West, with double and triple blows."

Victor Fassin, business man, said: "The Japanese are like a man starting business without capital."

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