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Between now and the State primary election in September much talk will be heard from the various candidates seeking public office. The voters will have a special interest in the qualities of those seeking to be Governor. Governor Frank Murphy will be the current incumbent, as the probable Democratic candidate. The Republicans will observe the personalities of former Governor Frank D. Fitzgerald and his opponent, Harry S. Toy.

Fitgerald Or Toy?

Down in Royal Oak is the Daily Tribune, about as independent a journal as Michigan has, and last week its publisher, Floyd J. Miller, relieved himself as follows on the State political situation. Here is what Mr. Miller said:

A GLANCE AT TOY

One of the hardest things for a candidate for public office to get is the truth about himself. About the only person who will give him any bad news is the man who is the outspoken supporter of his opponent, and whose opinion does not necessarily represent all that he thinks. So each candidate finds himself surrounded by "yes" men, who are too dumb to seek the truth and give it to him.

WAR ON GAMBLERS

The fact that either Toy or Fitzgerald has certain minor assistants with him or against him cuts only a moderate amount of ice with me. These men attach themselves to either good or bad. The strange exigencies of politics bring about many peculiar results. The main idea, however, is to know whether certain influences have any genuine control over a candidate. I believe the Toy set up is pretty good in this respect.

Because of his long service as secretary of state and later as Governor, Fitzgerald has an enormous acquaintance around the state. Earlier he had a more decided advantage over Toy on this account. But now that Toy has served as both state attorney-general and as a justice of the supreme court, and has made it his job to get about the state more, he has given more people an opportunity of becoming acquainted with him. The result is bound to be in his favor.

Another strong point for Toy is his record as a law enforcer. When he was prosecuting attorney of Wayne county he might have gained certain advantages if he had strung along with the gamblers, as some of his predecessors had. But he made it very tough going for these people. For four years he kept one grand jury after another in action. This kept at a constant threat to the vicious elements in Detroit and cleaned up things considerably.

Since that time the gambling crowd has regained a lot of its influence, both in Detroit and in Lansing. The lobbyists of the organized gambling syndicates exerted a tremendous influence over the state legislature. They were working on the legislature and successfully that they even got a bill permitting dog racing well along. Perhaps the fact that a veto by Governor Murphy was assured blocked that move.

LIQUOR SITUATION BAD

Recently there has been a lot of criticism about liquor conditions in Detroit. This appears well-founded and it looks as though the citizens themselves might wake up and clean up. It is their problem and responsibility, more than that of the state. However, the point in which we are interested is that it would be much easier for conditions to be gotten even worse if the wrong man were in the Governor's chair.

As the campaign proceeds, Toy may be expected to state his position on other of the vital issues. He has already covered considerable territory.

Of course, by the time the election comes around there will be many voices to be heard, some influenced by their attitude, at that moment, toward the New Deal. Governor Murphy, undoubtedly the Demo-

cratic candidate, will gain or lose some votes, because of folks' attitudes toward the Washington administration; but this influence will be much smaller than two years ago.

Murphy has differed sharply from the Washington administration on many of its policies, although he is a consistent supporter of President Roosevelt. In many ways he strikes me as having his feet on the ground more continuously than the national chief executive. Perhaps this is because a Governor has to live closer to the realities that daily face his constituents.

"The Saturday Club" In Birmingham

Founded and administered by the Birmingham Branch of the American Association of University Women, the "Saturday Club" of Birmingham is developing the latent talent of local boys and girls between the ages of eight and ten years, is now in its fourth year. Every Saturday afternoon, at the Community House, an average of 114 boys and 112 girls go together, under capable leadership and learned something of drawing and painting, dramatics, weaving, wood working, metal working, and similar subjects.

No small part in the success of the Saturday Club is the work of Theodore (Caesar) Czerkowski, who directs wood and metal working activities, and also tells the children a "story." Recently we observed this chap as he told them in the midst of more than 200 of these kiddies, filling them with a well, it was only a small "whopper," but it was a close call for them, and their eagerness was real proof that he is close to their hearts.

Activities engaged in by the Saturday Club do not interfere with the regular curriculum of school work. As the A. A. U. W. puts it: "The child learns the joy of activity, creative use of leisure time, learns to appreciate the merely passive pleasure of movie attendance and radio listening. The problem child is found frequently becomes an outstanding worker at the Saturday Club, doing craft work superior to that of his 'bright' friends who think him 'dumb' in school. Delinquency is also a smaller problem in towns where such activities as the Saturday Club exist."

This Club is headed by Mrs. William Buschman and 22 members of the local A. A. U. W., aided by three Girl Reserve members. The term of this year's Saturday Club lasted from January 15 to February 19, inclusive. Its worthiness suggests that, perhaps, the term may be lengthened as time goes on.

IS THE LIFE OF EVERY PARENT there comes the inevitable day when the children, grown up, must go forth into the world and earn their own ways. The only other alternative is for the parents to continue to support their offspring—a situation repugnant to the normal desire of every parent. The same is true of government. Either the Roosevelt Administration will cease to be so impractically paternalistic, and let American citizens earn their own livings, or it will continue to levy unbearable taxes to support its policy of paternalism in national bankruptcies—moral as well as financial.

YOU RECALL THE RECENT CRITICISM of the Federal Radio Commission when it lambasted the NBC and its allied stations for allowing that Mac West quit to come over the air. The F. R. C. was shocked, claiming that such a quit was against the moral being of the American people. And so it was. But what about some of the silly political panaceas that come over the air? What about some of the radical speeches that seek to undermine the United States Constitution? If the F. R. C. wants to be an influence for the uplift of America, it can do better than to confine its attacks solely against a Mac West quit.

TWO WEEKS AGO The Detroit Times printed a story in which it quoted a local woman's statement, affirming the morals of youth in this community. So far as this newspaper knows, not a single organization, church, or other official body has endeavored openly to refute the statement. This in spite of the fact that the Times would, we feel sure, publish statements to refute the insinuation. We wonder what the local youth thinks about the silence of its elders.

AT CAPONE'S lapse of health, as reported recently from his prison shelter at Alcatraz, suggests that the life he engaged in does not pay. At a comparatively early age, his mind is failing, the direct result of the precocious and immoral life he led. Capone calls for a pity for a human being who thought that he could beat the immutable demands of eternal justice.

CABINET MINISTERS may come and Cabinet ministers may go, but Britain seems to go on forever. For keeping their feet on firm ground, in the field of international relationships, Merrey Engleland knows most of the diplomatic steps that fit the tunes of other nationalities.

FROM THE NATIONAL DEFENSE arguments that come from Washington, your average citizen wonders who are best: battleships or airplanes. Perhaps it depends upon whether you own steel or aircraft stock.

AN ATTACK UPON JEWS and the Catholic church in Austria is part of Hitler's crusade, now that he seems to have succeeded in dominating this Central European country of poor people and beautiful scenery. When Hitler hits, it seems he strikes right at the heart of a people.

MODERN EDUCATION will probably have to be revised so that mathematical law will not be bothered too much by governmental deficits.

THE AVERAGE MAN or woman will refuse to buy a quick remedy that is "guaranteed" to cure every ailment they are troubled with and cast his or her vote for a candidate whose political promises are positively beyond reason.

"THERE Y' ARE, BUDDY—PLOW THROUGH IT"



Little business, we would not be in sympathy with it, but if it tends to stabilize the pay and make it uniform throughout the country, I believe we would be for it." Rep. Rompage, in charge of the bill for the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, reported that the Post Office Department considered it as nearly uniform as possible to make it.

Happenings of Long Ago

Fifty Years Ago
A Royal Oak man recently sent a dollar to a Cincinnati firm for information about "How to make money easy—\$3 a day at home. The answer came back: "Fish for suckers, as we do." "Eh? such grand words—well-adjusted, happy adult."

Twenty-Five Years Ago
Village election is soon begun. Signs of the approaching event begin to make themselves manifest. The candidates are beginning to buzz but all is quiet.

Twenty Years Ago
The Citizens' League meeting at the Community House was first attended and although the speaker failed to present those who did attend, they were not few.

Washington Letter
BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
Roosevelt Favors U. S. Lending, Not Spending, to Curb Recession

WASHINGTON—Roosevelt, the "Miracle Man" of 1933, is finding it much more difficult to halt the current recession than it was to quiet the hysteria from which big and little investors were suffering when he came to the White House. Compelled to the premier of getting people to spend their money, closing the doors of banks that held their savings was a simple matter.

ONE Important discovery these economists made is the parallel in conditions preceding the depression of 1929-33 and the "recession" of 1937-38. In both years, they pointed out, prices of raw materials and finished goods fell on the purchasing power chart in the same relative direction.

IN 1929 prices of raw materials climbed, and finished goods prices fell. Then manufacturers stopped buying raw materials and finished goods, raised their prices to compensate.

Suddenly the prices of raw materials fell and finished goods prices started to decline steadily, as the purchasing power of some 30,000,000 people, dependent on the production of raw materials for clothing, was decreased or cut off by unemployment.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eclectic is pleased to receive correspondence from its readers. All communications must be signed, but signatures will be kept confidential upon request. Letters must be limited to 500 words, and must be in the office by Tuesday noon for publication the following Thursday.

Mr. George R. Averill, Dear Sir:
In view of the fact that a great many of our subscribers like myself, are mourning the departure of the Rev. W. Hamilton Aulbach from this city, I greatly wondered if this little column might not be a good place to write some time ago long before his resignation—would be welcomed in your columns. If so, please do not put my name to it, however. You see how modest I am in literary matters!

Your fine letter in last week's Eclectic on our dear Ham, led me to believe you also have a warm and personal feeling for him also.

"The Parson," for to be called himself, walking toward the high altar during morning service—his firm step and swinging hips, the bushy black hair, all speaking loudly of the man's virility and deep character. His head always tilted slightly, not abjectly or held high and joyously. His smile, quick and firm and kind. So small, but effectively so, that it seemed to head the gates of Paradise—through high step alert, face bright with joy and earnestness and intelligence.

Stepping up to that last High Altar very sure of the Divine will ahead, very confident in the Beatitudes of Holiness, free and fine and kindly, walking unburned and unscathed to his goal.

To the Editor:
On Founders Day, Feb. 17, the Baldwin High School will present a pageant that had general significance. This pageant dramatized the Seven Objectives of Education, and these seven are of major importance if we are going to save the democracy of our country.

These seven Objectives are: brevity, Home, Health, Learning, Loyalty, Vacancy, Character, and Citizenship.

Most parents realize their unassigned responsibility as to the physical, mental, emotional and mental adjustment, quantity and wise use of leisure time, work and study habits, and of paramount importance, the spiritual and moral enlightenment and strengthening of the character of their children from infancy till the adolescent years, and the adolescent years, and the adolescent years, and the adolescent years.

Most parents are the determining factor in the democratic and citizenship attitudes of our children. By our words and acts we teach that this Government is for the people, for the people, and by the people. I think we are much softer than the men of George Washington's Day, those patriots were willing not only to sacrifice their lives but their security for high principle. I would suggest that we read Dr. Robert Hutchins' article that have been in the Saturday Post, and Frank B. Kent's article in the March Reader's Digest. Both men are trying to clear the national thinking for the purpose of Saving Our Democracy.

Next to the Home, we all acknowledge that the School has the most to do with the development of the child's happiness, thinking and eventual adjustment to life.

Dr. Howard V. McClusky emphasized the vital importance of early training at a recent meeting at the Community House. The first detachment from Home, the average child experiences, is when he enters kindergarten or first grade. I feel that these teachers should be skilled enough to detect the child that may become antisocial, and to correct them. A young child needs a firm foundation on which to build his scholastic structure. Some gate-keeper children do not grasp the rudiments of reading as readily as others, but unless the child has power in reading, school work will be more and more discouraging.

In this day, I have felt contrite and apologetic to the first graders

Random Remarks

Hugh A. Dym, Major-General, U. S. A.:
"We cannot expect to have fourteen million children to prepare for war as we did in 1917."

Burton K. Wheeler, U. S. Senator from Montana:
"Persecution is no stranger to America. It has happened here and it can happen here."

Louis Undermyer, poet:
"The Texan boys are one of America's six leading industries and Edgar Rice Burroughs must certainly be one of our 'Sixty Families'."

Maury Maverick, Congressman from Texas:
"Let's have some peace talk and a peace conference before a war and not later."

Clark H. Woodward, Rear Admiral, U. S. N.:
"The military empire to the East and West, with complete impunity, have engaged in banditry and piracy on a grand scale, treating all protests with contemptuous disdain."

Seigo Nakano, Japanese:
"The people rule in Japan and democracy prevails."

Jots 'n' Jest

THE New Jersey woman who objected to her husband reciting Edgar Allan Poe's "Barnyard" late at night didn't object when the judge said "Nevermore."

The moon is accused of foaming blue, spots on the sun are blamed for a peculiar winter—and Mars is reported to be the present belligerent state of the world.

New York millinery employes made a peace treaty with union workers, thus mollifying mad mothers.

The Canadian judge who told a mother she didn't spank her son hard enough was getting to the seat of the trouble.

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Normal Symphony will play here March 24. Ypsanti college orchestra to give concert for Community House benefit.

Read will represent city in settlement of the case against the engineer named to guard Birmingham's interests.

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