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Liquor Control vs. State Socialism
Should State liquor stores become more abundant throughout Michigan?

Should the State of Michigan, in the distribution and sale of liquor, become the sole retailer, as well as wholesaler, of liquor?

Mr. DeMass' view that the small profit of ten per cent allowed to the public ought to go to the State; that argument may be DeMass' sincere thought, but it is, just the same, the product of thinking done by Socialists, who want the State to make and sell nearly everything.

Would Mr. DeMass, knowing that the State Conservation Commission regulates and controls fishing and hunting and certain other forms of outdoor recreation, suggest that Michigan assume the exclusive right to set up retail stores which sell fishing, hunting, and sports clothing which will be offered to the public?

That was a grand game of football played between those ancient rivals Thanksgiving Day, when the Royal Oak and Birmingham Acom City. Both teams played hard and fast before a record crowd of 5,000 people.

Royal Oak vs. Birmingham
The only blemish upon these annual football affairs occurred the night before the game when hundreds of students from each high school met in what should have been a friendly "gang skirmish" here.

While we are not opposed to the operation of the State liquor stores, as a convenience for those who wish to patronize them, we certainly do oppose the elimination of the S. D. A.—not because we are interested in whatever profit motive they may have for liquor sales, but because liquor, being a public commodity, should be made available through the orthodox retail outlets in keeping with the American system of free enterprise.

But, as an item among the commodities available to the public we are opposed to Mr. DeMass' drift toward State Socialism. We are opposed to the political implications that lie, like potential licenses which in his plan to place the entire control of liquor in the hands of politicians.

Modern trouble: instead of applying the "axe" to taxes, as so many politicians promise before election, they too often change the letters to read "ask."

Thoughtful educators who are sincerely concerned with the scholastic training they offer boys and girls will do well to ponder
Babson Indicts Modern Education
A statement made two weeks ago by the eminent economist, Roger Babson, before the New England Association of School Superintendents in Boston. Bluntly accusing educators of carrying on weak methods and impractical curricula in the average school, the noted statistician also blasted modern education for most of the reasons for 7,000,000 of today's 10,000,000 currently unemployed people, most of them young, in the United States.

"Young people today know more about cheer than they do about chores, and are schooled in a false economy," asserted Mr. Babson. "Businessmen are forced to cease to employ the young men and young women emerging from a broken-down organization which has been despoiled by political raiders."

Maintaining that as teachers' salaries went up, teaching posts became better political plums, he contended that too many school boards have become "political footballs."

"The result of politics in the schools," he charged, "is a deterioration of all phases of administration and supervision because inferior. The teaching staff retrogrades; curricula depreciate; morale crumbles; and the whole personnel sinks to a lower level."

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The remedy, Mr. Babson urged, lies partly in more emphasis upon hard work, thrift, industry, integrity, and a self-sacrificing spirit by both teachers and school committees—and less attention to considerations of money.

Mr. Babson's address, made in the presence of so many school men, certainly required courage—but any businessman today who has need for new employees from time to time can, in a majority of cases, substantiate the Bostonian's statements.

It has been our own observation that the schoolroom today is no longer the schoolroom of yesterday—today's schoolroom may have more assumed gadgets and so-called frills connected with them, but there certainly is not much discipline exercised to give youngsters those valuable attributes which untrained children ought to have as fundamentals in any life-plan.

Education is one of the great stones in the foundation of a happy, free society; education liberates imprisoned consciousness from the fetters of ignorance, and opens the eyes of the educated to the wonders and the glories of human society.

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WE UNDERSTAND that the Midget racing concession for the winter months, to be held in the State Fair Coliseum at Detroit, has been awarded to a chap who lives in Grand Rapids. We hope Frank D. McKay was considered for this, so that Michigan's taxpayers may be represented properly. Mr. McKay, you may recall, served two terms as State Treasurer at Lansing. But Grand Rapids is his home-town, of course.

HERE'S A PRACTICAL Christmas gift suggestion: request The Eccentric and the five 25-cent issues beginning with Christmas, to a friend or relative or neighbor. A suitable letter will inform the recipient of your generosity—and you will be remembered 52 times next year.

Congressional Comment by Representative George A. DeLoach
Federal Taxes Take 9.3% of Your Income in 1938
The Federal Government collected taxes representing 9.3% of our national income in 1938. The following table shows the steady increase in Federal taxation for the years 1933 to 1938, both inclusive.

Table with 3 columns: Year, Percentage of National Income, Percentage of Federal Tax. Data for years 1933-1938 showing a steady increase in both metrics.

Profits and Taxes: It is frequently stated that one of the principal reasons for retarded returns in the U. S. Treasury is the investment in plant expansion and new equipment.

By JOHN DENLER
The other day, Osgood Kish decided to heed his wife's warning and weed out a huge stock on the radiator in his room.

Dealer
Magazines in each, clustered over the carpet like pill-boxes. Then, taking one pile at a time, Osgood proceeded to go through each magazine.

One Thing Clear
Argument between Auditor General Brown and Budget Director Hartman confirms the suspicion we have held for some time, that the State is a little pressed for cash.

Censorship
The British censor, Gipey, was sunk the other day by a mine in the midst of numerous other ships.

Job's Jest
An Illinois man found an opossum, put it in a sack. When he got home he had eight opossums. He wishes he could do the same with garrie.

They Do
A Moscow scientist finds a trick in the mole's tail with civilization for 18 years. Some people have all the luck—Atlanta Constitution.

THE BUILDERS
Happenings of Long Ago
Fifty Years Ago
Dec. 5, 1889
A young lady asked the editor this extraordinary question: "Do you think it right for a girl to sit on a young man's lap, even if she is engaged?"

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