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At last YOUTH is about to find what is wrong with itself when it does, then it will be through ticket to Utopia, and Oh, Oh, and Oh! live happily ever after!

This seems about to be realized as the result of a survey, sponsored by the WPA, in which between 500 and 700 workers will be assigned the task of interviewing approximately 150,000 Michigan boys and girls between the ages of 16 and 24 years.

Now, of course we are interested in YOUTH and its problems; but this proposed survey, to be made by January 1, smacks of plenty of other surveys that have been made by other agencies in the past.

YOUTH, in itself, is like a bin of seeds that are capable of growing into a tall, healthful crop; YOUTH is all right, for he never will give it is capable of becoming what its elders judge it to be; but YOUTH today, as in any day, is frustrated by the mess that its fathers and grandfathers have made.

So let's have the survey proposed by the WPA, at least it will statistically record the mess, and also provide needed funds for those who make it.

This has been designated as National Parent Teacher Association week, and thus it is fitting and proper that the public recount the worthwhile things which are and can be done by the organization.

Birmingham is fortunate in having a highly-organized P.T.A. movement. There are five public school units and one parochial, and in addition, a city-wide P.T.A. Council, the purpose of which is to coordinate the efforts of the member units. All appear to be active in carrying out the aim of P.T.A., which briefly, is this: To bring about better understanding and closer cooperation between parents and the schools to the end that education shall be more effective.

The P.T.A. units are NOT trying to run the schools, nor tell teachers what they do. Their mission is solely one of good will and better understanding.

The character of the child is formed early, largely in the home, but with the schools and church playing an important part. Thus, a union of two of these agencies of home and school—has great possibilities in a better development of the nation's youth. That is why P.T.A. is so highly-regarded as a worthwhile movement, and one that more parents should join in building.

After three years of cooperative effort on the part of automobile engineers a new type headlight will be revealed to the public this week but enough is known to assert that it will add to the safety of the highways at night.

Preliminary announcement states that almost all automobile manufacturers will include the new "sealed beam" headlight, which will give fifty per cent increase in light power, with a large increase in range for the up, or "country," beam, more fully illuminate the right side of the road with the low, or "traffic beam," and, at the same time, reduce the glare.

A successful businessman who is also a university trustee, widely read, cultured, thoughtful, and a good judge of human nature, was On The Nose discussing a certain young man. "I have known him," he said, "since he was 5 years old. He has a fine mind, and in school he has used it to advantage, at least to the extent of getting good grades. He was home last week from college; he is taking graduate work for a Ph. D. degree in English. He is 23 years old and the thing that impressed me most about him was his complete unconcern about earning his living. He is satisfied that somehow, in due time, it will be arranged, by somebody—somebody else. Things have been arranged for him by others ever since he was born."

An increasing number of people, including some educators who have their feet squarely on the ground, believe that the case of this young man is far too typical today. They say it represents the severest indictment of the present so-called higher education.

Employment officials assembling not long ago at a regional gathering of personnel associations brought out the fact that a principal reason why jobs often are not given to youngsters just out of college is because their attitude toward employment is such a curious one. They expect to be given fairly large salaries and congenial work yet they have been on the receiving end of things. They have been fed, clothed, and cared for, and have not had to turn a hand to help their families or themselves. To many of them it is a shock to learn that as adults they are expected to stand up and fight and give money for what they get. Increasing numbers of employers, these personnel officials declared, prefer to wait for a year or two before they hire these fresh products of the colleges—"at least until they have had their noses bumped a bit."

Probably some of the fault lies with the home, and urban living. Cash allowances are given to city children, many of whom never do a lick of work to earn the money. Probably part of the fault lies with school and college teachers; too many of them turn their faces to theories about life, rather than to the actualities of living. "There is some good evidence," said Dr. Henry C. Link, discussing what he called "the vice of education" in his provocative book The Return to Religion, "that the prolongation of formal education results in a deterioration of personality."

The "gimme" attitude is the negation of the service ideal. True education, whether in home or in school, insists that a primary quality of adulthood is ability to take care of oneself; which means to give, more than it means to get. The youngsters are being warmed in and out of the house for another month yet. Perhaps this is exactly the felicitous season subtly to suggest to the young bloods some of the things they will be expected to give—if you can do it in between their tennis matches and beach picnics.—The Rotarian.

Trade barriers between the States, it is reported are diminishing.

This is a good sign. The prosperity of the people of the United States has been attributed, in a large degree, to the freedom of commercial intercourse that has featured the growth of the nation.

While the nation has adopted a high tariff policy to interfere with trade between it and other nations, it has advocated a free trade policy within its borders. That such a record may be inconsistent does not appear to be handicap to its operation.

It can be easily imagined what will happen to interstate commerce if every State attempts to protect its trade within its borders by erecting artificial barriers. While this may bring gain advantages for home-State industry and trade, and may do so for a while, the long run will demonstrate the fallacy of depending upon them for commercial success.

There are many ways to die and man is not always able to choose the method of his demise.

By using prudence and exacting care individuals are able to extend the period of longevity. They do not have to be sissies, either. There is no sense in taking useless chances, such as depending upon the dexterity of a knife-thrower to prevent a blade from falling into a vital area.

Few people would offer to be a target for the man who can outline their figure with knives thrown across a stage, but, occasionally, death takes a human being that way. Many of us, however, think little or nothing of cutting across a street in front of approaching automobiles although we know very well that thousands of persons are killed and injured in the United States every year doing that same exercise.

Judges and lawyers, all over the United States, might pay some attention to the statement of Charles A. Beardley, president of the American Bar Association, the conservative representative of the bench and bar.

Mr. Beardley said the most pressing task facing lawyers and judges today is to halt the breeding of "termites" in the temple of justice. "The American people never were in greater need of an intelligent, well-trained, independent and fearless bench and bar."

Most of the shortcomings in the administration of justice, the speaker asserted, were the shortcomings of the lawyers and judges. He suggested that it is the job of the lawyers to protect the rights of free people.

There are many number of people who will agree with the statement made by the President of the American Bar Association.

THERE'D BE NO TROUBLE GETTING PASSENGERS TODAY



Congressional Comment by Representative George A. Dondoro

Existing Neutrality Legislation: Because of public interest in the legislation now before the Congress, I wish to give a brief analysis of the Neutrality Act of 1937 and also outline the changes proposed by the President and his advisors.

The existing law provides: 1. If a state of war exists between two or more nations, the President must issue a proclamation to that effect. This is mandatory and the proclamation has been issued. 2. Thereafter it shall be unlawful to export from this country to any belligerent nation "arms, ammunition, or other implements of war."

Proposed Changes in Neutrality Act: The Administration has requested a number of changes in the act, among them the following: 1. That the United States prohibit American ships, irrespective of what they carry, from carrying areas designated by the President as war zones.



National Munitions Control Board. The Controversial Points: The principal division of opinion is in respect to the repeal of the embargo.

PARAGRAPHS. Truth, too. The chief fault of patriotism is that it gets us in trouble and then quits before we get the bill paid.—Los Angeles Times.

What Is Genius? One science only will one genius fit: So vast is art, so narrow human wit.—Poet.

New Farm Peril. An Iowa man has perfected a new kind of wheat that looks like barley and tastes like oats. Sounds like just one more thing for the farmers to raise too much of.—Judge.

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 Oct. 17, 1889. Some dogs interviewed a flock of sheep belonging to John L. Keyser the other day and left four of them so badly mangled that they had to be killed. Jack would like to see the dogs in the same fix.

No one has called to tell us about the pound social that the M. E. congregation tendered their new pastor, Mr. Peters, last week and it is needless to say that the attendance was large and the pounding successfully carried out.

The man who allows his name to run on a ticket in the future will have to win his merits. No "letting in" near the polls now. Only one man at a time will ever be allowed in the place where the votes are cast and he can get his ticket in three free and clear of patches. Money won't count now.

J. L. Hudson, the famous clothier of Detroit, has just purchased \$50,000 worth of fine clothing and tells you about it in his new announcement this week. Word was received by R. J. Mitchell last Tuesday that his brother, George W. Mitchell of Detroit, had fallen from a scaffold and fractured his thigh and was injured so bad internally that his life was despaired of.

No trace as yet of the Poppleton-lying burglars. They are now no doubt safe from detection and ready for another job of devilry.

Twenty-Five Years Ago Oct. 18, 1914. The capture of Antwerp by the Germans is to be followed by an attack on Ostend, according to information received in London from The Hague. The forts surrounding Antwerp and the city are now in complete possession of the Germans but the greater part of the Belgian army has escaped. It took the Germans just 11 days to capture one of the strongest fortresses in the world.

By winning Tuesday's game by the score of 3 to 1, the Boston Braves became world champions, through Belgium four straight games from Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics. This is the first time a world series has been decided in four games.

That Germany is holding the allied armies in France at bay, checking the advance of the Russians in the east and sweeping through Belgium with the purpose of seizing the coast and aiming a blow at England, is the sum of the stream from the city's sewage disposal plant, it was disclosed this week.

gowns are to look like this season? Go out in the cornfield and gaze upon a scarecrow.

An animal welfare society has been formed at the Blooded Hills cemetery under the direction of Miss Edna. The society proposes to erect a drinking fountain at the corner of Woodward Avenue and Edna Fine road. No better work can be established than the siding of poor dumb animals.

A. R. Nelson's house has a rival. George Jensen's home on Pierce street is along the same line but there are more of it in bulk, colors and tints.

The new arc light at head of Pierce street is noticed and enjoyed by all these dark nights. Others are needed about town before Birmingham can be called a well lighted city.

Five Years Ago Oct. 18, 1934. Funeral services for Frank B. Standard, former Birmingham business man, who died suddenly of a heart attack Sunday at his home in Elk Rapids, will be held at 2 p. m. today from the S. O. Wyllie Bell Funeral Home.

Confronted with the probability that the city will have to provide funds for as much as one-third of its own welfare expenses in the future, the City Commission Monday night authorized Commissioner Luther Heacock to investigate and check on methods now being used in administering relief here under the Oakland County Emergency Relief Commission system.

Whether the Birmingham Board of Education will be able to spread a 1934 school tax of \$7.50 for operating expenses uniformly throughout the district depends on the willingness of the supervisors of three townships lying partly within the district to allow the School Board to go slightly beyond its allocation in those townships as established by the State Allocation Commission under the 15 mill limitation.

Louis J. Marcotte was elected commander of the City of Birmingham Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars at the annual organization meeting Monday evening at the Community House. Attorneys for a group of 15 to 20 property owners living south of Birmingham in the River Rouge Valley are preparing a suit against the city for alleged damages resulting from pollution of the stream from the city's sewage disposal plant, it was disclosed this week.

WABEEK STATE BANK OF DETROIT. "A friendly bank" Statement of Condition at Close of Business, October 2, 1939. Includes sections for DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, RESOURCES, LIABILITIES, and Main Banking Office in the Fisher Building.