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(Note: Herewith is a vigorous piece of comment upon the candidacy of O. L. Smith, who last week announced himself for Governor of Michigan on the Republican ticket. It was written by Schuyler L. Marshall, publisher of The Clinton County Republican, of St. Johns, Mr. Marshall is a close observer of public officials; he has made a splendid endorsement of Mr. Smith.)

O. L. Smith Might Become a Michigan "Wendell Wilkie"

Many Clinton county people can remember when Gratiot county had a capable, aggressive prosecuting attorney in the person of O. L. Smith. That was twenty years ago. He was an outstanding young man. They recall that he was the first prosecutor of Communists in this state, and that former Gov. Alex Groesbeck appointed him as assistant attorney general. In late years he has heard loss of him.

Kind-hearted citizens, in Birmingham and vicinity and elsewhere, often take unctious to their souls in the thought that they are cheerfully contribute their bits to the relief of any one who comes to them with a tale of woe, or seeks succor for distress.

Harmful "Charity." If you suffer some of these people very much to learn that they are probably making a habit of begging, which will make of the recipient a panhandler all his life.

For pure and unadorned bunk the following paragraph from an address by State Highway Commissioner VanWagoner, "takes the cake."

A Bit of Bunk "The American people have watched stalwart leadership in meeting the world crisis of the past months and endorse his now urging more adequate national defense for our country."

DIPLOMATS DO COME IN for a lot of criticism. Yet when one reflects upon the fact that such government representatives are necessary for the carrying on of international relationships, one must admit that diplomats are legitimate items on the public payroll.

"WHO," STOUTED THE terrific orator, seeking the labor vote, who all me—who has done the most to rouse the working classes? A voice from the audience answered: "The inventor of alarm clocks."

Drafting Wealth For War If the time comes that the United States will have to go to war, there will be little vociferous objection to the drafting of the sons of the land to fight the battle, but you will hear a howl that will reach the moon if the government attempts to make wealth and property serve the needs of the nation.

We understand quite thoroughly the truth of the saying that money has no patriotism, in general, but just the same there is little equity in making some young men risk their lives in a death grapple without making those who possess the physical wealth of the nation contribute to the defense of what they own.

It is estimated that there is a bill before Congress, providing that in the event Congress declares war, that a wealth census be taken and that citizens be required to purchase government bonds in proportion to their income.

The fact that millions of young men, in the prime of life, must offer themselves in defense of their country, taking the risk of losing their lives, seems ample argument for requiring the property of the nation to make a just contribution to the defense of the nation that wealth alone cannot defend.

Trying to Teach Too Much Education has been getting steadily worse in this country. We are trying to spread out and teach too much and teach a smattering of everything.

Mr. Barton urges the study of Greek, Latin and mathematics for the mental training necessary for a successful career in any field and emphasizes that there is "no substitute for work."

Not everybody will agree with Mr. Barton. Certain of his suggestions are not perfect and will not produce the desired result in every case. Nevertheless they are interesting and provocative and for that reason they are worth reading and considering.

Men who find the heat of summer disagreeable and complain of the hot weather, should be reminded that women dress much more sensibly in the summer than men and, consequently, do not suffer as much from the hot weather.

The Sexes, Weather and Clothes

The fact of the matter is that investigation discloses that women, as a rule, wear clothes weighing one-third less than that worn by men. In the summer this works for comfort, but in the winter it fails.

At this is the summertime, with men beginning to complain of the heat, it might be a good idea to advise the male specimens to dress themselves more sensibly for the weather. There is no harm in adjusting one's clothing to suit the temperature, and, incidentally, the use of light cotton clothing would prove helpful to farmers of this nation.

When he learned of Germany's conquest of France, a South American shoemaker immediately burned his machinery and leather, and gave away all his shoes; he then rushed into the street, shouting: "Heil Hitler! We don't have to work any more because we own the world." Police later had the man confined to an insane asylum. But we'll hope that the man's basic attitude is duplicated in the mind of a great many of Germany's younger people.

WHAT THIS COUNTRY NEEDS more than a good five cent cigar are more "no" and "know" men and women in government.

DID YOU EVER HEAR about the chap who was so proud of his ancestors that he stopped tracing his genealogy after six generations?

MUSSOLINI IS ON BALD! Hitler parts his hair away over on one side—so we wonder if Hitler's head hasn't had a thinning of hair on the top. Stalin seems to have lots of hair, both on his head and on his upper lip. Some folks think that the personal barbers of all three of these men could do the world a great service in one straight stroke of their sharp razors.

It is ESTIMATED that the world's annual catch of fish is 35 billion pounds, worth about \$761,000,000. This is exclusive of the larger portion that "got away."

THE CONVENTIONAL THING TO DO



The Other Chap Says Something

O. L. SMITH A CANDIDATE O. L. Smith of Detroit announced Tuesday night of this week that he would be a candidate for Governor of Michigan.

Mr. Smith has been a successful attorney general, and did a good job. He ran three years ago for the office of attorney general at the Republican state convention, and was defeated when Boss McKay swung his support to Tom Read, the incumbent of that office.

Mr. Smith has been a successful attorney in Detroit. In his announcement he paid his respects to the bosses of Michigan, and has now volunteered to lead the fight against state bosses as Wendell Wilkie did so successfully against the national bosses.

Mr. Smith's knowledge of Michigan is second-hand through many acquaintances in Gratiot county where he started his law practice and where he has prosecuting attorney for four years.

We believe the assumption is fair that, if he has done this latter, he might do the same thing for the state's business.

A Challenging Candidate The entrance of O. L. Smith in the race for the Republican nomination for governor has attracted state-wide attention, since Smith is the ONLY candidate of that party who has a clean record against Governor Dickenson. Smith has everything that Dickenson has (except his name) and in addition, he has comparative youth.

Smith is well known in Midland county, where he has appeared in court on numerous occasions and where he has campaigned for the local committee when he has been here. He was a capable and aggressive prosecutor over in Gratiot, later assistant attorney general, district attorney and special assistant to the attorney general of the United States.

He gained a wide reputation as a lawyer and fame for his prosecution of communists back in 1917. He had a varied experience in work on a farm, on a railroad and in a factory before entering the study of law and he has had valuable experience as a business executive since entering private practice.

Two years ago Smith was rudely shunted aside by the Republican convention bosses, although his support had been pronounced for the most part of attorney general.

Candidate Smith has a fine personality and is able to stand long hours of work. He does not drink hard liquor, has no home in a Dearborn suburb, and has no connections in Detroit. He is a sincere worker for good government. The Republican will find him a challenging candidate and in our opinion he is the ONLY person named so far who would give the Democratic choice a good race. In fact, the people of Michigan would have two good men to select from if offered the choice of O. L. Smith on the Republican ticket and Murray D. VanWagoner, on the Democrat.

The young people of the community gave a "get acquainted" party Saturday night for Edgar and Roy Hanriek at the Hanriek home. A large crowd attended and reported a good time—Shelby (N. C.) Star.

Happenings of Long Ago

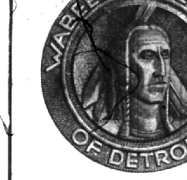
July Years Ago Five July 10, 1890

Anyone who wants a rattling hot barn can buy one of the H. Mitchell. It is on Julian Lee's lot on Pierce street where he is going to build and having no use for it, it can be had very cheap.

William Goodman and wife accompanied by Steve were in town the fore part of a week by Ed McKay swung his support to Tom Read, the incumbent of that office.

Five Years Ago The new advance salary schedule for city employees was announced yesterday by City Manager James W. Barry. It is effective as of July 1.

July 9, 1915 Frank Hill, ex-struck-brained teacher of German in Cornell University, obsessed by the idea



"A friendly bank"

Statement of Condition at Close of Business, June 29, 1940

Table with 2 columns: Resource/Category and Amount. Includes Directors (W. M. Cornelius, Frank Couzens, Henry T. Ewald, Leonard L. Healy, Clarence E. Wilcox, William R. Yaw), Officers (Frank Couzens, Geo. B. Judson, Henry T. Ewald, Frank P. Evans, Jr., Benjamin F. Saylor, John N. Daley, Fred C. Schloff, Evan Prowse, Lou A. Wilson, Arlie R. Trahern), and various financial figures for Resources and Liabilities.

That God had appointed him to top the shipment of war supplies to the Allies, tried to murder J. P. Morgan Saturday morning after attempting, on Friday to wreck the Capitol at Washington with a dynamite bomb.

Here is a wonderful woman. Out on Harmon street lives a lady who is owner of the following "class" utilities. She owns and enjoys having a starless attic, a dustless mop, a fireless cooker, an endless refrigerator and a linkless hair. "Can you beat it?"

College alumnæ have been granted use of Hill Auditorium at the U. of M. for a speech by Wendell Wilkie, Oct. 15. The former president's address will be not published.

A recent visitor to Washington, D. C., received from a member of

Knocking on Wood!

with JOHN H. HARWOOD

HITLER has not yet unleashed any bombing planes at this hemisphere, and it is likely to be a long time before he get into the war as he desire earnestly that the United States can public over to a fear of that possibility. In other words, propaganda is flying here thick and fast, even if bombers are not.

What is Propaganda? Every man identified to give out that word nowadays. One pundit said: "What you say is the truth; what the other guy puts out is propaganda!" However, we will attempt a definition.

Propaganda is information pretending to be unbiased, but actually written or spoken to further a certain definition.

Several recent issues of a national pictorial magazine in which Hitler's campaign was his danger as bordering on the line of propaganda. The series of sketches which he has been conquering by a foreign power, although such a contingency as itself with many IPS as do make it highly improbable at the moment. Repeatedly the suggestion has been made that South America is already as good as gone to the Germans; that Britain is doomed to total defeat. Totally missing is the objectivity of actual reporting, the weighing of alternatives.

Perhaps the danger to America is as great as some would have us believe, that why this observer is heartily in favor of complete preparedness. And are we not preparing as fast as it is humanly possible?

And as long as we are rushing about with preparations for any contingency, that further point is more shouting that "America is lost!" Do we need any more hysteria?

The answer, we believe, is that there are certain groups in this country who are so anxious that we get into the war that they are ready to sacrifice anything, but especially the only way to save America. The result is evangelism in press and on the platform, directed toward convincing the American people that all is lost unless we get into the war. However, right now they are dwelling on the "all is lost" part of the theme. The time to stir up the tip for the rest of the world will come after the election.

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IS THIS SUBVERSIVE? Michigan's professional politicians are doing everything in their power to prevent public approval of the constitutional amendment on civil service impress this observer as being mortally afraid of the outcome. The latest dodge advanced is that of permitting only one owner of property to vote, because of Section 3, Article 4 of the State Constitution which provides that only property owners may vote on questions involving bond issues and the direct expenditure of money.

Of all low political tricks, that seems like the worst for two reasons. First, it is an American pure and simple for politicians to deny the public its chance to pass judgment on any issue. After all, who are the politicians working for? Secondly, now that Michigan no longer has a state property tax, the owning of property means the owning of political power. (Continued on Page 3, Part 2)

WAABEK STATE BANK OF DETROIT

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Table with 2 columns: Resource/Category and Amount. Includes Resources (Cash on Hand and Due from Other Banks, United States Government Obligations, Direct and or Fully Guaranteed, Other Securities, Loans and Discounts, Real Estate, Mortgages, W.F.A. Insured Mortgages, Overdrafts, Banking House and Site, Furniture and Fixtures, Prepaid Expense, Income Accrued Receivable, Other Resources) and Liabilities (Capital, Surplus, Undivided Profits, Interest and Expense Accrued Payable, Other Liabilities, Deposits—Commercial, Bank and Savings, State of Michigan Deposits, Other Public Funds, Cashier's, Certified and Dividend Checks Outstanding). Total Resources and Total Liabilities both amount to \$20,107,220.48.

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