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Our City Will Spend, Of Course... fact that our population is only 114,175... the reaction of many whose thoughts on the subject came within our observation.

Nomination of Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, to the office of Vice-President in the coming National election... Wallace has won the support of a Birmingham family.

One Man Rule Is Bad For U. S. A... are men and women whose livelihood depend upon the re-election or re-appointment of themselves to office.

Blasphemous... a reform platform with the expressed purpose of ridding Michigan of boss rule.

Believing that Wendell Wilkie has put the national Republican house in order, Mr. Smith is convinced that, with the support of the voters in Michigan, he will be able to perform a similar service in this state.

Aside from the moral issues injected into the campaign by the announcement that he would run, it is interesting to note that this puts two methods of the Republican primary campaign the other being the present governor, Luren D. Dickinson—Michigan Christian Advocate.

A YOUNG BIRMINGHAM CHAP has opened a "date bureau," and reports much success in getting young boys and girls paired off in the social amenities of the times.

Now RUMBLE THE STORY that President Roosevelt, among other reasons, favors a two-candidate party, so that, if re-elected, he can have a fishing yacht in both large ponds.

Gen. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, opposes the proposal to enlarge the Regular Army beyond 300,000 men... Increasing it will be available by September... Our Army first, but he urges that the National Guard be trained thoroughly because it would be a "most unfortunate thing" to throw it into service without preparation.

The General advocates that the Regular Army be increased to its contemplated 500,000 men and that the National Guard be augmented to 300,000. At present the Army has 250,000 men and the National Guard 230,000 members.

Of course President Roosevelt doesn't want to run for re-election this fall. He only wants to take a leisurely stroll. His complete domination of Democratic members of Congress... Of course the Chicago convention last week, proves that even in a democracy a dictator can rise at the head of a subservient, sheep-like mass of followers.

Have you convinced yourself that President Roosevelt's reason for remaining close to Washington until November 3, instead of campaigning over the entire country, is for a number of good reasons? Do any of our readers agree with these: that Roosevelt does not want to AWOL, now that he has been "drafted" into the regular public service; that he doesn't relish looking into trustful faces and make more Wilkie's campaign in the usual style.

Michigan voters this fall must pass upon a civil service bill, either approving or rejecting it. Such a bill, if honestly carried out by administrative heads of the State's government, could effect much savings in annual payroll costs; likewise, with only "politicians" to apply it, such a bill might result in less efficiency and higher cost of government.

With thoughts of warfare stirring the hearts of men and women it might not be a bad idea for us to remember that the ideals of religion apply in times of stress and that faith should not be surrendered in the midst of vicissitudes.

Christians may disagree as to the righteousness of war but there is no reason for them to forget that hatred has no place in the life of love which must eventually be supreme everywhere.

Hitler WANTS BRITAIN to lay down its arms and accept Germany's peace conditions. While he asked to specify what these conditions actually are, anyone who reads the newspapers these days knows that Hitler never takes less than all he can get—which in Britain's case would make the English veritable slaves and serfs.

THE 1932 and 1936 platforms of the Democratic Party were interpreted and carried out just as it pleased President Roosevelt, of course. You must remember this fact, when you read the 1940 platform of that Party. F. D. R., it appears, used the Democratic platform largely as a dumping vehicle.

START OF THE HURDLE RACE... THE FARM?... ONE MAN GOVERNMENT... WAR POLICY... WILLIE... Illustration of a man on a horse jumping a hurdle.

THE STORM PASSES... Oh lovely sky, where lately rule the dull... Michigan Mirror... Non-Partisan News Letter... LANSING—For a quick cooling off of emotional ardor, the United States should go to war, consider the Michigan national guard.

THE THIRD TERM... The Third Term, it seems to us, can be disposed of in this manner: The Third Term, for a third term is a threat to national security by its change in administrations.

THE OTHER CHAP SAYS SOMETHING... MR. SMITH ENTERS enters the gubernatorial campaign as a candidate for the office of Governor.

RED CROSS CAMPAIGN... May I express the thanks of the Red Cross for the excellent campaign you are conducting in the recent campaign.

A Rifle Range for Birmingham? Editor, The Eccentric: What with preparations being made for the coming season of existing conditions abroad and the ever possible threat of trouble at home, many communities have set up rifle ranges.

SHARPSHOOTER... Editor, The Eccentric: I am writing to tell you how much the company and the management of the Will-O-Way Theatre appreciate the reviews and articles which have appeared in the Eccentric.

Presumably... "It is difficult for an outsider to get into the best Hollywood society," says a writer. Presumably one has to live there quite a time before beginning to move in the best triangle.—The Humorist.

Knocking on Wood! with JOHN H. HARWOOD... NINETEEN-FORTY will go down in the history books as the year of great conflict.

Wallace is a fine fellow and an able administrator. In fact, he and Secretary Hatfield are the two stand-out men in the cabinet. The Washington correspondents know who the stuffed shirts are, but the information is not always amplified in their papers' back home.

WRONG AGAIN... (Walter Lippmann) accused last Saturday that Wendell Wilkie was nominated because the other Republican candidates had judged the course of events.

MAYBE THEY KNOW!... The Canadian people are happy to see Mr. Roosevelt in the White House again. Former Premier Ferguson has been in and out of the United States since the war.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMENT by Representative Dondora... The unprecedented growth in the public debt of the United States since 1933 has led me to inquire into the fiscal affairs of the other great powers of the world.

EMBARRASSED... An American vignette in Europe bought one of these diminutive foreign cars, made a motor trip to Germany, and was so embarrassed by the chauffeurs looking in the windows that he sold it before he came home.—Union Oil Bulletin.

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