


# Lathrup Townsite News

**Costume Party**  
Man or beast? Looks like a tiger cat. It is. More cats, two of 'em, black ones, exactly the same size and playful too. Gosh, there's a heap big Indian Chief... a tin-man rattles around... a hobos, dozens of 'em, mix right in with the cream of society.

Last Saturday night Women's Club of Lathrup Townsite held its annual Halloween costume dance for the residents of Lathrup and their friends. The auditorium was transformed into a gay night club. Colored festooning decorated the walls artistically, and dozens of orange and black lanterns cast weird shadows on the happy faces of the swaying dancers. The band furnished lively swing music; one met one's neighbor on an altogether different level... a level of fun and gay abandon. Mrs. Earl M. Hoze, president of Women's Club, wore the dress, bonnet and jewelry typical of an old lady of the Eighteenth Century. The costume is well over a hundred years old. In contrast to Mrs. Hoze's authentic costume, Mrs. Dig wore cream colored girdle, knickers, a frock coat and a jockey cap. Mrs. J. W. Bell portrayed Sadie Thompson in the letter. Mr. Bell made an impressive looking artist. Mrs. A. Horkland was costumed dancing girl; her husband was Apache dancer. Myron Sobild costumed votes from the strong; he was the ballot box. Mrs. Seibold was that Tiger Cat. Mrs. Allen Martin was dressed as a rattling good Pin Man straight out of the Wizard of Oz. Mr. Martin was one of the hungry hobos. Mrs. James E. Powrie wore a beautiful

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**CONSUMERS POWER**

All sorts of 'goodies' will be served the throng of 125 youngsters.

Richard Quayle returned last Saturday from a business trip spent in Chicago. Guy S. Peppitt left the same day for the windy City.

Stanley F. Bloyer, who has been stationed in New York City the past ten months, has completed his work there and is again at his home on California drive.

Because of the recent death of Mrs. Frank Goudburg's mother, Mr. and Mrs. Goudburg and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arnon C. Davison, motored on to Bailey, Mich., Monday morning.

Mrs. Robert Chaddock, of Roswood avenue, motored to Grand Rapids last week-end to attend the wedding of a cousin who lives there.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Turner have as a guest Mrs. Turner's sister, Mrs. E. J. Turner, of Pittsburgh. Mrs. Turner will remain the month of November.

A buffet supper was given by Mr. and Mrs. Gay S. Peppitt last Friday night in honor of Grandpa Peppitt to celebrate his 71st birthday. Several neighbors attended and Grandpa was the recipient of some useful gifts. A new radio brought a merry smile to his eyes and a singing telegram brought roses to his cheeks. He was being his usual self.

Mrs. William Orth, of San Jose drive, has his niece Mrs. Doris Meyers of Portworth, Ohio, visiting her this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene S. Hines gave a Halloween party Saturday night in honor of Mrs. D. L. Davison of Santa Barbara drive, where among those present.

Men's Club will give a costume party for the young folks residing in Lathrup on Tuesday evening. The members, in a number, presented prizes awarded the winners.

The Roy Drazos motored to Trenton on Sunday to meet a group of eight friends and enjoy an annual duck dinner which has become a tradition of years' standing.

## LETTERS

(Continued from Editorial Page)

per capita income in the United States was 23 per cent below 1929 levels while in the United Kingdom it was 17 per cent above 1929.

In fact, up to the outbreak of the European war last year, the United States ranked behind 16 leading nations in degree of industrial recovery from the 1930-1932 depression.

The employment level was then 6 per cent below that of 1929 and in addition our available working force increased by 11 per cent so that our total unemployment was about 17 per cent in 1939. Meanwhile employment in the United Kingdom was 17 per cent above 1929 levels.

Hourly wage rates for these fortunate countries, however, have risen to a new high. Real weekly wages for the employed are slightly higher than in 1929.

But in 1939, last year, since 1939, the poorest 30 per cent of our population received a smaller share of a smaller national income than in 1929. In fact they received a smaller share of the national income than they did way back in 1910. Relief is a poor substitute for wages any way you look at it.

**Business Ups and Downs**

True, continental recovery has been made from the depths of 1932-1933. Some of it came in the summer of 1932 before the change in Federal administration. Another large chunk came in April, 1933, before the NRA, AAA and other alphabet agencies were born.

From July, 1937, to January, 1938, there was stagnation in the United States, which foreign nations looked upon.

Another period of recovery came in 1935-1936, above the famed "floating spell" granted by the Administration after the NRA and AAA were dissolved by the Supreme Court. This floating spell lasted until the long legislative session following the election of 1936.

In 1937-1938 came the sharpest decline in the history of this nation.

Today United States industry is receiving an artificial, inflationary stimulus from the war demands of Europe and the prospects of defense by our government. Unemployment, however, still drags along at depression levels and a crushing burden of debts and taxes is in prospect.

**Let's Encourage Producers!**

Our people are weary of economic stagnation. They are weary of quarrels and class warfare which weaken and impoverish.

They are weary of financial futility and bureaucratic bungling. They are demanding full employment and full production once more on a sound financial basis. They are beginning to realize that:

"Only the strong can be free. And only the productive can be strong."

V. O. WATTS

## Wants to Know The Answers

Editor, The Eccentric:

Please answer these questions for me through the paper so I will know how to vote:

How can I track my children right from wrong when so much vulgar talk is being carried on through this campaign?

Did the banks close in 1933?

Why during that same year did so many business places go bankrupt, when business seems to be the hot issue now?

What is the meaning of class hatred being talked about at the present time?

Why did Mr. Wilkie's brother Herman sit out a government claim of income tax on a gift of \$15,000 from a distillery Co. in 1937? I was informed they were all lawyers—are they not?

Which is the worst for an individual to take in eye or something being thrown by force—or for some one to deliberately hurt you with all the lies that can be accommodated by our English language?

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Why did George Washington say in a letter to Lafayette, dated April 27, 1788, "I can see no prospect of any good coming from the services of any man who in some great emergency shall be asked to give up his principles?"

How can I teach my children respect for the president of our country that will come into office no matter what the party is with such unethical conduct of words with harsh and vulgar expression for my youngsters even in their teens hear all this over our present day radio?

Answer please in the next issue so I can make up my mind which party I should vote for in 1940.

Just a MOTHER—P.S. If these are not answered, will you know this paper is not fair.

(Note: This letter was received only a few hours before the election of The Eccentric was printed, and therefore can not be answered here. If "Just a Mother" will impart her address to us, we will be glad to try to answer her questions. Delicately, kindly, and with a ship in unknown an agreeable language, in this case, we offer our assistance.—The Editors.)

## Pledges Her Loyalty To Next President

Editor, The Eccentric:

I did not realize that my letter of Oct. 17, defending President Roosevelt, would provoke so much comment. It is not that a very healthy index that our democracy is still functioning? There were many compliments as criticisms.

This letter is not controversial. I wish to thank the Editor, and all who expressed themselves to me publicly and personally. My opinion has not altered as to who is best able to be President for the next four years.

For the sake of national unity and the preservation and constant improvement of our democracy, I hereby extend my best wishes to the choice of the American people, Nov. 5. To him I now pledge my loyalty and support, and pray that God will give him the wisdom, strength and courage to guide the United people through hitherto uncharted seas.

GERTRUDE CORSON  
County 4-H Leader-Training Meeting

On Monday, Nov. 4, Mrs. Lola T. Daignon, county 4-H leader, announced a county 4-H leader-training meeting for all the leaders of the girls' winter clubs. This meeting will be held at 1 p.m. at the Donelson School on West Haddon street in Pontiac. Miss Lobb Belle Green, assistant state club leader, will be present to explain and demonstrate the various projects which are carried on by the club members during the winter.

**Build Inside Chimney**

Unless the builder himself permit construction of a chimney of good materials in relation to the size of the house, it is desirable and more economical to build an inside chimney. Chimneys containing one or two flues and built of minimum size are too tall and narrow for good extension appearance and when built on cable rods have the effect of dividing the house in two parts.

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## On Political Fronts

**REPUBLICAN**  
Polls Show Wilkie Will Win

Most significant of all prognostications on the outcome of the election is probably that made by Emil Hurrig, noted statistician, who was the political analyst for the Democratic National Committee, under the Chairmanship of J. Paul Farley, from 1932 to 1937, and who in 1936 predicted with uncanny accuracy that Roosevelt would carry all but two states in the next national election.

Mr. Hurrig, who is publisher of the Pathfinder Magazine, now predicts with equal positiveness that Wendell Wilkie will win on November 5 by a majority of from 2,500,000 to 3,000,000 of the popular vote.

**The Gallup Trend**

Even the Gallup poll, which has shown the greatest variance in the results of most of its many individual surveys, in its last poll, has most of the vote of the voters in most of the states, in the opinion of the Gallup poll, to Wendell Wilkie, and a favor of Wilkie, giving the Republican standard bearer an increase of 27 electoral votes over those accorded to him in the previous poll, with Roosevelt leading by a scant four votes in eight states.

**A Flat Forecast**

The Data Survey, compiled by Eugene C. Durin, Statistical Analyst of New York, who has been engaged in making poll of political trends for the past six years, flatly forecasts that Wendell Wilkie will win 27 States with a total of 441 electoral votes to Roosevelt's 206 remainder.

**Leading in New York**

Startling are the results of the "New York Daily News" poll, a pro-Roosevelt newspaper which in the State-wide poll of recent New York State, show Wilkie leading by 300,000 to the Third Term candidate, Franklin D. Roosevelt. This is the first time in the history of the Daily News forecasts, which have been very accurate in previous elections, they have shown the Republican Presidential nominee leading in the State.

**Republican Support**

After weighing the candidates and analyzing what they represent, most necessarily what they say, they represent the Republican Party. The Republican Party has reached the conclusion that the interests of the nation and the production of prosperity will be better served by a change of his administration. Mr. Wilkie and his demonstrated leadership by the reelection of President Roosevelt.


Republican (Mass.) Republican (Hurrig)

**Innuit to Intelligence**

We have supported and we will continue to support the candidacy of Wendell Wilkie. We do not like the "peace" which is being made in Cleveland. In fact, we think it was an insult to the people of this country. Either Mr. Wilkie actually believed what he said, or he said it for political reasons without intending it or he intended to send very bad advice, and we don't know which is true. —Chicago Daily News

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## The Next Few Hours May Decide THE DESTINY OF OUR COUNTRY

In a few hours you will be called upon to decide whether a President of the United States shall break one of our most cherished and hallowed traditions.

There are—of course—other grave issues. But none, however grave, is likely to have such a far-reaching effect on the future of our country. Shall we, with open eyes, go down the road that leads to Fascism, Nazism, Communism or whatever you choose to call a type of government which denies the dignity of man and the rights of the individual? Shall we, for the first time in our history, accept the theory of the indispensable man, as against the fact that no man in all history has ever been indispensable?

Make no mistake. Once we set foot on the road to dictatorship there is no turning back any more than the people of Germany or Russia can now turn back, and choose other leaders... any more than the people of Germany can now end the terrible war that their present leaders have led them into.

So when you enter the polling booth on Tuesday—and you are alone with your conscience—with the ballot spread out before you, it will be up to you to choose whether we shall surely remain free men and women working together in a democracy, or whether we shall put ourselves in peril of one day living as slaves ruled by despots. It has happened there—it could happen here.

**VOTE NO THIRD TERM**