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Knocking on Wood

with JOHN H. HARWOOD

PEOPLE ARE CONCERNED

The American public has already started wondering: "Why didn't we have more men, guns, planes and warships in the Philippines?"

The theory I have seen in several periodicals is that the United States high command had believed for years that should we fight Japan, it would be very difficult if not impossible to hold the Philippines...

Happenings of Long Ago

50 Years Ago Dec. 31, 1891 Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Buel, Mrs. Elvira and Mrs. Carl of Frank...

Greetings for The New Year

The Eccentric takes advantage of this season to wish for all the people of this area a new year of greater happiness.

The expression, we know, is used carelessly every day in every office convey a genuine sentiment towards people in general.

And so, because very often The Eccentric has spoken for the entire community, we think it appropriate, on your own part, and for thousands of men and women hereabouts, to pass along the hearty greetings of the New Year.

Lions Back Defense

Members of the Birmingham Lion's Club, as a group, have recently subscribed to \$1,100 worth of "Defense Bonds" this subscription, distinct from individual bond purchases by members, is based upon a \$25 bond for each of its 44 members.

"We believe, on good authority, that we are the first service club in the country to purchase Defense Bonds on this plan," reports Ralph A. Mann, the club's secretary.

The project was presented to the club several weeks ago, and was approved unanimously. Seventy-five per cent of the 44 members made outright cash purchases, while 25 per cent used the installment plan.

Dr. Thomas Midgley, Jr., 30-year-old scientist, is suffering from infantile paralysis, the use of artificial gasoline and the extraction of bromine from sea water.

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Time to Think

The progression of days resolves to another year and people in its great joy with other humans in taking advantage of the termination of 1941 to pause in life's tasks to think of the future, especially to those who are in the military.

It is a good thing for an individual to pause in the midst of ordinary cares and worries and try to understand what is going on, both in relation to his own person and also, in relation to other events. Human beings, as a race, know very little about themselves, and less about external conditions and happenings and their own relationship to a changing and diversified environment.

It is easy, as I know, for men and women to bury their heads in the prosaic, but necessary tasks of life. The obligations of existence are necessary and not to be ignored for momentary pleasures, amusements and worries.

There seems to be no limit, and despite a fluttering doubt about the doctor's ideas as to Mars and Venus, we are inclined to underwrite his prophecies without reserve.

A War of Tanks

Joseph Stalin is talking hard sense when he says this is a "war of tanks." The experience of the battle of Tannenberg, in his words, demonstrates conclusively that the victory will belong to the side with the greatest industrial capacity, as measured by production in action on the firing line.

The United States, we are told, made 500 tanks in 1940, will make 5,000 this year and more than 275 medium, light tanks. The heavy tank is under study, with military experts dubious of its value.

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Educational Should Be Profitable

The purpose of education, we believe, has been liberal in their attitude toward the public school system. They have been convinced that money expended for education results in attractive dividends in later years.

Such a conviction may shock those citizens who are inclined to worship education as an end in itself. Intelligence, while desirable, can, under some circumstances, be a curse to the individual.

It should be the function of our schools to not only to make students more intelligent but also to make certain the reasonable success of the person educated.

With this in mind, many of the schools of the country have included the course of practical development of the student. While there is room for the classical in our school system, they no longer dominate the educational field as in years past.

The liberal education of the individual is not to be discarded but, just as important, it should not be regarded as a necessity for every student.

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Patriotism Among Prisoners

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Head for Brighter Days, Son



THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

CHAS. B. CHARMATZ, P. S. A., Editor

Print by Boston... group dressed in a black suit and a black hat.

Among the other articles in this month's issue are: "The Normal Negative," "The Eccentric's Camera Corner," and "The Eccentric's Camera Corner."

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Eccentricities. Diplomacy - The art of doing nothing while events take their course. The science of closing the stable door when the horse is gone. - Columbia Record. The trouble with looking impartially at both sides of a question is that both sides will naturally wallow you for being on the other side. - Chicago Tribune. The life of the party is often the guy who can talk louder than the radio. D-E-K-E-T "Where shall we meet?" "Anywhere you like." "Whenever it suits you." "Very well - but be punctual!"

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