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Knocking on Wood

with JOHN H. HANCOCK

NOT HARD TO UNDERSTAND

Leland Stowe, back from the wars, is amazed to find in the United States widespread defeatism over the chances of Great Britain winning the war.

Many competent observers in Washington have declared that the Administration has set about so liberally to search the American people into backing various war measures...

UP AND AT 'EM

Charges were made some time ago of alleged "borrowing" of public funds for use by a political club formed by member of the Secretary of State's branch office in Detroit.

GROWING UP

Rep. Stowe's committee is growing up. Instead of holding public hearings which in the past have resulted in numerous wild statements by wild-eyed witnesses...

EVADING THE LEGISLATURE

Bludgers on at Lansing as bill after bill goes into the hopper. A Lansing political newspaper is much excited about an attempt of small loan companies to escape regulation of their interest rates by the legislature.

FEAR COMPETITION

Rep. Charles P. Adams, of Howell, has introduced a bill to regulate the practice of professional photography. A bill probably inspired by professional photographers who fear competition from the army of amateur clickers...

THANK YOU

I'm very grateful to my friends. (The songs who aren't go-getters) Who like to be a little swindler. And always leave the last page blank.

NO KNOOT NOW

The news that Army officials in charge of the draft camps are treating the boys with sweet reasonableness rather than with the rough edge of a sergeant's boot and the still-rarer lack of courtesy...

DIFFERENCE

"Did you enjoy your dinner, sir?" asked the solicitous restaurant proprietor. "Yes, except the desert. That was terrible."

PERSONALLY, WE BELIEVE THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD RENDER EVERY POSSIBLE AID TO GREAT BRITAIN IN THIS WAR.

But all this talk about our rights to England should be hushed until it is proved that the Empire is in actual financial need—and that proof as yet is far from evident.



History Often Needs Correction

Some years ago Henry Ford was quoted as saying "history is bunk."

and while we do not know whether the automobile manufacturer was correctly quoted there is no doubt but that the saying contains some truth.

History, as we get it in books, does not conform to the entire truth for the simple reason that human beings cannot secure the entire truth about anything.

Consequently, we call attention to the recent declaration of Prof. Herbert E. Bolton, head of the Department of History at the University of California.

Goats and Department of Conservation Taxes

A report from the Michigan State District, Massachusetts weekly paper of the many of state employees and human political inclusion, states that mountain goats probably will not thrive in this State.

The Conservation Department administers thousands upon thousands of acres of tax land and the "cut over" area alone in the State is estimated to be 1,000,000 acres.

Michigan's generally have a deep feeling of kinship with the mountain goat. They have been driven to the same peaks and crags that are the habitat of the goat.

Tourists Help Michigan

Michigan's third largest industry is the tourist industry, which annually pours something like \$300,000,000 into the cash registers and tax collecting agencies of this State.

We learn that the out-of-State visitors to Michigan, at one egg per person per day, would eat \$300,000 worth of eggs per year; that ought to bring many a cackle to many Michigan henery owners.

These visitors would drink 1,250,000 quarts of fruit or vegetable juice. They would consume 5,000,000 pounds of hickory nut per day.

They would eat 80,000,000 pounds of meat, or one good helping per person per day. It would require from 3,500 to 5,000 acres of land to grow enough potatoes at one sprud daily per person.

They expend enough to buy 40,000 new automobiles, allowing 30,000 miles per car as the life of a car, against the total distance travelled in Michigan.

From six to seven millions of dollars are paid by these visitors for the Michigan gasoline tax.

Yes, Sir, and Ma'm, this summer tourist business in Michigan is a mighty important industry!

Among the strange organizations upon earth is the International Red Cross, made up of members who have picked up "bottled messages" from the sea.

How long, on Detroit, how long will it be before your civic leaders get down to humanitarianism and really do something to solve your housing problems among the poor people?

Armchair Philosopher

SICK MEN MAKE SICK BUSINESSES. A management engineer who takes sick businesses and puts them on their feet again told me that 95% of the troubles of business were not in the business, but in the persons themselves.

There lives are marked on through selfishness, through resentment, and through inability to work with others. In order to straighten out the business they had to straighten out the personal lives of the personnel. This led to the necessity of forming groups where a kind of secular divinity was attempted.

The psychologists are being forced to try to change the character of the human mind. Change a generation that has lost God is now being compelled to seek for God through the very pressure of life itself.—E. Stanley Jones.

Where Was The Assessor?

A crowd which nearly filled the City Commission chamber attended a hearing a week ago on the proposed sewerage improvement in the Mountbatten Estate plot, in north-east Birmingham.

We are not casting any reflection on Elmer Haack, who holds the job of assessor. As a matter of fact he is one of our most thorough city officials.

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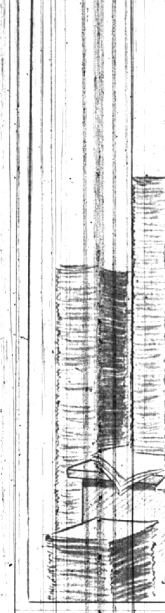
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