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Knocking on Wood

with JOHN H. HARWOOD

WAR-TIME ANTI-SEMITISM

No speech in recent months has stirred more condemnation than the one by Charles A. Lindbergh in which he blamed the Jews for impelling this country toward war.

In one respect his thesis is correct: 99 per cent of the Jewish people are probably in favor of a militant participation in the defeat of the Hitler movement. But Jews are not the only ones who favor that movement.

In other words, Lindbergh's view contains a dangerous half-truth, and it snatches off just the bits of racial hatred that Hitler himself stands for. America can well get along without it.

Anti-Semitism is intertwined with the nature of the Jewish personality. This is the way it has stood up. The Jews are a race of smart people who have had to be smart to survive centuries of persecution by Gentiles.

Why not arm merchant ships? Hitler claims to sink all the cargo possible when the war is over. English, Canadian and other deserters, in addition to half-Jews, American deserters, are to be sent to this country as war criminals.

The essence of moral life in a soldier's and civilian's conscience is that his country can lose battles but never Britain, the United States and Russia have never experienced such a crisis.

Starting with Wednesday of this week, the American people for the first time in their history will begin to realize that huge spending means big taxes. Government borrowing during the Thirties permitted people to think that they were getting something for nothing.

Even the new taxes levied are but a drop in the bucket in comparison with the way things are going.

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

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

Good arrangement makes this picture striking. A few simple, wisely applied, will help you improve your own snapshots.

Imagination and ingenuity in Picture Taking The next time you start out to take another picture of Junior, instead of standing him up against the garage door and gun, through the "smile and watch the birdie" routine, try something ingenious and imaginative.

More Recruits to Birmingham Camera Club Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Arnold, who own and operate the Arnold Studios in the Theatre Building, have expressed their desire and willingness to help in the organizing and sponsoring of our own camera club.

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Deserved Promotion

When Howard D. Crull, Birmingham educator and leader of public schools, leaves his position here to take up a similar one in Port Huron October 20, he will do two things: first, he will have won a position of larger opportunity and responsibility in a larger community; second, he will leave behind him a host of warm friends and admirers.

For Mr. Crull, let it be recorded, is one of the most sincere, conscientious, and cooperative of gentlemen in the public service of this community, that we have ever had the pleasure to deal with.

When he took over the duties of superintendent here in August of 1936, the financial condition of the school district was impoverished; it has remained so up to date, and largely to the 15-mill tax limitation statute.

Howard D. Crull has thus far risen in educational circles "the hard way." His was no wealthy estate of youth; raised on a farm, he made his money through his own enterprises, he earned funds with which to go through college; the habit of helping himself is fixed in his make-up, and that is a splendid ladder for the upward climb.

Mr. Crull, the father of three youngsters, also found time, since his entry into Birmingham in 1923, to become active in the Boy Scout movement; he has been awarded many Scout honors, and in 1930 was the 14th Scoutmaster in the United States to receive a Scoutmaster's Key, a district honor.

Port Huron is getting the Birmingham Mr. Crull will find a friendly community, one desirous of getting the best educational leadership possible. We think that Mr. Crull will measure up to his new responsibilities in good style. For Mr. Crull is the kind of chap who is willing, always, to walk extra miles to do good for the world in which he lives.

Eighty-two-year-old former Governor Loren D. Dickison announces today that he may or may not be a Republican candidate for Governor of Michigan next summer. He plans to wait for another six months before making a decision.

While the lowly, but popular "hot dog" may satisfy many an appetite, the style of the building in which it is to be served can become a contribution to esthetic judgment; an example of this is seen in the request for a building permit for such an enterprise on the corner of Third and Third.

"Out of the Air" by RADIO JAKE If your local merchants suddenly get proud of himself, the reason is Scattergood Baines, Scattergood, that kindly merchant, who is forever helping his neighbors and patting their heads.

Frank Hunter, "Happy Meeting Time" on WJR, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 3:00 p. m. is a whole orchestra in himself—plays the organ, piano, accordion, guitar and several trick and novelty instruments. That beautiful soprano you hear on the same program is Zora Layman and Harry Von Zell does the announcing.

Two GERMAN CITIZENS have been sentenced to death for tuning their radios in for foreign broadcasts. That gives you a fair idea of the stark necessity of Nazi leaders to maintain their leadership over 80 million people.

Brand new play scheduled for WJR Monday through Friday at 8:30 p. m. Campagna's "Five Nights of Happy Meeting Time" on WJR, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 3:00 p. m. is a whole orchestra in himself—plays the organ, piano, accordion, guitar and several trick and novelty instruments.

Discipline in School

Most people defend, with their own children or grandsons, the discipline in schools in which they are engaged. While the intelligent person will admit that the situation he is engaged in is not completely perfect, many no-frank will gloss over the evils of a system, and in reflecting there, he will seek to lead.

With that sort of an open mind, we believe that the youth of Mr. Chapman will really discover some solutions, as he adds years and experience to his life, for the vexing problem that attend this bewildering subject of education.

Your average educator is jealous of the position and place of education in contemporary civilization; he is motivated by a desire to uplift human beings, he may be forgiven for failure to recognize certain impracticalities within his system of teaching. Like a crusading preacher who wants to win souls to the cause, he represents your educator in that he is not a pragmatist.

From personal observation of the product of every branch of the public school system, we have felt sorry for many of the graduates who, after many attainable and desirable academic grades, but cannot seem to fit them into the practical demands of life.

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Education is not merely the mental acquisition of scholastic facts; it must, if education is to improve our world, inculcate personal discipline in youth—a type of discipline from which the student derives a sense of purpose and direction.

As we write THIS, Monday of this week, things look bad for Russia. Which brings us to this thought: if a six months' output of American defense material could have aided Russia in staying in the fight during the winter, the barrier to this output can be laid squarely in the lap of the New Deal; for the record shows that the ineptitude, executive speaking of the New Deal has shown so much red tape, and mismanagement, that it is hard to believe that the production of the United States that our defense program lagged months behind schedule.

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