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Knocking on Wood

with JOHN H. HARWOOD

LIMITED, UNDECLARED NAVAL WAR The President, last Thursday night, announced a limited, unofficial naval war on Germany...

Just now, the ephemeral quick-men of Dr. Gallup are probably flitting about, polling public opinion on this very issue...

I believe the Gallup poll on this move will show a majority of the people in favor of the President's move...

Conflicting Desires (1) We don't want a shooting war using an A.E.F. This sentiment has grown with Russian successes...

(2) We do not consider this war our morally, but we do feel it is our war insofar as our security is threatened.

(3) Therefore, we hope Hitler & Co. are badly beaten and we are willing to help Britain and the others as long as an all-out official, shooting, mass-army war is avoided.

That brings us to the point. A naval war, at the start, does not involve much shooting nor an army. In the First World War, our Navy suffered these trifling casualties...

The American mind is not seared with memories of men lost at sea, but it does remember the thousands killed, mangled and mangled in France...

Now, everybody knows that sending our ships into war zones and scrapping with German vessels may result in a full declaration. That was the reason...

What happens henceforth is up to the President and Hitler. Each can make what he wants to over the "incidents" which have begun and will continue.

If Mr. Roosevelt really wants to lead the nation into all-out war, he will become very angry at things the Germans may do.

THE ECCENTRICS Camera Corner

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

Introducing the Editor The Eccentric announces the appointment of Chas. B. Charmatz, Dorchester road, editor of Camera Corner...

and his "best" was a hotel roof. And speaking of "Popular Photography" the October issue is check full of ideas for the amateur dark room operator...

A Camera Club for Birmingham Let's have fun with our cameras this fall and winter. And while we're having a good time taking pictures (over mind of what-for the time being) what do you say to making a whole-hearted effort to improve our photography?

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You Wipe Out State's Deficit

One of the campaign arguments you will hear in Michigan next year, as Governor Van Wagner and his associates...

Now, folks, that condition may be true: the deficit may be wiped out. However, the success of it will be mostly among the laurels of Mr. Van Wagner...

August sales tax receipts showed a total of \$6,920,170.00, an increase of \$1,463,256 over the same month in 1940.

Only two months have elapsed in the fiscal year, yet total increase has reached the record-breaking figure of \$3,493,538...

These figures, Dear Reader and Taxpayer, show the real reason why the prodigal Mr. Murphy's famous year is being touted.

What Do the Torpedoes Mean? The attack upon an American destroyer, according to present information, seems to have been a deliberate effort to sink the warship.

If this is correct, the chances are that other "incidents" will follow, especially if Hitler is undertaking to carry out his threat to sink all ships carrying supplies to Great Britain.

Should this prove to be the case, the United States will be face to face with a serious decision. The nation will have to decide whether it is ready to admit Nazi domination, or not.

It is possible that Germany is feeling out the temper of this country in order to give Japan an idea that we will do nothing in the East...

Of course, there is no hope for a nation that cringes before oppression and fears to assert its rights. If the United States gets to that low level, the American republic will become a memory of the past.

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1,854 Planes In August The production of military aircraft in August was up to 1,854, or 394 more than in July.

This is encouraging but it merely represents a good start for the \$9,000,000,000 goal. Just the same, when our plants begin to produce planes the figures will move up rapidly.

WE CAN PROPERLY when and where, but we'll wager that the United States will become a fighting ally of England and Russia against the Germans and Italians.

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR Harold Ickes recently got scared and put the castrated seaboard on gasoline rations...

THE FRONT PAGES of American newspapers are rapidly approaching those in Europe. They contain news of the European war. Thus one witnesses how the little and the big, nearby and remote, maladjustments within the human family break out at intervals of years in this most distasteful of all things: Eccentricities

A Swin economist is convinced that American news is wanting to some time on women. It is because he does not know American women.—Buffalo Courier-Express.

It seems to be a rule. The more a man deserves jailing, the longer it takes to convict him.—Los Angeles Times.

We can't help wondering what will happen when Benito gets to Dallas. The impotence of the Fascist salute.—Dallas News.

An astronomer says that electrons and atoms are always at war. Up, electron and atom!—New York Evening Post.

Education the Business of Youth

Millions of American boys and young women are continuing their education this fall in the schools, colleges and universities of the nation.

Some of these students, undoubtedly, have been seriously impressed with the troubles that beset the world. By contrast, their pursuit of learning represents inaction in the midst of a crisis.

The editor of The Eccentric would like to go on record in opposition to such an idea. The world has had troubles galore in the past and will face great problems in the future.

After all, character building is largely the work of youth. By the time the average man or woman reaches maturity, primary character has been accepted which later influences the activities of life.

While the individual is inclined to ponder the world's problems, the student should remember that the age-life is concerned for the most part with questions that are of relatively small importance. Yes, the principles an individual accepts and uses in application to the smaller problems of life are the same which must be applied to the larger ones that confront mankind.

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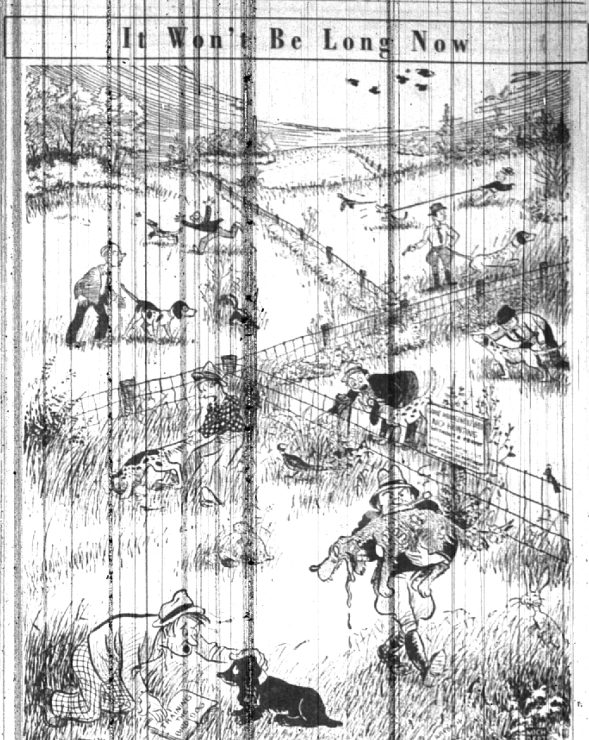
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Have You Met . . .

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gulick who are living at 542 Lakeside Drive. Mr. Gulick is with the export division of the Goodrich Rubber Co. in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Williams who moved here from Pittsburg, Pa. just in time for their three children to start the year at Barnum School. The youngsters are Charles, 18, Arthur, 12, and Sherrill, 10. Mr. Williams is a consulting engineer in Detroit.

Captain and Mrs. Garret R. Fletcher, and their small son David, aged 7. Captain Fletcher is with the second infantry at Fort Custer, awaiting foreign orders. The Fetters decided on Birmingham as the nearest desirable spot for Fort Custer and are living at 825 Ridgeview avenue.

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