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Knocking on Wood

with JOHN H. HARWOOD

VACATION MISCELLANY
Just riding along: A hundred miles or so in the country...

For instance, I "discovered" that the State of Michigan, through the agency of Michigan State College, has a radio station, WKAR, at East Lansing...

The combine (a tractor, cutting and threshing grain in one operation) threatens one of rural America's most picturesque sights...

Cutting Weeds
There isn't a man on the Birmingham City Commission who takes any more interest in the welfare and beautification of this community than William E. Moody...

Most people do attend to the weed problem in their own improved yards; some of them beautify next-door vacant lots...

The cost of cutting these weeds is not much, on the per lot basis. Less than a dollar, is the estimate of City Manager Donald C. Lambert...

You want Birmingham to look well; you want your own property to appear beautiful. You can do this—and save yourself money in the long run—by participating in this weed campaign...

A telephone call to 134 or 1230 will put you in touch with the agency that handles the cutting of weeds.

Drinking Senators

In the two years I have presided over the Michigan State Senate, every Senator was drunk for the first time in 15 years, exclaims Lieut.-Governor Frank Murphy...

This fact should be the cause of a monument to Mr. Murphy by the prohibition party, unless that party, scanning the work of the Senate under Murphy, decides that maybe a drink or two might have resulted in better legislation.

Snake Charmers

Many youthful Americans, amazed by the "charmers" snake-charmers of the carnival shows, have wondered what would happen if a snake decided to bite the man, or girl, as the charmer happened to be.

Well, it happened in New Jersey the other day. The snake bit two men. It was a rattlesnake and the two men died. Somehow, the snake got an error. The poisonous bites of the reptile had not been rendered.

Ordinarily, the snake charmer is in no more danger than an iron post. The dangerous snakes have been rendered as harmless as mice. Tragedy results only when somebody forgets to operate on the snakes.

SURE, IF THE FACTS WARRANT it, let's be critical of our leaders in these times; if they're not leading an error, they're not leading the criticisms. But let's not lose our essential sense of humor as we go along; not that we must or should laugh at problems; but merely that we should laugh now and then while we're settling 'em.

Babies and Battles

The attention of the world is now centered upon battles being fought. We are concerned with the outcome of campaigns. We wonder what gains the enemy may make, how long his warriors will advance, and what effect the struggle will have upon us in years to come.

Little attention, it seems, is given to the babies that are in the world during the midst of the conflict. While the delighted parents greet the advent of their offspring, society, as a whole, ignores the thousands of blessed events which guarantee the survival of the human race.

Frank Borcham, who wrote about another crisis in history said: "A century and a half ago, men were following with bated breath the march of Napoleon and waiting with feverish impatience for the latest news of the war and all the while in their own homes, babies were being born."

In one year, being midway between Trafalgar and Waterloo were staid into the world a host of heroes! During the one year, 1309, William Gladstone was born at Liverpool. Alfred Tennyson was at Somersby, and Oliver Wendell Holmes made his first appearance in Massachusetts. On the very self-same day of that year, Charles Darwin made his debut at Shrewsbury and Abraham Lincoln drew his first breath in Old Kentucky. Music was enriched by the advent of Frederick Chopin at Warsaw and Felix Mendelssohn at Hamburg.

But nobody thought of babies, everybody was thinking of battles. Yet, viewing them from a perspective which the existence of a hundred and fifty years enables us to command, we may well ask ourselves, which of the battles of 1309 matters more than the babies of 1309?

THE FARMER'S SUGAR PATER, slung on both sides of this federal farm bill to rescue the farmers against price freezing that it begins to look as though pitiful for further slugging may be in order.

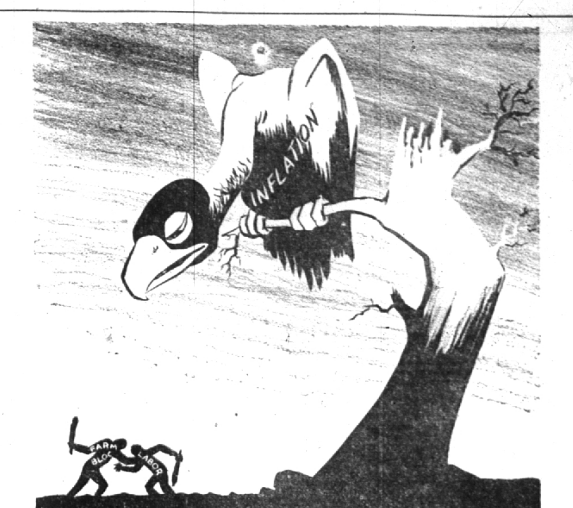
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Who Wins?



Consumer News Let's All Help!

Everyone this year is watching his or her tomato plants in the back yard with much interest and most back yard gardeners report the fruit is almost gone. Just a few roots have been left.

Shine tomatoes are going to be needed by the animal forces of the world. The tomato juice is one of the best sources for small children. They are calling the government people for preparing it to your advantage.

Ginger Pear Preserves: Pure and one from ripe pears. (The Kieffer pear is suggested by the government as being the best for canning purposes.) They all suggest storing these pears for 2 or 3 weeks at 40 to 45 degrees to ripen them properly. Cut into small uniform pieces. Combine fruit in alternate layers with 1/2 to 3/4 lb. of sugar to one 10 lb. pear. Let stand 8 to 10 hours or overnight before cooking.

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner: CHAS. B. CHARMATZ, P. S. A., Editor

OFFICIAL UNITED STATES TREASURY MICHIGAN WAR BOND QUOTAS FOR AUGUST

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 10.—Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury, today announced the August War Bond Quotas for the 3,070 counties in the nation totalling \$815,000,000.

The August quota for the State of Michigan is \$36,750,000. In arriving at the county quotas for August the Treasury Department took into consideration major factors affecting incomes which in turn cause significant variations in sales during the twelve-month period.

Table with 2 columns: County Name and Quota Amount. Includes Alcona, Allegan, Antrim, Baraga, Bay, Benzie, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Chisago, Clark, Crawford, Delta, Dickinson, Eaton, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Grosse Pointe, Houghton, Huron, Ingham, Ionia, Isabella, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Keweenaw, Leelanau, Livingston, Lapeer, Leelanau, Mackinac, Manistee, Marquette, Mecosta, Meromac, Midland, Missaukee, Montcalm, Montmorency, Muskegon, Oscoda, Ogemaw, Ontonagon, Oshtemo, Otsego, Ottawa, Saginaw, St. Clair, St. Ignace, St. Joseph, Shiawassee, St. Louis, St. Vincent, Tawas, Van Buren, Washtenaw, Wayne, Westland, Westmoreland.

NEWS FROM MEN IN SERVICE

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1-A. Robert James Miles, John Earl Winton, Jr., Edward Moore Deland, Harry Robert Williams Bell, Edward A. Duncan, Merle Deland Thompson, Ellis Raymond, Robert Alexander Biers, Howard Potter Estes, Edward Richard Mott, Henry Schwandt, Kenneth Ray Allan, Warren Truman Miller, William Charles Hartman, John Edward Maxwell Atherton, William John Sanders, William Robert Dones, Ray Walter Bennis, Robert Victor Klingler, Hugh Galloway, Alex James VanOstenberg, Leo Laine Flynn, Jr., George Wayne Forester, Jr., Edward John Sar, Charles Nathan Bradley, Higbie H. Clinton Baird Gowans, John Shuffington Green, John Edward Fancher, Herman Henry Trost, Wesley George Hyatt, Leslie Kenneth Rouse, Damann Victor Joseph Fieger, Otto Rappuhn, William Stanley Menzer, Joseph Tillan, Jr., Nicholas Broadner Mitchell, Albert Monroe Rogers, Arthur Raymond Holmes, Alton John Harris, Arthur W. Bolton, Donald Gridley Howarth, James Francis Dolin, Jr., William John Holmes, Frances William Bolton, Wellington Hugh Francis, William Albert Russo, Ronald Francis Maland, Robert Perry Poljanec, Lloyd Yulia Yennier, Thomas Collier Riechy.

WHAT CODE MEANS

The classification code is as follows: 1-A. Classification code for individuals, awaiting call for induction into service. 1-B. Individuals in service. 2-A. Necessary men in training or in service. 2-B. Defense workers. 2-C. Individuals in service. 2-D. Individuals in service. 2-E. Individuals in service. 2-F. Individuals in service. 2-G. Individuals in service. 2-H. Individuals in service. 2-I. Individuals in service. 2-J. Individuals in service. 2-K. Individuals in service. 2-L. Individuals in service. 2-M. Individuals in service. 2-N. Individuals in service. 2-O. Individuals in service. 2-P. Individuals in service. 2-Q. Individuals in service. 2-R. Individuals in service. 2-S. Individuals in service. 2-T. Individuals in service. 2-U. Individuals in service. 2-V. Individuals in service. 2-W. Individuals in service. 2-X. Individuals in service. 2-Y. Individuals in service. 2-Z. Individuals in service.

FRY TRANSFERRED

Chief Petty Officer L. J. Fry, who has been transferred to Fort Belvoir, Ill., where he is attending the field artillery officer candidate school. He spent Saturday in Birmingham Hills with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Fry, of Vaughan road.

NOW A SERGEANT

Sgt. Eugene Parmenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Parmenter, has been promoted from corporal to the rank of sergeant. He has been stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and recently transferred to Atlantic City, N. J., where he is in the Technical School Squadron.

BASSETT NOW A SERGEANT

Word comes from the U. S. Army Air Corps that Capt. Charles E. Bassett, of Birmingham, a member of the 94th School Squadron, has been raised from Private 1st Class to Sergeant. He is assigned to the 94th School Squadron, Fort Belvoir, Ill., and is on duty there.

ADAMS NOW A CORPORAL

Mr. Edith Adams, 231 Ruffner street, has received word that her son, Charles C. Adams, 21, has been promoted to corporal in the 330th Engineers, U. S. Army. He is stationed "somewhere in Canada" and is on duty there.

ENLISTMENTS

Donald F. Upward, 9755 N. Martindale Drive, has recently enlisted in the United States Army. He is stationed at Camp Meade, Md.

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THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner. CHAS. B. CHARMATZ, P. S. A., Editor. LANDSCAPES always have been cutting the picture in half. In another country, the trees in the foreground of your landscape pictures are in a struggle to run directly across the center of the snapshot. The exact center of the picture is usually its weakest part. But most important of all, the more you concentrate too much attention there, the more you are cutting the picture in half. In another country, the trees in the foreground of your landscape pictures are in a struggle to run directly across the center of the snapshot. The exact center of the picture is usually its weakest part. But most important of all, the more you concentrate too much attention there, the more you are cutting the picture in half.