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Knocking on Wood

with JOHN H. HARWOOD

POLITICIANS DON'T UNDERSTAND

One of the earmarks of the narrow-type politician is that his interests are 99 per cent selfish. Every move he makes, every thought that enters his head bounces from the springboard of self-interest...

Meaning of July 4th

On next Saturday, July 4th, the people of the United States celebrate the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The document proclaiming the independence of the thirteen English colonies in America, signed by the delegates to the Continental Congress, was in some particulars, no more than a recognition of the existing state of affairs.

Undoubtedly, the Declaration of Independence ranks as one of the important documents of history. Largely drafted by Thomas Jefferson, it expresses the essence of his political philosophy.

This, briefly, is the idea that men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Jefferson pointed out that prudence will dictate that government long established should not be changed for light and transient causes, and that the experience of mankind has shown that those who are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the form to which they are accustomed.

Service Clubs Needed

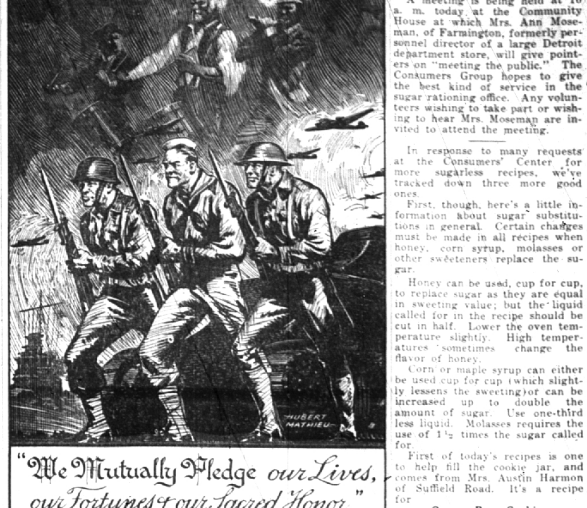
Service clubs in many municipalities of the United States are awakening thousands of citizens to civic consciousness.

Many towns and cities have discovered that the commercial organization, important as that is, does not include a wide area of activity that is available to men who wish to improve their home town.

So Thomas L. Read, former Republican Attorney-General, several times Lieutenant-Governor, etc., etc., is a candidate for Lieutenant-Governor again this year.

OUR DEMOCRACY

THEN... NOW... AND FOREVER



"We Mutually Pledge our Lives, our Fortunes & our Sacred Honor." DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE—JULY 4, 1776

THE ECCENTRICS' Camera Corner

U. S. LENS RATING SYSTEM Two elements, a protective, an acuvator, a fluorine and special potassium bromide is added to reduce fog.

ODDS AND ENDS

Most developers have five principal components. The developing agent, which may be one of the following: 1. Metol; 2. D-19; 3. D-23; 4. D-26; 5. D-27.

Happenings of Long Ago

50 Years Ago June 30, 1892 "Everyone present at the Alumina plant at the Birmingham City Hall, Thursday evening, June 22, the commencement address was given by J. C. Douglas, of Ann Arbor First Congregational church.

Best-Equipped

Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives, in a recent commencement address, said to the fathers and mothers of America that more are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the form to which they are accustomed.

NEWS FROM THE MEN IN SERVICE

1-A Neff, J.R.; Hoffman, Heron, John; Ordens; Griffin, Wade; Wendell; Sutton, Howard; Oscar; Hulet, Claude; Lyle.

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PROMOTED IN ALASKA

What branch of the army is responsible for supplying an ammunition? 1. What grade in the army does a chevrons with two stripes indicate?

RUSHING EXPANSION

A recent visitor at an Air Force school at Rantoul, Ill., reports that the Air Force is rushing the training of men is rushed to the front.

NAVY AVIATION CADET

James Renuau Sprague, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Sprague, of 585 Stanley street, Birmingham, was recently appointed a Naval aviation cadet and was transferred to the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla., for flight training.

NEW 3-A POLICY

A number of married men with working wives recently classified in 3-A may breathe easier, for the Selective Training and Service office here has been ordered by telegram to withhold the induction of men until after Pearl Harbor.

NOW PFC

Spelfridge Field, Mich. Pvt. Spelman has been raised to the grade of private first class at Spelfridge Field, a

SHARPSHOOTER

Mr. Albert B. Abbott, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps, was stationed at Camp Lindbergh, Vista, marine base at San Diego. He recently won sharpshooter and expert pistol marksman titles.

IN NAVAL SERVICE

Lech Lynch, Jr., 25-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lech Lynch, 1006 Fairfax road, is now a Naval officer with the rank of lieutenant, junior grade.

IN ALABAMA

Harry D. Wise, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Wise, of Wetumpka road, was stationed at Camp Rucker, Ala. He was inducted into the Army about three weeks ago.

WATCHES THE JAPS

I still get my weekly news from home thanks to The Eccentric. Every day I get the news from Michigan. I still enjoy the local paper, it's better than a letter from home as it has more news.

TO BECOME OFFICER

Mr. Jules Agramonte, 202 1/2

THE REAPPORTMENT ISSUE

Some of our friends outstanding, have blasted us for backing the reapportionment amendment. The measure would make it mandatory for the Secretary of State to divide the State into new districts at intervals of ten years.

GRA's support of Senator Brown

GRA's support of Senator Brown is based on matters of principle, as he will admit, but reapportionment is something else.

The rural politicians base their opposition

The rural politicians base their opposition on the supposition that rural Michigan is more corrupt than Michigan is corrupt, therefore that is excuse enough to flout the Constitution.

Every tyrant, when used from the first time

Every tyrant, when used from the first time he men became bold and arrogant, their government should exist through consent of the governed.

"A friendly bank"

Complete Banking Service

Advertisement for Wabek State Bank of Detroit, listing services like Pay-As-You-Go Checking Accounts, Commercial and Savings Accounts, Collateral and Life Insurance Loans, Unsecured and Co-Maker Loans, F. H. A. Modernization Loans, Automobile Loans.

Better Stock Up Now

An alert investor should have around of a possible shortage in defense bonds.

One of the finest catches of the trout season

One of the finest catches of the trout season reported to date is that of E. O. Coy, Bellair postmaster, who took 14 fish from trout from Finch creek and then filled his limit by taking the fifth trout—four and three-quarter pound rainbow—from Spencer creek in a few more minutes of fishing.

Tired of hearing vulgar voluteers

Tired of hearing vulgar voluteers complain that their efforts were being neglected, the women of the local Red Cross chapter have decided to scrap metal in a single day.

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