

THIS AND THAT

Harbor; since then, like everybody down here, including Secretary and President Roosevelt, I'm for spending everything we can spare on our hands on in order to beat Hitler & Co. However, I must say I don't like the way the New Dealers continue to spend unnecessary billions for non-defense activities. By the way, Folks, why don't some of you who want to cut down on non-defense spending write me, also the President? That's the way to make your influence be felt down here. Folks, you were also just as irresponsible in the "golden" era of Presidents Coolidge and Harding.)

Well, I wasn't down here very long before I learned that most of a Congressman's contacts, by letter, telephone, or in person, are from people who want something; at first I tried to reason it all out, and then resist them when they were unreasonable or purely selfish. But after a while I guess they sort of wore me down, so seldom did anybody praise me for being frugal, or for defending old-fashioned American ideals. After all, I'm only human, you know.

I watched some of the Folks who, back home, want everything in government done efficiently, economically, in the Constitutional way we had been brought up to believe and understand; but when many of them came down here, regardless of their status back home, they'd act different. They'd throw an odd must me from my job if I failed them in getting what they wanted in Washington.

Here are just a few of the things I've seen some of the "best people" do down here: Things Which Are Done New Dealers would join up with New Deal admirers to get a brand new local postoffice, even when the old one would do.

Farmers would tell one another they killing pigs, or asserting government money for not raising crops was all "screwy," yet they'd get and cash their checks just the same.

Groups would band together to push through some project whose economic value was admittedly zero, "that way not get it, anyway, everybody is taking gifts from Santa Claus, why shouldn't we?"

Except in a few cases, not many people would rally to the call of certain crusades in Congress who fought to oppose some bill that

Hero of Flood



"Old Nick," one-horned goat and an eight-year veteran "leader," is a hero in the Ft. Worth, Tex., sheep pens. During a recent flood, Nick led hundreds of sheep to safety as flood waters swirled around frightened animals.

carried a threat to our Constitution, and right folks back home seemed more interested in baseball, the movies, and golf.

In this respect, I do, I am not so surprised as you might think I am. Maybe human beings can't help being so inaccurate and cruel to men in public office; they act that way about many of their neighbors, also about some of their friends. The lack of Christian charity is universal, even found in some pulpits.

I've seen your financial and industrial leaders come down here and try to both help and hinder government in its responsibility to the whole people. Some of these leaders are forward-looking, and some are not. Some are est-to-good human beings; they are willing to give and to take; but plenty of them are not.

Some I know that plenty of people in appointive offices in our government are just as predatory as the sheep-stealing politicians; but some of them are downright decent. Some of them are just plain crooks, and some are just plain liars.

I've found, too, that lots of wrongs are created by public apathy, public tolerance of evil. On the whole, I don't think you'll find in an equal area of private social, business, and civic activities. He or she who tolerates a wrong is, so far as I can see, almost equally guilty with those who perpetrate the wrong.

There are lots of real things I'd like to talk to you about, Folks, but I can't and hope you will. The funny thing about this all is this: I believe that right down deep in your hearts and minds, you want to overthrow the best of things in life; you really want to see truth and good everywhere. But, life being what it is, and man so often lacking humanity to words man, you follow the line of least resistance and fight your own battles for whatever of security and happiness of a kind you can get.

You really don't applaud evil anywhere. But you don't allow your love for truth and good to make you less selfish, less predatory, less uncharitable, less irresponsible a citizen; and so this old world wags along in its cockeyed manner, with intervals of peace and periods of war.

You select men and women for office with less bother than you pick out a suit of clothes, and then complain about the kind of government you get from them.

Get what I'm saying at, Folks? Oh, I could go on for quite a spell in this imaginary letter; but don't think you know what it's all about.

To Compare You see, Folks, if you'll allow me to compare the best that's in all human beings with your concept of God, I'd merely say that your best selves sort of stand off at a distance and observe your lesser selves perform chaotically and with bewilderment and irresponsibility in the business of living; you can do better—but you won't, for perhaps just for several more centuries, at least.

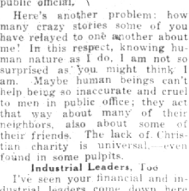
So, down here in Congress, stand the same Senators, in Legislature and Assemblies in every State; lawmakers; we average composite lawmaker; we've reflect the av-

Michigan has already sent many of her sons into the nation's forces to protect the homeland against the assaults of treachery and villainy. There will be more to go—sons and husbands and fathers.

And on the home front, men and women must stand to duty in the great battle of production to arm our forces. In factory and mill, in transportation and at every point in the united front.

New Cartoon Sells War Bonds

It is goot to hear Americans are now puddin' 10% of der pay into Bunds!



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Obituary George Leo Winnett Funeral services will be held on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Mackay-Reidy Funeral Home for George Leo Winnett, of 2149 Excelsior road, Dr. Frank Reid, of the Southside United Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Mr. Winnett died on Tuesday evening at the United States Marine Hospital in Detroit, following an illness of 2 1/2 years.

Capt. Ralph Barrow Goes to West Point Captain Ralph C. Barrow, of 18-A Northside, left Friday for the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., where he will be stationed as an instructor in the English department. Capt. Barrow was graduated from West Point in 1928 and instead of taking his commission at that time went on to the Harvard University Law School. For the past four years he has been employed in the General Motors legal department.

Capt. and Mrs. Barrow have lived in Birmingham for four years, having remodeled an old-fashioned farm house on Northside for their home. Mrs. Barrow will join her husband at West Point within a few weeks.

A Doughboy—But Literally Punching dough for the A. E. F. in Northern Ireland, Capt. Hugh O'Brien is one of the many Army cooks who take their portions as doughboys literally.

Golden Slippers for Perfect Feet Winner of a competition among 600 girls for the title of national "Foot Queen," Carol Dexter, New York, was presented with a pair of gold slippers. She took part in National Foot Health Week ceremonies.

When a man brags he takes his hat off to nobody, ask him how he gets his hair cut. Any woman will feel like bragging over the fine living room furniture she buys here. Bedroom Specials during July.

How-Then HI-WAY FURNITURE MART W. SIDE WOODWARD 4 BLOCKS NORTH OF 14 MILE ROAD

People's Column

An Air Raid Warden Writes Editor, The Eccentric: I would like to impress on the minds of people who live in the Barnum School area that all children must be kept off the street as soon as the siren blows for an alert or air raid warning. All dogs should also be tied. The air raid wardens of this district would appreciate it if this were done.

Some people think that when the siren blows that is the time to walk up and down the street to see what is going on. Folks, get serious about this before it is too late. Stay in the house. Remember, you will hear the bombs if they come, you won't want to see them.

GEORGE PORTER, Air Raid Warden, East area, Zone 8, Post 3 B.

To Bond Owners: Don't Lose Hope To holders of Birmingham special assessment bonds: "Don't give up hope; you may get your money yet!"

That might be the conclusion of a report made Monday night by City Treasurer Harold H. Corson, who said that \$20,000 had been paid off to holders of the bonds during the past year, and that since 1935, the total had been reduced from \$115,000 to \$130,000.

The bonds are not the general obligation of the City, which is in fine financial condition, but were issued principally by real estate speculators to finance improvements in many parts of the City. In many cases, the real estate covered has gone through the Scavenger Sale and can no longer be held subject to the lien. Full payment on the bonds is, therefore, unlikely.

City Loses No Time In Hiring Accountant For the 1943 Audit J. J. Hogan, 886 Wembleton, Detroit accountant, was again appointed auditor of the City's books in action taken Monday night. His fee will be \$25 per day, with a maximum of \$1,200.

The matter was debated at some length when Commissioner Wilmer E. Moody protested as a matter of principle, the contract for next year should not be let until Hogan submits his report for the current fiscal year in about six weeks.

The others decided because of the shortage of auditors and accountants, it would be prudent to sign Hogan now. Moody voted against it.

An armored division may see up as much as 60 tons of ammunition in a single day of fighting—an amount which, loaded into freight cars, would require a train of 15 cars.

Surviving besides his widow is one daughter, Bravens, of Birmingham; four brothers, Matthew, Joseph, Smith, and Monroe; and two sisters, Mrs. Clara King, of Nashville, and Mrs. Margaret Estel, all of Louisville, Ky.

James H. McPhail James H. McPhail, Sr., of 1122 Brookwood court, Birmingham, died Wednesday morning at the Arnold Home in Detroit, following an illness of two years. Burial services will be held at his former home, Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. McPhail was born in Canada about 20 years ago and later moved to Nashville, Tenn. In Nashville he was at one time associated with the Nashville Saddlery Company, after which he became president of the Nashville Hosiery Mills. He came to Detroit around 14 years ago and has lived in Birmingham for the past three years.

Surviving him as his son, James H. McPhail, Jr., with whom he made his home, two grandchildren, and one sister, Margaret Patterson, Eagle Rock, Calif.

At an informal meeting of the Lions club on Wednesday morning, plans for an inter-club golf tournament, which would include the Lions, Rotary and Exchange clubs, were discussed. Several club members also gave brief historical sketches of their clubs. Bob Whelan was in charge of the meeting.

Unpaid Water Bills Go to Landlords

Birmingham's delinquent water accounts are few, it was reported to the City Commission Monday night when a part of the ordinance covering delinquency was passed again to ensure its validity, following the passage of a new statute at Lansing.

The ordinance provides that unpaid water bills become a lien against the property and in the event the tenant fails to pay, City Manager Egbert estimated that bills more than 30 days overdue total \$1,000.

There are only 25,500 street cars in the U. S. and less than 10,000 elevated and subway cars.

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BANKS AND THE WAR Beyond the Peace

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