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Knocking on Wood

with JOHN H. HARWOOD

MR. KEYES

In its recommendations last week, the Oakland Citizens League found no favor for either Frank Murphy (not THE Frank Murphy) or Eugene C. Keyes, the two candidates for lieutenant governor. But, because our State Senate must have some one to preside over its sessions, we must be practical about it and vote for some one.

The question is, which one? Murphy, who had had one term's experience, or Dr. Keyes, the man who catapulted himself into politics by widespread use of billboards two years ago when a big field wanted the lieutenant governorship, promoted by Luren D. Dickson's age.

I plan to vote for Dr. Keyes, despite the fact that the Citizens League decided that he had no apparent qualifications for office. Keyes is an unusual man, there's no doubt about that, for he's a doctor, physician and lawyer and anybody who has enough ambition to win his license in three fields would deserve a chance to show what he can do in a fourth. This man Frank Murphy, who got elected just because he came out of Murphy, did nothing last term which merits reelection.

Enthusiasm That recent flurry at the University of Michigan seems to simmer down to one thing. President Ruthven has failed to display the amount of enthusiasm for the war that the Regents would like to have seen. Had he waved the flag and beat the drums, rhetorically, the Regent would have had a chance, for the dairy farmers are certainly deserving of an improvement in their condition if the war keeps it, if not, remove it.

THE SPECIAL ISSUES There are three special proposals on the ballot. The first, if approved by the voters, would call a convention to consider reconstituting our State constitution, which has not been generally revised since 1906. I think the idea is good; let's see what the convention can produce. If the proposed revision is not good, the people can vote it down.

Home rule for Wayne County is not in my mind even an issue. Birmingham operates under a home rule charter; why should not a county be permitted to modernize its government? Give Wayne a chance to work out its own problems; there certainly has been evidence of need.

I have doubts only about the milk marketing referendum. This would permit the setting of a minimum price to be paid dairy-men, but on general principle, I do not favor the government setting a minimum price to be paid to farmers to create markets, to farmers, printers or anyone else except a true public utility. It may start a dangerous trend. The law permits setting retail prices, too, for the consumer for 90 days, and this is something to which I am definitely opposed, for it would eliminate competition among distributors. However, this is a law and can be changed at any time by the legislature; therefore, I would advise to giving it a chance, for the dairy farmers are certainly deserving of an improvement in their condition if the war keeps it, if not, remove it.

Army engineers are surveying navigable rivers in the Midwest to locate sunken wrecks that may have metals and other materials for the scrap drive.

Hitler's Propaganda

Herr Hitler is a past master of propaganda, fully conscious that a lie repeated will pass for the truth.

Consequently, he mutters in his Winter aid plea to the German people, the allegation that "international powers" aim to destroy European culture and to exterminate "all independent spirit."

None but a Nazi-German can imagine Der Fuehrer as an advocate of independent spirit. Certainly, such ideas exist among the populations of the conquered lands, now under stern repression.

Hitler also asks his German people "why was it necessary" for Great Britain and the United States to attack Germany if "they desire a new and better world system?" He does not ask his people to speculate upon why it was necessary for Germany to attack her neighbors if all Hitler wanted was a new and better world system.

Successful Marriages

Marriage is an ancient institution of the human race and for years there have been efforts to work out a dependable formula for what some people term "successful marriages."

It is a pleasant and innocent amusement. Besides it affords married persons, with a long-lasting attachment, to get a little publicity by broadcasting their matrimonial life.

Quite recently, in Chicago, at the third annual meeting of the National Golden Wedding Band, twenty-five white-haired couples gave a composite opinion, "cooperation, children, and good cooking."

Mrs. Aha Andrea of Waukegan, Ill., warned, "Don't underdate the part about good cooking. My husband is very fond of custard pie, and when I want him to be very good, I bake one."

Nut had idea, we suppose, for men who like custard pie, or other husbandly smart wives will know what to prepare to appeal to his stomach which, we have read, is the way to man's heart.

In the short article that we read about the successful marriage symposium we found no reference to a "good provider." This is strange but, perhaps, in this day of woman's rights, including that of working for a salary, the matter is not so important.

Nevertheless, to the young ladies of Birmingham, who are now engaged in the delicate weighing of points between delicate and numerous suitors, we suggest a weather eye, not on the bankbook, but upon the working habits of the would-be husband. After all, it takes some cash to keep a family ticking.

"YOU'RE NO GOOD TO ME THIS WAY," exclaimed the regular customer at Joe's corner restaurant. "You're right there, pal," beamed Joe. "The government has taken the ground-saw from me—so what'll you have, instead of coffee?"

NEWS FROM MEN IN SERVICE

WHAT'S WHAT The draft board is reopening every case of single men with dependent wives and children. No order has been received yet decreasing the induction of married men with dependent wives. Letters to press reports from Lansing, the induction of men with wives only may start in December.

Classification, Oct. 21 Robert C. Whalen, 1-A; Morris E. Murray, 3-B; James E. Habbell, 3-A; Wesley H. Broughten, P.; Donald S. Chase, P.; Victor A. Dewar, P.; Arthur W. Evans, 1-C; I. C. enl.; Weldon W. Price, 1-C enl.; Charlie K. McFarland, 1-A; Robert C. Miller, 1-C enl.; George Wallace, 1-C enl.; Stewart H. Dodge, 1-A; Marshall M. Fredericks, 1-C enl.; Edward W. Phipps, P.; John F. Hollister, 1-C enl.; Morris R. Bartig, P.

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IN RESERVE CORPS John Joseph Walilich, Jr., of 906 Jackson, a college student, has enlisted in the reserve corps.

LEADS OFFICER COURSE Sgt. Richard J. Althoff, of 2418 1/2 St. George, and Mrs. Leslie C. Althoff, 615 S. Oak, taking an officer's course in the field artillery at Fort Benning, Ga., before going to France to visit at home before going to Oklahoma.

Impersonating Army Officers

A number of individuals have been arrested for impersonating officers of the U.S. Army, and Maj. Gen. William Bryden warns the people of the United States against the granting courtesy to a man in the uniform of an officer unless his identity has been established.

This reminds us of the arrest, in New Jersey, of a man who received nationwide publicity in 1932 as a German ace who shot down twenty-two allied planes, and in a uniform of wonderful appointments, the man confesses that he was an impostor and then asserts that he never was in Germany during the last war.

The uniform that the man wore is described as resembling that once worn by a Mexican general. It consisted of white pants and a blue coat with Army buttons, two Navy gold stripes on the sleeves, Army captain's bars on the shoulder, augmented by the silver wings of the Air Corps. The blue cap had Army insignia and buttons stamped with anchors.

That such an outfit fooled anybody is amazing. Apparently, the "officer" was a member of some amphibious organization.

FOR MONTHS WE'VE BEEN told in our country "There's a shortage of critical materials." The existence of such a situation also suggests that our country "lacks a shortage of certain leadership."

PERSONALLY, WE THINK, after a season of observing women in checks, that most of them look all right. Occasionally, of course, a woman gets into them who fails to add individuality to her figure, if it were a woman, not too fat, well wear them all the time, in season, of course.

NOW COME TO SEE that John E. Lewis is going to try to organize the farmhands of the nation. If he does, that'll give the farmers of America a crop that they never dreamed the Good Earth capable of sprouting.

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Don't Fail to Vote Next Tuesday!



Ours to Carry On.

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Believes Dondero Deserves Reelection

Editor, The Eccentric: Those voting the present election will be long next Tuesday. They will have an exceedingly important vote in that it will determine whether they will support a man who has been in the service for over three years of his own who may be better qualified to do his job, but why make it harder than necessary to do it.

Can't Give Names Of Lonesome Soldiers

FORT AUSTIN—Letters from some of the biggest morale builders that civilians can contribute to the war effort are being received here from the men of the 10th Cavalry, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Division, Fort Austin, Texas. The men are not allowed to give their names to the public, but they are allowed to write to their families.

INDIAN TO SPEAK

Krishnalal Shrivastava, Indian authority on India who will speak at Detroit Town Hall at the Fishbein Theatre, Wednesday, morning, Nov. 24.

WASTE PAPER MEMO

TIN CANS—Rinse after using, remove label, open bottom and flatten with foot. Place in can for city collection. Do not use last week of every month. Keep dry, keep separate from rubbish.

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WASTE PAPER—Strain and keep cool. Turn in to your meat market when you have a few pounds. Ration fats not wanted. SCRAP METALS, GLASS, RUBBER—Leave in bin near Post Office or put in bin for City collection the last week of the month. Copper engraver's plates and old keys may be left at the library.

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