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responsible and aggressive

is democracy's first line of defense

Many People Think So... (And Some Otherwise)

I gave you last week what I really believe is the best of all New Year's resolutions, and carried it on Page One as well (and a few folks noted it approvingly). Ralph Waldo Emerson did not write the following lines particularly as New Year's advice, but more for day-to-day living:

"Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could, Some blunders and absurdities crept in Can. Tomorow is a new day. Begin it well and serenely, and with too high a spirit of the cumbered with your old non-wall of the country of the country of the Chicago Tribune to publish.

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rich in proportion to the number of things he can do
without."

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One of the best paragrapher's cracks! have seen in a long time was the recent one in The New Yorker: "We think the application of The Chicago Tribune to publish an overseas edition should be denied, because that newspaper has always acted as if there wasn't any such place."

between things he can do without.

The Democratic National Chairmans, "I might go off the rails man, Bir. Frank Walker, says that iterley if I gave myself free reading my ideas about just what is old into the control of the three the control of t

Have you heard on the air recently any of the music of the New York-revived "A Connecticut Ya'n ke e?" Not many better numbers anywhere than "My Heart Stod Still."

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all of you.

Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO Dec. 28, 1893

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"Mr. Joe Metre was buried last
Friday at Warren. Joe was an old
pensioner. There was no singing
at the services in the church but
perhaps Joe will get there just the
same as though the full choir
had been present."

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However, if he is ignorant of such basic consumic law, perhaps his ideas may be taken in that lights—but if one or more of them do, "take," then the impact upon the whole people results to their ultimate harm. These soughts are given, rise as we consider the current scrambling for revenue on the part of His Honor, Edward J. Jeffries, Mayor of Detroit...

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First, some weeks ago, he advanced the notion that it atx should be levied against what the calls several Detroit utilities excess profits and all payrolls, see we recall it in this he faces, and rightfully so, a fight in the courts; for, if Detroit san levy a tax on these corporations, why shouldn't it be required to levy on all corporations within Detroit?

Now cometh the Mayor with an idea of taxing the Detroit Race Track: he presumes that upwards of a million and a half dollars can be collected annually from this source, the proceeds to be used for Detroit's post-war venture in express highways.

Personally, this newspaper holds no brief for the race tracks: in days gone by we've lost six dollars on three widely placed bets of two dollars cant, and the last time we bet we won something less than \$18.00. (With a local "expert" to guide us).

For the benefit of Mayor Jeffries' future wanderings into the realm of tax revenues, we offer for his consideration a few sources—on the practical assumption, of course, used in most tax circles, of making the levy on just about anything visible upon Mother Earth's tired boson:

1. Count the windows in every building and house, multiply by their length and width for total area; each day figure out the intensity of the sunlight from the heavens, and charge a penny per square foot for each something or other of the unit of light measurement.

Taxes For come desperately active in bis search for lax revenues, his thinking takes on some queer slauts. The less he may know about fundamental economic law, and the relation of taxes to it, the craxier his suggestions seem.

arement.

2. Place a tax of 25 cents on each Christ-mas necktie that men get from women: this will no doubt decrease such doubtful presents and most men will gladly pay the

a. Allow all women a tax allowance of one dollar for every necessary girdle that they do not possess currently; it will do lots to relieve the rubber shortage and thus criticize less certain public officials, like the OPA and WPB.

and WPB.

4. Charge every man and woman five cents for each time he or she criticizes the New Deal; this, alone, will build many miles of express highways in Detroit.

5. While on this subject of the New Deal, why not require Eleanor Roosevelt to pay into the federal highway treasury a penny a mile for each mile she travels; Michigan's and Detroit's share of this would be enormous.

service he or she gets from stores that have man- and woman-power troubles, charge ten cents a gripe; this would bring in lots of shekels and also cut down the griping.

7. Every time a woman in Detroit is late in the job of being on time for a date with her husband, boy friends, or anybody else, charge them, say, three cents: the net proceeds from this we leave to the Mayor's own imagination.

3. Every time an eligible Detroiter fails to yote, send him or her a bill for one dollar; here's a right juicy source of revenue, Mr. Mayor, as the Fourth City's balloting record will prove. (Our own city, too.)

9. Another prolific source of revenue will be to charge every successful politician a goodly amount for pre-election promises he makes that are not delivered after he's in office.

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10. We could go on, and on, and on but why should we? Already in this we've probably made too many practical suggestions; besides we don't want to get the Mayor too imaginative in his scrambling for taxes of the state of the state

CHAPS IN UNIFORM who have seen foreign service are already coming home on visits, which was a serious control of the control of the draws from them their experiences. War isn't glamorous to those who do the fighting.

OUR COUNTRY FACES A MILK SHORTAGE. We mean from cows. "Milking the taxpayers", however, is still an old-fashioned custom in some political circles.

LABOR LEADERS, nursed into their present strength by the New Deal, appear to be "hit-ing the hand that feeds them," as they oppose the Administration's many war emergency policies against inflation. People are funny, Mr. President.

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OUR CHRISTMAS CUSTOM

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Tô deck the room with holly,
To laugh and sing the whole day
through
And make our loved ones jolly.

'Tis a custom in this fair land we tough factor

This year the custom is somewhat changed.
The wreath hangs in the window as of yore.
But it also encircles a red or gold and Fist-

star, In three million homes or more.

This year as we gather in homes o'er the land,
There'll be many a vacant chair,
May God in his wisdom guide and
protect
Our boys who are Over There.

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Tis a custom in our beloved land.
A custom we've cherished the long
years through,
Almost since this world began.
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job of moving liquor, for which he has developed such extraordinary ability, and let the two girls handle the contact with the public. Very truly yours. A Birmingham resident

Have You Met . . .

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Warnet the have come to Birminghan rom Nashville, Mich? The War o the Editor:

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Mr. Fisher explains the liquor to trouble in his letter in last exck. Eccentre.

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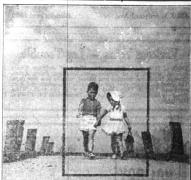
In Character.
"What are you children doing?
I thought you were playing together."
"We are playing at fathers and
mothers."

mothers!"
"But you don't need to make all

"But you don't need to make all that noise."

Mr. Fisher must ease up in his work. Suggest that he stick to the for a new Easter outfit?"

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