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Knocking on Wood

with JOHN H. HARWOOD

48-HOUR WORK WEEK

Incidental to Economic Stabilization Director James F. Byrne's radio talk last week...

The result of this sweeping decree is still to be seen, but at first glance, one question suggests itself...

An Anti-Climax

That pay raise business was an anti-climax to Mr. Byrne's splendid message on the need of curbing inflation...

One Rule Won't Fit

Fundamentally, it is impossible to make any rule fit all situations...

When there is so much to be done and such a shortage of labor...

Many employers who might have gone to 48 hours have been deterred because they have not been able to afford to pay the overtime...

Will Be Inflationary

Another strange thing about Mr. Byrne's speech last week was the fact that while he insisted that we must halt farm prices and wages...

Mr. Byrne said, because there will be extra production in the eight hours. Paying more for the same work would be inflationary, he said.

Where Are the Republicans?

The point of living must halt if this country is to avoid disastrous inflation, but people figure: "Keep the price of the things down but don't work on me. I must have more."

Incidentally, the Republicans were once quite eloquent on the subject of inflation. Where are their voices now?

STATE OF MICHIGAN: The Probate Court for the County of Oakland...

WASTE PAPER: Strain and keep cool. Turn in to your meat market when you have a few pounds.

NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES: You can donate these to Salvation Army, which will call for them, about 4014.

Presidential Campaign Underway

Behind the scenes, a full and seditious campaign is being waged in the press or on the air...

The idea that politics have been revived is nonsense. The two-party system, rejuvenated by the recent election...

Get Ready To Pay

The careless reader, who thinks that the Ruml plan, which proposes to "forgive" 1942 taxes...

It is important for individuals to understand this. Much of the applause for the Ruml plan springs from those who think that it will ease their tax payments in 1943.

If a man made \$2,500 in 1942 and makes the same \$2,500 in 1943 there will be no change whatever in the income tax that he will be required to pay on March 15th...

FOR ONE FACT WE ALL should be grateful, regardless of how much we may differ on domestic issues: as this war goes on, President Roosevelt's personal health is of utmost importance...

MOST OF US, THESE DAYS, ARE LIKE THE famous Frenchman of a former generation who lived during the French Revolution...

Victory Gardens 18,000,000

The suggestion is made that all farm lands, with available land area, plan a victory garden and the Department of Agriculture says that two-thirds of the 18,000,000 gardens desired should be on city, town or suburban lots.

Everybody, including those on the farms, are urged to produce and preserve as much as possible of their food needs.

The city garden plot, says H. W. Hochbaum, of the department's committee on victory gardens, should be not less than 30 by 50 or 50 by 100 feet.

THEY APPEAR TO BE A CONVICTION in the new Congress to wage a fight against growing bureaucracy in the United States.

HARRY HOPKINS WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY as a man who really lived of the country. As a social worker, he certainly made progress socially.

YES SIR, GIVE DEMOCRACY A CHANCE TO WORK and this country of ours will never be flung into anarchy by anybody—not even a President!

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Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO Feb. 16, 1893

"Did you get a Valentine?" "Mr. Henry Taylor, of Pontiac, is advertising his wife as a dangerous person for anyone to trust as he will never again pay any more debts of her contracting."

"A new telephone company has been organized in the state of Illinois with a capital stock of \$20,000,000. The old Bell telephone patents expire in March and the opposition will be so strong that telephone may be had in the future for a reasonable price."

25 YEARS AGO Feb. 22, 1918

"John Drew and Robert H. Illington are announced for the 'Garrick' contest beginning on Feb. 25, at joint starts in Pinesville, Conn. The 'Gay Lord' Quex."

"Are you observing the requests of the food card of 1918? Monday, Wednesday and one meal daily, Wednesday, Tuesday and one meal daily, Monday, Saturday, Sunday and all days, all meals, fast saving and sugar saving."

"The governor of Col. Theodore Roosevelt has postponed the date for starting the great drive for naval shipyard construction in Michigan, but has not slackened the efforts of the Wolverine State to make preparations to go ahead with the plan in answer to the navy department's call for help."

5 YEARS AGO Feb. 17, 1938

"Birmingham experienced the worst flood in recent years Saturday and Sunday, when portions of the city were submerged below several feet of water. Traffic was tied up for more than 24 hours, and occupants of motor cars marooned in rising waters, were rescued by firemen. The flood followed an unseasonable electrical storm accompanied by heavy, driving rain which began about 5 p. m. Saturday and continued throughout the night causing the waters of the River Rouge to overflow spreading over approximately 500 feet on Woodward avenue in the vicinity of Harmon avenue and Ravine road."

"Much as we hate war, there are some other things more harmful to the people. And too many other nations threaten us with them. That is why, pacifist though we are, we are for a strong defense."

"For lack of a nail the shoe was lost. For lack of a shoe the horse was lost. For lack of a horse the rider was lost. For lack of a rider the battle was lost."



TO WIN THIS WAR EVERY MAN, EVERY WOMAN, EVERY CHILD HAS A DUTY TO PERFORM. LACK OF A FULL MEASURE OF WORK, OF SAVING AND SACRIFICE, OF WHOLE-HEARTED DETERMINATION—ON THE PART OF ANY ONE OF US—HANDICAPS OUR FIGHTING MEN.

People's Column. SAYS THERE IS WASTE Editor, The Eccentric: Just a word about labor's attitude towards Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker's after-dinner speech.

Let's All Help! Question: Is there a ceiling price on butter? Answer: At the present time in retail stores the highest price for which the highest quality butter may be sold is 50 cents per pound.

Question: How will I know the point value of various kinds of foods? Answer: Before March 1 these papers will carry the government's official list of point values. Every food store will have a poster showing current point values.

Obituary: Newton E. Graham, of 210 Fairfax road, Birmingham, died Feb. 15, 1943. His death was caused by heart trouble and he had been ill for two months.

'A Junior Album'

Presenting young people of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and vicinity... For them and the youth of America, we strive for Victory and a just peace!



TOP CENTER: Richard, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jamison... BOTTOM CENTER: Herbert and Mrs. Victor H. Kirby... RIGHT: Dorothy Jane and Thomas, children of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene F. Schad... LEFT AND DOWN: Beyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Wilson... BOTTOM: Philip, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip F. de Beaulieu.

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