

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

By Frank E. Bogart

Only a fool would attempt to judge a whole country by observation of a minute fraction, W. K. Kelsey, the sage of the Detroit News, quite rightly points out. Yet we do have such foolish people, he adds.

The column in which Kelsey made this observation was devoted to the subject of just how many of us are doing our utmost to see this war through to a successful finish as soon as possible.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE... The American people are not, he opined, an emotional people, and we agree. The rest of the column has in effect warned to each and all to mind his own business and save wood.

FORMER MARINE SPEAKING... I'm going to tell what the former Marine who received severe head injuries and nearly lost his eyesight when the USS President Coolidge, a fire command ship, was hit by a torpedo.

THE DETROIT ELECTION... Edward J. Jeffries, Jr., will be re-elected as mayor of Detroit, I believe, despite his three to two trouncing in the primary.

Man, with his short three score years and ten, is always trying to understand the past and to control the future.

There is one simple way for farmers to eliminate the middleman. Let them organize to do the work that the middlemen do and they will be entitled to the charges that the middlemen collect.

It is possible, of course, that some middlemen have organized to eliminate proper competition and to control prices paid for the products they buy.

USE MORE OF US?... There are more than three million men in the classification of Selective Service. It certainly seems that those of us placed there for physical reasons should be used by the army or navy for non-combat service.

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## Ignorant Man Offers Advice

The failure of humanity to profit by the experience of previous generations is lamentable and the effort to control the world is ludicrous.

The reader is familiar with several "time capsules" which have been buried in the United States for the purpose of giving a message to the people who will live some thousand years from this time.

Dr. Millikan, in his original message, warned of the menace of despotism to representative governments.

There is truth in the fear of Dr. Millikan but also in the fear of the people of today, not for those of 6943.

Handing Middleman... Nothing is to be gained by denouncing the middleman who is merely trying to help the rest of the people.

Some day the people in the United States will wake up to the facts of governmental bureaucracy, its expense and inevitable drift toward more and more regimentation.

WORDS MIS-USED, MIS-CALLED... A correspondent writes in protest at people saying "I imagine so."

COLUMBUS, AN ITALIAN, IS CREDITED WITH having discovered America. Now the Americans are discovering Italy.

profit, and that sum does not vary regardless of what the costs may amount to.

Second, nearly all factories of any size are organized and the wages of the employees are established by the War Labor Board.

Third, labor rates are comparable in similar plants, regardless of whether they are operated under fixed-price contracts or under cost-plus-fixed-fee contracts.

Fourth, Congress did not see fit to eliminate the provision of the fourth paragraph of our first page column in the issue of October 7th.

Fifth, employers are compelled to work their employees a minimum wage and hour.

Sixth, manufacturers in general would prefer to have fixed-price contracts rather than cost-plus contracts.

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## When the War Ends?

The people of the United States will be amazed, a while later, when the facts are revealed as to the number of fighting ships that have joined our Navy.

Battleships, carriers, cruisers and destroyers, with lesser units galore, have been rushed to completion and it is assumed that, as of today, we have the most powerful navy afloat.

"Let us hope not. If we do, another war will develop in the next thirty years and, once more, we will enter the combat without the essential weapons of warfare.

It may be that having one's "fortune told" by one of the popular methods does help certain persons in various ways.

LEAVE IT TO HAROLD L. ICKES, FUEL ADMINISTRATOR and Secretary of the Interior, to say clever things.

Happenings of Long Ago... "Life has been compared to a pack of cards; childhood's trumps are hearts, youth is won by diamonds, middle age is too often addicted to a club, while old age is raked in by a spade."

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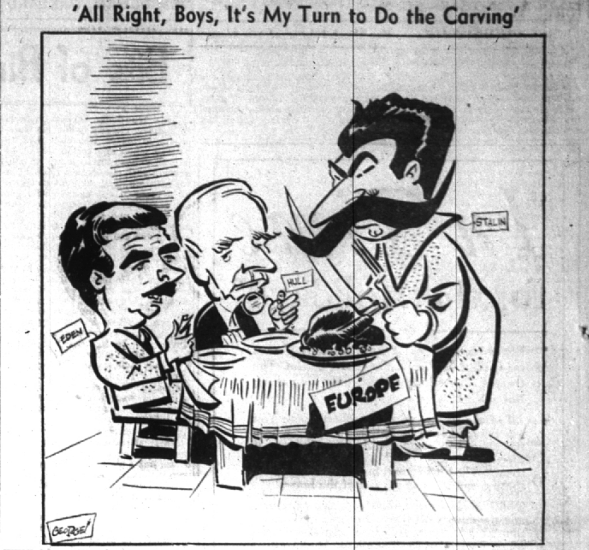
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"Next Tuesday is Hallows' Eve." "The business of getting sane out of an insane asylum seems to be enjoying a boom."

"Tom Hanna is back in town. He will cross a position in V. Nixon's for the coming winter."

"Eli Wooster has returned from Illinois and will attend the Birmingham Union School."

"Mice and rabbits did much damage at the cemetery last winter. Will someone through the columns of the Eccentric tell what can be done to guard against them?"

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"And whereas, her importance to the League of Women Voters should be measured not only in terms of the office she held, and the work she accomplished, while in the League, but also in terms of her local and world community."

"And whereas, in the League her service covered a wide field. Although child welfare and education were her particular interests, she gave untiring service also along legislative lines, keeping the League's representatives in Congress informed as to its desires.

"And whereas, the Birmingham League will continue to feel her influence for many years. An Lin-

HAVE YOU MET... Captive and Mrs. W. T. Kellogg, who are now residing at 187 Hazelwood? The Kelloggs came to Walnut Lake from Little Rock, Ark., almost a year ago however, they have lived in Birmingham proper for a short time.

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## THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

Night shots such as this can be taken with any camera that has a "time exposure" setting.

Most amateur photography appears several times as bright as the sky when the exposure is made.

Good after-dark pictures, taken outdoors, appeal because of their very novelty.

Here are some suggested exposures for winter scenes.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wendorph of Twelve Mile Road, were the guests of Mrs. D. W. Symon of Woodward street at dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ward and family of Emmons avenue, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wood, of Southfield avenue, Birmingham.

"A one hour day parking limit on Merrill street between Woodward avenue and Bureau street voted upon by the City Commission at the weekly meeting Monday evening."

The most successful ingathering in the history of the Birmingham branch of the Neosho Guild of America was held at the Community House on Tuesday, according to Mrs. Fred M. Brock, president of the local branch.

TICKLERS by HAYES... "I'm sick and tired of his holier than thou attitude."