

Veterans In Office

With elections and primaries in full swing and the candidates already decided in many counties, it is apparent that a great number of World War II veterans have been put into public office by citizens thinking they deserve a chance at local government after having sacrificed a number of years on the battlefield for their country.

Circumstances were somewhat similar in this country after the first World War. Many veterans after that war, went into State Legislatures and other county offices. Some of the older ones went to Washington representing their State. Those that were not veterans were under somewhat of a handicap. They had hard fights in many cases to be reaffirmed at the polls by voters.

The interesting part of that era was that after a few years, the records of those World War I veterans were the platforms they were called to stand upon for reelection. It was not their war records that kept them returned in office. It was their legislative record.

The situation is about the same today. In another two or four years, World War II veterans themselves will be seeking reelection. They will probably be judged by the majority on their records in public office. They will always be others who would take their jobs. It is, therefore, appropriate at this time for young veterans to redouble their efforts to make a creditable record while serving their first terms.

A good record will be their best insurance in future elections after the candidates have already been forgotten by many of us. And a good record in these next few years will undoubtedly do much for this community and the State at large.

From London come the news that British airplane plants are producing aluminum houses which can be put together in less than two hours. The houses leave the factories complete in four sections, with electric wiring and plumbing in place and wardrobes, cupboards and a heating plant.

The houses have four rooms and a bath and sell for \$5,400. They are one of the prefabricated styles which the British hope to replace the 4,500,000 dwellings destroyed during the war. While designed for temporary use, it is estimated that they can last for twenty years or more.

The use of prefabricated houses is not new but, in this country, as in England, the process of adoption is slow. Current production in both countries represents only a small fraction of the homes that are necessary to meet the housing shortage. Obviously, the prefabricated houses can help in the emergency, but it will take some form of mass production on their records in public office. They will always be others who would take their jobs. It is, therefore, appropriate at this time for young veterans to redouble their efforts to make a creditable record while serving their first terms.

A DETROIT CHAP came to BIRMINGHAM recently and talked to local merchants on the subject of "Carb and Off-street Parking." He suggested the creation of a Birmingham "authority" to carry out plans for acquiring sufficient parking spaces, under control of the City Commission. Perhaps that suggestion has something of value in it.

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Truth In History

A group of prominent world educators, meeting in Australia, express the opinion that analysis and revision of textbooks on war will be an essential step toward lasting international good will.

The idea of the delegates is to educate the people of the world so that they may have an understanding of international problems. This is a laudable purpose but we doubt if it can be achieved by any system of censorship in the writing of textbooks.

It is essential, of course, that textbooks on history tell the truth as to events, but it is not desirable, in our opinion, that they conform in the expression of theories or in the justification of national conflicts. In some fields of history, where theories clash and opinions differ, it will not be advantageous to attempt a statement to please everybody.

It will not be easy, for example, to secure uniformity in French and German textbooks that relate to the historic clashes between these countries. Nor would it be possible in the United States to eliminate certain build-ups that conform to traditional opinions, even if not in accordance with complete truth.

THREE MORE MEMBERS OF THE MICHIGAN State Police have admitted taking graft money in Macomb County, from gamblers there. Don't allow this fact to cause you to believe that the whole department is crooked; more than 90-odd per cent of those in uniform are honest; the dishonest ones will be cleaned out when Kim Sigler takes office January 1.

BILL STOUT, ENGINEERING GENIUS, is forced to be close to the secrets of just how insects maneuver their wings to make aerial speed; now, if he would also learn how to divest the common mosquito of its stinging proboscis he would become immortal.

THIS CURRENT PROBLEM OF HOUSING CONTINUES to perplex everybody but the New Dealers who already are sufficiently housed. But how can one expect houses to be built to meet the need with the poor sticks who so dominate the federal government?

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Strictly Fresh THE stock market suffered another attack of a very chronic ailment. It's ticker went bad. New York leads and the musicians union came to a parting of the ways in an exchange of hot notes over the musicians' demand for a whopping 20 per cent increase. In fact, both sides decided to face the no music.

Stalin's political invasion of the Balkans was finally halted at the border of Greece. The Greeks had a word for him, too, and it was no. Refusal to make cars for overseas shipment as long as they had none themselves was given as reason for one recent automobile workers' strike in Detroit. Just about everybody, it seems, wants to be in the driver's seat these days.

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20 YEARS AGO Oct. 7, 1926 "Sasshhhh, folks, it's a desperate mystery! "You unseen power is it that has so safeguarded the mighty windows in Baldwin High's gym?"

Free and Undesignated Week has not yet been set. "There's humor, sometimes, in the want-ads. Looking through some of the out-state papers, we ran across this one: "For sale or trade—40-acre farm and meat grinder. J. T. Talaff jewelry store."

5 YEARS AGO Oct. 9, 1941 "Here is a short report on which the trail has coiled somewhat: R. E. Penoyer, 167 Lake Park, told officers last week that a set of Encyclopedia Britannica had been taken from his house three years ago."

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First Town Hall Concert Features Duo-Piano Team Dougherty and Ruzicka, top-ranking duo-piano team, ushered in the 18th consecutive season of Detroit Town Hall Wednesday morning, October 9th, at 11 o'clock in the Fisher Trust building.

Dr. Hatt Reappointed To Two Committees Dr. Robert T. Hatt, director of the Crum Brook Institute of Science, has been appointed by the Harvard Board of Overseers to serve on the visiting committee of the Museum of Comparative Zoology. He has also been re-elected to the year term on the American Association of Museums Council, and re-appointed to serve again on the National Research Council's committee for the Study of Paricutin Volcano.

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