

THE SUNNY SIDE

He who can climb above the cares of this world and, at the top of the hill, can place his hand into the hand of God, has found the sunny side of life.

Only a Christian can do that. Through faith in Christ he is assured of the constant presence and providence of a loving God. His is a life of blessed assurance.

Christ says to him: "I am with you always; I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." The words of Scripture apply to him: "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not also freely give us all things?"

Have you been living in the shadows of the valley? Put your hand into the hand of Christ. He alone can take you to the hilltop from which you can see the sunny side. He is the only source of lasting joy!

This message is brought to the citizens of this community as a public service by the members of Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1200 West Maple Avenue.



"Believe it or not, Warden—I found this musical instrument under 'Hardware' in the telephone directory Yellow Pages."

Frenchman Gets Furs, Indian Gets Knife--and Both Feel They Outsmarted the Other

By Gordon R. Pennington

Michigan has profited from foreign trade since the first French voyageurs pushed their canoes into Michigan waters in search of furs. The Chippewa Indians who then sparsely populated the area which is now our State were exceedingly glad to trade with the Frenchmen. They could obtain a sheath knife for a pile of pelts which, pressed down, just equalled in height the length of the knife.

The Frenchmen were always amazed at the stupidity of the simple savages which led them to accept a ten franc knife for what to the voyageurs, represented many thousands of francs worth of furs.

But, to the Indians, the sheath knife represented a priceless acquisition. They could do so much more with a steel blade than they had ever been able to do with their bone knives. They marvelled that the stupid white man should be so willing to part with so valuable an article for furs which the Indian obtained so easily and valued so lightly.

Gain for Both

Actually neither the Frenchmen nor the Indians out-smarted the other. Both gained enormously by exchanging the special products of their respective lands. So today we who now live where the Chippewas once hunted are reaping important advantage from the same sort of trade with other areas of the world.

This we have come to take so much for granted that we may now lose sight of the necessity of thinking and acting to preserve and to expand this foreign trade on which the prosperity of Michigan so much depends.

Automobiles and things grown by Michigan farmers are the principle products in which our State specializes and of which we have an exportable surplus. A major portion of all the automobiles purchased over the entire globe are assembled in Michigan.

Why This is Possible
This is only possible because we are able to import the hundreds of raw materials and many compo-

Similarly Tempted
The chemical plants within our

Some of our foreign trade dealings are more complicated and involve other states of the Union as well as foreign countries. For example, most of the tires installed on Michigan-built automobiles are imported from Ohio. Ohio, in paracetim, imports the rubber needed for tire-making largely from Indonesia. The Indonesians receive automobiles from Michigan to pay for the rubber they ship to Ohio.

Again, the actual transactions are concealed by intricate money transfers but, basically, they amount to a simple three-cornered barter by which Michigan, Ohio and Indonesia each realize a standard of living that no one of them could otherwise secure.

Our Michigan tire makers, whose eyes are naturally chiefly focused on their own part in that over-all complex of trade relations which makes the mass production of automobiles a possibility, are tempted to take the view that if Michigan built more of the tires it uses and imported fewer from Ohio, our State would be the richer.

Broken lot in stripes, figures and plain colors.
One group with collars at waist.

state borders which are quite capable, if called upon, to set up the machinery to produce synthetically most of the rubber our automobile plants need, are similarly tempted. They might suggest that the total volume of Michigan production might be furthered, via by not having to purchase, via Akron or otherwise, crude rubber from Indonesia.

Listening to such arguments and seeing only the gain which comes from the single step of exporting completed automobiles, our state might drift towards economic isolation. Again, the Michigan copper industry might point out that we could get all the copper we need from our mines. The price would be much higher because the Michigan mines are now so deep that the mining costs are high. It could be claimed that this extra cost for copper would be retained within Michigan, and to that extent there would be a gain.

We'd Gain Little

We all know, however, that the little we would gain from the higher local cost of copper would be more than offset by the loss to Michigan of the advantage which now enables this State to export automobiles to Chile, and through other similar exchanges to dozens of other countries throughout the world.

Our Federal laws, forbidding tariff barriers between the states prevent any state from seeking economic isolation within the Union. However, many Michiganers are working for another form of economic isolation when they unthinkingly support barriers to world trade. Cordell Hull's reciprocal trade policy has acted to restrain this trend.

Soon, however, the Reciprocal Trade Agreement Act will expire (June 12, 1948) and the citizens of Michigan, as indeed, the citizens of every other state, must decide whether the further expansion of our foreign trade is, or is not, good. In deciding this issue Michigan citizens must face the fact that a substantial part of our present prosperity is a product of the foreign trade we now enjoy.

Come to Realization

Foreign trade used to be thought of as something that profited only exporters and importers. Now we have come to realize that foreign trade contributes the comfort and the scope of living of every one of us. You are able to enjoy your morning cup of coffee because the foreign credits created by Michigan's export trade paid the Brazilian coffee growers. The fact that Michigan farm communities grew, canned and shipped abroad a surplus of apples, peaches, pears, plums and cherries beyond our needs contributes far more to the standard of living of every citizen of this State than if we had consumed these articles ourselves. The richness of our lives and that of, say, the Brazilians has been increased by the interchange of our respective specialties. The corn, hogs and wheat which Michigan exports pay for the wool fabrics, the spices and the bananas and a host of other items which enhance our everyday living.

World trade is a game at which



By Gene Allaman

Things we didn't know before department:

Final draft of the state government reorganization amendment, sponsored by the Citizens' Committee for Better Government in Michigan, would give the legislature rather than the governor power to hire and fire department heads; not more than 18 department heads would be permitted.

Twenty-six states have a four-year term for governor, 21 a two-year term, and one (New Jersey) a three-year term.

Michigan has had 33 governors, 20 of whom served for more than one term.

Prohibitionists have established more territory in the country than before prohibition.

Waste cora cobs are being utilized to make nylon hosiery. (Fur-fural is produced by Quaker Oats company from cobs; then used by DuPont to make nylon hose.)

"Boss Kettering's" new high compression motor, saving gasoline consumption 35 to 40 per cent, will get its first public bow probably in 1949 Oldsmobile and Cadillac.

The State Bar of Michigan, taking a cue from the enterprising State Medical Society, has adopted a public relations program, wooing Hugh W. Brennan away from the medical to health it.

Michigan was 15th in 1947 farm income with a total of \$719,484.

Michigan is a game in which cooperation between different people yields to each a higher standard of living than could be obtained independently. The progress of Michigan, of the United States and of the world depends upon the continuing expansion of international trade.



Remember... Only you can PREVENT FOREST FIRES!

The 1948 reduction in federal income taxes may be the last for some time, if Congress is to avoid deficit financing. Defense expenditures, now running at \$11 billion, are due to rise gradually to \$22.5 billion by 1953.

Two hundred and sixty-two local governmental units are so spending liquor license revenue for law enforcement, as the law is amended; 69 are using only some of the revenue for this purpose, and 304 are spending it properly, according to a state survey.

Michigan's new Economic Development Commission, newest state agency, was given a \$198,000 budget by the state legislature. The Office of Veteran Affairs will go out of business June 30.

G. Memen Williams, Detroit attorney, is a Democratic candidate for governor. He quit the liquor control commission Saturday, May 16.

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