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The War Promoted Slavery

Slavery, it is suggested, was a development of warfare and the experience of the recent war indicates that future fighting will result in untold numbers of slaves.

Since the end of the wars with Germany, the United States, France and Great Britain, following an agreement made by the four big powers, reprinted all German prisoners-of-war, Russia, on the other hand, admitted holding 890,532 German prisoners-of-war early in 1947 and up to March of last year, reported the release of only 447,331 prisoners.

There have also been reports that the Russians are holding thousands of Japanese soldiers in what amounts to captivity. These men are no doubt, working as slaves of the Communist regime.

While there was some justification for the devastated countries of Europe and the pining German prisoners-of-war to perform part of the task of rehabilitation, one finds it difficult to believe that there is any justification for retaining enemy soldiers in captivity at this time.

The United States has asked the Soviet Government to give information as to the number of war prisoners still held in Russia, together with information concerning war prisoners who have died while in the Soviet Union. The Kremlin still refuses to supply this information.

Medical Men to Go Into Politics

The American Medical Association wants to raise \$3,500,000 from its 140,000 doctor-members to go "into local and state politics to oppose compulsory and Federal medical insurance."

We presume that the report is correct even if the official purpose of the program is "a national play of education on the purpose of American medicine, the importance of the conservation of health and the advantage of the American system in securing a wide distribution of a high quality of medical care."

The American Medical Association may find, at the end of its spending spree, that the people of the country are a little suspicious of the activity of doctors when they limit their concern about public affairs to a question that vitally concerns them.

It may be that the medical men of the country will devise some plan to meet the need of making available to all people a better program of medical care but the campaign must be more than an orgy of opposition to whatever is proposed by social and governmental agencies.

If the plan of the reformers' will not work, then it is up to the American Medical Association, its members and all medical men, to develop a program which will be successful.

Internationally Speaking

Do we realize that the two British Crown colonies called Northern and Southern Rhodesia have at present only 100,000 European settlers, this being about one third of the total population of the city of Toledo, Ohio?

Approximately 100 officers of state and national osteopathic organizations will be present at the two meetings. Among subjects to be discussed will be state licensing procedures, the osteopathic health plan, and legislative and educational programs of the osteopathic profession.

"I hope you folks will excuse me if I seem to be rushing you into this but there's a rumor that the real estate market is headed for a slump."

Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO February 2, 1890 Last week Theodore Bookham started his furnace with the usual result when someone lit a match.

Eugene Brooks has been named to the state committee of appeals on the Masonic Grand Lodge of Michigan. His appointment came through the newly elected grand master, Frank T. Lodge of Detroit.

There is a woman in town who supports her children and a sick husband. In spite of this she has put down a concrete sidewalk, a block at a time as she could afford it. Doesn't this make some of our prosperous citizens just a little ashamed of the mud in front of their homes?

Last Saturday a team belonging to M. Addison, while tied in front of a house, decided on a little action. Without further ado they removed themselves from their harness and took off. In the process they demolished a new wagon and ruined a good horse. Neither they are unharmed, but they did live things up a bit.

Mrs. Blanche Webster Dewey, a music teacher of excellent reputation is now available here. She is a pianist, singer and can play the piano, guitar and/or mandolin. You may interview her at the home of Mrs. Allen Biehler next Wednesday and arrange for lessons.

20 YEARS AGO February 7, 1920 Although it is now only a few weeks old, the local police report that they have already had several accidents on the plant tracks to them. Since the listing of owners has not yet been returned from the owners, the plates are being held at headquarters.

The Village of Bloomfield Hills has approved a budget of \$38,400 for 1929, according to William Story, village clerk. The budget was approved by a unanimous vote of the commissioners at their meeting Tuesday night.

Mrs. Virginia L. Hewitt has been named president of the Birmingham Civic League. Other officers are Mrs. Blanche L. White, Mrs. Eric Lowe and Mrs. Christopher Brian. They invite all local women to join them.

Someone has told us that the new lights on Woodmont and Birmingham look like a roller coaster, when coming in from the north. The gentleman said all it needed now was a big sign saying "Hold your hat and don't stand."

Rolla J. Coryell, president of the Birmingham school board and member of the Bloomfield Township board, has been appointed to the Birmingham school commission. He will replace J. H. Critchlow, who has resigned from the commission.

5 YEARS AGO February 3, 1935 E. W. Haack, city assessor, has announced that a sale of 125 parcels of land will be held on Feb. 10. Some parcels are suitable for gardens, while others can be used as building lots. All are being sold by the state for delinquent taxes.

Over 1,000 persons have contributed about \$600 for the expenses incurred in opening the swimming pool at Barron school for the remainder of the winter. It has been announced that the pool will be open for the next ten weeks.

The new church house of the First Methodist Church, which has been in the process of remodeling for the past several weeks is now ready for use. The Young People's group will open it Sunday, with several church organizations slated to meet there during the week.

Announcement has been made that schools and communities interested in reforestation may obtain as many seedling pines as they care to plant on public lands. Distributed through the forestry division of the state conservation department there is no charge for the seedlings.

Michigan's spring weather has changed. Winter weather has returned. The fire ladders like it, since it will stop these unreasonable grass fires, but many an unsuspecting motorist was caught short.

BEATRICE McDONALD

Poplar Tree The stars gavi out a feeble glow That slanted brightly on the snow. Our poplar branches looked like face. The dense clouds shifted to and fro. The wind blew knifed into my face.

The wind was cold and rough and shrill A half-moon rose above the hill. The cloud-thick sky was inkly black. I stayed outdoors to look my fill. The clouds, like wolves, moved in a pack. So dim the night I scarce could see. A dozen stars ahead of me. The cold wind screeched across the hill. I love our little poplar tree. I loved outdoors to look my fill.

Chop, Chop!



New Jersey Senator Says GOP Must Build 'Positive, Dynamic Program'

By Esther Van Wagon Tufty

WASHINGTON — The most candid Republican must be Senator H. Alexander Smith, senior senator of New Jersey. Maybe it's because he was formerly a Princeton professor that he speaks right out loud about what he thinks.

Smith predicts: "Republicans will not win national elections until we, as a party, formulate legislative proposals which will capture the people's imaginations and lead them toward a greater release of that free creative effort which over-centralized government can never evoke."

Smith identifies the GOP against the New Deal... but "for" anything.

Smith, unfortunately, does not outline what that positive program should be.

Names Achievements of the achievements of the GOP for which the demochs have managed to get the credit:

1. Reciprocal trade agreements were first urged on William McKinley by James G. Blain who in 1890 wrote the future president that strong protectionism would protect the Republican Party into a speedy retirement.

2. Conservation and aclamationist first became great national

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

ONE of the easier ways of making informal pictures of people indoors is by using your everyday room lamp and brief time exposure.

Using this type of lighting and fast film, you'll want to use about two seconds exposure with most boxtype cameras. With adjustable cameras and fast film, exposure will depend on the lens aperture.

Indoors by Room Light Here's a simple indoor shot made with only the light from normal room lamps.

WABEK STATE BANK OF DETROIT BIRMINGHAM OFFICE—WABEK BUILDING

Michigan Horror

By Gene Alteman

LANSING — Michigan's secret primary is under fire. According to D. Hale Brake, state treasurer, it has broken down party responsibility. It has invited popular nomination and election of individuals who were strictly obligated to party conventions or even party affiliation.

County clerks of Michigan met at Lansing last week. They were successful in their demand for a secret primary. It is reported that the secret primary should be abolished and that voters should declare party affiliation before they could enjoy the privilege of selecting party nominees.

While Mr. Brake has not alluded to recent party leaders in his campaign to abolish the secret primary, it is obvious that he has in mind former Governor Kim Sigler. Sigler was elected county prosecutor of a Democratic county ticket. He was not the choice of party leaders. He was chosen by a circuit court judge who was presiding as a one-man grand jury. Sigler tossed his hat into the Republican primary. He was swept into nomination and election on a popular wave of demochs against so-called corruption and graft at Lansing.

The present reaction against the secret primary is also one of a national nature. It is reported that the secret primary should be abolished and that voters should declare party affiliation before they could enjoy the privilege of selecting party nominees.

It is Treasurer Brake's belief that the secret primary, without party restraint or responsibility, invites the nomination of men who excel in glamour, sex appeal, or other charms that strike the voters' fancy at the moment.

Does Mr. Brake's conviction suggest a personal ambition that is now frustrated or at least handicapped? Lansing observers who have watched the steady progress

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