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Not for Revolutions—Now

William C. Foster, national chairman of the Communist party, says Communists do not advocate violent revolution in the United States...

"We are convinced it is possible in the United States to elect by legal democratic, peaceful means, a coalition government which will move toward 'Socialism,' said Mr. Foster.

Once in office he says, such a government would die under the attack of capitalism or move toward socialism and a "people's front" government would result.

There is reason, of course, to doubt that Mr. Foster tells the whole story when he suggests that his Communists do not believe in violence.

Nevertheless, he outlines a possibility of peaceful capture of our governmental machinery which may happen unless the people of the United States are intelligent enough to detect the misrepresentation contained in Communist propaganda.

It would be an interesting race of human beings if the minds of men and women demanded food with the same insistence that the stomach does.

Suppose your brain, if neglected and forgotten for a day, would set up the same insistent clamor for sustenance that your appetite does.

Would you know more, or do you, maybe, take care of the normal cravings that visit intelligent minds and see that you provide a diet for the thinking machine?

Truth is supposed to be the goal of education and philosophy and religion, as well. The truth will set you free.

How many of us realize that the best pursuit of truth comes only when a mind is free of passion, prejudices and popular superstitions?

How many of us make any systematic effort to remove such cobwebs from our brains?

The loyal alumni are now making up their minds whether the football team justifies the continuance of the institution of learning.

Will those people who complain about the summer's heat be the same ones who protest the cold this winter?

Michigan Mirror INTERESTING THE NEWS

By Gene Allman "The greatest change this year in the Michigan educational pattern will come at the high school level," said Dr. Lee M. Thurston, state superintendent of public instruction...

30 Centuries Ago and Ahead

Archaeologists of the American Museum of Natural History recently unearched a Peruvian mummy, said to contain the remains of a native of that country who died some 3,000 years ago.

Newspaper reports relate that the experts carefully unwound yards of burlap and brilliantly colored cloth, including bright ceremonial robes and a short, tasseled poncho in a state of nearly perfect preservation.

The earlier civilizations of Peru, and some of the Central and South American areas, are attracting more and more attention from American archaeologists.

As we speculate upon the life, manners and peoples of 30 centuries ago, the thought might enter our minds that 30 centuries from now, other people will speculate about us.

Certainly if the atomic age proves too powerful for the mentality of modern people, there may be opportunity for speculation three thousand years from now.

At that day, perhaps, other human beings, struggling for self-development, may be puzzled by some of the relics that they discover buried in the ground.

Joint Air Game in England

The changed condition of the world is exemplified by the fact that an squadron of B-50 bombers and a group of B-29 superforts recently participated in simulated raids upon the British coast in order to test the English defenses against enemy bombing attacks.

During the maneuvers, British jet media fighters rose to intercept the "invaders," and had the "cooperation" of French and Dutch fighter pilots operating the latest jet fighters.

The maneuvers emphasized the seriousness with which the governments of these nations view the world situation. Never before, so far as we know, in times of peace have the fighting units of four nations combined to stage such an operation.

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Happenings of Long Ago

50 Years Ago OCTOBER 13, 1899 Goods of all kinds, groceries, dry goods, clothing, hats and caps...

Dame rower has it that Miss Lizzie MacDowell of Birmingham has been united in marriage with Mr. Frankfort of Detroit. Congratulations!

Beautiful, mild October (so far) seems to be doing her best to make up for the departed summer and to bring several October. The beauties of nature are being expressed in this little section of the globe we call home.

A. Sibert, the blacksmith, tried to pass in front of a fast train at the brick yards Sunday. His wheel and one of his clothes were a total wreck. Being Sunday the trainmen did not worry much about him but he was a little worried.

While delivering milk here last week Mr. Dove from Royal Oak was driving several cows when he was thrown from his wagon. At the time he thought his injuries were not serious but he was surprised to discover two broken ribs the first time he sneezed.

50 Years Ago OCTOBER 17, 1829 Stockholders of the First National Bank are being notified to bring their shares of stock and receive new certificates with a par value of \$20.

Resignation of Miss Margaret McGee from the Board of Education of Birmingham was received by the board of education last night.

Mr. Nancy B. Thomas, librarian at the Birmingham Public Library, is reading for Birmingham again this fall.

The Washington group of the high school announces the opening of second marine campaign fund drive for their trip. Starting this week the campaign will last through Christmas.

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To the Autumn Wind

Blow, restless Autumn Wind, across the lake And strewn a thousand jewels along the waves.

Another Explosion

A NAVY STRIPPED OF ITS OFFENSIVE POWER MEANS A NATION STRIPPED OF ITS OFFENSIVE POWER



British Daily Papers Have Few Pages, No Comics, But Very High Circulation

LONDON—Daily evidence that England is still suffering from war-caused shortages, confronts American tourists who read British newspapers. Not one contains more than 10 pages per issue, and only one, The Times, has that many.

Into this small space English editors must compress the news of international importance to their readers. Unlike his American contemporary, the English editor cannot expand the size of his paper to meet the demands of heavy advertising or news volume, because the size of all English papers is fixed by law.

The most famous, and probably the most influential, of all British papers is The Times of London. It is located in one of the oldest parts of the city. The grounds on which its buildings are were once occupied by the King's printing house and Blackfriars Playhouse.

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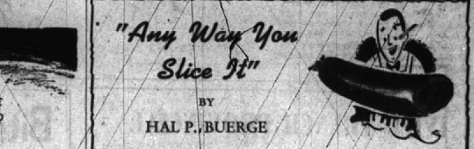
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LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland, in and for the City of Pontiac, Michigan, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the will of the late Mrs. A. D. 1949.

Arthur E. Moore, Attorney at Law, 207 Wabash Bldg., Birmingham, Mich.



You probably have never given much thought to the important question of who is the best athlete in your family. You may be the best in your own opinion, but some other member of the clan also may claim the title because he has won more of the races between the fat men and the skinny men at the lodge picnic down through the years.

Anyone, who is the best golfer in the family is a relatively easy thing to determine in most families, because the one who can break a hundred is generally conceded the title by the poorer playing backachs in the outfit.

However, there is one family in the Detroit area in which the honor is fought for on the links... and usually it takes a couple of sub-par rounds to walk away with the family title.

Nearly everyone in these parts who has ever missed a four-foot putt has heard of the Kocsis family. Most all of you know at least one or two of the famous golfing brothers personally.

Chuck is probably the best known, having won more national and state honors than the rest. This year, for the second time, he was a member of the American Walker Cup team.

Each year the boys get together and battle it out for the family championship. Mom and Dad Kocsis and the boys' only sister, Mrs. Joseph Ford, who came all the way from Buffalo this year, to attend the day-long tournament along with all the other relatives and friends.

This year the Kocsis tournament was held at Morey's Golf and Riding Club with owner Ed Morey as host. Many of the Kocsis boys have served as pro at the club. All the boys played 36 holes except Chuck, who could only crowd in 27. Out of the 13 eighteen-hole rounds that were played, the worst score was a 75 by Alex in his afternoon round.

It has long been the contention of Detroiters that the Kocsis family could claim any other family of like number in the state and perhaps in the nation. As long as we have gone this far, why not say the world? There are some pretty good golfing families in these parts. Tom's Braupers from Detroit are pretty slick, and in the East there are some pretty fair country golfers by the name of Turnesa, who have won a golfing title now and then.

However, the mythical seven-member family title would undoubtedly have to be conceded to the Kocsis family at this time. It would be interesting to dig up a challenger and find out for sure.

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

FALL foliage seems to call for longer exposure than normal to compensate for back or side lighting, for the filter, or both.

Don't think, however, that you're dependent on technical tricks to get all of the feeling of fall. A good choice of subject matter happens the season with of all a calendar's authority. Corn shocks stacked in a field, burning leaves with smoke creeping skyward, a row of pumpkins neatly arranged—these are familiar hallmarks of the season.

By combining such subject matter of autumn with the pictorial effects of foliage, you can get any number of pictures which represent this season of harvests. And you'll find they help to round out your camera record of the year.

Internationally Speaking

United States companies which are actively engaged in export activities often are not yet realizing that the international markets are drifting back into a more normal state.

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