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Eat Enough Breakfast?

If you want to avoid "mid-morning slumps," you might take the advice of Prof. Hazel Hauck, given in an address on "Recent Discoveries in Nutrition." Prof. Hauck advocates a good breakfast, one that includes some protein food. She cites studies which show that the performance of persons who eat no breakfast or drink just a cup of coffee is not equal to those who put away milk, cereal, eggs, ham and the like.

The subjects studied were tested for endurance and in every case, the lady says, "performance was better for those who had eaten a good breakfast."

She added also that none of the subjects who ate substantial breakfasts gained weight.

We are mighty happy to see her add that last fact. With that assurance, we can tell the wife tomorrow morning to bring on a Pennsylvania-Dutch breakfast of ham and eggs, fried potatoes, molasses cookies, Pennsylvania scrapple, apple pie and coffee. It will taste so good after all these years of one piece of toast and coffee.

Pressure Group Politics

The Government of the United States is "passing out gifts to virtually any pressure group interested in asking for them," declares Gwilyn A. Price, official of a large industrial company. He complains that our people seem to be willing to support "a political system" that gives control to a few master planners, who have power to make important economic and political decisions.

The observation of this industrialist contains much food for thought.

Undoubtedly, the modern game of politics, as played by those who direct the destinies of our leading political parties, involves increasing recognition of the number of votes to be gained by legislative favors in the way of subsidies. The government of the United States, as originally conceived, was concerned with the general welfare of the nation. It contained checks and balances, with divided responsibility in three departments, tending to make impossible the direct pressure that now dominates political decisions.

The process has been largely abandoned by successful politicians who found out long ago that the way to win elections is to get votes. Much blame for this condition belongs to the pressure groups themselves.

The high-powered tactics by which any minority group attempts to secure selfish advantages reflects the readiness of the members to sacrifice American principles for their own greed.

In fact, the threat of political retaliation, which is the main weapon of minority and pressure groups, is so potent that officeholders feel to offend an organized segment of the population.

The practice has become so general that about the only ineffective element of our population is the unorganized majority of American citizens.

Sooner or later, we hope, average Americans will organize themselves to resist the demands of selfish pressure groups. Until they do, they will continue to take it on the chin.

Want to Lower Taxes?

Elected public officials depend upon votes to get and keep themselves in office. While in office they are supported by your taxes. Every dollar they spend comes from your pocketbooks.

In their frenzy to remain in office, some of them cater to various individuals and groups. They do this by passing special laws favoring individuals and groups, also by providing for your taxes—special subsidies for them.

Everything the public official does is paid for by your taxes. If you are opposed to the amount of taxes you are paying, then you must let these public officials know how you feel... either by contacting them, or refusing to vote them back into office.

In the final analysis, you, the taxpayers and voters, are able to control what your public officials do—if only you will do it!

If you want to cut lockers out of your homes, you put locks on the doors and windows, pay local police to protect your life and property. If you do not have these protections, burglars would rob you quite often.

Insofar as cutting down state and federal taxation is concerned, your own intelligent interest in civic affairs is your only protection against being robbed by the imposition of higher and higher taxes.

Restore States' Rights

What the United States needs more than anything else is the adoption of an amendment to the Federal Constitution which will limit the extent of taxation which Congress can impose upon the people.

Also, there should be included a curb upon the legislative powers of Congress insofar as its right to control various areas of our social and economic life.

Instead of Congress continuing its centralized controls over the life of Americans, these powers should be restored to the several states—where the founding fathers of this country originally intended them to be.

Blood Brothers



Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Taken from Old Files of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background of The Birmingham of Today.

50 Years Ago

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Aviation enthusiasts of Birmingham who have been watching the progress of the Bers airport cause, were disappointed to find that the work of leveling and grading is moving along nicely. All are eager to see the final steps of the work completed in order to enable them to enjoy this form of recreation at a nearby site.

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Mrs. Agnes Elder, Forest avenue, and Mrs. W. F. Robinson, Adams street, were both overcome by the heat here Monday afternoon. The two ladies received medical treatment and were reported as fully recovered the following day.

Donald Jagger, three-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Jagger, was severely bitten on the neck by a stray cat yesterday, according to police. It is believed that the cat was from the yard owned by the Jagger home just prior to the attack. It was sent to Ann Arbor for observation.

The village commission voted to purchase the property owned by Lou Randall while out driving Dr. C. M. Raynald's colt Wednesday morning was injured by being thrown from the cart into the ditch. The young, spirited animal became frightened by rattling milk cans in a passing wagon. We are fortunate indeed the good looking and well-socialized, except Maine, is perhaps better appreciated by out-state travelers than by native sons and daughters of Michigan.

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Dr. Wood Attends Osteopaths' Convoc

Dr. John P. Wood, osteopathic physician of 2100 Wabek building, attended the fifty-fourth annual convention of the American osteopathic association at the Stevens hotel in Chicago, July 10-14.

Over 2,500 doctors registered for the meeting. There were representatives from all parts of the United States and several other foreign countries.

The theme of this year's convention was "The Integrated Concept of Health as Reflected in Osteopathy."

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

START CITY'S DIRTY DISHES

What's your reaction when looking at a sink gilded high with last week's dirty dishes? Do you like to come home each evening to a yard littered with ceramic plates and other gaudy trappings? The wife probably gets a good laughing out if the dishes aren't taken care of. Some of our neighbors even suggested it will place trash cans at strategic downtown spots.

But THERE'S no handier a way to dispose of a candy wrapper or paper bag than to simply throw it in the sidewalk in the street. When hanging out in a block or more and put it in the trash can? So where do we go from here? Most citizens and guests continue to be pelted with papers and grit? It appears to me that something must be done. A small tractor equipped with a red revolving broom on the front end, to sweep up all the litter, sweeping snow from around the city parks and public buildings, would probably be the best use of money for sweeping dirt and

LOOKING AHEAD By George S. Benson

ANOTHER WORD FOR "STAGNATE"

Last week the 300 summer students pitted with the faculty at Harding and we moved the college to 25-room dormitory in Golden Hall, which soon will be razed, to our beautiful new residence Memorial Library.

As we carried armloads of books from the old building into the new it was like leaving the past and entering a new world. Everything that went into the construction of the new building represented a great achievement in the materials used in the old one.

I HAD WATCHED the new library go up, and had helped select its air conditioning and radiant heating systems, the indirect lighting installations, the acoustical plaster for the ceilings and the insulating tile for the floors.

With one notable exception, everything in our new library, everything directly or indirectly connected with it, represented progress.

Competition in the free market and the incentive of profit have stimulated the development of all these improvements.

The one exception to progress is the sewage disposal system to which our new library is connected.

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papers, too. Would give it something to do in the summertime.

PERHAPS OUR city fathers could check with the chief of the B.P.W. to see if this tractor couldn't be put to work on the city street sweeper in the early morning hours.

The little fellow could clean the walks and push the refuse in to the gutter so the big machine could pick up the trash.

But that process might cost a little additional money, I suppose the city fathers will tell us, and the city can't afford it.

And if the city fathers were as bold as to suggest a slight increase in business public collection rates to take care of this further service, the businessmen would object strenuously.

SO, FELLOW CITIZENS, we probably should forget the whole matter and figure we will never be able to walk through, shop in, and look at a littered, dirtree street.

It's a shame, isn't it?

Almost simultaneously, a Congressman declared the distribution of the mail, another socialized enterprise, would be feasible on a paying basis if it were turned over to private industry.

Neither of these late-coming suggestions may be feasible at this moment but they spotlight the danger of stagnation in any enterprise or service not under political or government control or established as a government monopoly.

REGARDING THE Post Office service, the Hoover Commission reported: "To operate this huge business on a service basis is an obsolete and overcentralized administrative structure, clogged by a maze of outmoded laws, regulations, and traditions. It is short of equipment of all kinds, and most of its equipment is obsolete. Average age of the department's 10,000 trucks: 15 1/2 years."

The department's deficit ran approximately \$500,000,000 last year.

The point is, government control invariably exercises a deadening hand on any enterprise or service not under political or government control.

And after a time it becomes too late to do anything about it.

In 1942 the airplane industry was in a similar predicament. When the government tried to turn it into a government monopoly, it would buy it up in any price.

"Yes," "stagnate" is the proper synonym for "government control" in an industry or a nation.

MICHIGAN MIRROR By Gene Alleman

-MICHIGAN'S FABULOUS UPPER PENINSULA-

Selection of the Upper Peninsula as the location of the National Convention of the Outdoor Writers Association of America for 1950 was announced last week that this region of approximately 16,000 square miles, larger in area than any other state in the Union, except Maine, is perhaps better appreciated by out-state travelers than by native sons and daughters of Michigan.

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INTERNATIONALLY Speaking

By Eugene Hess

The Financial Times is, as well known, one of the best financial publications in the world. It has been outstanding for many days ago the yearly shareholders' meeting of the company which owns this paper.

I think it will be interesting for many of our readers to learn what this group of experienced practical economists had to say about the present state of the British finances. I extract the following from the speech of the chairman.

"Since devaluation there has naturally been a considerable increase in the price of gold and hard currencies; indeed if we consider the implications of the devaluation of sterling on the nation, it would show that if nothing would show on the slide show of the paper. This is an increase of our holdings of course, partly directly due to the inflation which is raging today in the United States and in other countries. Therefore, such a recovery must be attributed to more or less transitory causes. A recession in the U. S., during 1949 played a part in our gold and hard currency reserves for the past year. It is our policy to maintain a rigidly in our economy created by the actions of government."

These to Ontonagon and Silver City where you can drive to the Porcupine Mountain State Park and climb by easy trail-taking view of the Clouds. If time permits, visit the Pictured Rocks and visit the falls along Lake Superior.

OTHERWISE you can go eastward to U. S. 2 and go back eastward to the Irons at the Pictured Rocks and visit the falls along Lake Superior.

On your way back be sure to visit the Big Spring, Kitchitippi

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric welcomes letters for this column. All must be signed, but signatures will be kept confidential upon request. Letters must be limited to 500 words.

To the Editor:

It looks like there are a lot of career communists in Korea. China is seeing her share of these boys too.

Let me add my voice to those in opposition to a proposal of spending \$25,000,000 of the taxpayers' money for a small group of centrally located merchants here in Birmingham.

A COMMUNIST can yell, "that's an act of aggression" in any known language and about three unknown languages.

The Russian's favorite drink is vodka and their favorite pastime is veto.

Communists are good workers, like the wheat, corn, tomatoes and potato bugs.

FRED WEAVER Sr., Louisville, Mo.

William R. Rosecrans, vice-president, U. S. Chamber of Commerce:

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Syngman Rhee, President, Republic of Korea:

Today there is little optimism in South Korea because we have no artillery. There is little hope in South Korea because we have no heavy equipment."

Alben W. Barkley, Vice-President:

"A free world can no longer retreat."

T. V. Smith, professor, former member of Congress:

"It is the business of government to be big in a country where nothing else is small."

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