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Rationed?

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mittee of prominent college which had been studying pr been studying pre-professional education.

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The charges were made, before the
American Conference of Acidemic
Deans, recently, meeting in Cincinnati,
and were included in a report made by a
committee composed of the deans of
Wayne, Ohio State, Northwestern and
Kentucky Universities:

The committee was appointed a year
ago to study the problems involved in admission to the medical colleges.

The committee assailed the medical
profession for its "short-sightedness" in
not Keeping apage with the nation's
health needs, accused the doctors of usday "Petrilo and Fishbein economics' in
keeping down the number of students admitted to medical schools, and asserted

mitted to medical schools, and asserted that thousands of qualified pre-medical students are not admitted to the schools, ven though the nation needs more doc

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According to Dr. William S. Guthrie,
dean of the College of Arts and Sciences,
Ohio State University, college students
face strict rationing of career's in medi-cine, dentistry and veterinstry medicine
without respect for the country's need.
He said reports from seventy-five of
the nation's seventy-nine medical schools
disclose 92,460 applications of the fall
term of 1949, representing 25,000 indi-vidual students. There were only 6,387
places to be filled in the freshman classes,
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piaces to be filled in the freshman classes. Dr. Gutriè asserted that many of the students rejected have good academic records and possess the readily acknowledged personal qualifications but that, "no matter how eligible three-fourths of the amplicants insteam?" act in " the applicants just can't get in.'

He urged the medical profession to ex-pand facilities to admit a minimum of 1,500 additional students annually. This and the done, he asserted, by utilizing a medical colleges to full capacity, as some during the war years. uld be

Is It iman effort to strengthen impoverished freed omloving nations to hold off the spread of totalitarianism, the United States was asked to pour, in five years, fifteen billions of dollars into those halions. Such action is sup-

posed to help them achieve economic stability and thus domestic security.

That is asking a lot of five years and fifteen billions of dollars—when such nations, for generations, have been unable to maintain enduring stability. In the meantime, the economy of the United States itself is being bled to impoverish-

More and more, U. S. citizens are required to labor for their State . . . the State being the concentrated weapon of defense against alien enemy doctrines.

Russia, being a slave State, is seeking, by her threat against peace, to require other nations to lower their fiving standards by supporting, huge military programs.

How long can such a situation endure?

Lawyers Are kind could not live Decent, Too even in the semblance of civilization he thus far has wrested from his jungle humannature. Henaturally follows that those who practice law, the lawyers, and the judges who administer the law, are necessary.

Most of them—the great, great majority of them, are honest and conscientious citizens.

A small minority of them are pred-ators, quite willing to victimize their

ators, quite willing to victimize their casy prey.
But does that make the lawyer-group any different\_from many others, includ-ing newspapers, educators, preachers, businessmen, plus other professional men (and women)?

(and women)?

'We do not believe it does.
As a class, the lawyer can hold his head high—notwithstanding, the jeers and jibes that come his way from a public that seems to like to find the worst in most of its fellow-beings.

### Mashed By The lowly but necessary potato is posing an enor-mous problem to the United States of Amer-Potatoes

United States of America. The Truman Administration's farm supports encourage the production of more potatoes on less acres of land. Women of the country refuse to eat the spuda because they make the gals fat. Males refuse to confine their taste buds only to potatoes. Nature refuses to send destructive begs and insects to destroy the crops. Russig best failed to come up with an answer to the problem, and so has Henry A, Wallace. Looks as though the nation will be buried beneath its surplus food

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crops.
Civilization is, indeed, a most difficult experiment!

#### From Our Point of View

It is admitted that the nation's capital, It is admitted that the nation's capital, Washington, D.C., consumes more liquor per capita than any other community in the United States. Which may account in part for the unstable and confused governmental ideas that are born in that City of Bacchus.

A scientist says that mankind will be able to harness the rays of the sun, and thus be able to abandon the use of coal for heating and power. But that probably won't happen, so long as John Lewis is around—he'll find'some way to become the bargaining agent (or Old Sol.)

A lawyer argues that Michigab, unlike many other States, doesn't allow, more than eight reasons for obtaining divorce, the believes this somehow is a favorable point for Michigan marriages. However, he falls to admit that a lawyer certainly can make one or more of the eight points valid reason for granting divorce. . . . as Michigan's divorce statistics show.

Henry A. Wallace and his Progressive Party recently held an annual convention in Chicago. In an effort to impress a wised-up America, he sought and ob-tained a resolution mildly disavowing Soviet Russia. "Too little-too-late", Henry. It will require more than a mild convention resolution to remove the deep pink stains that discolor the habiliments of your Progressive Party!

### So They Say . . .

William L. Clayton, former Under-Secre

William L. Communists are awakening the "The Communists are awakening the masses and, make no mistake about it, the masses are listening."

Kenneth S. Wherry, U. S. Senator from

Nebraska: "Everybody knows and believes we are the main target for Communist Russia and it is our public enemy No. 1."

Oswald C. F. Hoffman, Lutheran preach-

er:
"We will never be able to get the world right until we put God back at the center."

Madame Chiang Kai-shek, wife of Chinese Nationalist leader:
"The Communists have captured much

of China's territory but nothing of her

Harold E. Burns, Pennsylvania newspaper publisher:
"The very foundation of our nation is being eaten away by alcohol."

Thomas E. Dewey, Governor of New

Lork:
"You can't make gambling honest any more than you can make a whistle out of a pig's tail."

Ghulam Muhammed, Pakistan Finance

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Minister:
"If a friend of mine becomes ill and takes castor oil, should I have to take castor oil, too?"

Henri Spaak, former Belgian Premier "There is no really great power in Europe." 4 4 4

Robert A. Taft, U. S. Senator from Ohio. "There is not the slightest evidence that Russia will go to war with us be-cause we interfere with a crossing to For-

Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Minister:
"The United States is a very generous country."

Walter F. George, U. S. Senator from

Georgia:
"I don't believe we can maintain our present type of political structure unless we cut back on spending."

Silver Lining



## Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric-The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

Sleighride parties were the or-yr of the evening last Friday, he air was resonant with sleigh-lils, cowbells, fish horns and sals of laughter from the light garted young folks who were aking so much fun.

Melvin C. Hart, principal of Baldwin high school will leave Wednesday to attend the annual meeting of the north central as-sociation. The group is made up of representatives from schools and colleges of the north central states and helps determine what states and helps determine what

in Birmingham April 24, when their extensive program will be brought to a close with a special celebration at the Community House.

5 Years Ago
MARCH 18, 1945
John T. Brennan, who has been
manager of the Secor hotel in
Toledo, Ohio, for saveral years,
will become general manager of
the Oakland Hills country, club.
Mr. and Mrs. Brennan have already arrived here, and are planning to open the club on May 1.

W. K. Vou Weiler, attache of the Netherlands consulate in De-troit, was the guest speaker at the Linas non meeting Wednesday. Von Weiler spake on the courage of the Dutch people and showed the film, "The Dutch Tradition".

The dry weather which has prevailed here of late, has opened the season for grass fires. Fire Chief V. W. Griffith says many had been of a dangerous size, and that, sadly, most of them are the result of carelessness. He urges every precaution and care when burning grass or rubbish in dry urges.

W. L. Story will head the sin-nual sale of Easter stamps in Bir-mingham, according to an an-nouncement from the Oakland county society for crippled chil-dren. He will be assisted by John McKee, David Greer and Charles Multedheid.

Mrs. Hazel Lawler is general chairman of the April 11 meeting the chairman of the April 12 meeting ham hold their sunnal bampoet. Representatives from six local organizations will be present to hear an address by William Otto, secretary of the Lansing chamber of commerce.

### Internationally Speaking

Argentija And, a little over two cars ago, more than two billion bollars and over two hundred mil-on bounds sterling. Today there practically nothing left of these intastic amounts. How is such a debacle possible? In the first place, the responsa-tion miscrable economic manages.

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#### Abundance By BEATRICE McDONALD

A bit of fire on a chilly day,
A couch in a cosy nook,
Three fat pillows to prop my back,
And a captivating book

Two apples, some buns and a celery stalk
With a steaming pot of tea,
And my little dog asleep on the hearth
Are wealth enough for me.

I couldn't be bothered with jeweled rings And a bracelet carved in jade. A bed with a tasselled satin spread, Gold lamps and a serving maid.

What would I do with a string of pearls
Afid a hat with a spangled crown?
Where would I travel in velvet shoes
And a blue brocaded gown? I want but a fire on a chilly day
And a book of poetry,
Some sugared buns and a celery stalk,
With a steaming pot of tea.

ONE THING OR ANOTHER

By George Wm. Averill

NO POINT IN ARGUING ABOUT IT-

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# LOOKING AHEAD

By George S. Benson

SOMETHING TO CHEER-

A group of Texas farmers have made some refreshing and encouraging news.

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By Gene Alleman

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NEW INDUSTRIES FOR SMALL TOWNS-

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# People's Column

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The writer was born in Birmigham, Mich., August, 15, 1916, 1918

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