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Tipping Our Hat To The League of Women Voters

Much of this earth's best human endeavors have been inaugurated and carried on by volunteers, men and women interested in a worthy cause or project!

Many times we have printed the paragraph above... because, over a long period of time in the newspaper business, we have had opportunities to observe the truth in that statement.

At this particular election time we are reminded of this truth by witnessing the local activities of the League of Women Voters.

They NOT ONLY gather non-partisan facts and present them through newspapers and bulletins, but they also sponsor civic rallies, where candidates are presented to the public;

While the League consists, as its name implies, only of women in its membership, many men—especially husbands—contribute both money and ideas to assist it in achieving its objectives.

The Birmingham Branch of the League of Women Voters was formed here in 1933, and now has a membership of 265. They have done much to aid in raising the standards both of candidates and actual public officialdom.

So here's to the League of Women Voters!

REAL VOLUNTEERS in the performance of the most important job confronting the American people.

Long may they live to develop civic consciousness in a public that needs civic regeneration.

The "Veep's" Tactics

Vice-President Barkley is going about the country these days (and we don't know at whose expense, either) making speeches to help Democratic candidates win at the Nov. 7 election.

The "Veep," an old consumer at the public trough for a generation, resorts to every trick in the politician's bag to win over his audiences.

To the "Veep," it's largely a game to outwit the other side, regardless of what you do or say at the moment.

State Re-apportionment

For many years Michigan legislatures have failed to carry out their constitutional obligation of, every 10 years, re-apportioning House and Senate seats according to population.

The result is that, controlled by rural legislatures, in some out-state counties one person is equivalent to three persons in an urban area, insofar as representation in the Legislature is concerned.

That is why the Constitution should be amended, placing final responsibility for correct re-apportionment in the hands of one elected official—who, unlike the legislature, can be brought into court and made to do his duty every 10 years.

We Can Remember When—

Not only Detroit, but most of its suburbs have serious traffic problems. For example, we can remember when one safely could start walking across Woodward avenue here without having to look either way; when old Nick Honeoy, our one-man police force, handled Sunday traffic with the help of a manually operated semaphore at Woodward and Maple.

But that was nearly 30 years ago. Our worst traffic problems locally are on Saturdays. City fathers really have a problem on their hands to alleviate the situation.

From Our Point of View

Come to think of it, Secretary of State Dean Acheson seems to us to look like England's former Prime Minister; Mister Chamberlain... umbrella and all.

Why should one expect so astute a practical politician as Harry S. Truman to do everything possible right now to prevent further inflation, when by so doing he would offend millions of voters?

With all due respect to the honest efforts of labor leaders to gain more power in governmental circles, their ultimate objective, if successful, would be to bring about something very close to Socialism.

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America last week called for a strengthening of the nation's spiritual and moral defenses as we increase our military defenses.

"Look as pretty as you can. Put a little something on—or take a little something off, if necessary," a group of school teachers were advised by the Galesburg, Ill., supt. of public education. In other words, "be classy in the classroom."

Wonder if something like this might not have taken place in the minds of Truman and McArthur when they met for two hours at Wake Island: McArthur... "what a little guy, both in physical and mental stature, this Missouri turns out to be." Truman... "Gee, what I'd give to have the mind, appearance and public respect that you have, Doug!"

Russia's Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky now asks the United Nations to quit "biting tough" and show a willingness to discuss world peace with the Soviet. Doesn't Vishinsky know that the UN was set up to maintain world peace? Of course he does. As a leading Communist, Vishinsky is merely acting like one, and the UN knows that it cannot trust the word of anybody who represents the present crowd in the Kremlin.

So They Say . . .

Chou En-lai, Premier of Communist China: "The United States Government has been proved the most dangerous enemy of the Peoples' Republic of China."

W. Stuart Symington, chairman, National Security Resources Board: "One of the greatest discoveries of the past war was that women are able to do practically anything that men can do."

Louis Johnson, former Secretary of Defense: "Years and years of preparedness to avoid war, if successful, are vastly preferable to a single year of unlimited war."

George C. Marshall, Secretary of Defense: "We must have some system of universal training."

Ernest L. Stebbins, doctor: "When research scientists get the recognition movie stars have, you can say the country is growing up."

Eleanor Roosevelt, author: "The success of democracy depends upon an enlightened citizenry."

Witch Way Will He Go Now?

The earth's underpinning is a little shaky these days—and I mean this literally. You recall reading about them during the past few months: several seismic earthquakes in India and the Western Pacific area.

Here in the Detroit area, we don't see a thing. But public opinion is largely influenced by what people hear and see—the news and the spoken word, the actions and reactions of the people—and the human instinct.

Happenings of Long Ago

50 Years Ago OCTOBER 25, 1900 I will pay a reward of \$100 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who stole oats from my farm.

20 Years Ago OCTOBER 30, 1930 Red Cross workers will begin their annual "Red Cross" call Saturday, with a thorough canvass of the village planned.

5 Years Ago NOVEMBER 1, 1945 A special display will be held Nov. 5-9 at Galesburg high school when 150 reproductions of our war's greatest paintings will be shown.

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

"Tiny earthquakes" were reported in the Detroit metropolitan area from time to time, but it is believed these have been caused by slippage and settling when rock roofs collapse over salt beds that have washed away.

MICHIGAN'S GREATEST earthquake, as indicated on U.S. seismic maps, took place near Kalamazoo on February 4, 1883.

THE HOUGHTON earthquake on May 26, 1906, damaged some of the city and caused some land slippage and the sinking of chimneys.

LOOKING AHEAD By George S. Benson

Public opinion is the product of the public's thinking which creates our American public opinion.

ONE OF the most influential individuals in the category of thought leadership is the grass-roots newspaper editor.

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MICHIGAN MIRROR By Gene Allen

but a small volume of defense work under way. But it expects to turn out a "substantial volume" of civilian activities in 1951.

Michigan's "Little Hoover Commission" now eyes the state highway department's department of agriculture and state legal counseling services.

What do the ladies worry about? There's now an organization known as "Forties Anonymous" which operates on the same basis as the anti-tipping organization.

Embarrassing to Governor Williams is the fact that Sabol, democratic congressional candidate signed a Communist card in 1940.

Embarrassing to Republicanism is the poor turnout in Jackson at the rededication of the party's fight against socialism and a planting of oak benches which the G.O.P. is said to have funded.

Good news from Korea has lessened the anxiety felt over another "all-out" conflict but the casualty lists still roll in.

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Main Street by Ralph Stein

