

Some Citizens Study Their Schools

For many years there have appeared, in various printed matter in the United States, allegations that influential educators are banded together to prepare new generations for the acceptance and adoption of Socialism. These educators are convinced that "capitalism is dead, or dying," that "collectivism" must now take over.

Accused by many as the "organizational front" for this change is the National Education Association, most of whose officers are reported to be disciples of the Socialist State. They are presumed to be in accord with the idea of using America's public schools to condition the minds of youth for the political and economic changes desired.

Reforms in State Government

Earlier this month announcement was made of the formation of a "Citizens Committee for Reorganization of State Government, also known as "the Little Hoover Committee."

An effort is to be made by this new Citizens Committee to recruit scores of thousands of members from every section of Michigan who will become intelligently interested in bringing to this State the machinery of modern political organization, so that State government will become "responsive and responsible to the people."

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER

By George Wm. Averill

STARTING WITH AN EMPTY WASTEBASKET

When I arrive at the office each morning, one of the first things I check on is to see that my wastebasket is empty. Because it isn't too long before it starts filling rapidly. By the end of the day it is usually overflowing.

So They Say . . .

Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander:

"Unless we get ahead, we'll never achieve the serenity and confidence to which western Europe and the rest of us are entitled."

National Mopwiper Council statement:

"Our strength as a nation depends even more on the quality than on the numbers of our people."

Secy. of Labor: three to be nominated by the American Bar Assn.

Secy. of Commerce: three to be nominated by the nation's businessmen's group.

Secy. of Defense: three private citizens, nominated unanimously by the armed services.

Secy. of Treasury: (I haven't figured this one out yet)

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Steady Up There!



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:

I should thank you for publishing my letter which you did without charge about me running for high office. So I do thank you. Like it or not I have some trouble alongside of some good things. My wife, Hanna, when she read in your newspaper my letter she got plenty upset, even mad. She said to me: "John, when I married you I only promised to love, honor and respect you; I don't have to obey you. I started out with you, when we had nothing but health, ambition and a readiness to work; we have made for ourselves decent security and we have raised a family. . . and now you want to get into American politics. You'll have to do a lot to convince me that you should get all mixed up in that kind of life!"

I tell you, Mr. Editor, when a man has worked so hard as I have all my life, and his wife decides she doesn't like something he is about to do, that's no picnic. I guess, if I do decide to get into politics, that I will have to make my first speech to Hanna, and see if I can get her to vote for me; then I will know better what to do, too.

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

SPRING'S COMING

Saturday will be Groundhog Day when that shy, elusive little creature of many names comes out to see his shadow. Now we are of the school of thought which maintains that animals are smart, not dumb. If this be true, then said groundhog will not be shadow hunting.

Why do we say that, you ask? Because, with the weather Michigan has had this year he will have some away. He will have forsaken his subterranean burrow and made his way to the nearest post. There, he will have climbed aboard a south-bound boat.

Right now, if he's as smart as we give him credit for being, that groundhog is sitting under a palm tree, fanning himself. He's probably chomping on the "dum-dum" humans who stay up north and take 10 years off their lives shoveling snow and pushing cars.

IF HE DIDN'T go south, we most likely won't see him, anyway. Most of this year's snow has melted. The ground is frozen and the water from the melted snow has to go somewhere. What could be the hands that a groundhog's front door?

There he'd be sitting, supposedly snug in his burrow, several feet below the grass roots. Come a who is only stretching his legs bit in the middle of a nice long sit with wet feet—maybe wet snooze?

OKAY. LET'S also suppose he doesn't see his shadow because there's a regular old ring-ding blizzard raging around outside. For the life of us we cannot see how this sort of a setup could hasten the arrival of spring!

If he does see his shadow and it does scare him back in, well, spring or no spring, it's one nice day we will have had and no one can take it away from us. Furthermore, the groundhog is a little little guy and we see no reason for his being scared of his own shadow.

Now, we aren't ancient—yet, but we sure have noticed this fact down through the years: Spring comes when it gets around to it. Not a day before. So why blame the whole silly thing on an innocent groundhog?

At the social held in Troy Friday evening a neat story of money was raised. The indebtedness on the jumps was lifted and a little surplus remained. A vote of thanks is extended to the entertainment committee who worked so hard and so well.

20 YEARS AGO

On February 4, 1912, Miss Helen Hammond, Birmingham teacher, and Mrs. G. Dewey Kimball, narrowly escaped injury Wednesday noon when the cars they were driving crashed at the Martin-Henry intersection. Although both drivers were badly damaged, neither driver was injured.

The alertness of a Birmingham waitress resulted in a prison sentence passed in James Freed, 57, of Pontiac last week. The girl recognized Freed from police descriptions as he tried to pass a check in the restaurant where she is employed. Freed was arrested on fraudulent check charges.

The marriage of Miss Myrtle Tomkins and Tom Larkins, of Southfield, was held last Wednesday. Their many friends and neighbors will all wish them

Michigan and Indiana

The Birmingham Rotary Club is launching a campaign to raise \$700 for the Oakland County Society for Crippled Children in a house-to-house drive which will start here Feb. 8. The drive will be to solicit one dollar memberships in the organization.

Bloomfield Hills council has appointed Russell W. Moore and William A. Putnam as chiefs of the fire and police departments for another year. William Story, clerk, has been asked to fill the while Dr. Thomas Moran will serve as health officer.

A racket, using the prestige of the Girl Scouts, has been spotted in Birmingham. Officials warn residents of persons, claiming to represent this splendid organization, who are falsely selling candy as a means of raising funds.

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5 YEARS AGO

February 6, 1927

A salary increase of \$10 per month has been granted city employees. This will effect slightly over 100 fulltime employees. The act was retroactive to Jan. 1, and will continue for a full year when City Manager D. C. Egbert expects to have the salary classification schedule completed.

An official pat on the back went to the police department from Birmingham commissioners Monday. The officers were commended for their alertness which resulted in the apprehension of nine youths involved in a series of breaking and enterings in January.

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Shelton Wright has been elected president of the Community House association to succeed Edwin J. Anderson. Board members are Mrs. C. Theron Van Dusen, Frank McGinnis, Mrs. R. S. Fletcher and Mrs. Lee White.

Birmingham is beginning a study of the possible expansion of its disposal plant. Commissioners approved City D. C. Egbert's request to start drawing plans for a larger more efficient plant.

Over 200 persons attended the first service in the newly organized Township Community church Sunday. Services were held in the Lathrup school. The group is planning the construction, as soon as possible, of a church building.

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