

Smaller Towns Best Exemplify U. S.

The small town of America is where the progress of our country is made. It is in the small town where its residents are united, often homogeneous and fully patriotic.

It is in the small towns that community projects and self-improvement reach their fullest expression. Community pride and good citizenship are often more apparent in the small towns of the United States than in larger cities.

In addition, life is more wholesome and probably healthier. The product of the small town—the average U. S. citizen—is usually a better balanced citizen, according to the psychologists. This does not mean that those from the metropolitan areas are abnormal or unattractive citizens, but it merely means that the edge

goes to those from the small towns—the typical U. S. community.

BUSINESS is realizing the advantages available in small towns and many of the large corporations are moving their huge plants to the smaller towns of the nation. More and more, the country's top executives and wealthier citizens are moving to small towns, where they can enjoy a slower pace of life, a more normal and wholesome life.

While the great metropolitan areas are wonderful to visit, containing amazing examples of engineering genius and business and industrial activity, it is the small town and the rural community which is the backbone of America and where the real progress—the real Americanism from the grassroots—is to be found.

Some Presidents Wouldn't Take It!

A diplomat is a big gun with a small, smooth bore.

The latest such is Commissar Menshikov, the Communist Ambassador to U. S. When Khrushchev decided to put on his Sunday suit, and smile, smile, smile, he sent this smooth bore over.

Menshikov speaks English, wears the latest evening clothes, dances gracefully, uses big cocktail glasses and kisses the babies.

His job is to tell us that his bosses in the Kremlin are "good old Joe's," and don't mean what they say about burying us.

For a time all went as merry as a wedding bell. This was the "new look." Our native boos who love every country but their own, went gaga over Mr. and Mrs. Menshikov. Such nice people!

BUT SOON THE WOLF showed through the fleece. Given the courtesy of a television speech, Menshikov said that while he knew our people didn't want war, he was not so sure about our Government—meaning, chiefly, the President.

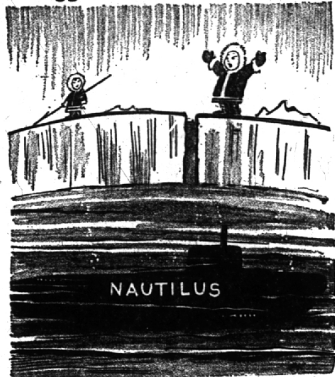
This was a snide effort to split us from our chosen leaders. It was a shot from the Kremlin's big gun through the small bore.

For similar conduct, President Washington demanded that France recall Ambassador Genet. And for interfering in a political campaign, President Cleveland sent a British ambassador home.

Eisenhower should do the same. When Nixon was spat on, we acted as if it was our own fault.

Palsy-walsying with gangsters in alleys or embassies, will get us nowhere.

"Biggest Fish I've Ever Seen!"



NATURE NOW by Lydia King Frehse Eagle Is Majestic As National Symbol

The bald eagle is our national symbol. It was so decreed by an act of the Continental Congress in the year 1782. Because of this selection it is frequently called the American eagle.

The term "bald" eagle is a misnomer. The bird's head and tail are feathered in pure white, and so appear bald at a distance. The young are a dusky brown, the only white hidden on the under-wing. The mature plumage does not appear until between the third and fifth years. Seeing the difference between these two color phases, Audubon thought for a time that he had discovered a new species which he promptly called the Washington eagle.

This majestic bird, whose wing spread frequently reaches seven and a half feet, is about 32 inches long and weighs as much as eleven and a half pounds. He is most often seen soaring overhead against a blue summer sky in a kind of effortless glide with the wings held flat. This flight, at times will at once distinguish him from such other large birds as osprey and the vulture.

Eagles in a few parts of the world have a prolonged care for their young. The nest or eyrie is built in some inaccessible place, the top of a tall tree or on a lonely cliff or island. A loose bulky platform of sticks or branches lined with moss, roots and grass, it is used year after year with only slight repairs.

EAGLES, like many other birds sometimes "make-do" with what they can find in the way of nesting materials. C. L. Breyer, an authority on this subject, has collected an assortment of curious nests—especially in Florida. Included are golf balls, electric light bulbs, a fish plug with attached line, a child's dress, underwear

and a copy of the American Weekly. He also reports an eagle incubating a white rubber ball for six weeks after her eggs had hatched. The eagle nests early in the spring incubating the two or three ivory colored eggs for a month or more. Chief food for adults and young alike is dead fish, usually stolen from ospreys and hawks by hectoring the rightful owner until the catch is dropped. The eagle then swoops up the fish before it reaches the ground or water.

Eagles also feed upon small mammals such as mice and rats, upon water fowl and grouse and, infrequently upon young chickens. Sometimes they dine on marine life found in wet tidal marshes.

THE EYES of the eagle are among the championship eyes of the animal world. So keen are they that a rabbit or grouse half hidden in the grass becomes a target spotted from a thousand feet in the air. The back of the eyeball contains a group of pointed cone-shaped cells which absorb light rays in a special manner. These allow the bird to approach his target by a long, startling dive while the animal is held in constant focus.

Our scribbles learned to know and admire the bald eagle on canoe trips down the Ausable River where we made a game of watching for him "on a dead-head around the next bend." On a recent trip to South Manitou Island we saw an impressive eyrie piled high in the top of a tall sugar maple.

THE OLD belief that eagles carry off young children has long since been exploded. It is generally conceded that this regal bird is in the main a harmless species whose principal food is dead fish. Although he is protected in the United States, he is on the decline and needs to be championed by all who love the freedom of the outdoors.

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WHAT DOCTORS SAY ABOUT

• Premature Babies
• Coated Tongue
• Heart Trouble

Q. What causes coating of the tongue? Is it a sign of disease?
A. No, it is not a sign of any one disease. The tongue may become coated as the result of mouth breathing or tobacco smoking or may occur in a variety of diseases. Coating of the tongue has no special meaning in "stomach" aspects.

Q. Do premature babies ever catch up?
A. If a premature baby is otherwise normal at birth and escapes the complications of later life, being born ahead of schedule is usually not too big a matter of handicap.

Q. Should a person with coronary thrombosis discontinue all work?
A. Do certain foods affect the blood and then the heart? Where can I get an exact diet for this trouble?—S.B.

A. The amount of activity allowed coronary heart cases depends upon how well the heart recovers from the original attack. Certain people who have increased amounts of fatty substances in the blood do develop coronary heart trouble but blood vessel disorders of this kind are not just a matter of what we eat. Special diets are certainly useful and like other thrombosis discontinue all work? Do certain foods affect the blood and then the heart? Where can I get an exact diet for this trouble?—S.B.

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You Pay These Taxes!

Do corporations pay taxes? Mostly, they collect taxes and hand them to the Government, Federal, State and local.

And from whom do they collect taxes? Their customers—you.

Corporations are tax collectors. It is only in a technical sense that they "pay" taxes, that is, write checks that the governments get. They simply carry the money, which they get from their customers, to the City Hall, Court House, State House or the U. S. Treasury building.

TAKE AN APARTMENT house with 20 tenants. It has to pay a general prop-

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Congress recently provided money for its new Space Agency, composed of plain

erty tax at the City Hall. Do the tenants escape paying the tax? Not on your life! The owner adds a share of the tax in the rent paid by each tenant.

So it goes, big or small. Take one of the biggest, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and its subsidiaries. For the year ending August 31, 1957, the Bell System "paid," in round figures, 742,000,000 \$'s, Federal Income Tax, and 497,000,000 \$'s in other taxes. Total 1,239,000,000 \$'s. That's almost a billion and a quarter dollars.

Where did it get this kind of money? It collected it from its customers—you.

non-uniformed citizens. Now that it has been created as an instrumentality of the federal government, it will live up to its bureaucratic name: "Give us space . . . more and more space . . . and furniture and people to fill it up!"

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

Latest grapevine account of what's going to happen in the Big Three-UAW contract battle is this:

Reuther is waiting until press announcements have appeared and dealers have been supplied with showroom samples of the 1959 models.

Then, while public demand will be strong for the new cars, his auto workers will strike. The public will have to wait for models.

Regarding the Big Three, more and more of the public is wondering if the auto giants for the first time will work together openly should the UAW call a strike.

There have been many similarities between various auto company statements and actions.

In this year's preliminaries, things look SO similar one cannot help but feel there may be some common denominator yet undisclosed.

It could be this: a strike against one auto company will be considered a strike against all. As big unions get bigger, this is a device to which more and more commercial and industrial associations are resorting. Latest are the trucking associations in 11 western states, which suspended operations when the Teamsters union struck a California trucker's group to enforce union contract demands.

ONLY LAST WEEK the parent union, AFL-CIO, agreed to lend the UAW what aid it can in the latter's fight with the auto companies.

This strengthens the possibility that the "strike-one-strike-all" agreement will be used.

Auto industry vs. auto unionism. In this preliminary stage, looks like quite a struggle coming up.

One thing IS certain: you and I and other auto industry "cousins" will unmistakably feel the impact when the collision occurs.

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

50 YEARS AGO
August 28, 1908
"Advertisement—100 pair men's wool pants, \$1.49. 25 pair ladies' summer coats, 35c. 200 pairs ladies' seamless hose, pair, 15c."

"Golf ring the bells, and fire the gun, and shoot the stary banner out. Flint Glory! till the lipping ones give back the cradle stop."

WHY?
"With 3,527 persons registered here today is centered in the primary election for the state and county officers. Campaigning for county offices continues intensively and several hard-fought battles are expected for the posts."



Do We Bless A Sneezee?

Primitive man was firmly convinced that evil spirits, which caused illness and death, entered and left his body through his nose. If it were left too widely open. Thus they uttered a blessing to protect the sneezer whose wide open mouth had invited demons to enter.

Greeks and Romans thought the sneezer had, forcibly ejected these demons and the blessing was congratulatory.

30 YEARS AGO
August 30, 1928
"Persons returning from the South have been reporting the hot weather down there . . . progress for weeks at a time, and such. For the benefit of our many readers in this place, this department reports a very moderate summer in Birmingham. No heat waves, nothing over 85 degrees so far, and that's a rarity."

"Summer hatches are discernible, it is noted by a villager of some observation, by the missing buttons on their white shirts, their regular attendance at the movies and the expression of awe which finds great disillusionment in finally being released from the leash."

15 YEARS AGO
August 28, 1913
"Persons returning from the South have been reporting the hot weather down there . . . progress for weeks at a time, and such. For the benefit of our many readers in this place, this department reports a very moderate summer in Birmingham. No heat waves, nothing over 85 degrees so far, and that's a rarity."

"Hal Buerge was out at the Presbyterian Men's club picnic last week and pitched softball 'til was striking a lot of them out," he confided later with his usual demeanor.

"But Bill Moody, the City Commissioner was a tough one. He'd get a hold of the ball squarer and give it a ride. Yes, Hal didn't know that Commissioner Moody once played professional baseball as well as possible."



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