

Dallas Says: "No Thanks, Uncle!"

There are a lot of mighty fine people—real two-tisted Americans—in Dallas, Texas. How come?
The Dallas people point out that when they need \$'s they can get them cheaper by selling their own bonds than by accepting "aid" from Uncle Sam. The Dallas school system does not accept Federal support nor Federal surplus food for its school lunchrooms.
Freedom under Constitutional government will continue as long as the American people retain their sense of local and personal responsibility. And that goes for all the people in all the 48 States.

THE PRESENT RECESSION makes it very clear that the only break in the ten-

dency of Government to seek more and more control over the citizens' income, savings and personal affairs, will be the refusal of the people to swallow the political bait of "Federal aid," which conceals the hook that shifts control of local affairs into the hands of Big Government.
It's time to look this gift horse plumb in the mouth. You know the political do-gooders with their tearful eyes. We pay our money and we take their choice!
The people in Dallas are not for promoting any more Socialism.
Yes, there are trainloads of fine people in Dallas. What they want is a decentralized form of Government under a Constitution designed to keep Government in the hands of the governed.

Threat of Communistic Industry

Looks like Russia and China are not ready for a hot war, but they are working like all-get-out to build a gigantic industrial community. Reading the reports from correspondents who went to China with British Labor leaders has something of the fascination of listening to the roar of an approaching tornado.
The communists have taken agricultural China by the scruff of the neck and are molding it into an industrial machine as fast as they can. Factories, railways and bridges are being constructed at full speed. Over half of all Chinese taxes is going into heavy industry and transport. Most of the business establishments of consequence have been taken over by government.

CHINA'S DICTATORS are working the people, and the sweat pours out of their ears. It's reported, "China is already self-supporting in pig iron and is exporting it. Anshan is now producing enough steel rails for China's railway program, and that includes 700 miles of new track this year."
China is not stupid. There'll be no hot war—if any—until she is fully mechanized.
Some discount should be made for possible exaggerated reporting. But the shadow of this modern Juggernaut should warn the West, particularly Europe, that there is little time to bicker, sulk, loaf and procrastinate in ignorance of the facts.

Jealousy Brings Unhappiness

Of all the emotions which afflict us, one of the most sinister is simple jealousy. Not a one among us is completely free of this reaction, although all of us realize that it is the root of much evil, and certainly an unbecoming and unproductive emotion.
Generally speaking, we tend to be jealous of others who receive acclaim, money, or success—especially at a young age. If we happen to have been a competitor, or to have sought success in the same field, sometimes the temptation to be jealous is great.

envy and misunderstanding. It is always surprising how many people earn the laurels they receive, although we know some may not deserve the acclaim, or financial success, they are given.
Nevertheless, the happiest citizens among us are those who have developed a philosophy and psychology which enables them to applaud the success of others and to avoid the habit of constant comparison and envy.
It is always good to remember that life is a rather long pull, that there is plenty of time to exhibit one's talents, and that if one is deserving, talented, and blessed with unusual ability, inevitably the word will get around.
Therefore, patience, sympathy and understanding will do much toward preventing jealousy.

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

A Brooklyn, N. Y., woman recently talked for 27 uninterrupted hours. She won a prize of a thousand dollars. That certainly wasn't cheap talk!

For many years some folks have believed that their future could be read in tea leaves. Whether Lipton's or Salada is best is no one's, other than for drinking. Now comes a chap who says he can read your future in beer suds—but fails to say whether draft or bottled stuff does the best job.

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

Think you could lose a plane in Cass lake?
Robert Angove of Berkeley did.
You may recall several weeks ago when Angove, his son and his son's buddy landed on Cass lake for a short swim.
But also immediately the plane began to sink.
Angove, when he had recovered from his surprise, said he was going to raise the

plane—and incidentally find out what had caused it to sink.
The water is 125-150 feet deep in that spot.
HE'S HAD SKIN DIVERS looking all around that area. The plane hasn't been located yet.
Milt Berz, Jr., who with his father operates our nearby Berz airport where Angove hanged his lost plane, thinks one of two things may have happened:
First: that the plane settled toward the bottom in a glide, just as it would in the air. If so, then the plane might be as much as a half mile away from where it went under the water surface.
OR SECONDLY, it may contain enough trapped air that the water pressure and air pressure equalized before the plane could reach the bottom. If this happened, then the plane could be floating submerged anywhere in the lake!
Angove hasn't given up yet. The search still is on.

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—Dorothy Rockwell McWood

Rooting Him Home



NATURE NOW

by Lydia King Frehse
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Hundreds of Fossils Form Petoskey Stone

Many of you who vacation along our Lake Michigan beaches are familiar with the Petoskey stone. It takes its name from the vicinity where it is commonly found, but it is also abundant in Charlevoix, Presque Isle, Cheboygan and Alpena counties.

The Petoskey stone is one of a family of fossilized corals. When alive they made great limestone reefs in the warm Devonian seas which covered our state as long as 320 millions of years ago. At that time these small sea creatures were so abundant that the Devonian age is frequently called "the age of corals". This family which embraces many species has come down to us in an unbroken line. The great barrier reef of Australia which is more than 1,250 miles long, represents a variety of our present day corals.

Mrs. Frehse

If you could see the Petoskey stone in my hand you would note that it is made up of groups of angled divisions, each with a focal point where the coral polyp once lived. Now it is nothing more than a fossilized skeleton, a fraction of an inch in size, so that there are many hundreds of its kind in a stone no larger than an egg.

THE LIVING coral polyp is one of nature's wonders. It belongs to a primitive family, the "Colenterata" which means "hollow intestine". At rest it may appear to be little more than a "blob of protoplasm" but its hollow cylindrical body is already highly specialized in its functions. One end is closed and anchored to rock while the free moving opposite end can expand to an open mouth equipped with tentacles which serve to capture its prey. But when millions of these small creatures live together they become the center of an incredible community harboring innumerable other animals

such as worms, crustaceans, sponges and others.
To support the delicate tissues of its body, the coral polyp builds up a skeleton from bicarbonate of lime extracted from sea water. The Petoskey stone is a collection of these empty skeletons, a fragment of an old Devonian coral reef once preserved in the lime muds that have hardened into limestone.
If you find a Petoskey stone you may wish to have it polished at one of several shops in the vicinity. This brings out the color which varies from shades of grey through brown and emphasizes the interesting pattern of the skeleton cells.

OUR MICHIGAN shores yield many other species of ancient corals. Among the oldest is the "organ pipe", a colony coral easily recognized by its descriptive name. Frequently found is the "cup" coral which lived on the sea bottom like a little horn, its top a cup-shaped hollow where the polyp lived.
A rarer fossil is the "chain" coral, also easily recognized by its common name. These are three of many species which date back to Silurian times, some 360 millions of years ago.
But to your scribe the most remarkable fact about the coral polyp is that this primitive form has persisted in every geologic age since the Cambrian which dates back more than 500 million years.

MODERN corals of our tropical seas are fantastic in their shape, variety and color. From a distance they look like bright flower gardens with the sea lapping over them. Many of the individual species are so beautiful that they are collected by the traveler as art objects.
If you do not already know the Petoskey stone, you may wish to search for it on your next trip north.

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

50 YEARS AGO
July 24, 1908

"Ann Arbor is very proud of its squirrels. It is claimed that through them people have been taught to be more humane. Not a child in Ann Arbor would harm one of them. At one time Randall's grove was the home of many of these pretty, graceful animals. Protect them! Not Men vied with boys for their destruction right on our village streets, in spite of the law. Don't blame the boys."

15 YEARS AGO
June 22

"One of our operatives reports having seen a girl clerk at the post office around in her bare feet. It couldn't have been Gladys Heinze, we are sure of that."
"One of the still-remaining vestiges of Birmingham's village days are the oldsters who meet every day at the northeast corner of Woodward and Maple and sit about and talk this-and-that."

30 YEARS AGO
July 26, 1928

"Last week, as workmen were removing the upper section of the brick front on The Eccentric office, numerous people asked: How much of the building is the State taking for wider Woodward? Are you adding another story?" etc. The reason for the work is the fact that moisture, followed by wintry frosts, had warped the brickwork—and it was repaired before it had a chance to collapse on someone's derby hat. So that's the answer."

At ROTC Camp

FORT BELVOIR, VA. — Cadet Jon L. Plexico of Birmingham is attending a six-week summer camp at Fort Belvoir, Va., under the Reserve Officer Training Corps program of Princeton University. The camp will end Aug. 1. Cadet Plexico, 20, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Plexico.



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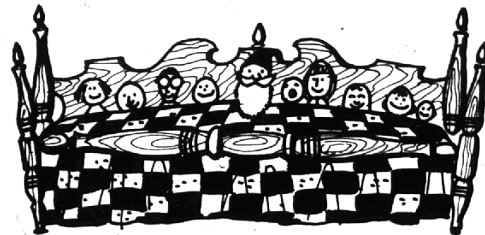
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