

Know How To Pack Groceries?

Uncle Sam has changed. We remember Uncle Sam 'way back when—strong and masculine. It made you feel safe just to have him around.

You know you could go to him if you got in bad trouble, but otherwise—no nonsense. "Blow your own nose," he used to say.

It was some 30 years ago he began to act different. Sort of change of life, we reckon. He began to sit around the house a lot and do women folk's work, like washing behind the kids' ears.

A bit later he began to baby-sit for the neighbors and became a regular male nurse. Trying to be helpful, like most old folks, he started to write "How To Do It"

booklets. He wanted to make life easy for us.

One of his "How To" books has a lot of real good stuff in it. He tells young fellows that get a date when they're lonesome. That has been a big help to them. They couldn't manage without it.

When you're packing groceries, Uncle says to "place heavy items at the bottom of the sack, and fragile ones on top." That has kept a lot of paper bags from busting, and been a real good help to us.

We can't begin to count all the things Uncle's doing for us that we used to do ourselves.

Taxes and all being as high as they are, he's sure a big help!

T. R. Saw Nation's Drift To Softness

America needs a great American—another Theodore Roosevelt.

We are growing soft in body, mind and spirit. We eat too much, drink too much. We are the only people in the world where "dieting" is a word in universal use. But any way to remove fat that is not "easy" does not sell.

This is an age of tail-fins, chrome, luxury and display. People demand more for working less. They hand their children over to the Welfare State.

Half don't vote, and many of the remaining half vote only to get money that others have earned. Elections have become auctions.

SIXTY YEARS AGO, T. R. said:

"I preach to you, then my countrymen, that our country calls

not for the life of ease, but for the life of strenuous endeavor. The 20th Century looms before us big with the fate of many nations.

"If we stand idly by . . . if we shrink from the hard contests where men must win at hazard of their lives and at the risk of all they hold dear, then the bolder and stronger peoples will pass us by, and will win for themselves the domination of the world."

Has any leader in Government in recent years used words like these?

But while we grow soft and fat, hundreds of millions in other lands are working long hours to overtake us.

The lean, hard men are on the march!

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Khrushchev's recent fanatical blast against President Eisenhower, and the United States, only proves that beneath the phony smiles of that contemporary stand-in for Ole Satan lurks the bestial behavior of the tyrant. He is quite an actor . . . during most of his last fall's U.S. visit he smiled and cajoled . . . we Americans ought never to forget that K and his kind are out to conquer all free peoples . . . that's the only way they can triumph in order to keep their own countrymen enslaved. There is more decency and humanity in Ike's little finger than there is in the entire Kremlin hierarchy!

Oregon's U.S. Senator Wayne Morse is one of Congress' most glib flabbermouths. He acts as though he knows everything about everything . . . though much of his talk suggests that his knowledge surpasses his ability to think accurately. His latest negative was in losing Oregon's primary vote to Sen. Jack Kennedy. The latter youngster really received 50 per cent more of Morse's home-state votes than did the Oregon "oracle." But we'll wager that won't knock Wayne off his cocky rocking horse.

Word comes from the nation's steel centers that production has fallen considerably and many men are out of work.

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

Electors in the Birmingham's school district last week rewarded their teaching and administrative staffs with a well-deserved salary schedule increase.

Now our constituents would do well to see what can be done to:

- 1) Establish a merit pay schedule to stimulate better teaching; and
- 2) Evaluate school expenditures for ways to eliminate deadwood, and find more economical means to accomplish sound educational objectives.

EVERY ONE OF US has his own ideas on how and where we should look for these economies.

How about sending your idea along to our board of education for its consideration?

In the first election (March 28) on the Birmingham school district millage issue, only two precincts voted affirmatively for the 4.0 mills.

THESE WERE THE PEMBROKE AREA, which gave a preponderant "yes" vote, and the Walnut Lake precinct, which had one more "yes" vote than "no" vote.

In the second election last week, Pembroke gave fewer no votes and many more "yeses". Walnut Lake's "yes" majority increased, but so did the "no" votes.

Nine other precincts switched to the "yes" column, ranging from slim majorities such as at Turry, to overwhelming affirmative in the Adams precincts.

ONLY THE BALDWIN and Franklin precincts maintained their "no" majority, although they had been whittled down considerably from the first vote.

Suppose it might be wise for the school board and the independent citizens committee to start campaigning now for an extension of the 6 mills which expire next year?

Log Rolling Contest



PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Extra Millage Draws Some Blunt Comments

To the Editor:

As an employee of the board of education, I appreciate the stand you are taking in this millage issue, and would like to state a few blunt facts relative to the "No" votes. Many of us are keenly aware that the public are a hard people to convince, especially when they won't admit to the truth of a given situation. I know, since in the past I endeavored to serve them in business, and it is high time we waived the fallacy of "the customer is always right."

Let's quit a spade a spade, instead of being forced to agree that black is white.

We should try to teach these people in many spheres, but I certainly DON'T advocate crawling to them as some groups would wish us to do.

RATHER LET us follow another rule, namely, "When I am right, I don't care a damn who knows it."

Once you have set yourself on a given course, don't ever falter. In many ways we have come to the end of the GOLDEN YEARS, in this type of employment, with drastic changes in the offing.

THERE WILL BE a tendency to introduce a certain amount of slave-driving, which can be attributed to an ungrateful public. In some instances, inexperienced board members, who are presumptuous enough in trying to walk before they have been taught to crawl.

And this will prove unfortunate for many of us, since in many instances, ignorance is predominant of strength.

It is stated that professional people are dedicated to their jobs. This area should be no exception. This area should be ashamed of the pittance it pays to all forms of state, county and municipal workers.

WHEN YOU compare salaries of foreign countries, why do you fail to compare cost of living standards, thereby falsifying the true picture? I have heard comparisons with certain European countries, and the speaker was in complete ignorance of art, Bloomfield Hills, will hold a reception on Saturday evening, June 23, in honor of the seventieth birthday of the sculptor, Carl Milles.

"He" was widely recognized throughout Europe when he came to this country about 15 years ago to become resident sculptor at Cranbrook academy of art."

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

50 YEARS AGO
June 24, 1910

"As nervous team was the cause of the sudden death of Charles Luth, a well known Troy farmer, on Friday afternoon last Mr. Luth was returning from the Clawson mill, and only a few rods from home when he encountered an auto driven by Fred Parks, of Birmingham. The team being very restive, Mr. Parks stopped his engine till it had passed, but the noise made in starting up frightened the horses and Mr. Luth was thrown forward and dragged a considerable distance before the runaways were stopped by a neighbor and the injured man taken to his home where he died some two hours later. No blame attaches to Mr. Parks, who used every precaution possible to avoid an accident."

"S. M. . . the Hungarian laborer who was found wandering naked through the streets of our village recently, is still in jail at Pontiac with slight prospects that his reason will return."

30 YEARS AGO
June 28, 1920

"The system of Bloomfield Hills organized Monday to wage a campaign for the repeal of the 18th amendment."

"Fire protection for Bloomfield, Troy and Southfield townships in the future may be provided by the Birmingham fire department on a yearly basis rather than on a present system of fees for each call. It is anticipated as a result of recent meetings of the Birmingham committees and representatives of the townships."

15 YEARS AGO
June 21, 1935

"The trustees of the Cranbrook

STRICTLY FRESH

The man who can account for every dollar of his income these days is usually a good housekeeper or a bachelor.

The only reason that a great many of us don't own a live elephant is that we've never been offered one for a dollar down and a dollar a week.

Every year it seems it takes less time to fly across the ocean and more time to drive to work.

When you hear that used car knocking during a drive you can get pretty sure it isn't the opportunity of a lifetime.

We can't see how anything will ever diminish the popularity of Elvis Presley—if making him an enemy sergeant didn't do the trick.

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