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EDITORIAL

UP TO GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS

The Roosevelt administration, it seems, is making a determined effort to enlist the cooperation of business and industry in a joint attack upon unemployment which threatens to become a permanent status for many American citizens.

It is sincerely to be hoped that the effort succeeds and that private capital will once again promote development that will mean employment. It is impossible for the government, by itself, to promote complete prosperity without drastic changes in the capitalist system, as Americans understand it.

Stringent regulations, provided by new laws, have irked business leaders and heavy taxes have deterred investors. The argument has been made that, if left alone, business would restore prosperity but this fails to explain the collapse that followed 1929 when present laws had not been enacted.

Whether one likes it or not, the mass of the people, in almost every nation of the world, is dissatisfied. Something of a discontent with existing conditions is aflame everywhere. What has been, in the past, is not satisfactory and people, everywhere, are demanding more of the good things of life than ever before.

The wise man, whether he be statesman or business leader, recognizes the temper of the day, and does something about it. To sit idle and to do nothing is to invite trouble. The smart man, regardless of his function in government or in the field of economic life, will take steps to make his activity beneficial to those who support it and him.

IS IT A "FAVORABLE" BALANCE?

The United States has been blessed with a "favorable" trade balance for so many years that we now possess most of the world's gold.

As a result the rest of the world has difficulty in buying the products that we would like to sell. Few nations today have the gold necessary to settle adverse trade balances. As a result we find them artificially restricting trade in order to retain enough gold to uphold their currencies.

There are, as everybody knows, many products in other countries that the people of this country could use. We have wheat, cotton, oil and manufactured goods to sell. Everything is in shape for sound trade except the gold that balances the transactions.

Of course, we could stimulate our trade with the world by accepting imports in payment for our exports. This, it seems would be the sensible thing to do. Certainly, it would be profitable to accept more imports than we now receive although it might not prove beneficial, in the long run to accept imports that might strangle our own industries.

Just where to draw the line is problematical. There are many interests to be considered. At the same time, as a creditor nation, we must comprehend the necessity of buying from those to whom we sell. We must realize, as never before, that profitable trade is a two-way street, not a one-way boulevard.

PEOPLE ARE BETTER INFORMED

There was a time when the people of Centre county were not much interested in what happened outside of the United States and, if you go back some years, there was a time when nothing much mattered except what happened within gun-shot range of their homes.

Times have changed and with them, the outlook of our people. We are no longer insensible to what happens in the world because the economic consequences are felt in the sale of our products and the state of our business.

The development of rapid transportation, in the automobile and airplane, has done much to widen our outlooks. The dissemination of news, through the radio and newspapers, has heightened our interest. Today, as never before, there are well-informed people in every hamlet and cross road in the United States.

This does not mean that, as a people, we have what one might call a world viewpoint. Our thinking, as expressed in national action, continues to be local. There is a vast number of people who believe that the United States is not yet a part of the big world on which many people live. Yet, there are signs that a new understanding is manifest.

PLEASE JAPAN AT GUAM

When the Japanese high command decided to bomb the U. S. S. Panay, there was no debate by Japanese statesmen and, so far as we know, little consideration of what the people of the United States would think.

When Japan decided, a few years ago, to scrap the naval limitations imposed by treaty, it was dictated by the Japanese high command for reasons of strategy and to enable the Japanese to build a navy large enough to take possession of the Far East.

When the United States, which agreed not to fortify Guam as long as Japan observed treaty limits set for its navy, decided to overhaul its defense plans, the question was studied by a naval board which recommended certain preliminary work upon the harbor at Guam.

Opponents in Congress make much of the possible effect of our action upon Japanese opinion. To fortify Guam, which is not proposed in the pending measure, is within the right of the United States. What Japan may think of it is not our concern.

We think it may be taken for granted that the United States does not covet Japanese possessions and that the people of the United States prefer not to engage in warfare. The fortification of Guam would not change this attitude of the people in this country.

Unfortunately, there is no certainty as to the attitude of Japan. True, it may be, that the empire has enough on its hands already, with China and Russia in the Far East, but, the fortification of Guam cannot affect present events in that part of the world.

Not knowing what Japanese ambitions will include ten or twenty years from today it might be the part of wisdom to prepare for every eventuality, including a possible attack upon this country or South America.

While we yield to every individual the right to entertain any opinion we fail to see where the fortification of Guam will menace the peace that at present exists between the United States and Japan. We prefer peace; if the Japs do not, the stronger Guam is, the better.

Sunday School Lesson

PETER DELIVERED FROM PRISON

International Sunday School Lesson for March 12, 1939.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Prayer was made earnestly of the church unto God for him."—Acts 12:5.

Lesson Text: Acts 12:5-17.

The rapid growth of Christianity immediately stirred up the professional jealousy of the chief priest and his circle. The emphasis placed upon immortality, through the preaching of the resurrection, aroused the antagonism of the Sadducees, who denied that doctrine.

The religious organization and leaders of the Jews then presented a more or less solid opposition, which supported the persecution of the Christians and even went as far as to kill Stephen. In today's lesson, we see the government, represented by Herod Agrippa I, take an active part in the warfare upon this new faith.

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Perfect Attendance

Students having perfect attendance records for month of February are:

Seniors: Larma Dunkle, Virginia Patterson, Katherine Tussey, Louise Whitehead, Leo Jordan, Paul Snyder. Juniors: Mary Dunkle, Robert Barger, James Gilliland, Edgar Jackson.

Freshmen: Kathryn Graham, Ruth Ross, Ernest Hess, Lynn McClintic, John Patterson, Richard Zaleski, George Confer.

Eighth Grade: Sara Dunkle, Jean Homler, Susan Horner, Fred Horner, Harold Bradford, Arthur Sars.

Seventh Grade: Donald Centzel, Lester Kaufman, William Kellerman, Harold Shawver, Mary Bailey, Doris Yarnell.

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The members of the faith, knowing of James' fate and hearing of Peter's incarceration, resorted to prayer. It was their only dependence against the tyranny of human forces arrayed against them.

Their faith was justified, as we shall see, and their God revealed the extent of his powers to rescue needed servants in their hour of peril. Yet, observe that, with all their prayers, these Christians hesitated to believe that Peter had escaped when he came to their house.

The story of Peter's miraculous escape is one of supernatural agency. No material explanation is offered for the natural confusion of Rhoda when he knocked, which prevented her opening the door to let him in. Such touches indicate a substantial basis of fact; and, there are other similar points.

When Peter left the prison, he did not immediately seek safety in flight, although he knew how James had fared and subsequently went elsewhere. Before leaving, however, Peter turned his steps towards the house of Mary, mother of John Mark, where many think the last Supper was had and the Gift of the Holy Ghost later received.

He ran over the account of his deliverance with the earnest Christians there assembled. Then, he "went to another place." Many have speculated where, but we are not told. It is certain, however, that Peter spent many years in Rome before his death and in one of the Pauline epistles we are told of a visit to Antioch.

Peter was anxious to tell his remarkable story to the Christians before he retired from the persecution against him. He wanted them to know the great power of their God and the perfect confidence with which they could submit their fates to him. He even impressed upon those he talked with the necessity to "tell these things unto James, and to the brethren." He referred to James, the brother of Jesus, who was recognized as the titular head of the church at Jerusalem.

Harris Township School News

Hearing Test: The Western Electric Company, under the direction of Mr. L. B. Lenhart, Assistant County Superintendent of Schools, sponsored a hearing test for the students, on March 2 and 3.

The reason this test was given was to test the hearing ability of the students by means of an instrument called an audiometer. This test was given on two different days so as to allow for the noises that may have been caused by outside activities. Mr. Lenhart plans to give this test again within a month because some of the students had colds during the last test, which may cause defective hearing.

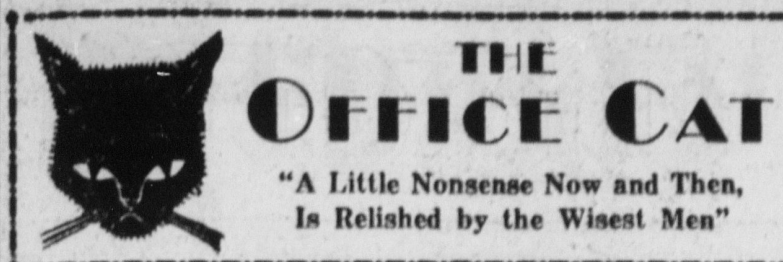
Future Farmers: The Future Farmers of Boisburg held a meeting Friday, February 17. Many of the former members of Future Farmers were invited to attend. They had an attendance of about twenty-five. Ice cream and cake were served for refreshments.

Seed Sale Ends: The Athletic Association has called in all the seeds from the students who had been selling them, so they could return them to the seed company. The association made profit of \$6.00 from seeds. This money will be spent for baseball equipment for the boys and girls.

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"A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men"

Poor George 'Floundered'

"Now you must be on your good behavior this evening, George, for the minister is to take dinner with us," said a certain lady to her worst half, as he arrived home from the office the other day.

"What have you for dinner?" queried the husband. "Well, I know he is fond of fish, so I bought quite a string of small river fish and several large ones from the dam," was wife's reply.

"I'm not much at doing the honors when we have a minister at the table," said George, "but I guess we can get through with it all right."

Half an hour later they were seated at the table, and a blessing had been asked by the minister. A little nervously the head of the family began dishing out the vegetables and, turning to the guest, said:

"Will you have some of the little river fish or would you prefer some of the dam big fish?"

The warning kick under the table from his wife was unnecessary. He knew he had blundered.

"I mean," trying to repair the error, "will you have some of the dam river fish or some of the big fish?"

Worse and more of it. His daughters slyly pulled his coat tail to bring him to his senses.

"That is, would you like some of the river fish or some of the other dam fish?"

The deep concentration spreading over the good wife's face didn't mend matters a bit and, with a gasp, he plunged once more:

"Ahem! Which of the dam fish do you prefer, anyway?"

So We've Heard

Jack—"We have a goat at our house that had no nose." Jill—"Then how does he smell?" Jack—"Terrible."

Did you ever hear about the elephant that got so drunk he saw pink men?

Some Peculiar Superstitions

A board marked "Dynamite" is a sign of danger. It is unlucky to lose \$12,000,013.13. It is unlucky to get hit by an automobile on Friday the thirteenth.

If you break a mirror, you won't be able to look at yourself. This is a lucky thing. If you give a person a knife, it will break your friendship—especially if you give it to him in the back.

If you walk under a ladder and it falls on you, it is a sign of hard luck. If a black cat with 13 tails crosses your path, it means it's time you went to bed.

Isn't This Logical?

A dumb girl is a dope. A dope is a drug. Doctors give dope to relieve pain. Therefore a dumb girl is just what the doctor ordered.

Ever Notice It?

When a man wants his handkerchief, he reaches around and yanks it out of his pocket. When a lady wants hers, she rises, shakes herself, and picks it off the floor.

Rastus—"Poppa, what's a millenium?" Father—"Dat's de same thing as a centennial, 'cep it's got a lot more legs."

Beat Him To It

MacGregor and MacPherson decided to become teetotalers, but MacGregor thought it would be best if they had one bottle of whiskey to put in the cupboard in case of illness.

After three days MacPherson could bear it no longer and said: "MacGregor, ah'm not verra weel." "Too late, MacPherson, ah was verra sic msel' all day yesterday."

And No Toys

Tammes—"What do they mean by 'a dear friend,' Sandy?" Sandy—"I dunna ken, but the dearest friend I ever had was a man that was married three times. He cost me two wreaths and three wedding presents in six years."

Horror!

Motorist (to man he had just run over!)—"Say, look out back there!" Injured—"What's the matter? You aren't coming back are you?"

Female Finance

Mrs. Newed said to her husband—"Darling, will you lend me \$20, and only give me \$10 of them? Then you'll owe me \$10 and I'll owe you \$10, and we'll be straight."

Moving Day

Jessie—"My dear, I haven't seen you for ages." Tessie—"Oh, I know. I've been so busy with one thing and another. I've just had my teeth taken out and a gas stove put in."

Over-Stimulated Growth

Victim (to his barber)—"Your confounded hair restorer has made my hair come out worse than ever." Barber—"Ah, you must have put too much on it, sir. Made the hair come right out, instead of only half way."

An Eye For A Bargain

Uncle Si (in from the country)—"And you say everything in the store is just five and ten cents?" Floorwalker—"Yes, everything." Uncle Si (glancing at music department)—"I'll take that pianer."

That's all, folks. They say that love's like the measles—all the worse when it comes late in life. —"SCAT."

ing on orations which are sponsored annually by the Civic Club. The students who are taking part in the preliminaries are as follows: James Addleman, Robert Barger, Mary Dunkle, Verma Garner, James Gilliland, Marjorie Homan, John Keller, James Lauck, Freda McClintic, Mahlon Levell, Esther Reitz and Earl Sundry.

The preliminary contest will be held April 4th and the final contest on April 18th.

The trouble with most brains is that nobody uses them.

Driver Faints, Jersey Car Lee Brown of Wrecked Car, is in the Jersey Shore Hospital after he became faint and lost control of his car Sunday afternoon.

The car came to a stop against a fence beside the New York Central Railroad station. Brown told Private C. A. Rice of the Motor Police that everything went black after he crossed the bridge over the tracks at the west end of town. Lee Gutrie of Jersey Shore, an eyewitness, said Brown zigzagged down the road before he came to a stop against the fence.

There's one "best way" to add sugar to improve the grain of your cake. Do you know it? LOOK IN THESE BAGS FOR NEW IMPROVED CAKE METHOD—PLUS A FLOUR THAT MAKES SIMPLE CAKES INTO PRIZE-WINNERS!

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Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM—Take a piece of paper (supposed to be an envelope) and write on it the word "HILL." Beneath this word write the name "John." Beneath "John" write the word "Mass." In these three words is the full name of the man, the name of a city and the name of the State. The postal service figured it out correctly. Can you do so? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

M. R.—When a lady and her escort enter a church does the man walk ahead of the lady or behind her, if he wants to show good manners?

Ans.—We believe that Emily Post would say that either way is perfectly correct. Having this view in mind, we believe that better judgment would be exercised if the man preceded the lady. It would then be easier for him to guide the lady gracefully to her seat.

L. H.—Is there any harm washing a U. S. flag? I am told that it should never be put into water.

Ans.—There is no harm whatsoever to wash a U. S. flag—in fact, this practice to clean a flag is resorted to by the United States army and navy.

V. D.—I would like to ask you if there is a university in the Hawaiian Islands? If so, where is it located and when founded?

Ans.—Yes, it is known as the University of Hawaii. It was founded in 1907 as the College of Hawaii, but was reorganized in 1920 and given its present name. It is located at Honolulu.

S. L.—During this war scare we hear talk about Ukraine. Is it an independent country?

Ans.—Ukraine is technically an independent soviet republic but it works in harmony with soviet Russia. The country is largely influenced by the policies of the Russian government.

D. M.—Is Maine or Oregon the most northern point in the United States?

Ans.—Neither one. The most northern point is in Beltrami county, Minn., on the northern shore of the Lake of the Woods.

B. R.—Does the temperature of a healthy person vary any from normal? What is normal?

Ans.—The normal temperature of a healthy person is 98.4 degrees. However, this temperature moves up and down a few tenths of a degree.

F. E.—What became of the stone which the Pope of Rome contributed to the Washington monument at Washington, D. C. What kind of a stone was it?

Ans.—That's a mystery that has never been solved. The stone was a block of African marble from the Temple of Concord at Rome, and bore the inscription "Rome to America." All that is known about it is that in 1854, during the Know-Nothing terrorist excitement, the place where the stone was kept was forcibly entered and the stone carried away. The United States offered a liberal reward for its recovery, but its whereabouts remains a secret to this day. It is supposed that the stone was thrown into the Potomac river.

D. J.—Did Mark Anthony, the Roman soldier, spell his name with or without the letter "h"?

Ans.—Neither way. As Latin was the prevailing language he wrote his name "Marcus Antonius." The English form for this name is "Mark Antony," without the "h."

R. M. S.—From what book was the motion picture "Kentucky" adapted?

Ans.—From "The Look of Eagles" by John Taintor Foote. The author collaborated with Lamar Trotti in preparing the screen play.

C. J. R.—Please give some information about how Ml. Vernon is maintained.

Ans.—In 1859 the estate of two hundred acres, including the mansion and tomb were acquired by the Ml. Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union, after both the Government and the Commonwealth of Virginia had declined its purchase. This association, founded by Miss Ann Pamela Cunningham of South Carolina, is incorporated under the laws of Virginia and holds Ml. Vernon in trust for the people of the United States. The association is pledged to restore the mansion and its surroundings as far as possible to their appearance in Washington's time and to preserve the home and tomb of Washington for future generations. The income derived from the entrance fee of twenty-five cents maintains the estate. The Ml. Vernon Ladies' Association consists of a Regent and Vice-Regents representing the various States, who serve without remuneration.

C. S. K.—How long have spectacles been used?

Ans.—Since the thirteenth century. A French priest, Nicolas Bilet, used the glasses when signing an agreement in 1282, and Roger Bacon in 1268 described convex lenses as an aid to vision.

A. W. D.—What is the life of a big gun used in warfare?

Ans.—The War Department says that the life of a big gun is 300 to 500 rounds. This does not mean, however, that the gun is absolutely worthless after 500 rounds, only that it has to be reloaded. A big gun would be considered a fourteen or sixteen inch gun.

J. O. B.—How much blood does a person have who weighs about 150 pounds?

Ans.—The average adult weighing 150 pounds has about six quarts of blood.

L. S. H.—Who was the speaker who gave the famous "Acres of Diamonds" lecture?

Ans.—Russell Herman Conwell delivered this address. He was an educator, clergyman, lawyer, and foreign correspondent. In 1884 he founded Temple University in Philadelphia and became its first president. His earnings as a lecture lecturer amounted to approximately \$11,000,000, nearly all of which he devoted to the education of deserving young people. He died in 1925.

J. W. F.—When was the excursion boat General Slocum burned?

Ans.—The General Slocum was burned on June 15, 1904. The steamer burst into flames near Hell Gate, in the East River, New York, shortly after it had left its dock.

Answer to problem: "John Underhill, Andover, Mass." (John under hill, and over mass.)

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