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ENTHUSIASM: CURSE, BLESSING

A 19-YEAR-OLD Chicago boy had dreamed of becoming an aviator. Not long ago he found out that the family finances would make it impossible. So he committed suicide, leaving a note in which he remarked that "death is better than a life of monotony."

Of suicide, unfortunately, there is never a scarcity; and every now and then we have one like this, in which some pitifully misguided youth thinks his life has lost all of its savor and so destroys it. And a tragedy of this kind is always a puzzler, for youth seems to have every reason to live—until we stop and remember how very, very dark the sky of a 19-year-old can seem, on occasion.

The youngster of 19 has the most priceless of all gifts—enthusiasm. But this gift has a catch to it. The enthusiasm of 19 has a way of draining itself out very suddenly and leaving bleak emptiness behind; and that emptiness can be very hard to bear.

This boy's tragedy is typical. An older person can realize that while being an aviator may be the best of all possible callings, life can still be made supportable if one has to find his fortune in some other field. But it is harder for 19 to see that; harder, because when you're in your 'teens you haven't yet learned how to give things up philosophically.

That, after all, is about all there is to growing up. One learns that most of the bright dreams of youth can never be realized, and one also learns that it doesn't really matter so very much, after all. It's a mortal hard lesson, and some of us never quite get reconciled to it; but we do learn it, after a fashion, and we can watch our old dreams drift over the horizon and go to find substitutes as best we can.

Youth, though, hasn't yet learned that. It has the ability to live in and for a dream, but when one dream goes it often has a hard time finding a new one. And so, once in a while, youth destroys itself, for what seems to us an absurdly insufficient reason, and we are reminded that the enthusiasm of youth can be a curse as well as a blessing.

VETERANS ON THE MARCH

THE nation is disturbed by reports on veterans on the march to Washington, by the thousands, to demand cash payment of their bonus. They have taken to seizing trains and trucks and otherwise using force to show that they mean business. The capital is already swamped with demanding veterans, and there may be trouble if too much force is used in trying to get them out.

Will the angry veterans seize the government? Maybe turn it over to the Reds?

Don't be alarmed. The veterans on the march are numbered by thousands. Veterans not on the march are still numbered by millions, and there is very little danger of an uprising of former soldiers and sailors as a class. Most veterans regard these demonstrations as exceedingly unwise, regardless of how they may feel about the bonus.

There will be no danger if the demonstrations are regarded with kindliness and patience.

The nation should not be alarmed, but it ought to be disturbed and mightily disturbed by these events. Millions cannot be allowed to go hungry and to suffer the degradation and demoralization of lasting unemployment without serious results. Our policy has been to rub the rabbit's foot and hope for something to turn up.

The veteran demonstrations will have served some use if they shock the American people into thinking of how to make good on the great American promise that every person is entitled to at least a gambler's chance.

A BROKER'S VIEWPOINT

A NEW YORK stock broker contributed to an eastern paper the other day an odd and illuminating article protesting against the Senate committee's current inquiry into speculation on the Stock Exchange. Declaring the investigation is a "damaging force serving to undermine confidence in the financial stability of this country" he expressed the pious hope that "this futile investigation will die a natural death within a brief time."

It is hardly reasonable, of course, to expect one who lives by and for the stock market to applaud this investigation; but other men are apt to question his statement that the investigation is doing the country very much harm.

The damage was done by the speculation itself. The more light we can get now on the way that speculation was conducted and the men who were chiefly involved in it, the better shall we be able to shape our course the next time a bull market get us by the ears.

A SILLY PROPOSAL

THE silliest proposal of the season, quite clearly, is the bill introduced in Congress the other day to put the territory of Hawaii under military control, with rulership vested in a governor chosen either from the army's generals or the navy's admirals.

To anyone who has reviewed the tragic Massie case objectively, it is fairly apparent that a fundamental cause of the trouble there was the lamentable fact that civilians and military people do not always get along well together when they are placed in close proximity. There is an age-old rivalry between the two groups, which probably dates 'way back to the days of Roman garrison towns in ancient Gaul. It seems to be inevitable.

Putting Hawaii under strict military control would intensify that rivalry many fold. A better way of making the islands question the value of their American citizenship could hardly be imagined.

TWELVE LOST YEARS

THAT famous novel of two or three years ago, "The Case of Sergeant Grischa," told how the machinery of war can enmesh and destroy a human life with a fiendish thoroughness, even though all of the officials who are handling that machinery have the best of intentions. The other day the newspapers told of a strikingly similar real-life case when they described the plight of Paul Schwartz, the former German soldier who has just been released after serving more than 12 years in Devil's Island prison.

Schwartz was born in Corsica of German parents, and taken to Alsace-Lorraine as a baby. A young man when the war started, he joined the German army, serving until the armistice. Then the French seized him, claimed him as a French citizen and sent him to Devil's Island as a traitor.

There he stayed, innocent of any crime, and utterly forgotten by officialdom, until some functionary happened to remember him the other day. His sentence was promptly commuted, very likely with suave Gallic apologies; but who is going to restore to him those lost 12 years?

Andrew Mellon, our new ambassador to England has appeared in silk knee breeches at a society dinner. Doesn't stir us at all. Why doesn't Hoover send him as ambassador to Tahiti. So we could see him in a grass skirt.

Business banks on lower prices says a news headline, and that's all right so long as it doesn't bankrupt on lower prices. To much is enough.

Cheer up! The oldest inhabitant predicts with confidence that the rain has stopped.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

ORDERS FOR LUMBER
(Portland Oregon Journal)

Lumber orders came to Portland almost as soon as congress had passed and had forwarded to the president for signature the revenue bill that places upon lumber of foreign production an import tax of $3 a thousand board feet.

One of these orders would provide a day's work for 5000 men, 100 days' work for 50 men or 10 days' work for 500 men. It is a step toward putting back to work 115,000 forest workers in the Pacific Northwest.

Without the tax, and because of cheaper production costs permitted by cheaper labor, California orders had been going to British Columbia. A lumber schooner that had been on the British Columbia-California run has been transferred to the Columbia river. Already two cargoes have been booked. Under the tax, lumber of domestic production can be laid down in New York at $25,000 a cargo less than from British Columbia, and in California for $6000 less.

The immediate activity brought about in Northwest lumber by the new tariff seems omen of a better day for the industry that has been so prostrated and depressed. And activity in lumber inevitably will mean increased activity, even though small, in other lines.

And incidentally, with these new cargoes of lumber ordered from Portland on the mere passage of the lumber tariff by congress, does not the average citizen behold something? If legislation can so immediately influence economic conditions, is it not time for every American citizen to realize what the action of the officials of a country or state mean to him, his home and his family?

Are not the bane of a country the unthinking voter, the stay-at-home voter and the uniformed voter?

If a single measure by congress brings demand to Portland for these shiploads of lumber, isn't it time for citizens to take the sham, humbug and deceptions out of politics and public affairs and by their votes make a public office a public trust and make of public affairs a forum for the many and not a close corporation for the few?

WASHINGTON LETTER
By RODNEY DUTCHER
(NEA Service Writer)

WASHINGTON, June 7.—This campaign year of 1932 presents the greatest show on earth. It has everything. Everything, that is, except rhyme, reason and common sense.

The biggest nation in the world, in the trough of the worst depression in history, again piles into the two-ring circus of American politics, with the assurance that the clowns will be somewhat funnier, the tightrope walkers more numerous and agile, the barkers more hysterical and the animals a little more moth-eaten and bedraggled.

The Tweedledum party and the Tweedledee party are about to nominate candidates for the presidency for whom there is hardly any enthusiasm even within party ranks. At this date no one has been able to discover any essential difference between these parties except that one party has all the government jobs and the other party is out to get them or die in the attempt.

Neither party will nominate its best man for the presidency. That wouldn't be good politics. Both, however, will write platforms designed to please everybody, which will be promptly forgotten.

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BOTH FOR PROSPERITY

Fortunately, both parties are positively guaranteed to bring back prosperity. The politicians have been bringing it back for nearly three years, and although it's a hard task and the results are not yet apparent, they have had more experience on the job than anyone else.

There is a quaint theory that the people of the country have something to do with nominating the two presidential candidates, and it is true in about the same sense that the people of New York City have something to do with each of Babe Ruth's home runs. They support the players, vocally and financially.

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THE "ISSUES"

In November, after a campaign which will cost plenty of money—but not as much as usual—the voters will ballot only indirectly for a president; they must indorse sets of electors most of whom they never heard of before.

Meanwhile, thousands of politicians will be running for various offices solely on such issues as the Massie case and the Lindbergh baby case, on which they will be found to hold firm, uncompromising opinions.

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IT'LL BE A GOOD SHOW

But don't think it isn't going to be a swell show. It is. Everybody in politics is going to be fighting like the devil and a lot of tail feathers are going to be pulled out before it is over.

Large sections of the audience are more than a trifle sore, with rotten tomatoes and bad eggs stored up for good use. That's why the performers are going through their antics with much more than customary fervor. Never were so many jobs in danger—and you know how jobs are these days.

The White House, the senate and the house are all at stake. Prohibition—which provides an issue striking more popular chords than any within memory—may receive its real coup de grace. And whether or not there is any hope of economic improvement through political action, everyone is going to be whooping about it as the Tweedledee and Tweedledum parties make mighty efforts to prove each other entirely to blame.

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FAR ENOUGH, NOT TOO FAR

As for the Chicago conventions, which are almost upon us, one will have to depend for excitement among the republicans largely on the fight over the wet platform plank which the party is expected to adopt.

Like so many skilled artists daubing on just the amount of paint, the republican politicians will try to go far enough without going too far. Then it ought to be a lot of fun watching the previously dry Mr. Hoover balancing himself on the plank.

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DEMS MORE SPECTACULAR

The democrats nearly always put on a more spectacular program. They have not yet decided whether to nominate Governor Roosevelt on the convention floor or someone else in a smoke-filled room.

The hassling with that problem may provide as exciting a political spectacle as has been seen since 1912. Melodrama may reach its heights. Think of colorful, hard-hitting Al Smith being allied with his old bitter enemies, Hearst and McAdoo, against his former pal Roosevelt!

And of the probable desperate, canny maneuvering of the powerful eastern bosses as they clash with the more naive, but scrappy and more numerous Roosevelt supporters from the south and west. And dark horses prancing behind the scenes.

Ring up the curtain! The 1932 extravaganza ought to be a wow.

SIDE GLANCES

"You know, Mrs. Potts, we're mighty lucky to be living in this marvelous age."

VEGETARIANISM—MERITS OF THE CASE FOR AND AGAINST THIS FORM OF DIET

By DR. MORRIS FISHBEIN
(Editor, Journal of American Medical Association, and of Hygeia, the Health Magazine)

JUST why anyone becomes a vegetarian has never been certainly established. In some instances it seems to be merely a desire to be different from the majority.

On the other hand some people are so sensitive regarding the sight of flesh or blood that they simply cannot eat meat because they see it exposed in the butcher shop. Other vegetarians are actually so concerned about pain caused to the lower animals that they avoid animal food for that reason.

Vegetarians eat milk, eggs and cheese which, of course, are animal products as much as the flesh of the animal.

Dr. Adolphe Abrahams of the Westminster hospital in London points out that the intestinal tract of man is incapable of manipulating a sufficient amount of vegetable material to insure receipt of the caloric value needed for good health. If, however, cheese, eggs and milk are included, the minimum amount can be had.

On the other hand, there is plenty of evidence that meat protein is superior for tissue building to vegetable protein, regardless of caloric value. An occasional vegetarian distinguishes himself as an athlete or strong man.

This does not prove that everyone who is a vegetarian will be an athlete nor does it indicate in the slightest that other athletes will do well on a similar diet.

There are plenty of notions regarding the training of athletes that have never been established scientifically. One recent writer on athletics has suggested that long distance runners eat such things as will give power of endurance and increased nerve force, and that hammer throwers take food and liquids which would make flesh and bone.

Such statements are absurd as there are no such foods with these specific qualities. In the older days of the time of John L. Sullivan athletes never kept in training, but immediately after a match dropped all restrictions and took vast quantities of beer and meats and put on weight.

It therefore, became necessary for them on going into training to adopt the most rigid diets. This brought about the notion that certain foods were not suitable for athletes.

The argument has been made that the modern sophisticated diet of man leads to gastric ulcer, cancer, Bright's disease and similar disturbance. Recently a study was made of two native tribes—the Kikuyu and the Masai.

The Kikuyu live entirely on vegetables; the Masai eat meat, blood and milk. Neither of these savage tribes averages the European height, but the average height of the meat eater is five inches more than that of the vegetable eaters, and their strength is 50 per cent greater.

It was found, furthermore, that gastric ulcer, rickets and practically every disease, except intestinal obstruction, was more frequent among the vegetable eaters than among the meat eating tribe.

Westfir Items

WESTFIR, June 8.—(Special)—A show, which promises to be both varied and interesting will be given under the auspices of the American Legion, Cascade post No. 64 at the Westfir theater, Friday evening, June 10.

The same show will be presented in the Oakridge high school auditorium Saturday, June 11.

Special features on the program will include instrumental numbers by Edward Utter and Earl Utter, tap dancing by Miss Beulah Johnson and vocal numbers by the American Legion sextette.

"Modern Surgery, Plus" will be presented by Drs. Benson and Rebhan and assistants.

"In Old Madrid" will be given by Fred Swanson, N. L. McMillan, Mrs. A. E. Gerimonte and Mrs. C. D. McGee.

Harry Anthony, Frank Davis and Pete Willard went on a fishing trip Saturday, their objective being Lake Timpanoogas, in the vicinity of Summit Lake. They were not able to go the entire way to Summit Lake by car, discovering in places from 6 to 12 feet of snow. Summit Lake being frozen over the fishing trip to Lake Timpanoogas was abandoned. They returned to Westfir Sunday.

The Monday Bridge club met at the home of Mrs. J. J. Kennedy. Guests enjoying the afternoon were Mrs. Paul Naugle, Miss Elizabeth Wharton, Mrs. J. A. Benson, Mrs. William Kilbreath, Mrs. Gilbert Nelson, Mrs. N. A. Stone, Mrs. C. D. McGee and Mrs. Kennedy.

Mrs. William F. Rehwalt and children returned Sunday from a ten-day visit with relatives at Sherwood and Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gerimonte drove to Newberg, Saturday spending the week-end there at the home of Miss Esther Siefkin. Miss Rigmore Johnson who has been a guest at the home of Miss Siefkin for the past week, returned home with the Gerimontes Sunday.

Mrs. E. W. Fisher and daughters, Miss Inez and Gladys of Creswell, are spending the week with Mr. Fisher, who returned to his work here Sunday after spending the week-end at home. The Misses Frances Beaber and Anna Bee Fisher, who have been guests at the E. W. Fisher home in Creswell for several days returned with the Fishers Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Davis, who spent the past week with relatives in Albany, returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. William N. Ferrin, who have been guests at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. N. Ferrin Jr. and family, returned to their home in St. Helens, Monday.

Mrs. Emma Olson, who spent the week-end visiting at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lansbery and family, returned to her home in Springfield Monday.

Mrs. W. E. Bradley is giving lessons on tap dancing to the Westfir children on Mondays.

Mrs. Mae Michaels and children, Rosalie and Clietus of Dexter and Cleam and Murciel Matthews of Dexter were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Michaels and family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. V. J. Ramsdell and son Vitz James motored to Portland on Sunday. On their return trip, Monday, they stopped at Salem, where Vitz James was given an opportunity to go through the capitol building.

Little Jessie, 4-yr.-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl McNamar is having an attack of measles.

Various accidents have befallen the following Westfir children during the past two days: On Sunday, Bobby Workman ran a very large splinter into his leg, which was removed by Dr. Benson. Marjorie Anthony suffered from a severe scalding on the thigh, Sunday, but is able to be around. While getting wood Monday Jack Robinson was struck in the eye by a stick of wood, which cut through the eyelid. He was attended by Dr. Benson.

Coburg News

COBURG, June 8.—(Special)—The Odd Fellows lodge met Tuesday evening. The regular order of business was carried out.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Clark and two grandsons visited Mr. Clark's sister at Hillsboro, Sunday.

Miss Sophia Feeder, who has been quite ill, is reported to be better.

Bill Beebe is able to be out in town again after a severe case of the mumps.

The county has been clearing off the area where the old warehouse formerly stood, preparatory for storing of gravel.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Goodman, Mrs. M. R. Adkins and daughter, Mrs. Elva Filey, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Goodman, and Ben Goodman were dinner guests Sunday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Deffenbacher.

Andrew Schester spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Mountain.

Howard Strunk and Andrew Schester are spending a few days in Portland.

Miss Jennie Linden of Portland spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Whitaker and family. Miss Linden and Mrs. Whitaker were schoolmates and had not seen each other for sixteen years. On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker, Miss Linden and El Dora and Dale Whitaker went to Creswell to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wetzel, parents of Mrs. Whitaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Hank Tomseth and daughter, Patty, are spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Noble Reeson.

Mrs. W. W. Brady of Bear Lodge is visiting at the home of her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brady.

ROOSEVELT DENIES SHOUSE AGREEMENT

ALBANY, N. Y., June 8. — (U.P.) — Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt never agreed to support Jouett Shouse for permanent chairman of the democratic convention, but did agree not to oppose the plan of the committee on arragements to "commend" Shouse to the convention, his campaign managers said here today.

Shouse charged yesterday that Roosevelt himself had "broken faith" in announcement of plans to support Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana for the post. Roosevelt forces had claimed Shouse had not served the party impartially, but had aided the "stop Roosevelt" movement.

National Committeeman Robert N. Jackson of New Hampshire wrote down Roosevelt's "approval" after a long distance telephone call from Chicago to Albany, Shouse charged. The call came during a committee session in which it was decided to "recommend" Senator Alben W. Barkeley of Kentucky as temporary chairman and keynoteer, and "commend" Shouse to the convention as permanent chairman.

Shouse's announcement he intended to "keynote" regardless of whether he was permanent or temporary chairman led to the decision by the Roosevelt forces to support Walsh, dry Catholic and chairman of the tumultuous convention at Madison Square Garden.

New Postoffice Not Wanted at Evanston

EVANSBILLE, Ill., June 8.—(U.P.)—Evanston, as represented by its city council and mayor, Charles H. Barnett, doesn't wish to have a new postoffice costing $600,000.

The council, under the urging of Mayor Bartlett, last night unanimously passed a resolution opposing the proposal before congress for a $500,000,000 bond issue for building postoffices, including one for Evanston.

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