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With bright spring weather here, it might be well to turn our thoughts to the somber hazard on city streets now, before tragedy has marred the summer for some child or parent.

Although Ashland enjoys a comparatively accident-free flow of traffic, nevertheless a constant vigilance on the part of all drivers must be maintained. Particularly should motorists be on guard through the residential district, where the sunshine has brought out the children.

Youngsters, playing marbles, tag, flying kites, throwing balls—early-season indulgence in these things often make them forget caution and traffic. It is up to the motorist to make allowance for thoughtless pranks of children.

Downtown, too, with children and old folks on the streets more than ever, drivers should slow down at crosswalks and be ready at all times to stop or swerve to save the skin of some pedestrian whose mind might be on other things.

And as for fault, what succor does it give a tot's broken body to know that the blame was not the driver's? The goal of all motorists should be to eliminate, as much as is humanly possible, all accidents.



RUSSIA PROFITS BY COMPARISON!

Exactly why the American people, at least in print, are so bitter towards the Soviet Union has always been a mystery to this department. Perhaps the hotbed of communism does lie in Russia, but what of it?

In the plans of rehabilitation and rejuvenation of Europe and Asia, Russia has been pursuing the happy course of internal reform; hers has been a job of self-help and improvement. Conquest, to Russians, means the attacking of economic and political problems at home rather than the murder and invasion of a neighboring people who possess coveted riches.

The most outstanding difference between the political philosophy of Stalin and Hitler—from this distance, at least—appears to be that Stalin does his head-whacking in his own country while Hitler cracks the skulls of his helpless neighbors. Whether Stalin's course is right or wrong, the rest of the world can thank their Creator that his ambition lies within Russia and not outside it.

Perhaps The Miner just doesn't comprehend some facts of life, but we can't get all het up about the Red Menace that frightens Willie Hearst and certain other flag-wavers. Stalin seems to be doing a good job of minding his own business and the notion persists that the lot of the average Russian has improved considerably during the last 15 years.



HASTE MAKES WASTE!

That much of the New Deal reform has bogged down with its own weight and that some of it has been definitely a failure there can be little argument—even by such partisans as this little democratic weekly. But then it should be remembered that few, if any, governmental undertakings are ever wholly successful, especially in a democracy.

Perhaps the greatest fault with the New Deal's modernization of some functions of government and business was the haste with which the reforms came. They were the result of last-minute acknowledgement of an accumulated and critical pressure.

Had gradual reform followed the gradual developing need for change, then that reform could have come about with less impact. The progress of governmental theory, had it been continuous, would have occasioned no great wastes of effort and funds. However, climaxes in the political and economic field had been let develop to the point where drastic—and immediate—action was the alternative to possible internal revolt and civil uprising. (And to say that this nation was not near

LIFE'S BYWAYS!

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WOTTA-BREAK!

Consequently, the New Deal was swept into power the brink in 1932 is to ignore the desperate circumstances and thoughts of millions of people.) by a people convinced that democracy must prove itself or admit inadequacy. And people, with empty stomachs, are not patient. The New Deal announced its reforms and action followed word. Emergency existed, and we got emergency results: confusion, misunderstanding, duplication, waste. But we got action that saved the day. Now, several years later, we have gained perspective and realize the inefficiency of those black days in 1932-33. We now are busy attempting to straighten out the kinks that resulted from the frenzied period.

Because of this natural result, some critics are prone to say that the New Deal was wholly wrong, that it can justly be condemned in both theory and practice. However, those who are quick to condemn the humanitarian administration of President Roosevelt are wishfully looking at the flaws rather than at the whole. Unless one remembers the awful emergency under which many of the New Deal reforms were conceived, one is likely to misjudge their motives.

Back in 1917, when the United States entered the World war totally unprepared, with neither trained men nor modern equipment, a national frenzy and confusion developed that made for waste and extravagance, but we got the job done. Now, years later, we can see the waste of such forced work.

The thought occurs that perhaps the present disappointments from some New Deal legislation may be due to poor administration and haste which was compelled by need, just the same as the unpreparedness for war in 1917 created such incongruous results as grade school boys earning \$5 a day as roustabouts in shipyards.

The fault has been in our habit of postponing reform until a crisis forces the issue and thrusts us into a wasteful haste to do suddenly something that should have been accomplished by gradual transition.

Editorial Grist

RIGHT TO THE POINT

From the Kansas City Kansan comes the following column of items taken from the Independent at Murphysboro, Ill., being the serious reports of social service workers. The list starts with the results of a young woman investigator who called on a widow applicant and reported, "Woman and house neat but bare."

Other selections from a year's record of reports: Man has ulster on his stomach. Woman has no job to be mentioned. Woman is saving up for an illness. Couple breaking up home, friends helping. Milk needed for the baby and father is unable to supply it. Until a year ago this applicant delivered ice and was a man of affairs.

Couple have been completely stripped. Now are barely able to get along. These people are extremely cultured. Something should be done about their condition. Since Christmas family has been living on a Democratic club basket.

Man has diabetes and is insulated twice a day. Couple's only source of income is four boarders all out of work. They owe \$600. Man aggressive—has nine children.

Applicant's wife is making little garments through the kindness of a neighbor. Applicant took job as janitor in home for the working girls—lasted three weeks. Nice quiet home family. Dorothy has been out since July.

Applicant and wife are illegally separated. The people have religious pictures all over the place, but seemed clean, however. Man recently had operation but is able to hold any position he assumes. Woman ailing at present—eyesight poor—does housework when able to find it. Apartment crowded and untidy. Saw evidence of girl in clothing.

Applicant has one child, Lillian,

who is three months old and owes twelve months rent. Spoke to the wife and applicant who was straining to make ends meet. Applicant is typical real American. He is the father of eight children.

Man hit by automobile—speaks broken English. This woman is ill. She is being treated. The gas has been turned off. The family seems to be just sitting around waiting for grandmother to get old enough for pension. Woman says husband has illness that sounds like arthritis. I think she means arthritis. Woman says that no matter which way she looks at it, she has nothing.

Family's saving all used up—relatives have helped. Applicant's wife is a lady and hardly knows what it is all about. Woman taught bridge and suffered broken leg. Applicant worked in children's underwear. Let out recently.

Applicant and family got \$15 from neighbors for moving from former address. Saw mother and a child—evidence of a father. Good type of American family—appear refined, but intelligent. Woman is willing to struggle if given an opportunity.

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OF ALL THINGS!

By MINER STAFF WRITER

STATE of the nation: Bureau of commerce analysis shows that one out of every nine employed people is on the public payroll. This one-ninth draw down one-eighth of the total amount paid out in salaries and wages in the country.

During the eight years from 1931 through 1939, 4,487,085 persons left the United States to take up permanent residence abroad while 4,269,081 moved or subtracted from, this leaves a net loss of 227,004 in population through emigration—something we never even suspected. Immigration quotas limit the total inflow to 153,774 people who can prove that they are not likely to become public charges. Only so many can come from each nation regardless of whether or not the other quotas are full.

The Flickers: The department of state has just no-nosed Sam Goldwyn's proposal to produce "Thirteen Go Flying" based on the flying boat Cavalier's ill-fated trip to Bermuda. It also is claimed that they mentioned "FDR would like" to Jimmie Roosevelt, one of the Goldwyn v-p's.

Berlin-born Maria Magdalene Sieber last week received her second citizenship papers and will take the oath of allegiance in a couple of months. Mariene Dietrich is her other name.

Of No Importance Whatever: We just saw a picture of Lum 'n' Abner and they looked just like we thought they did and there have been 17 television studios licensed in the US.

After a WPA crew pulled down the wrong building in Brooklyn the executive council of the American Federation of Actors passed a ruling banning all WPA jokes, probably figuring that anything said on a stage after one like that would fall pretty flat.

Now it is being told: The North American Aviation company and Douglas Aircraft were in a race to turn out a sample plane for a French government order. Douglas finished theirs first and in a fit of overexuberance the pilot on the trial spin started stunting the new ship close to the ground over the North American plant, resulting in the crackup of the plane in the employes' parking lot, killing the pilot and destroying eight cars. The representative of the French government crawled out and identified himself as Simpkins, a mechanic, but it wouldn't hold water and the story got to congress, resulting in the row we all read about.

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