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Prayer

(Plymouth Mail)

An Illinois farmer wrote, the following prayer and sent it to the Illinois State Journal for publication:

"Oh, Lord: I am thankful I am not like other folks; and yet, I am no pharisee. I am thankful I am not the owner of city real estate. I am thankful that I own no stocks or bonds which I had bought at peak prices. I am grateful for guidance that kept me out of the speculative grain markets. I have not drilled an oil well and I am thankful for that. It is good not to have to read the stock market quotations each morning before prayer and breakfast to learn how much poorer I am than I was the day before. I am pleased that I am not in retail merchandising with a bulging ledger of unpaid bills. I thank thee, O Lord, that I am not a laboring man without a job or in danger of losing it. I wear no white collar to the office, wondering whether I am to remain until night. I surely am fortunate that I am not a coal operator nor steel manufacturer nor a railroad official hunting trade where there is no trade.

"I am only a poor farmer with 160 acres of Illinois gumbo, all paid for. Once was worth more but I didn't see it and, thank thee, I did not buy more at that price.

"Give me, O Lord my pigs and cows and chickens, my health and my strength and my faith. I am not making money but I am not losing so much that I face disaster and hunger. I live on three bounteous meals a day. These, thou hast provided me, whatsoever happens.

"Once I looked with envy upon these, my fellow citizens, and thought they lived in luxury and peace. This morning, O Lord, bless them and comfort them and give them divine grace to face their plight. May the day of upturn and better things come for all of us. I am grateful to thee for the small blessings that fall upon me and mine land. Forgive my sins and overlook my hypocrisies and my shortcomings and help me, O Lord, I am content that I am not as others are."

All Alike?

(Iron River Reporter)

In an article recently published by the president of the American Automobile Association, he states that in many smaller cities the traffic lights now in use are a nuisance, positively not necessary, delay traffic and should be eliminated. Sure they delay the traffic and that is just what they are intended for. The city fellows and the tourists from the metropolitan centers look upon the small cities as of no consequence, feel that they are privileged to drive as they see fit through the smaller municipalities and tear through our city streets at forty or fifty miles an hour, assuming the attitude that they are privileged characters and must not be molested or slowed up in their rush through the countryside, they seemingly caring for the welfare of no one but themselves.—R. D. Gifford.

Why jump onto the strangers within our gates, Bro. Gifford. We are all inviting these people to visit our communities and yet we would jump onto them the first time we got an opportunity. We have people in our own community who would take advantage of our traffic ordinances if they were not jacked up frequently, and your town is no different than any other community in this re-

spect, and you know it, too, if you will only admit it. Many of the home automobilists are just as bad as the strangers you criticize. Let's be fair in this matter.

Length Of Depressions

(Lowell Ledger)

We are indebted to Rockwell Smith, a real estate man of Van Nuys, California, for certain facts about financial depressions in the past, which should be valuable in predicting the future. Mr. Smith went through a file of newspapers back to 1850's and finds these facts:

There was a business depression in 1857 lasting twelve months.

There was a business depression in 1869 lasting eight months.

There was a business depression in 1873 lasting thirty months.

There was a business depression in 1884 lasting twenty-two months.

There was a business depression in 1887 lasting ten months.

There was a business depression in 1893 lasting twenty-five months.

There was a business depression in 1907 lasting nearly twelve months.

There was a business depression in 1914 lasting eight months.

There was a business depression in 1921 lasting fourteen months.

The important thing about these past panics, however, is that every one of them has been followed by good times, and the longer the depression lasted, the longer and more active the boom.

It's Team Work That Counts

(Iola, Kan. Register)

That one Saturday afternoon all sports loving Kansas rose up and cheered when Jim Bausch, of the K. U. football team, grabbed the kick-off on the field at Manhattan and ran with it 95 yards for a touchdown. It was magnificent. Perhaps nothing like it was ever seen in Kansas before.

But have you stopped to think that it is Team Work! Probably any other man on the Kansas team could have made the same run under the same conditions. Jim Bausch caught the ball right, and tucked it under his arm and ran all right. But it was the Team that made the touchdown. There were eleven men in that marvelous play, one of them running and the other ten seeing that he had a chance to run. Bausch was the shaft, the other ten were the head of the arrow. And so he ran, ("not an unfriendly hand touched him" said an account) because his team mates made an impenetrable wall around him. They wanted him to make that touchdown as much as he wanted to make it. In the eleven bodies there was one mind. That was what won.

And it is the spirit that will win victories for any community. In every community there are men who have vision and capability and the will to do great things for the neighborhood or the town in which they live. The thing for the people in any such community to do is to run "interference" for these men, to clear the field and give them a fair chance. Team work counts in business as in football, in cities and in country neighborhoods as in college.

People are urged to write more cheerful letters. The debtors of a check, send them, however, in place of a check.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

In the issue of the Enterprise dated July 2, under the caption "Letters to the Editor" appeared a letter written by E. J. (Mrs. W. H.) McCullough supposedly sent for the purpose of correcting any wrong impression which may have been obtained by any one who read your report on the result of the McCullough-Wilkinson lawsuit printed in the previous week's paper.

After reading Mrs. McCullough's letter I was reminded of the answer given by a group of pupils to the college professor when asked if the subject that had been discussed was quite clear, to which they replied, yes, as clear as mud. However, I feel constrained to reply to the same by silence the said party should imagine that having failed in the Court to gain her objective she had at last triumphed through the press. I shall therefore take up the points raised as they appear in said letter.

In the first place the trouble was at the annual meeting of the local district No. 6 in the year 1921 and not at the building of a dam by one of my children, that was only an opportunity long looked for and readily seized upon by Mrs. McCullough to get at the writer.

Second this so-called dam was built in the ditch on the West side of Cora Ave. and if that could be constructed in the middle of the road, then the fence and brick pillar erected by the McCulloughs are also on the road. Third, this very narrow and inadequate ditch did carry off the water effectively, further this narrow ditch was cited by the plaintiffs as a menace to pedestrians in the bill of complaint. (Consistency, what a jewel thou art). Fourth, it was demonstrated by the engine from mathematical computations that before any could back up into McCullough's basement it would require a solid volume of water six feet deep. There never was, even during the wettest period, that number of inches, let alone feet. Fifth, the suit was never dropped by the Plaintiffs, McCullough, after the conference in my attorney's office. It would have been dropped had the plaintiffs not sought to dictate to the Township and myself the size of the creek to be used across my property.

In conclusion how correct was the writer who wrote "What Pools We Mortals Are". Had we only got together on this proposition, this mighty torrent, this miniature Niagara, could have been made a source of profit rather than expense.

Respectfully,

F. Wilkinson.

To the Editor:

The Coolidge Highway and the Taxpayer.

We see by the papers the Grand Jury has made a settlement with the R. D. Baker Co.

(What business has the Grand Jury to inflict penalty anyway?) Said company agreed to put 6 inches of cement on top of present pavement, thereby saving the taxpayers \$75,000.00 (there is a doubt if the proposed repairs are practical).

Figures given by an engineer show his result; 6 inches of cement—\$110 per square yard (contract price includes a profit) 1 mile of 20 ft. pavement 108,600 square ft. or 173,844 yds. @ \$110 per square yard makes \$19,062.84 per mile a total of \$38,418.99. Then there are 3 miles of shoulders, which will take a yard of fill per running foot; practically. The price of moving dirt is 40c per yard short haul, will cost at least \$2,000.00 per mile. Who pays for that? Your Supervisor is the gent to "holer" to—he helps create the Government board of our county.

—Karl Tibbitts, President Oakland County Association for Reduction of taxes.

WEST FARMINGTON

Mrs. Charles Halsted and son, Lee and Mrs. Marie Walters attended the funeral of John Bryning at Washington last week. He and his son, Guy Bryning, lived with the Halsted at one time. His wife survive's him.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cox and two sons, Charles and Billy, of Pontiac spent July 4 at the home of Mrs. Charles Heliker.

Elmer French and son Glen spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. George Swanson at Chesaning.

Mr. Eddie Swanson of Saginaw is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer French.

Mr. Graham, Lee and Miss Edith Giegler of Hartland, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heliker.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodward of Pontiac spent the week-end with Mrs. Woodward's sister, Mrs. William Kurtz.

Mr. and Mrs. Starr Graham and family attended a supper at the home of Mrs. Starr Graham's mother, Mrs. Elva Tolman Sunday, honoring Mrs. Tolman's birthday anniversary.

Mrs. Edward Grimmer and Mrs. Marie Walters have returned from an outing of a few days at Elizabeth Lak staying there with Mrs. Grimmer's brother, Claud Youngs.

OPERATION ON THROAT

NETS A HALF DOLLAR

Edwin Kriel of St. Joseph, twelve years old, was operated on in the University of Michigan Hospital for fifty cents. This does not mean, however, that the cost of operations has suddenly dropped. The half dollar concerned was in Edwin's throat, where it had become firmly lodged after Edwin indiscreetly banked his wealth in his mouth. D. R. Bishop of Canfield, of the Hospital Otolaryngology department, removed the coin without trouble after operations reporting that Edwin operated comfortably after the operation, and did not ask for change.

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CHEVROLET PRODUCTION

FOR JUNE IS 84,597

Production of Chevrolet cars and trucks in June totaled 84,597 units as against 78,472 in the same month of 1930. W. S. Knudsen, president and general manager, announced today.

Production during June compares with 113,852 cars and trucks built in May, which was the highest month's output since July, 1929. The decline in production from May to June this year, however, was 6,000 units less than during the corresponding period last year, indicating a seasonal decline rather than the abrupt drop experienced last June, when the slump in general business first was felt by Chevrolet, Mr. Knudsen said.

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St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville (At Switzer Road) Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30. English Service 10:30. Voters' Meeting 2:00.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church Rev. J. J. A. Callahan, Pastor Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m. Daily mass at 8:00.

Evangelical Church Rev. A. A. Schoen, Pastor

61st Sunday after Trinity. Sunday School 9:30. German Service 10:30.

This is an "Old Peoples Service." Everyone from about 90 years to 50 is especially included and invited. Subject: "The Signs the Honors, the Crown of Old Age."

The great event for our church and Sunday school will be the basket picnic to be held next week, July 15. We will leave the church at 9:30 for Island Lake. A truck will carry those who have no other way of going.

Methodist Church Rev. F. C. Johnson, Pastor

10:30 Dr. L. F. Rayfield of Detroit will preach, substituting for Rev. Johnson.

7:30 p. m. Dean Parker of Farmington will preach.

A cordial welcome is extended to all.

Clarenceville M. E. Church Rev. Robert Richards

Sunday Morning 11 a. m. Baptismal service. 11:30 a. m. Richards' Program.

Baptist Church Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:30 Morning service with message by the pastor.

11:45 Bible school. 6:30 Young People's Hour. 7:30 Open Air Service on lawn at the Town Hall. We welcome all to come and join us in these outdoor services. This week the Pastor will speak on "Death and the Lord's Return." Come and you will enjoy the song service and special musical numbers.

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