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No Magic Wand

(Lowell Ledger)
We like to think that the days of ignorant superstitions have passed but have some doubts when we realize how many people are swindled and cheated each year by fraudulent enterprises, Solicitor Donnelly of the Post Office Department says:
"It is not extravagant to say that a million gullible Americans yearly lose money and property in mail fraud schemes and that more than a billion dollars are so lost. The public snaps up hundreds of obviously fraudulent schemes in hope of getting rich quickly and without work. As fast as the Department issues fraud orders closing the mails to fraudulent concerns and individuals, new persons and organizations spring up to take their places."
"Fraud orders are issued daily for hundreds of different 'rackets.' The principal offenders are those operating medical, oil stock selling, and so-called 'work at home' schemes by mail. Activities of concerns selling worthless oil stock call for numerous investigations by the Department, and issuance of orders closing the mails to many such promoters and concerns. The pernicious trade in nostrum and worthless alleged curative devices continues, and during the last year a considerable number of promoters and concerns, operating such schemes were denied use of the mails."
"The efforts of the Department in curbing these activities have undoubtedly resulted in saving millions of dollars to the small investor. If the American public would realize the illegitimacy of such enterprises, and refrain from subscribing to fraudulent schemes it would save millions of dollars each year, and greatly simplify the Department's task of enforcing postal laws forbidding that mails be used for fraudulent enterprises."

His Greatest Opportunity

(Plymouth Mail)
Plymouth has always been proud of the success that has been won in professional and business circles of Michigan by one of its sons, Hon. Paul W. Voorheis. In this community he launched in his career that has led him to Michigan's highest and most important legal position. When Mr. Voorheis served Plymouth as its village attorney, his work was always well done, and it gave general satisfaction. When he was prosecuting attorney of Wayne County he gave to Michigan's greatest city and county the same excellent services that he did to his home town community. His life of success led him onward to the highest legal position within the gift of the state, the attorney general of Michigan. In the brief time he has held this position he has demonstrated the same success that characterized his work for the village of Plymouth and the county of Wayne when serving these political units in an official capacity.
As attorney general of Michigan, Mr. Voorheis is also a member of the public securities commission of the state. Herein lies the greatest opportunity for public service that ever attorney general Michigan ever had.
While it has been more or less common knowledge during the past two or three years that hundreds of thousands of people of Michigan, mostly the poor and elderly people, have been fleeced of their life savings by high pressure "security" salesmen, not until revealed by the Detroit Free Press a few days ago, was it known that millions and millions of dollars have been taken from trusting investors of this state. It is needless to say that a very large amount of this was secured under the presentation of false statements to the men and women who bought "paper" they thought was going to provide them with a good income for the remainder of their lives.
We do not believe that Attorney General Paul Voorheis can get back these investors much or any of the money they took from their savings accounts to buy these worthless securities, but through his official capacity as the chief law enforcing official of the state, HE CAN make some of these fellows sweat blood and maybe he can put a few of them back of the bars for a while.
The opportunity that lies before Attorney General Voorheis is in every successful prosecution of a security swindle that has blackened the name of the state. If he can satisfy the investors and taxpayers of Michigan in the prosecution of these unlimited apparent frauds, there is nothing within the gift of the voters of the state that he cannot have. It is an opportunity of a lifetime, and the thousands of Plymouth friends of the attorney general believe that he will grasp it.

The Real Question

(Delta Reporter)
Once this writer took the liquor question real seriously. It means that we wanted the stuff, not that we thought others couldn't get along without it. But the abridgement of personal rights seemed contrary to the intent of the Constitution. It looked like a step that might carry along to further statutory regulation of the manner in which people should live.
Now to us the liquor question pales into insignificance when weighed against the unjust distribution of the country's wealth. Too many have made use of the government to protect them in fleecing the public. While honest folks were disagreeing among themselves about prohibition there were the dollar patriots who profited at their Nation's expense. Things are out of balance. THAT is the important question. "Food and not drink is our problem" is the way Will Rogers expresses it.

No Defense Needed

(Northville Record)
As life moves along we are more impressed by this: The man or woman who does the right thing day in and day out—regardless of the mistakes we all make—doesn't need to answer any gossip or rumors about herself or himself. "The most sticks are beneath the best apple tree" and truth has a strange way of being vindicated. If you have a conscience and it is clear, you can leave your vindication to time and truth.

Evangelical Church

Rev. A. A. Schoon, Pastor
10:15 English worship.
Subject: "God's Salt."
11:30 Sunday school.
Teachers and officers meeting Monday evening November 16 at the home of Mrs. Ed. Tamm.
Bible School workers conference at Bethel church, Detroit, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville

Rev. Paul Grappner, Pastor
9:30 Sunday school.
10:30 Divine service.
The first and third Sundays of the month the services are conducted in the German language. All others are English.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church

Rev. James A. Callanan, Pastor
Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m.
Daily mass at 8:00.

West Point Park Presbyterian Church

Rev. John Adams, Pastor
22333 Grand River, Redford
10:30 Sunday School.
11:30 Morning service.

Methodist Church

Rev. F. C. Johnson, Minister
In these days of storm and stress we need to turn to eternal realities of life to give us strength courage and praise. Jesus said, "My peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I." So we invite you to come and worship with us and gain that spiritual strength that only God can supply. The morning worship service begins at 10:30 and the evening at 7:30.
Our mid-week services are also helpful in developing the spiritual life. Prayer service meets at 7:30 followed by the lecture on Applied Christianity, "Emotions that Destroy Health."
Our Sunday school needs you and you need the Sunday school for Bible study and Christian fellowship. We meet every Sunday at noon in Community hall.

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Mrs. Mary Coe is suffering with a badly bruised hand that was caught in her electric winger.

DEPARTMENT TAGS DEER

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Around the Home

By MARGARET BRUCE
For the Home Color-Schemes
Not long since I called one afternoon upon one of my friends who told me that she had done every bit of the decorating in her new home herself. She had gotten the unpainted wood, furniture in charming designs and had enameled and stenciled and decorated to her heart's content with a different color scheme in each room. She had painted her plain plaster walls in the softest of aquamarins and named them by painting heavy double lines up them to a slightly darker or a contrasting tone. She had applied unbleached muslin curtains and bed coverings, after dyeing the fabric in just the colors she wanted.
"But best of all," she ended triumphantly, "are my home-decorated metal accessories—my door-stops, light sconces, bookends, inside door knockers, and candlesticks. I have discovered a foundry that turns out all these things in plain gray iron castings which one can decorate to suit her own taste. You know that ordinarily we have to buy these things already decorated, and frequently in colors that fairly fight with everything else in the house. This foundry realizes the need for individualism in the modern home, and simply turns the iron castings over to us, saying: "There! color it up yourself!"
And she pointed to a gray oak-tone door-stop, in Chinese yellow and vermilion, on a jade green ball, which was holding open the door to her bright little library, where the curtains, candle-shades, and the decorative book-jackets (which she had made herself!) were in the same original colors.
"Yes, he came in plain gray iron," she said, "and I painted door-stops, self. I decorated the iron wall sconces, too, and the metal book-ends on the library table. You see when you have just the plain surface to work on you can do anything you fancy decorations, and at the same time the silks for draperies and candle-shades, and then decorate the heavier articles in shades that harmonize.
This foundry also makes colonial curtain hold-backs, match-holders, ash-trays, lamp bases, fire dogs, and other articles in the same gray iron. They are decorated by using flat colors in oil paint, in enamel, or in bronze. It leaves one free to work out just the color combinations needed."
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How the Useful Plants Came to Mankind

By T. E. STEWARD
W. W. STEWARD
The Watermelon
ONE becomes convinced that there is nothing new in the world when he learns that the watermelon comes from Africa and grows wild by thousands in the native home of the race which fancies it most. It is one of relatively few widely dispersed food plants that come in the first instance from the Dark continent.
Even so recent a botanical as the great Swede, Linnaeus, believed the watermelon to have come from southern Italy, where he had seen it growing in abundance. The plant had spread during the days of ancient Egypt, and at the opening of the Christian era was grown in Egypt, Palestine, Greece, the Roman empire, and probably in India.
That its origin should have been shrouded in mystery is not strange when one remembers that Africa was little explored until the middle of the Nineteenth century. In fact Livingstone, the famous missionary, may have been the first to establish it as African. In his travels he found it growing wild in abundance and established beyond a doubt that it was indigenous to that land.
The watermelon is one of the food plants shown in drawings on ancient Egyptian monuments, proving that they were familiar with it. This makes it likely that it was known also to the ancient Persians, who carried on commerce with Egypt and were carried into captivity in that country. Spanish and Berber names with antique characteristics go to show that it was also grown at the western end of the Mediterranean in days very long ago.
Not until the Tenth century A. D. was this melon introduced into China, where it goes under the name, "sh-kua," but the Sanskrit name, "chikupa," indicates its ancient cultivation in India.
Wild watermelons are frequently bitter, a cucumber has been bred out of the domesticated varieties. The native negroes burst the melons with a club and taste the juice, saving the sweet ones and leaving the bitter ones where they lie.
Further proof of its African origin lies in the fact that scientists have failed to find the watermelon growing wild in any other part of the world. It is a member of the citron family, scientifically known as Citrullus vulgaris.
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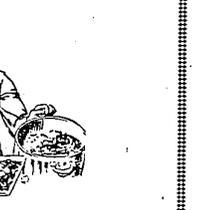
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