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Editorials

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Old Age Pensions

(Ionia County News)
The movement for old age pensions, under some system of state supervision, or directly by the states with funds raised by taxation, is growing strongly all over the United States. The American Association for Old Age Security, which is a group of philanthropic-minded people trying to advance the cause of the old age pensions, reports that out of 1,345 newspapers which have editorially discussed the subject in the past two years, more than a thousand are definitely in favor of the movement.

It is undeniable that people who are too old to work and have nothing saved up have a harder time of it, in this industrial age, especially in the cities, than folks similarly situated had when everybody lived on farms. In the country a few old people, more or less, make little or no difference in the cost of maintaining the household. It is easy to say that these old people should have been thrifty but there are so many obstacles in the way of even the ablest in their effort to save up for old age, that it is unfair to blame any but the utterly lazy and reckless for not accumulating an independent income.

The old-fashioned "poorhouse," with its stigma of pauperism, has been abolished in seventeen states where old age pension systems are in effect. It is no disgrace for old folks who have worked hard all their lives to take help from the social group which has benefited by their labors. We think the best of all old-age pension systems for wage-earners would be one in which employers and workers alike contribute to an insurance fund to be available whenever illness, accident or age removes the worker from the ranks of active industry. But it would take a great many years to realize the full effect of such a plan, even if it were put into universal effect tomorrow. And even it might not reach all of the aged people.

Experience in the states where old-age pensions have been adopted is that it is a more economical way of taking care of the aged poor than the poorhouse used to be. It certainly seems to be more in harmony with our civilized social conscience than the old system of making "paupers" of these unfortunate.

Thanksgiving

(Exchange)

"I thank Thee, Lord," the workman said,
"For all Thy golden wheat,
Enough to flood the world with bread,
Though I have none to eat.
"I thank Thee for the cotton bales
That tower high in the air;
To fend the world from wintry gales,
Though I have naught to wear.
"I thank Thee for the whirling wheels
That fashion shoes to wear
Although the stony road feels
Unkind when soles are bare.
"I thank Thee for the teeming herds
That graze on grasses sweet
Though statesmen fling me empty words
Instead of good red meat.
"And though the landlord's heart
Is cold
Against my last appeal,
I thank Thee, Lord, for all the gold
That fills our vaults of steel!"

How They Get That Way
A pseudist may be that way because of the optimists who own him money.—Hamilton (Ontario) Spectator.

"To The Editor"

(Van Buren County, Ark., Democrat)

"Dear Mr. editor: there seems to be so much talk about our Hoover prosperity I believe it is my duty to rite you my views on same and help anlize the situation as far as possible so h we can make up our minds that we geter change our ways of living and soforth.

"I have took my own cases for instance, i see my own mistakes and many others have acted likewise.

"I bought a Ford instead of a farm and it wore out but the farm figured on is still o. k. i invested in a radio instead of a cow, and the radio gives static instead of milk.

"I am feeding 5 nice hounds which answers to the names of rollo, bab, dind, jake and barnum instead of three pigs. I had our planner tuned instead of the well cleaned out, i spent all my cash in 1928 used my credidck in 1929 and traded up my future wages on instalment in 1930, so hard times ketch me in bad shape.

"If i had spent my last \$10 for flour and meat instead of gas and oil i would been o. k. i bit a nice garage last year instead of kivering my barn and i loafed in the woods hunting 2 weeks instead of in the pasture fixxing it so my mules won't get out."

"But if i am on a cash basis now, i have no cash, i am tide to the end of my rope and the man i am working for is busted our count of nobody would'n pay him the best of all old-age pension systems for wage-earners would be one in which employers and workers alike contribute to an insurance fund to be available whenever illness, accident or age removes the worker from the ranks of active industry. But it would take a great many years to realize the full effect of such a plan, even if it were put into universal effect tomorrow. And even it might not reach all of the aged people.

"Mr editor i tried to make ends meet with a turnip patch but when i got rededy to sell turnips everybody else was selling turnips for nothing and my market was glutted. i am worried plum to the bone and my wife's knifkols is comin over next tuesday to spend the week and my hand is so sore from being shuk by pollyticsins i simply ain't able to pull my fodder, rite or rong if you here of any red from the government i am willing to be a republican for a few weeks if that will help any.

"yours trulie,
"mike kark rid."

The Third District

(Plymouth Mail)

Even the nation has become interested in the political up-set in the Eighth Congressional district of Michigan. Newspapers of country-wide circulation, as well as magazines, have been indicating that possibly the Democratic victory in the Eighth district means a complete Republican overthrow of the present government. We are not quite so sure about that, but that many Republican congressmen are for a "kicking" there isn't much question. Michigan has, however, two or three outstanding representatives in the lower house who can doubtless withstand the biggest political turn-over the country has ever had. One is Earl Michener of Adrian, who represented this district previous to the last alteration of congressional boundary lines, and the other is Joseph Hooper of Battle Creek, from the Third district. These two representatives have never lost an opportunity to serve the taxpayers in every way possible. If congress had a majority of such representatives as these two, the country would not now be facing some of the problems that, confront it. Neither would the Republican party be facing the fight of its life.

Disciple of St. Francis Had the Christmas Spirit

"OH HAT in the world are you doing, Tommy?" asked Mrs. Rowland, hearing her little son on the cellar stairs, the day before Christmas.

"Oh, sum'p'n," answered the lad, as he hurried up into the kitchen.

As it was a time of Christmas secrets, Mrs. Rowland refrained from pressing the point and soon forgot it.

When the Christmas tree had been denuded of its fruit next morning, Tommy's older brother, Rupert, ran outdoors excitedly returning soon, all aglow, and shouting:

"What do you think? You know I scattered those crumbs in the back yard, the way St. Francis of Assisi told folks to do for the birds' Christmas feast? Well, there were about a dozen sparrows there when I pecked around the corner of the house, I called 'Merry Christmas' softly so's not to disturb them, and they chirped back."

"Mine worked, too, I guess," said Tommy. "I went and looked on the cellar stairs first thing this morning, and every bit of cheese was gone that I'd put there for the poor little mice!"—Myrtle Kowalski, Cherryman.

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Christmas Still Means

Same to Young and Old

UNCLE BILL did not believe in Christmas. He thought it was just a scheme to make the merchants rich and the people poor. However, he loaded himself down with gifts for all the family and took the train to his sister's to spend Christmas with her and her numerous family. He had been so busy making money it was the first holiday he had taken in many years.

Christmas morning when they all gathered around the tree, and he saw the children's joy in that beautiful symbol of the spirit of giving, and in the toys which they received, he realized that in spite of the care-worn crowds of Christmas shoppers Christmas still meant to the children what it had meant to him when he was a boy. There was no commercialism in too all services.

And when he saw the older people's joy in the presents he had brought them, he resolved that in the future he would become a parents' Santa Claus, and make Christmas as happy for them as it is for children.—Harold L. Cook.

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The Christmas Tree

THE Christmas tree is supposed to have originated in Germany, but the Christmas tree came in the first instance from Egypt, and its origin dates from a period much earlier than the Christian era. The palm tree is known to put forth a branch every month, and a sprig of this tree with 12 shoots on it was used in Egypt at the time of the winter solstice as a symbol of the completed year.

Joyous Christmas Carols

The carol was originally a joyous dance, a sign of liberation from the religious austerity of the Puritan era. Percy Dearmer, writing in "The Oxford Book of Carols," says, "The carol, by forsaking the timeless contemplative melodies of the church, began the era of modern music, which carol has been based on the dance."

Books for Christmas

References to the present as a severely mechanistic era are numerous. Yet the books of adventure and the fairy tales are as welcome to the Christmas tree as ever.

Saving for Next Christmas

One of the great promoters of holiday cheer is the Christmas savings account. The advice "Shop early" is superseded by the sensible suggestion, deposit regularly.

The Christmas Bird

The turkey has not always been the favorite bird on the Christmas menu, the peacock, in ancient times, taking its place on the festive board.

Straw for Christmas

Straw is said to be used for decoration in Greek homes on Christmas day in memory of the stable of Bethlehem.

Christmas Day's Full Title

Christmas day has full title "The Nativity of Our Lord, or the Birthday of Christ."

The Word "Carol"

The word "carol" is from "cantare," to sing, and "rola" a joyful interjection.

CHURCHES

Evangelical Church

Rev. A. A. Schoen, Pastor

A Merry Christmas to all. Last Sunday of the year. German service, 10:15. Subject: "Bethlehem." Sunday School 11:30. Service between the years, Thursday evening 7:30. Rev. J. Bollens will preach the sermon. The public is cordially invited.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church

Rev. James A. Callahan, 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
2223 Grand River, Bedford

10:30 Sunday School.
11:30 Morning worship.

Universalist Church

There will be services Sunday December 27 at 3 o'clock. Dr. Adams will be present.

Methodist Church

Rev. F. C. Johnson, Minister

Inkeeper to be presented. Another great treat is in store for the Farmington People when the dramatics club of Redford Calvary church will present "The Inn Keeper." We expect a capacity audience the same as last week so come early in order to get a good seat.

At 10:30 Sunday morning Holy Communion will be observed with a short communion service message by the pastor. We feel the last Sunday of the old year is a very fitting time to observe this sacrament. We cordially invite you to all services.

The church and pastor take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.

Baptist Church

Rev. E. E. Paine, Pastor

10:30 Morning service. The sermon subject "Keepers of the Flame."

11:45 Bible School. We have passed the 160 mark. Now for 175 "lets go."

6:30 Young People's Hour.

7:30 Evangelistic service. The sermon subject for the last Sunday of the year will be "The End of the World and the End of the Year." Hear this message. It is a timely subject.

Thursday night from 8 to 12 a watch night service.

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Schulte & Parr, Attorneys for Assignees of Mortgagees; Peoples' State Bank Building, Farmington, Michigan, Phone 166

MORTGAGE SALE—Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Henry C. Brainer and Ida V. Brainer, his wife, mortgagors, to the Peoples State Bank of Farmington, Michigan, Bank Building Corporation, mortgagee, bearing date the 8th day of January, 1925, and recorded in the Office of Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, on the 23rd of January, 1931, in Liber 346 of Mortgages, on page 85, which mortgage contains a power of sale, and which mortgage has been assigned by the said Peoples State Bank of Farmington, a Michigan Banking Corporation, to Vera Blanchard, by assignment dated the 27th day of February, 1931, and which assignment was recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, on the 6th day of August, 1931, in Liber 346 of assignments.

There is claimed to be due and unpaid on said mortgage at the date of this notice, for principal and interest the sum of Four Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-three and 63/100 (\$4,823.63) Dollars. No suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been had or instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or to enforce the lien thereon, in virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage contained and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided.

Notice is hereby given that on Monday the 27th day of March, 1932, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon (Eastern Standard Time) said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the East-ern City Building, in the City of Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan, (that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland is held) of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage as aforesaid, with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses thereon, including the attorney's fees allowed by law, which said premises are described as follows: Laid out in the Township of Farmington, County of Oakland and State of Michigan, described as follows: To-wit: Part of the east half (SE 1/4) of the Northeast quarter (NE 1/4), Section 35, Town 36 N., Range 15 E., (9) East, described as follows: Corner at the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of said section 35, where the south line of lot 31 of "Grand River Homes Sub-division" is extended, easterly, would intersect said line thence westerly along said extended line and the south line of said lot 31, 157 1/2 feet thence south, and parallel with the east line of said lot 31, 165 feet, to the east line, and parallel with the south line of said lot 31, 157 1/2 feet, to the line of said section 35, 165 feet to place of beginning.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Farmington, Michigan, December 24, 1931.

VERA L. BLANCHARD Assignee of Mortgagee

Schulte & Parr, Attorneys for Assignees of Mortgagees; Peoples State Bank Building Farmington, Michigan, Phone 166

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