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Editorials

All Can Help To "Mould Public Opinion"

These trying times have led speakers, writers, people everywhere to compare the days through which we are passing to the Civil War period, to the problems that faced Lincoln in the darkest hours of the Republic. More frequently than ever before is Abraham Lincoln quoted, and his courage extolled.

Here is something that Lincoln said that is not among his best-known utterances, but which is among the most accurate of his many acute observations on life:

"Public sentiment is everything. With public sentiment, nothing can fail; without it nothing can succeed. Consequently he who molds public sentiment goes deeper than he who enacts statutes or pronounces decisions. He makes statutes and decisions possible or impossible to execute."

These remarks were recently reprinted in a periodical circulating among newspaper publishers. It is a tribute to, "the power of the press," of course. But it is quoted here, not to emphasize that point, but quite a different one.

The idea here suggested is that while only a very small proportion of the population of the United States express themselves through the printed word, or even as public speakers, we can each and every one of us share in "moulding public sentiment," and most effectively, without making use of the press or standing up to deliver speeches. We can, all of us, as we go about our daily work, in talking with our neighbors and our friends and business associates, do much that helps or harms in the task of recovery. We can do it without adopting a foolish, shallow optimism, or resorting to the now so thoroughly discredited, "Prosperity just around the corner." We can do it first, by a simply negative means—declining to believe and peddle onward every silly rumor and report that comes along, such as those that flew from mouth to mouth during the last few days, viz.: that the American currency dollar was good for only fifty cents, which was followed by another report 48 hours later, that the currency dollar had now become absolutely worthless and that five dollar bills could be spent, but were worth only 60 per cent of their par value (would that we had a couple of hundred thousand of those "worthless" ones and the "60-per cent" fives!); further, that there was going to be a terrific shortage of food and everybody was going to starve to death; finally, that the postal savings would not pay out, but its depositors had now lost all,—these depositors who had kept their money in postal savings and had not rushed down panic-stricken late last week to "convert everything into gold were now penniless.

The swiftness with which all these rumors have been proven false, each within a few hours after they went floating around, is almost too uncanny to have come about by natural means. It took about a day for people who were afraid of Uncle Sam's dollar bills to find out that, as eager as they were to get rid of them, the people to whom they offered the bills were equally eager, yes even more so, to get them, and many a bill was thus settled to the happiness of the creditor as well as the temporary (at least) satisfaction of the debtor who was "unloading" dollar bills. The food rumor, too, had its good points, for the grocers smilingly handed out all that was asked for, took in large quantities of needed good hard cash, and ordered more supplies—knowing that veritable mountains of food are waiting for customers. Some few items here and there, as fresh fruits and vegetables and some meats might be a bit short in supply for a time, and raise in price. All prices may go up noticeably, which is as it should be. We have had enough consecutive years of falling prices. But a shortage in the midst of the greatest surplus of food in the country's history!

And the last and most foolish rumor of all—that postal savings were now wiped out,—as if the United States Government could fail to pay out on postal savings without complete repudiation that would sweep away the last vestige of the government's credit. In that event, no human being could fortell what would happen, but one thing is certain—those who had "converted" into gold would be no better off than the rest of us, for either those in power would take steps so drastic that no one who has hoarded gold coins would be able to use them, or else there would be a seizure of power by some element that would take equally strong measures. Let no man think that if dire days should occur, and the worst comes to worst, that he and the few others here and there who have managed to hide away pieces of gold would ever be able to bring it out into the open and make use of it, while others went cold and hungry. That's simply poor psychology.

So, in the midst of a panicky, sheep-like American populace, each one can help to "mold public opinion" by remaining calm and firm, showing that we have something within us besides the kind of matter of which is composed the jellyfish.

We do not necessarily have to shut our ears to every new bit of nonsense that comes floating by, but we can refrain from passing it on, adding to fright and frenzy. As President Roosevelt so ably said in his inaugural address, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself,—nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance."

What has been going on in the last few days could not be better portrayed—it was like nothing more than retreat, the flight of a beaten army, bewildered by the silly fears of a few, one contradicting the other so quickly that no people in their right minds would believe any of them.

CHURCHES

Our Lady of Sorrows Church

Rev. John J. Larkin, Pastor

Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m.
Daily mass at 8:00.

Baptist Church

Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:30 Prayer period.
10:30 Morning service with Obed Stuckey speaking.
11:45 Bible School, with classes for all ages.
6:30 Young People's Hour, with a worth while young people's program.

7:30 Great Evangelistic service with the orchestra and chorus choir assisting in the song service. The message will be brought by Mr. Stuckey.

The public is invited to hear Mr. Stuckey on Sunday or any night during the week at 7:30. Come bring your bible and a friend.

Clarencerville Methodist Church

Rev. J. Lyon, Minister

10:00 Morning worship.
11:00 Church school.
6:30 Epworth League.

Methodist Church

Rev. F. C. Johnson, Minister

A fine crowd attended the morning worship last Sunday. Next Sunday morning at 10:30, Rev. F. C. Johnson will speak on the theme "The New Attitudes" which is another talk from the sermon on the Mount.

Sunday evening the sermon will be based upon the theme "The Fear of Being Labelled a Fanatic." Come and bring the family at 7:30.

The Young People's Service at 8:30 will be led by the pastor from now until Easter. A series of talks will be given on "Creature Living."

Special mid-week worship services every Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

Next Thursday at 2:30 p. m. the regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid will be held at the home of Mrs. Eckler. All ladies are urged to be present.

Evangelical Church

Rev. W. Breitenbach, St. Mark's Church, Detroit

will preach: "The Woman of Canaan," "Hungry For Help."

11:15 a. m. Sunday School.

Erskine W. Evans, superintendent.

WEST POINT PARK

Mrs. William Zwahlen

Mr. and Mrs. George Hayes and Mr. and Mrs. B. Layman of Detroit were guests Thursday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Marquette Shoman and brother John Shoman were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gilbert, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ehrenberger were Sunday evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. William Zwahlen were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph K. Smith of Rosedale Park, Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. George LaCombe and daughter Miss Mary LaCombe of Wrentham were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilbert. Mrs. Ethel Middlewood and Miss Helen Berger of Detroit were week end guests of the former's daughter, Miss Esther and Barbara Middlewood in Caro.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Grant and son John of Detroit were guests Monday of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilbert.

Mrs. Guard Parks and daughter Alice and Miss June Watts of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mrs. Marvin Addis.

Regular meeting of the P. T. A. Thursday evening in the Pierson School. Principal Johnson continued his lecture on child health, next month will be election of officers.

Mrs. Anna Smith and friend Ralph Harkins of Detroit were guests Saturday of Mrs. L. E. Gilbert, Senior.

Misses Vivian and Shirley Addis, and Miss Helen Burns and Richard Russell of Farmington were dinner guests Saturday evening of Jack Grant on Nine Mile Road.

The play "Old Susan" which was scheduled for Friday March 10th has been postponed until March 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Seliuk of Detroit were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Voorheis and Mrs. E. Rowe.

Mrs. Lewis Graham, who has been in the Ann Arbor hospital for some time returned home last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nacker entertained the Scotch eight "900" club last Friday evening at their home.

Mrs. Ervin Bollinger and son Donald of West Branch are guests of her mother Mrs. Ethel Middlewood.

Miss Fern Ault was the week end guest of Miss Mary Franz in Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Voorheis of Detroit were guests Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Voorheis.

Miss Dorothy Gerge was home Saturday from Harper Hospital where she is a student.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting of the City Commission of Farmington held March 6, 1933.

Called to order by Mayor Lamb at 7:33 p. m.

Commissioners present, Gildemeister, Osmus, Goers, Hamlin, Stamann and Hutton.

Minutes of the meeting of February 6 read and approved.

The following bills were read and approved by the auditing committee.

Standard Oil Co., gas\$2.24
Homer Eisenlord, garbage department9.00
L. F. Fendt, gravel5.25
Farmington Hardware, mds.14.99

Burnett Bros., gas4.48
Harold Grace, police relief7.35
Farmington Dairy, welfare tickets,6.50

Turner and Clark, coal36.79
Mich. Bell Telephone Co., police booth4.45
Mich. Bell Telephone Co., fire hall3.85

Oakland Co. Road Commission work, water mains5.21
Farmington Lumber and Coal Co., coal, sewer creek21.75

Detroit Edison, pumping water75.15
Detroit Edison, Street lighting226.87

Lapham Oil Co., welfare kerosene2.00
Fred Stamann, school patrol5.00
Turner and Clark, welfare coal42.00

Farmington Market, welfare groceries64.17
Delos Hamlin welfare groceries64.14
Mich. Mutual Liability Co., insurance69.04

Farmington Lumber and Coal Co., welfare coal63.91
Fred Pauline, welfare kerosene7.00

Motion made by Hutton, seconded by Goers that bills be paid as read, Carried.

Motion made by Hamlin, seconded by Osmus that we cancel the insurance of the Central Mutual Auto Insurance Co. and accept the bid of the Michigan Mutual Liability Insurance Co. on the fire truck and dump truck, Carried.

Motion made by Gildemeister, seconded by Hutton that the plan of the State Highway Department for the paving of Grand River Avenue west of Farmington Road be accepted. Carried.

The Commission named March 23 five p. m. as the time for the closing of nominations for city offices by petition. All petitions must be in the hands of the city clerk at that time. The commission will meet March 24, 7:30 p. m. to consider the nominations and certify the names of the candidates for the City election to be held April 3, 1933. This is according to the City Charter.

Adjourned, 9:13 p. m.
N. H. Power, City Clerk.

A. Floyd Blakeslee, Attorney for Mortgagee; 503 Pontiac Bank Bldg., Pontiac, Michigan.

MORTGAGE SALE.—DEPOT having been made for more than thirty days in the conditions of certain mortgage made by Mary Ann Breiden to James L. Hogle, dated the 31st day of January, A. D. 1928, and recorded in the office of the Registrar of Deeds for the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, on the 25th day of January, A. D. 1928 in the 115 of Mortgages, on page 251-4, which mortgage has been duly assigned by James L. Hogle and Minnie B. Hogle his wife to Peoples State Bank of Farmington, N. Hogle, Receiver, on the 15th day of December, A. D. 1932, of which bank John A. Daley was appointed Receiver by the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, in Case No. 1512, on which mortgage there is a notice, for principal and interest the sum of Five Hundred Thirty and 10/100 (\$530.00) dollars, he provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Wednesday, the 22nd day of March, A. D. 1933, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, undersigned will, at the Saginaw Street entrance of the Court House in the city of Pontiac, Michigan, sell by public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so as aforesaid due on said mortgage, with seven per cent interest, and all legal fees, together with said attorney's fee, to-wit:

The East one-half (1/2) of lot number 367, Section 17, Township 36 North, Range 9 East, according to the plat thereof as recorded in the office of the Registrar of Deeds of Oakland County, Michigan, and all other lands, situate in the Township of Farmington, County of Oakland and State of Michigan.

Dated: February 10th, 1933.
JOHN A. DALEY, Receiver
Peoples State Bank of Farmington, Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee.

A. FLOYD BLAKESLEE, Attorney for Mortgagee
503 Pontiac Bank Bldg., Pontiac, Michigan.

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WEST FARMINGTON

Mrs. Ervin Knapp

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Audrie Schlusler who was out of school on account of sickness returned to Walled Lake school Thursday.

Arthur Graham was out of school last week on account of sickness.

Several boys met at the home of Jay Button Thursday evening to organize a 4-H club under the direction of M. H. Avery Oakland County 4-H club leader. Their local leader will be Ronald Button the next meeting will be in April at the home of Grant Howard.

Mrs. Gladys Schroeder entertained several ladies at a quilting party at her home Thursday.

Miss Lucy Howard spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Keith at Union Lake.

Lillian Reshof who has been very sick is getting along nicely. Mr. and Mrs. George Heliker Jr., are moving to their old home on Maple Road.

Mrs. Floyd Howard spent the week end with her sister, Miss Grace Halverson in Detroit.

Mrs. Elva Tolman spent Saturday with her daughter and family Mrs. Starr Graham.

Mrs. Charles Halsted entertained nine ladies of the Willing Workers of West Farmington cemetery at a quilting party at her home Thursday. A lunch was served at noon.

Send in your news items.

Dr. Joseph W. Norton

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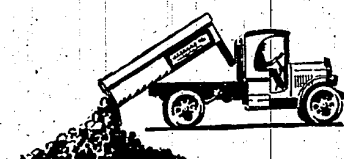
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