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Editorials

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Auto Buying

(Elmer Twitchell Explains it in the New York Sun)

Dear Editor:

I have been reading in the newspapers about the country breaking out in a rash of automobile buying for the first time since 1929, and as I am among those signing up for a new puzzle jumper I thought I would write and tell you why, in my opinion, there has been such a sudden jump in sales. Of course, I am giving you only my own reasons for turning in the peanut roaster for a new bus, but I think they are the same reasons that caused so many other people to say yes after four years of shying at auto salesmen.

For one thing, this prospect of a fifty-cent dollar drove me to conclusion I might as well get a little fun out of it while it's still worth a little more—in fact, I think I was a sucker for not buying one of those covered wagons before my dollar got as low as it is today. If in another year the dollar got to be worth only forty cents I'd feel more foolish than ever riding around in the old mousetrap I've been clinging to ever since the big bust.

In the second place, I'm sick of listening to arguments on the general economic outlook for America, and the old car didn't go fast enough for me to get away from them.

No matter where you stop these days, even in front of your own home, you get buttonholed by some pest who wants to discuss the gold and silver question, and I found that the old car couldn't go fast enough to outstep those birds. It is going to feel mighty sweet to own a bus that will pick up and be ten or fifteen miles away before any nuisance man wants to get an opinion on the money crisis, off his chest can get his voice warmed up.

In America today you've just got to have a new car to keep away from arguments on the gold standard inflation, the managed dollar and the NRA, not to mention the fifty-seven by-products of the New Deal.

Then, too, I found I was doing too much worrying about the country's future myself, and I decided there was nothing that would get a man's mind off that sort of thing more than owning a car with those ten or eleven dials and gauges on the dashboard. You just can't watch all those dials, and think about anything else. It can't be done.

My old car had only two dials and two ain't enough to keep a man's mind off a major crisis.

Another reason people are buying cars this year is that after four years of worrying and suffering they've realized that there's something about a new automobile that makes them feel prosperous and carefree, anyhow, even when Senator Borah is talking. You just can't drive one of these smart 1934 cars and worry, except when the time payments come due. And we've become so used to worrying in big figures now that worrying about \$25 or \$50 don't amount to nothing.

To be truthful, there's one more reason why I scrapped the old spinning wheel and got a new bus. This may have been the real deciding factor. I knew the old car had seen better days and was pretty sad to look at—in fact, I was getting ashamed to be seen in it myself. But the other day I called my blind dog to get in and take a ride and he put his tail and wag his legs and ran toward the woods.

When your dog gets ashamed of your car it's the tipoff.

Yours Truly,
Elmer Twitchell.

Among Life's Worries

(Fred D. Keister in the Ionia County News)

Right now we are beginning to worry over the plight, in which Dok DeFoe of the Charlotte Republican-Tribune finds himself. Considerably over a year ago Dok began nominating by name each one of the prettiest women in Charlotte, never realizing that even by the widest stretch of imagination every woman is not handsome and that there would come a time when the list would narrow down to a point where a whole lot of charity would have to be included with each nomination. He is safe for a while yet as there are a number of good-looking still unnamed, but some day—we shudder to think what will happen if he tries to quit before having named every female in the village. You can talk about the forgotten man and that makes good reading, but wait until Dok meets up with the forgotten lady and tries to explain why it was she didn't happen to be mentioned. It is going to be a sad day in the valley when that takes place.

The Farmer's Editorial

(By Cliff Froh in the Bronson Journal)

I first heard of crop limitation plans hog culture when crack-brained theorists began straining at their bars the latter days of the Hoover Administration. When Wallace Farmer espoused the cause just prior to the last national election I began reading of the plan in that magazine. Then a friend who was T. B. testing cattle in Missouri during the corn-hog reduction sign-up campaign in that state kept me posted. And now the darn thing arrives on our farm. What to do?

Farmers are canny and shrewd, and are not easily fooled in matters pertaining to their own business. That most of them will sign is a foregone conclusion. The bait is juicy and farmers are hard-pressed. Besides, in no other way are we able to get back any part of the money which is being taken from us by means of the processing taxes. So probably most of us will sign.

Whether farmers favor the crop reduction, cash bonus, high tax plan is anyone's guess. My veteran friend writes that Missouri farmers were neither enthusiastic over the plan nor were they bitterly opposed to it. According to his opinion, farmers of the Show-Me State were waiting to be shown. They were willing to gamble a year's crop on a win or lose proposition, and most of them decided to take good Democrat money while it was still good.

Sober minded farmers, however, are beginning to ask questions. If New Deal officials are able to float the Federal Constitution in letter and spirit, say they, and through tax and boycott to do their bidding, where will it all end? If gold can be taken from its rightful owners and "nationalized," cannot land be confiscated and nationalized? Are there not more votes in cities than on farms? Farmers are wary of government interference.

Thirty-six hundred years ago Joseph planned a new deal in the land of the Pharaohs. Are you curious to know how it turned out? And what happened to the farmers? Take a Bible and turn to Genesis. Chapter forty-seven spills the beans. Read verses 14 to 20 inclusive.

What many towns need is not so much new industries to make new money flow in, as home town loyalty to keep old money from flowing out.—Elsie Sun.

WALLED LAKE

Edited by Mrs. L. M. Philp. Phone Walled Lake 57.

A five passenger and a two passenger airplane landed on Walled Lake Sunday and created considerable excitement. Passengers were taken for rides. Among those who participated in the sport were Wendall Carter, Julius Nelson, Everett Venstrom, Donald and Shirley Post, Aubrey Lee, Grace Carless, Misses Irma and Wanda Currin, Leslie Fraser, Arthur Richardson and Arthur Wimmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Strait spent the week end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bentley. Mrs. Bentley returned with her daughter, to spend the week. She will also visit her cousin Mrs. Critton of Allegan.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Welch were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Crabtree of Waterford on Sunday.

Frank Pennell and daughter Harriet attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Elva Tolman Wednesday.

Mary Culbertson was the hostess at a dinner party on her tenth birthday Monday. The guests were Betty Bachelor and Nina Welch.

Ira Carnes is slowly improving from injuries suffered in a recent auto accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McKnight were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Deveraux.

Mrs. Clark Murdoch is ill. The Fiske baby has been named Richard Lawrence and both baby and mother are doing nicely.

Mrs. Lee Welch and Mrs. William Bachelor were hostesses at a dinner party given for the faculty and their families and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moss. Twenty-seven enjoyed the dinner. The main course was served and then the group went to Clarkston to the basketball game. After the game the dessert and coffee was served.

Edward Buffmyer has been quite ill with a cold.

Mrs. Frank Shepard was hostess at the Civic Welfare Benefit Bridge on Wednesday of this week. Miss Betty Rupp of Morency and Rex Tuttle of Detroit were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green.

Methodist Church News

The ladies Aid dinner held at the home of Mrs. Bruce Dickie of North Farmington last Thursday was well attended. Mrs. Grigg of Franklin entertained the ladies with three readings. Among the business of interest was a Sunshine and Shawd contest. Mrs. Hutton and Mrs. Watkins were chosen as leaders. Each member will be given bags and a penny will be put in the Sunshine side for each day that the sun shines and by the shadow side for each day that it doesn't shine.

Another penny supper will be given in March.

Extension Course News

Mrs. Margaret DeGroot will entertain the ladies of the Pleasant Lake Extension Course meeting on Thursday Mrs. Harriet Small and Mrs. Edith Randall will give the lesson.

Margun H. Mitchell of Pontiac and Miss Florence Qann of Alpena were married at her home in Alpena February 6, 1934. The groom, better known as "Bill," has many friends in and around Walled Lake village. They reside at Flat Rock as he is stationed at Rockwood.

The P. T. A. are sponsoring a series of lectures on child care by Mrs. Lydia Lynde, child care specialist of the Michigan State College of Lansing.

The first number of the series will be held on Tuesday evening, March 6. Anyone interested in child care is invited. A record attendance is desired.

Baptist Church News

The play "Who Killed Earl Wright" given at the Baptist Church Sunday night, met with great success. It was a reproduction of part of the trial of a young man in Iowa, for the murder of his best friend while intoxicated, for a sixth of a pint of alcohol. All the parts were played realistically. Mr. Roach acted as the judge in the case, Ed. Sharp as the defendant. His mother was played by Mrs. Smith Green who did her part very well. The bootlegger, William Westlake, tried to slip out during court but was caught by the Sheriff, Mr. Tom Green, and brought back while the bailiff, Mr. Tom Parks had to pound his mallet for order. A large fine was imposed on him while the prosecuting attorney, F. L. Church, persuaded the jury to convict the defendant of manslaughter.

A skating party was held by the young people of the church, Saturday night, at Pleasant Lake. A large place was cleared off and a big fire was lighted. After skating the crowd went to Pennells for lunch. A good time was had by all.

The Young People of the Church enjoyed a party at the Pennell home on Saturday evening.

This Missionary meeting was held at the home of Mrs. H. G. Roach.

Mrs. Lovina Coe was in charge of the devotionals, Miss Elizabeth Kyle the Civic Topic, and Mrs. Mildred Proctor gave an address "Expansion of the Gospel."

The service Sunday evening which included a stock trial was well attended and enjoyed.

School News

Dr. DeCamp, a visiting Dentist, was at the school Friday, February 23. He examined the teeth of the children in the first six grades. He also gave a talk in each room on the care and structure of the teeth.

Miss Bills has returned to school to resume her teaching after a month's absence, caused by pneumonia.

A high school assembly will be held on Wednesday, the 28th at 9 o'clock. Rev. W. J. of the Baptist church, is to speak on "Ideals."

Wm. H. Taylor left for Cleveland Sunday, February 25 to attend a National Superintendent's Meeting being held there. He will return Tuesday.

Walled Lake lost the basketball game played with Milford at Clarkston, February 22. They also lost the game with St. Mary's at Walled Lake, February 23.

Wednesday at the High School, there was a banquet in honor of the basketball girls, with mothers faculty, and friends invited. The decorations were in red, white and blue. Following the dinner, buncos was played.

The Junior play, "Here Comes Patricia," to be given at the school on the evening of March 9th promises to furnish a full night's entertainment. The cast, under the direction of Miss Myers, are working hard to give one an evening of real enjoyment.

School is to be dismissed Friday, March 2, for a Teachers' Institute being held in Pontiac.

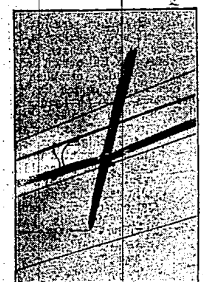
The 9th and 10th grade English classes have been conducting a declamation contest, under the supervision of Miss Myers. The best selected from the classes presented their talks in a general assembly before the student body Thursday. The best of the group will enter a district contest in the elimination for the state contest.

STARS OF GREAT LAKES SCREEN HIT



Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire, two of the many stars appearing in "Flying Down to Rio," which plays at the Great Lakes Theatre for three days starting Sunday.

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