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A Real Definition of Inflation

(Author Unknown)
Professor Dingbat, of Wamdoole College and Professor Rocking Horse, of Haywire College, lived in houses just one mile apart. They visited each other frequently.

One evening they got into a discussion of the fact that they lived one mile apart—quite a distance to travel to see each other, and that it took them a half hour to walk it. After a time the brilliant question occurred to one of them why it would not be just as satisfactory, and even more so, in fact, to have the mile 10,500 feet, instead of 5,280 feet. If that change could be made they would then live only one-half mile apart.

That was pretty good as far as it went, but it would still take them a half hour to walk the distance between the houses. They then worked out the idea that if the hour was 120 minutes instead of 60 minutes (and why should it not be), they could walk the distance in a quarter of an hour. Then instead of being separated by one mile or one-half hour they would be separated by only one-half mile and one-quarter of an hour.

But they used to carry books and other articles back and forth and then they decided that the pound should have 32 ounces instead of 16 ounces and then they would only have to carry one-half as much weight.

That led to the thought that if they reduced the dollar from one hundred cents to fifty cents that would reduce their tax fare in bad weather and would have less weight of money to carry around, if they ever got any.

At about this point the janitor came in and said, "If you guys would get out now I will mop up and clean the spittoons."

State Highway Finances

(Ionia County News)

Now that we are enjoying the benefits of a reduction in auto weight taxes, it is time to stop and consider where we are reading in the field of highway finance. This is especially appropriate in view of the fact that petitions are even now being circulated to write both gas and weight tax restrictions into the constitution.

In the first place, Michigan has never taxed the automobile as highly as most of the other States. Our weight tax was about the average even before the cut. Most states levy more than three cents per gallon on gas. And besides, all but twelve states tax motor cars as property in addition to the levy of gas and license taxes.

In the second place, while the bulk of highway costs in the open country are now being paid out of motor vehicle revenues, these funds have never been sufficient to come anywhere near carrying the full burden for city streets as well. It may be argued that streets should not be maintained entirely by car users, but it still is true that the present contribution from auto taxes for streets and alleys is nowhere near equal to the benefit these people derive from the improvements.

Everyone likes to get something for nothing, but in this world of ours whenever that really happens someone else has to pay and get nothing.

Let us recognize now that a further reduction in motor vehicle taxes must mean either worse roads will be built and maintained for the benefit of motor traffic, but will be paid for by someone else who does not share in the benefit.

Whenever the time comes that the auto is paying for the streets, alleys and roads it wears out, we will enthusiastically endorse a further reduction in auto taxes. Until then, however, let us remember that such laws and constitutional amendments promising a reduction also mean increases on someone else. Who knows, that someone might be you, it usually is.

Why A Community Newspaper?

By W. G. Mills, Hanover, Michigan. (First prize)
Contest sponsored by Adrian Van Kovering of Zeeland, Michigan.

Theodore Roosevelt was once asked, during a friendly discussion of relative values, to name three things which he would consider most essential to his welfare should he be marooned on an uninhabited island. His answer was most significant when he said:

"First, I would most desire my family. Second my home-town newspaper. Third, my gun."

The fact that his home-town newspaper came second in importance to his family speaks volumes for that institution, and it is not altogether strange that a person with Roosevelt's perception of values should make this choice.

The community newspaper is essentially a social directory and biography combined, of the people and events in the territory which it serves. Through its succeeding volumes the community's progress—or retrogression—is unconsciously portrayed. It makes its subscriber's problems its own problem; a sympathetic understanding exists between publisher and subscriber which is entirely absent in urban publications. This spirit of understanding extends to closer relationships between the advertiser in the home-town paper and those whom the advertiser serves. His appeal is not so much one of "better bargains" and "cut prices" as it is of friendship cemented by years of pleasant and constructive community association. His advertisements are a message from one friend to another.

It is the function of the community newspaper to direct and to further the cultural, educational and spiritual life of its community; in addition to the dissemination of news, it holds as a sacred obligation the furtherance of all projects designed for public benefit, and it opposes with equal determination that which is detrimental. It is the clearing-house for opinions expressed by expert and reader alike.

The community newspaper occupies a traditional place in the existence of its home town parallel in importance to the school and the church. It is an integral part of the realization of a pioneering effort to constructive living, the mouth-piece of an enterprising and progressive element of national life. The spirit of neighborliness is engendered by the familiarity with which it creates its family of readers; its flexible editorial policies permit of the same reportorial treatment of the news of twin calves born to Bill Jones' cow as is given to news of world-wide importance. And the same fine editorial discrimination compels the absence of news in its columns which directs unfavorable attention to a member of its circle.

By close adherence to a policy which is dictated by a philosophy peculiar to rural society the community newspaper has come to be regarded as an indispensable part of the rural civic plan. Its subscribers enjoy a sense of proprietorship; a feeling which is shared by the average home-town editor. It is the tie which binds the common interest of John Brown, who operates the corner store, with that of Jim White, who maintains a fine herd of Jersey on his farm three miles south of town. By its influence the community spirit of interdependence is promoted, intimate news is available to those who are removed from childhood associations, and through its sympathetic knowledge of community affairs it has become a vital necessity to all community programs of progress.

Your community newspaper needs you—you need your community newspaper!

It is always springtime when the Detroit Tigers are talking about their pennant chances.

WALLED LAKE

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

Methodist News
"The Parable of the Rich Fool," is Rev. Carless' subject for Sunday morning.

The play "The Old Village Choir" which was to be held last week at Fourtowns church was postponed to Friday and Saturday evening, April 20 and 21.

The Commerce Ladies Aid met and served dinner Wednesday evening.

Rev. E. L. Carless officiated at the funeral of Ira Pearce of Highland Park.

The Ladies Aid and their friends met at the home of Mrs. James Watkins on Pontiac Road, Thursday. Articles brought by members were sold.

Baptist News
Rev. Victor Wik's topics for Sunday are "Challenging" and "Enlistment."

The teachers training class will meet at Mrs. Cluit's home, Fourteen Mile Road, Tuesday evening, April 24.

Douglas Welfare of Ypsilanti spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moss entertained the faculty for dinner on Wednesday evening. The occasion was the birthdays of Mrs. Moss, Miss Margaret Heinz, and Waldo Proctor.

Vern Hazen is visiting at the home of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Coe of Pontiac.

Wendell Carter and a party of Milford friends attended a week-end house party with friends in Detroit.

Members of the orchestra, who will furnish music at the Casino this year, have arrived and are home seeking.

The Five Hundred Club met on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Cora Bachelor.

Mrs. Glenn Buffmyer visited her mother at Ulica on Monday.

Mrs. James Willey and Son, Asher of Pinceny were guests of M. L. Bradley and daughter, Ruth on Sunday.

Mrs. Edith Ellenwood spent last week at Pontiac caring for her daughter, Mrs. Thurman Sanders, who underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Thomas Smith, of the golf course, has returned for the summer months.

Mrs. and Mrs. Stanley Voorheis entertained the following guests at a Sunday night supper: Mr. and Mrs. Lee Pearce, Mrs. Renwick, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Miles and daughter, Vivian and Mr. and Mrs. George Miles of New Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Miles of Royal Oak and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miles and son of Pontiac.

Mrs. Rose MacMongle is spending a few weeks with her daughter in Pontiac.

Chas. E. Hutton attended a Choir Leaders Conference at Michigan State College on Wednesday. Mr. Hutton is president of the choir leaders organization. Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Julia LaForge of Emmett on Friday, April 13. She

is the mother of Mrs. Mayme DeConick. The funeral was held on Sunday with interment at Emmet. Mrs. George Campbell, Sr., is visiting her sister in Detroit this week.

William Mason who is at present at Selfridge Field is home on a furlough. He has been considerable country and has not been home for a year.

Rev. E. L. Carless and family visited Mr. and Mrs. William Barthel of Royal Oak on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brown, of Delta spent Monday at Walled Lake.

Mrs. Joseph Long is ill with an infection of the foot.

Miss Jennie Killiam was the guest of Mrs. Vene Tripp of Middle Straits Lake last week.

Dick and Nancy Wikom have returned to school after their illness with whooping cough.

Fred Pearce of Walled Lake has returned for the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Knapp and son, William visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ayles on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Brown and family have moved from Pontiac to the McClure house at Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Roach of Royal Oak spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Bach.

Julius Nelson and family have moved into the house owned by Mrs. Lulu Winslow.

The Civic Welfare club will be entertained by Mrs. Eugene Williams at her home in Detroit for a pot luck dinner and an afternoon at bridge. Those attending are asked to meet at the home of Mrs. Carnes at 10:00 a. m.

Harold King spent the week end with his parents at Oliver.

Miss Edna Luths spent Sunday in Detroit and saw the River Mural at the Detroit Institute of Art.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Carnes entertained at a party following the senior play. The guests were Miss Annabelle Miller, Miss Sybil Smith, Frank Lurch, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hawk, and Mr. and Mrs. Grant Withey of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. G. Bach, daughter, Darlene of this village.

A group of friends surprised Frank Murray on his birthday last Thursday evening. Cards were played at which Frank Pennel and Mrs. Grace Helker won first prizes and Miss Mildred Erke and Frank Van Acker won consolation.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie DeGroot entertained their five hundred club on Friday evening. Prizes were won as follows: Frank Pennel and Miss Mildred Erke first and Leslie DeGroot and Mrs. Frank Murray consolation.

Mrs. Gaywood Sklar who has been visiting at the Hutton home, has returned to her home at Wapac, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McQuern spent the week end visiting relatives at Battle Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hoy entertained Mr. and Mrs. Drury of Detroit at dinner on Sunday.

day dinner guests of Mrs. A. Berger.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sharrow were guests Friday for dinner of Mr. and Mrs. Orr Passage of Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. S. McCoy were the Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Garchow.

Mr. and Mrs. John Attams, daughter Dorothy and son John Jr. were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Weise in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Erving Stoneburner of Northville were guests Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Berchem.

The Ladies Association will meet next Thursday at the home of Mrs. Dr. McLean.

On April 28 the Ladies Association will give a penny supper, and spring sale.

Frank Gould and S. McCoy went to Toledo, Monday on a business trip.

Walter Lind who has been living with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Lind this last winter moved last week to Detroit to be nearer his work.

Mrs. Palmer Chilton of Northville and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hammond of Novi were guests last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerge.

Mr. and Mrs. James Eastman were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lyon in Detroit.

Bert Thayer of Detroit was the guest Monday afternoon of his sister Mrs. James Eastman.

What has become of the old-fashioned gent who used to spring right up in his pew when ever anybody started talking about liberties of the people?

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