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EDITORIALS

Is The Spider Looking For You?

(Exchange)

Mark Twain once was the editor of a Missouri newspaper. A superstitious subscriber wrote to him saying that he had found a spider in his newspaper and asking whether that was good or bad. The humorist printed this reply: "Old Subscriber: Finding a spider in your paper was neither good nor bad luck for you. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant it can go to that thing so that he can go to that store, spin his web across the door, and live a life of undisturbed peace ever afterwards."

Looking After Customers

(William Feather)

Business comes to those who look after their business, which means looking after their customers.

In an expansive mood, recently, I said to Al, who runs a one-chair barber shop and has eaten and paid for three square meals a day throughout this and all other depressions for forty years, that he ought to slow down.

"Why not stick up a sign announcing that beginning two months hence your shop will close at noon Saturday?" I suggested. "You have sent your children through college and bought and paid for a house. You're entitled to some leisure."

"That wouldn't do," said Al. "Why?" I asked.

He explained that he had several customers who had patronized him regularly for many years at a good deal of inconvenience to themselves. Saturday afternoon was their, only free time. They could go to dozens of other bars on Saturday, but they always came to him.

"Since they helped me when I needed every dime I could get, I don't intend to walk out on them now," he continued. "They'd think I'm unappreciative. As long as I'm in business I'm going to give the customers the same service that they would get if I didn't know where the next hair-cut was coming from."

The Conceit Remover

(Trenton Times)

It is now announced that the Union Pacific is planning a \$250,000 recreation lodge on the north rim of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado. It is important that such sites be made available so that people can see more of the wonders of nature in their own country.

As human beings, we are apt to become more or less conceited. We think we are pretty smart. We construct big buildings, bridges, dams and monster ships, and they are great accomplishments.

But it is a good thing to get a look at some handiwork of nature to realize how insignificant we are when it comes to really making a dent on the earth's surface.

Such an object lesson prevents us from becoming too self-satisfied and tends to keep our minds on the fact that there are greater forces at work than political parties, industrial organizations, kings, queens, armies and navies.

You could drop the Empire State building, the biggest battleship of the new San Francisco Bay bridge into the Grand Canyon, and you would have to take a pair of binoculars to find them. As you stand on the rim of the canyon at one of its principal scenic points, it is 13 miles across and 4 miles deep. The highest-powered rifle wouldn't even shoot far enough to drop a bullet in the river.

Anyone who has not seen the Grand Canyon of the Colorado should plan to some day take a trip there.

Emily Post on Sandwiches

(Exchange)

A newspaper reader has asked Emily Post to answer this question: "Can chicken and chops ever be taken up in the fingers without people thinking, 'Shocking—what a boor!'"

Mrs. Post says: "At a picnic, but not otherwise."

We are not satisfied with Mrs. Post's answer.

We think that any hostess who serves chicken or chops to hungry guests must take the consequences. After we have used our knife and fork on the wing of a chicken for a few minutes, we lose all con-

trol. We make a lunge for the wing and go for it. If we get grease on our chin and fingers, we don't care. A small lamb chop turns us into a madman. At the moment we'd rather get that bone between our teeth than be invited to dine at Buckingham palace.

Another reader asks Mrs. Post if there is "a most proper way to eat sandwiches."

Mrs. Post gets away to a good start when she says that the only rule is that they should be eaten as neatly as you can, but she falls down miserably when she explains that a club sandwich can first be put into moutlhfuls and then picked up in the fingers.

She says, "Press them together with the fingers of both hands, to keep the filling from falling out."

Mrs. Post, unlike ourselves, probably doesn't like mayonnaise on her club sandwich. If she did, she would not talk about pressing. We have pressed, and the consequences were awful. Altogether, our reading of Mrs. Post today has not been helpful.

Helpfulness, Not Fear

(Christian Science Monitor)

Watching the speed with which flood relief needs are reported and answered in this day of radio, airplane and telephones one is grateful for the wonderful aids to prompt and practical helpfulness we now possess. Remarkable facilities for spreading news of disaster are being widely demonstrated just now in the United States.

Pages of pictures of flooded cities, radio microphones filled not only with tales of terror, but held as to let the voices of the waters themselves speak—never has there been such means for bringing home to onlookers the dangers and the hardships of what we are pleased to call a "natural disaster."

The need of neighbors the country knows over night, knows in graphic and disarming detail. In fact, the detail seems great, greater than is needed to spur relief efforts. Its purpose is to utilize the human mind's taste for sensation. Each one can judge for himself what parts of disaster reports are necessary for information and what are designed to exploit fear and curiosity, to sell newspapers or to enlist radio listeners.

Of course, the answer is not to denounce the newspapers or the radio companies. It is for each one to tackle fear and curiosity right at home. The part of the good neighbor, fortunately free from danger, is helpfulness, not fear. We hear of one woman perishing apparently from fear while watching a torrent pour down the hillside. One engaged in trying to help would hardly be so affected. "Perfect love casteth out fear."

Weakness of Utopias

(William Feather)

The weakness of the Utopias that have been promised by demagogues in recent years is that they are to be achieved by payments in money instead of payments in things.

The difference is vital. The purchasing power of money is so elastic that it is conceivable that a pension of \$200 a month to every person over sixty might, if such a drastic old-age pension were enacted, have the purchasing power of a special delivery stamp as of 1935.

If I were to be attracted by radical government plans for taking care of my old age, I should like to have, not money, but:

Shelter, a modest cottage on an acre of land suitable for gardening. The usual gadgets for comfortable living, such as electrical devices and a radio.

A small automobile. Clothing, in sufficient variety to make me comfortable in any weather or occupation.

And a government ticket that would permit me to commandeer modest supplies of food, gasoline, books, magazines and newspapers.

Conceivably, I might be able to have that much at a cost to the government of \$60 in current dollars. If I shared my things with another aged person who received the same amount.

The foregoing is the king of old-age protection: thrifty and industrious people have tried to provide for themselves since the beginning of civilization. Because it is sensible and modest, it is realizable. Schemes for paying \$200 a month are as fantastic as the dreams of an opium eater.

News items are always welcome by this newspaper.

PUBLIC ENEMIES

THE CROSSWALK SOMNAMBULIST



Pity him as we do, the Cross-Walk Somnambulist has no one to blame but himself. Sleep-walking pedestrians gamble with death.

While it is true that pedestrians have the right-of-way over autos making turns at intersections and that traffic should slow down for persons using crosswalks, neither of these truths can afford much comfort after an accident has occurred.

For your own safety—be alert! Look both ways before crossing the street!

LOCALS

The Masonic order is sponsoring a card party at the Masonic Hall on Monday evening for the members of the Masonic fraternity and their families.

Mrs. and Mr. A. L. Ross called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Williams in Detroit on Sunday.

Mrs. B. Horton and Miss Horton, Miss Mary McCabe, Mr. G. Green and Mr. G. Packard of Detroit were Sunday afternoon and evening guests at the Tuttle home on the Thirteen Mile road.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Cusumack are now located at Bay City. Glen Cusumack is project engineer for the McKay Construction Company.

Mrs. C. W. Bower of Brown City was the guest of Miss Joan Wendergem last week-end.

Miss Ernestine Pierce attended a dinner meeting at the Barlum Hotel, given by the attendance department of the Detroit Public Schools on Thursday.

Mrs. J. A. Edgar was a Detroit visitor on Tuesday.

Mrs. William Slocum entertained at bridge on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams of Albion and Miss Otha McCracken of Battle Creek were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Dalrymple on the week-end. They were all in the Fenton school system at the time of Mr. Dalrymple's superintendency there.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Eaton of Detroit were in this city Saturday, calling on friends.

Mrs. J. A. Edgar, Betty and Winston attended the Albion College band concert at Cooley High School auditorium in Detroit on Thursday.

Mrs. Mahlon Bradley and son Pat of Redford, Mrs. Walter Coon and son Frank, and Mrs. Frank Bradley were Thursday luncheon guests of Mrs. Charles Featherston.

William Slocum is in Texas on a business trip.

Edward Eaton will make his first public appearance as director of the Cooley High School Orchestra at the Senior (GHS) play, given at the Cooley Auditorium this week.

Mrs. A. L. Ross visited Mrs. Ethel Thayer at Pontiac on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Beattie, Betty Jean and Billy Junior from Pontiac were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rolfe Smith.

Mrs. Fred Lendrum attended the State Daughters of the American Revolution convention in Detroit on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coon entertained Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Bradley and Pat of Redford on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Button were Sunday guests of Dr. and Mrs. Thad Smith of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Auten entertained Mr. and Mrs. H. Kester of Millington for dinner on Thursday night.

Mrs. Rolfe Smith visited her par-

C. M. T. C. Applications Nearing Quota

Those young men who have attended one or more courses at Citizens' Military Training Camps and who desire to enroll for camps to be held this summer should submit their applications at once to the C. M. T. C. officer, headquarters, Michigan Reserve District, 412 Federal Building, Detroit. Application blanks and information regarding the camps can be obtained from the same address.

The number of basic course applications is so large that vacancies for those eligible for higher courses cannot be held indefinitely. The tentative Michigan quota for the 1936 camps and to date more than 950 applications have been received. The popularity of Citizens' Military Training Camps has increased tremendously during the past three years. Formerly quotas were not filled until shortly before opening date of the camps, but in recent years quotas have been filled months in advance.

Citizens' Military Training Camps are the strongest bulwark of our republican form of government and democracy. They are our greatest asset for the future and deserve the strongest support of every believer in good government and good citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Annett of Bloomfield Highlands on Thursday. Mrs. Elmer Darling was hostess to the Monday night bridge lesson club.

Mrs. Arthur Power, Ellen, Billy and Jean have been ill with influenza.

Reverend Frederick Bagnall of New Haven, Michigan, spent Monday evening as the guest of his son Fred Bagnall and family. Rev. Bagnall is the Congregational minister at New Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Cummins, Mrs. M. Milner and Miss Betty Evans, all of Detroit, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lowery.

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