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A FOOL PLUS
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Condon chattered through Burton's warning fingers. Traverses' torchlight revealed a dead man. Further examination brought forth grim and gruesome recordings. There were rolls of undeveloped film and a page of stultid recollections involving gratulations. "Scoop!" Condon cried deliriously. "Will I thumb my nose—and now?"

Distilled spirits, whiskeys, gins, and rums are produced by the distillation of the fermented mash of grains of sugar cane. Brandies are produced by the distillation of fermented fruit juices, principally grapes. The distilling of Scotch whiskey goes back several hundred years. It was started by Highland distillers for their own use, according to an authority. They used barley which they malted and dried over peat fires. This produced its smoky flavor. There are five styles of Scotch whiskey.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Keyser of Huntington Woods, Detroit, were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ault. Miss Frede Ault is a patient in Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Mrs. Irvin Bollinger and son, Donald, were visitors at the Henry Ford Hospital, Monday.

Miss Anna Thayer, Mrs. Flora Morton, and James Eastman, after spending Friday at the Thayer cottage at Union Lake, motored to Rochester where Mrs. Morton remained to visit a cousin. Miss Shirley Zwanhen was the guest Thursday evening and Miss Olive Grimwade at Grace Hospital, Detroit.

EDITORIALS

Small Towns

You who live in small towns or on the rural routes and you city cousins who came from rural sections or occasionally visit there will be interested in these facts: Seventy-three per cent of all Michigan towns between 25,000 population—enjoyed an increase in population from 1920 to 1930. The depression back-to-the-land movement has accelerated the trend, as a tour of inspection of these bustling villages will prove. New homes are being built, vacant dwellings are scarce.

According to studies made by Prof. J. F. Thaden, Michigan State College sociologist, it is the small hamlets—the one with 500 population or under—that has suffered the most in the last two decades. Two-fifths of these villages suffered declines.

Population trends away from the towns are apt to increase in proportion to the distance from industrial cities. Development of good roads and the rapid increase in the use of high-speed automobiles has extended the commuting suburban zone out many miles into the rural territory around the larger cities.

For example, Macomb, Oakland, Monroe and most of the other counties in southern Michigan witnessed steady population growth in the past decade. In northern Michigan, Antrim county, all four of the incorporated population centers—Central Lake, Bellaire, Manacelona and Elk Rapids—experienced losses in population. Yet this northern region, thronged by legions of tourists, entertains an increasing summer population each year as good roads are built.

While Michigan has grown in population at a faster rate than the rest of the country—the increase being 32 per cent between 1920 and 1930 alone—yet it cannot be said truthfully that the development has been at the cost of the small towns, most of which have continued to thrive.

Nearly 18 per cent of the state's population comprises people born in other states. These are, for the most part, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York, Wisconsin, Kentucky and Tennessee. Nearly one-fourth of the population, according to the 1930 census, was foreign-born.

Since the world war, tens of thousands of Negroes have settled in Michigan industrial centers. The urban population increased 47.3 per cent from 1920 to 1930, at the same time when the rural population declined 3.2 per cent.

Bicycle Courtesy

A friend of ours asked us who the other evening why we didn't write something about these kids who ride bicycles on the walks. Well, to tell the truth we couldn't make up our minds which was worse—bikes on the walks or bikes on the streets. Boys and girls, if they are normal, will ride bicycles. They have for decades. It's good sport and good exercise. But riding bicycles on the sidewalk is a good-will-given—not legally—privilege that ought to command the courtesy of children. When a youngster shouts to the pedestrian "Hey, get out of the way" as if he had the right of way, he is taking advantage of that privilege. The sidewalkers were built to walk on, not ride bicycles on. Few people would press the point, but the rider should show the courtesy that is only decent instead of threatening to run somebody down.

Bicycles on the streets are a menace to traffic and are dangerous to the children. Bicycles on the sidewalks are a nuisance to the pedestrian and even a danger. A little courtesy would help a situation that's had enough at best.

Politics a Science

In school, our children are taught that "politics" is the science of government. When our children hear politics discussed at home, they wonder where the "science" comes in. Before they are able to vote they learned that the school text book, all wrong, that it is not politics we really talk party and partisanship, not the science of government. When they come to vote they engage in a game—a contest of wits and strength in which they have to vote for this nominee or that, appeals for whom recognize principally his usefulness to party. What prospect is there that politics will again express loyalty to government and patriotism?

BIRTHDAY A Gift

The gentle friendship of Robert Louis Stevenson enjoyed with all children—and his remarkable ability to understand their every whim—is beautifully reflected in a ceremony which has taken place every year for nearly half a century. Annually on November 13th, since 1890, Mrs. W. Bourke Cookran has assembled a group of her children—friends at her home, 1135 Fifth Avenue, New York—and has celebrated Stevenson's birthday as her own.

This ceremony is legal and proper, and Mrs. Cookran has the honor to her by the author on the island of Upolu (in Samoa). Mrs. Cookran, widow of the late New York Congressman, was one of the one-time land commissioner in Samoa, and it was there that she spent many years of her childhood. Her father and Stevenson were old friends and she was the author's constant companion.

Stevenson, one day, expressed amazement at the fact that 6-year old Annie never had a birthday party. Taking the matter up with studied seriousness, he discovered that the young lady had been born on Christmas day, and is, therefore, the only child to have a birthday on the same day as the author.

Stevenson must have been a picture of kindness... little wrinkles of mirth in the corners of his eyes as he hunched up, as if to read the names of the children. "I do hereby transfer to the said Annie, all my rights and privileges in the thirteenth (13th) day of November, to have and to hold, exercise and enjoy the same in her customary manner..."

Stevenson was born on the 13th of November, 1850, and died on the 13th of November, 1890. He was a Scottish novelist, biographer, and travel writer. He is best known for his novels, including "David Copperfield" and "Treasure Island".

Pocketbook

The contents of a woman's handbag were accidentally dumped on the floor of an auto old Larry. She was riding. With the owner's permission I made an inventory which is herewith presented: Six hairpins, half-filled package of cigarettes, powder box, door key, nail file, massaging cream, automobile driver's license, stick of chewing gum, insurance identification card, bottle of aspirin tablets, paper containing three unused safety matches, four checkbooks, memorandum "get curtains for boys' room," detritus of appointment card, mirror, card of beauty shop, list of entries of horses at the races, two betting slips, memorandum of mysterious telephone number, card of a department store salesman, theatre ticket stub, one gray glove, box of rouge, lipstick, 2-inch comb, card of radio store, four copper cents, one rubber stamp, one parking ticket, check, three sales tax stamps, one safety pin, one automobile key, one handkerchief, purse containing \$1.25 in change. Anyway there was no revolver or stiletto present.

Housewares Show

Five thousand people for hard ware, furniture, variety and department stores who attended the annual Housewares Show in New York recently were almost unanimous in predicting a good fall home shopping season. The show, which opened on Monday, showed other electrical appliances were shown in cheaper models than heretofore. For those who like to "soak" in the bathtub, a set was exhibited consisting of small electric heaters, one at each end of the tub and footrest, all to fit within the tub. Self-cleaning rubber door-mats vied with period-style cages for proud carmen. Table flatware was shown in designs of bright colors. A "coffee robot" which automatically prepares drip coffee, insures a perfect brew and keeps it hot for hours and a self-sharpening combination meat grinder, a vegetable mincer, attracted buyers attention.

WEST POINT PARK

James Eastman, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lyons of Detroit, who were visiting the former's brother, W. D. Eastman, of Muskegon Heights, returned home last Wednesday. Don Heichman, who has been studying aviation at the Municipal Airport of Pontiac, took his first parachute jump Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guard Parks of Detroit were guests Wednesday and Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Adlis. Glenn Morris and her aunt, Mrs. William Harvey, of St. Clair Shores, left Wednesday for Canada to visit the Dionne Quintuplets.

The Misses Shirley and Jeanne Adlis were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dupont at their summer cottage on Long Lake. Mrs. Flora Morton of West Branch was the guest last week of Miss Anna Thayer.

Mr. Charles Houghland is in University Hospital, Ann Arbor where she underwent a major operation Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnson and son, Edwin Emerson, returned home early this week after several days visiting with relatives and friends in Grand Rapids and Muskegon.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nacker enjoyed a social Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Zwanhen. Mr. and Mrs. David Robinson of Detroit were guests Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. William Zwanhen.

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What is your guess? ELECTRIC COOKING FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR COSTS (PER MONTH): \$173, \$235, \$350, \$419. (Check figure you think is closest to actual cooking cost) or write your own figure. HERE. So rapid has been the development of electric ranges in the last few years, so great the improvement in speed and efficiency, that many people do not realize how little it now costs to cook electrically. As proof of this, jot down your own impression of electric cooking costs in the chart above, and compare your guess with the correct figure in the table at the right. The result may surprise you! Today's modern electric ranges open a new world of cooking enjoyment to thousands of women who have felt that they were unable to afford it. The price of an electric range is about the same as that of an ordinary stove of comparable size and features. See the new electric ranges on display at department stores, electrical dealers or at Detroit Edison offices. You CAN afford electric cooking.

Make Careful Check on Migrations of Wildfowl. They call them "flyways" definitely—the four traveling investigators of the Federal Bureau of Biological Survey whose duty it is to follow the migrations of wildfowl in spring and summer, and in the fall and winter keep them company in the Louisiana and Mexican marshes. Each man works all over a given territory to check the number of nests, young and mature birds over breeding grounds, and the South to tally as accurately as possible increases and decreases in the various species.

As soon as the birds begin their flights, Albert Sibley, Jr., in the Detroit News, these men pack up and start North, following the three main flyways as well as they can. En route they gather as much information as possible on local wildfowl conditions, especially over areas where they periodically stop and rest. On reaching the northern breeding grounds, whether it be in the Dakotas, Alberta, and Saskatchewan, the Yukon or Hudson's bay district, they desert the main-traveled highways and on foot, by canoe or other primitive means of travel, invade the vast marsh and lake areas breeding grounds to begin their tallies and comparisons. They count nests, eggs, young and old birds over a part of the area worked and apply this proportionately to the remainder.

If drought or poor breeding conditions are reported from any particular district they immediately search them out and study their effects on the breeding stock. Their records and tallies are sent to Washington and it is largely upon this information our federal bird administrators depend for framing game laws and protective measures.

In winter these men are concerned with checking the birds throughout the southern ranges, noting any decline or increase in the species. "Gym" for apartment dogs. Apartment-house dogs that don't have all the healthy outdoor exercise they would like should try out the latest for dog gymnastics. It is a ramp with a movable floor on which a city-dwelling pup can run, walk, sit down or lie down as he pleases, and the dog that wants to run can get plenty of it in a few minutes. The treadmill is mounted on rubber with brass roller bearings—Popular Mechanics.

Milk Helps Firemen. The eyes straining firemen fought for an hour to shut off the valve of a cold storage plant at Sheffield, England, from which was pouring ammonia gas. In spite of gas masks, the men were unable to work in relays. A crowd collected to watch and tearfully carried milk to the firebreakers as an antidote. Fire broke out in a gas engine, but ammonia itself helped to extinguish it.

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As the ship glided by the Statue of Liberty, Traverses murmured, "Bye, old dear." "Bye is right," burst forth Condon whose fondness for merry wavers produced pictures which made him a free lance photographer. "Gang said I was cuckoo to go. Said you was acting like a fool." Condon's last words recalled a girl with shining, beautiful hair. Traverses leaped from the car dragging a loudly-dressed, camellia-laden individual. Burton admonished the chauffeur: "Get it all! Tell Miss Howe to look for my articles in the Record-Roadster's yours. S'long." "Young fool," choked the chauffeur.