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Editorials

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Hard Times A Myth?

(Redwood Falls, Minn. Gazette)

What's all this talk of "hard times" that is on nearly every one's tongue? Is it a myth, a mob delusion, or is it an actuality? Most of the complaining is done by the regular merchants and stable business men. Maybe they have cause for complaint. Why? However, on the other hand, we have not noticed that the theatres in this territory have closed for lack of patronage. Dance halls seem to attract the usual crowd at the standard admission price. Service oil stations have increased, supposedly because people are buying more gasoline than formerly. Amusement centers are not by any means deserted on Saturday or Sunday nights.

In the basis of this observation, why the hoiler of money conditions being "right?" Let us examine a few factors which seem on the face of it to be fundamental in contributing to this so-called economic depression.

Buying power of the mass has not decreased noticeably, but it seems people spend money differently today than in yesterdays. More automobiles are used, one to every five people, statistics say, necessarily a greater amount of money is spent for gasoline, tires, accessories, and other incidentals connected with or as a result of being speed-minded.

This is not saying anything either for or against the practices other than to show that money goes to other channels than formerly, which may have bearing upon present conditions!

It seems that people are more pleasure-bent than formerly, consequently, many legitimate articles are done without in order to "get more out of life." There has been a tendency to eat less, to cut down "living expenses," while spending the sum saved for the divers form of entertainment and incidental pleasure excursions.

As a result the grocer, the baker and the merchant has felt his usual volume of trade reduced to some extent, which is attributed to "hard times." In course of this tendency to avoid "necessary obligations" to take advantage of the "unnecessary expenses" we as a nation have developed the characteristic symptoms of the spendrift.

Are we becoming a nation of pleasure-bent, work-shirking night-clubbers?

People talk, and what they talk of is interesting. We all like to believe what is being talked about be it "hard times," economic depression or what not. Sometimes we believe until it hurts, and then we wish to forget about it. The reality seems painful, boring and cruel. How to escape it? Go to a movie. Forget the 18th Amendment. Indulge in the frivolity of a night club. Dance to captivating music in this manner, we like to believe. Momentarily, we have forgotten about the rent being due, the demands of the grocer, the doctor's bill, the merchant's reminder, and we are happy. Let's quit living a world of make-believe, face facts and struggle with realities.

Opportunity Here

In 1907 a well known manufacturer tried to raise \$7,000,000 to buy the Ford Motor Co., at that time Mr. Ford thought he might like to retire. No New York financier would come through with the long green. So Ford became a billionaire, and Wall Street made another mistake. This only offers proof that in 1907 Big Business thought the automobile had no future; it also

offers the prophecy that today, when many think our country is never going to get better, that there are still plenty of opportunities for investing in sound ideas, and building up fortunes.

Woe Is Man!

(Robert Quillen)

Man is of few days and full of trouble. He labors all the days of his youth to pay for a gasoline chariot, and when at last the task is finished, Lo! the thing is junk and he needs another. He plants cotton in the earth and tills it diligently, he and his servants and his asses, and when the harvest is gathered into barns he owes the landlord eight dollars, and forty cents more than the crop is worth. He borrows money from the lenders to buy pork and syrup and gasoline and the interest eateth up all that he hath. He begets sons and educates them to smoke cigarettes and wear a white collar, and Lo! they have soft hands and neither labor in the fields nor anywhere under the sun. The children of his loins are ornery and one of them becomes a lawyer and another sticks up a filling station and maketh whoopee with the substance thereof. The wife of his bosom necketh with a stranger and when he rebukes her, Lo! she shooteth him in the finale. He goeth forth in the morning on the road that leadeth to the city and a jitney smiteth him so that his ribs project through his epidermis. He drinketh a drink of whoopee juice to forget his sorrows and it burneth the lining from his liver. All the days of his life he findeth no parking place and is tormented by traffic cops from his going forth until he cometh back. An enemy stealth his car; physicians remove his inner parts and his teeth and his bank roll; his daughters showeth their legs to strangers; his arteries harden; in the evening of life and his heart busteth trying to keep the pace. Sorrow and bill collectors follow him all the days of his life, and when he is gathered to his fathers the neighbors say: How much did he leave? Lo! he hath left it all. And his widow rejoiceth in a new coupe and maketh eyes at a young sheik that slicketh his hair and playeth a nifty game of bridge. Woe is man! From the day of his birth to the time when death knoweth him no more, he laboreth for bread and catcheth the devil. Dost he live in the beginning and his name is mud.

Home Town Movement

One good way to encourage home town progress, is to make it a practice to turn out to public meetings called to consider local problems. If any of our community organizations here calls a meeting to consider local conditions, it has a most depressing effect if there are only a few folks present.

But if there is a good bunch of people there, it signifies interest and support, and people feel ready to go ahead and do things. The mere effect of one's personal presence and a little friendly applause help out a good deal, even if one never says a word. It is characteristic of progressive towns, that whenever at which local problems are discussed, there is usually a roomful of people, ready with hearty applause and suggestions to show their sympathy with the objects of such a gathering.—Exchange.

A little vision goes a long way — too much vision has wrecked more men than too little.

CHURCHES

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarencville
(At Sunset Road)
Rev. Paul Graubner, Pastor

Sunday School, 9:30.
German service, 10:30.

St. Martin's Episcopal Mission
Lenore Ave. 3 blocks south of
Grand River, Five Points

Morning service, 10:30.
Sunday School, 11:30.

Clarencville M. E. Church
Rev. Robert Richards, Pastor

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Rev. James A. Callahan, 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—The Pastor will preach
a second message on "My Church
and I." There will also be the
Communion service.

11:45—Bible School with classes
for all. Start the New Year
right by attending the school.

6:30—B. Y. P. U.

7:30—At this hour we will have
a special young peoples service.
A number of our young folks will
have part in the program. Luna
May Pomeroy and Mabel Turner,
who are home from the Moody
Bible Institute of Chicago, will
be with us. Others who will speak
are Alma Weston, Dietrick McFarland and Fred Ferris. The
Pastor will speak on "Let God
and Let God." Everyone is invited,
especially young people.

West Point Park Presbyterian
Church

10:30—Sunday School. L. S.
Gullen, Supt.

11:30—Morning service. Topic:
"Remembering."

7:30, Wednesday — Midweek
prayer service.

Evangelical Church
Rev. A. A. Soboc, Pastor

Sunday, January 4.

English service, 10:15.

"The Changeless Jesus,"

Pastor's annual report.

Sunday School, 11:30.

Ladies' Aid, Wednesday after-

noon.

Since Wednesday night has
been designated "Church Night,"
the choir will meet every Wed-

nesday night.

Annual meeting Monday after-

noon, January 12.

Schulte and Pare, Attorneys for Mort-

gages, Peoples State Bank Bldg.,

Farmington, Mich. Phone 100.

MORTGAGES SALE—Default

having been made in the terms and con-

ditions of a certain mortgage made by

Benjamin E. Storms and his wife,

Marion E. Storms, to the

Peoples State Bank of Farmington

Michigan, a corporation organized un-

der the laws of the State of Michigan,

bearing date the 31st day

of December, 1927, as recorded in the

Office of Register of Deeds for the

County of Oakland, State of Michigan,

in Liber 315 of mortgages page 1,

which mortgage contains

power of sale.

It is claimed to be due and un-

paid on said mortgage at the date of

this notice for principal, interest and

taxes the sum of One Thousand nine

hundred and sixty-six (1926.66) Dollars.

No suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been had

or instituted to recover the debt se-

cured by said mortgage or any part

thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of

the power of sale in said mortgage

contract, and pursuant to the statute

of the State of Michigan in such case

made and provided.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT

ON SATURDAY THE 10th DAY OF

JANUARY, 1931, at twelve o'clock

noon (Eastern Standard Time) said

mortgage will be foreclosed by sale

at public auction to the highest bid-

der, at the Exterior or Saginaw Street

Entrance to the County Building in

Methodist Church

Rev. F. C. Johnson, Pastor

Now that the holiday rush is
over and we have passed over
in 1931, let us by the grace of
God do all in our power to make
this the greatest year for Chris-
tian service our church here in
this city has ever known.

Sunday morning Rev. Johnson
will begin an interesting series on
"The Apostles' Creed," the first
sermon being "What Kind of a
God Do You Worship?" This se-
ries will be of great benefit to all
who study to live the Christian
life intelligently.

In the evening Rev. Johnson
will preach a poem sermon, "The
Fool's Prayer." We cordially in-
vite everyone to attend.

WEST FARMINGTON

Mrs. William Graham enter-
tained Christmas day, Mr. and
Mrs. Marley Bachelor and family
of Walled Lake, Mr. and Mrs. L.
W. Giegler and family of Hart-
land, Mr. and Mrs. Starr Graham
and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles
Heliker and family, Mr. and Mrs.
Irvin Knapp and son, William,
and Mrs. Elva Tolman. After
dinner all gathered around a tree
gleaming with lights and laden
with presents.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tamm and
Fred Tamm attended a birthday
supper at Mr. and Mrs. William
Tamm Tuesday evening in hon-
or of their little girl's birthday.

Wilber Bachelor spent Sat-
urday with his cousin, William
Knapp.

Ivan Graham is visiting at Mr.
and Mrs. L. W. Giegler's at Hart-
land during his vacation.

Mrs. Marie Walters spent
Christmas at Roseville with her
cousin.

Miss Luella Howard is home
from Saginaw for the holidays.

The West Farmington school
closed Wednesday, December 24.
Santa Claus helped pass out pres-
ents from the tree. The chil-
dren enjoyed playing games and
school was dismissed shortly after
noon, until Monday, January
5th.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Sayles
came on their wedding trip to
send the Christmas holidays with
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Howard. Duane
Sayles was married to Miss Hazel
Allabach of Kalamazoo Christ-
mas morning at Kalamazoo. Mr.
Sayles is one of the faculty of
Virginia Junior College of Vir-
ginia, Minn., where they will re-
side. Mr. Sayles at one time
was a resident of Walled Lake
and a college chum of Ray How-
ard. Mr. Sayles is a son of Rev.
Sayles, Baptist minister, who
used to preach in this vicinity.

Mrs. Duane Sayles san a solo
at the Baptist church at Farm-
ington last Sunday evening.

Mrs. Grace Halsted and Mrs.
Drew spent Tuesday in Detroit.

VALUE OF MICHIGAN CROPS BELOW 1929 MARK

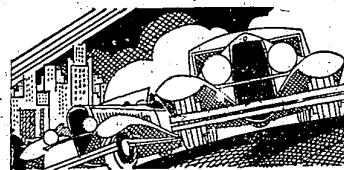
Lansing—The total value of
seventeen leading Michigan crops
based on the December 1 and av-
erage seasonal farm prices is only
\$2 per cent of the correspond-
ing values for last year. This de-
cline in value was caused partly
by the widespread decline in the
general commodity price level
since last year, and partly by a
thirteen per cent reduction in the
volume of crops harvested in the
State this year as compared with
1929. The crops for which esti-
mates have been made represent
about 84 per cent of the total
value of all crops grown in the
State, according to the Michigan
Co-operative Crop Reporting Ser-
vice. On this basis the estimated
value of all crops for 1930 is
\$184,499,000 as compared with
\$229,950,000 in 1929.

The early part of the 1930 sea-
son was very favorable and the
planted acreage of all crops was
nearly two per cent larger than
for last year. The drought which
extended over more than one-half
of the United States, this year
prevailed in Michigan from the
latter part of July until late Sep-
tember. Commencing at this time,
it reduced the yields of most late
crops, thereby causing abandon-
ment of acreages too poor to pay
harvesting costs. As a result the
total harvested acreage of all
crops is practically the same as
one year ago. Losses of acreage
through abandonment as a per-
cent of the planted area were:
buckwheat, 40 per cent; potatoes,
2 per cent; beans, 7 per cent, and
tame hay, 1.6 per cent.

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The Ohio Bell Telephone Com-
pany spent approximately \$25,
000,000 for improvements in the
State of Ohio during 1930, as
compared with an average expendi-
ture of \$19,851,000 for the past
five years.

Telephone service between Lon-
don and Paris was inaugurated
on March 18, 1891, the first mes-
sage being one from the Prince
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ward VII) to Mr. Carnot, Presi-
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