

Letters To The Editor

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A Taxpayer Writes

Farmington, Mich. July 27, 1932

To the Editor: According to the article in last week's paper, some people living in small houses in Farmington Township are to be classed as "squatters and thieves." You will find most people very busy taking care of their own affairs, with the exception of a few who are always trying to take care of other people's business. These exceptions have been the source of trouble in our district for the past few years, as a majority of the vote has shown. The trouble comes from personal grievances, which they save up from one year to the next.

that they have their homes and jobs also. Your speech was offensive to us, because you branded us (too, in that category. We haven't brick homes, it's true, but we do have self respect and the indignation that can be kindled when our toes are stepped upon too hard. As for Mr. Levinson, it is strange to hear so bitter, a denunciation of a man who, he has done so much for his community. His paper is a source of interest to many, many subscribers, and personally, we have found him amiable and courteous at all times, anxious to rectify any errors in his paper even as the larger dailies are obliged to do at times.

Let us all get behind the Town board, and work with these fine men, who have guided the township through the difficult straits of last year. They're doing their best, and it's a good job. His garden, planted to alleviate next year's toll on the poor budget. Can't we all work together for the common good and disregard the boundary line of the "subdivision."

ANOTHER TAXPAYER Recalls Wager

Editor: Farmington Enterprise, Dear Sir: Four years ago it cost me \$50 to have Herbert Hoover elected. I remember the American people's whole lot more. A pleasant recollection I have of that incident is the magnanimity of Mr. M. B. Pierce, who permitted me to hand \$25 of it to Reverend Dr. Lesson of the First Baptist Church, and Reverend Father Callaghan. The roll of the drums and the blare of the trumpets, mostly via radio, will shortly be heard in the land. We are once again to engage in personal contact with some of these so called "thieves" and "squatters," and from my own experience I can tell you that many of them are fine, sorrow-burdened people, desperate for work of any sort, who've sunk all of their capital into their homes, and have labored hard and long in factories, paint shops and stores to maintain them. Unemployment, to them, is stark tragedy. They've made money, lived independently, probably not saved. Their error was in judgment, but then we have it all. Mrs. McCullough's foresight, and now they find the fruits of their work snatched from them, and are denied even the bare necessities of life.

Mrs. McCullough, have you ever had a little one of your own? Have you ever cuddled it, and promised the little bundle of pinkness a life as rosy as its own tiny finger tips? I don't believe that you have. Because every mother, with any imagination, can picture the horror that would grip a parent compelled to refuse a hungry little one food. And the terror that would stalk a mother to watch her good husband wage a losing battle with that modern nemesis, Unemployment. I've known of such cases. I've known of families where food had to be rationed out each day to youngsters under five years old. I've known of husbands and mothers, nay mothers, who left their homes at five in the morning, walked to Five Points, to save bus fare, and spent the day in factories, waiting in the meagre hope of earning fifty cents, or a dollar to keep the body and soul of themselves and their babies together. I've known of ageing couples with a nest egg swept aside in the chaos that has gripped our country's banks, with no chance of employment, facing starvation, finally compelled to accept the dole. These people have been just as honest, just as upright and perhaps a more honorable than the author of that callous speech. Now I'm not talking platitudes when I say these things. I know them for facts, I've lived among them. And it's people like such as these that Mrs. McCullough has the temerity to call "squatters" and "thieves." Shame! And you would take from them the privilege of every American citizen, fought for in the blood and strife of the Revolution, the right to vote. Make of them the slaves and serfs, without voice or feeling, who existed in the days of "The Divine Right of Kings." Shame again!

There have been, and are now, the chronically lazy, those who feel that the State owes them a living. They've never worked, and never will, but these cases are in the minority. And because of the few, to classify the many is both unjust and contemptible. We have a modest home. It's paid for. Our taxes which amount to almost one hundred dollars a year are paid too. But my husband has enjoyed the blessings of a "job." Many of our neighbors are fortunate too, in the respect

change. The problem is relatively simple. It's just to get the "medium" circulating again. Behind all the "smoke screen" manufactured in Washington for public consumption, the basic idea is plain. The Republican Party has permitted a favored class to accumulate in Federal Bonds and tax exempt securities about 15 billions of dollars. This is one of the reasons that keeps this Country ailing. About 2-3rds of this staggering total could be retired within the next 18 months at a saving to the taxpayers of nearly half a billion dollars in interest alone.

It has been said that our National Government should now do for the people directly what it did for the National Banks and the Country for many years, that is, issuing currency against the faith and credit of the Nation, and use the new issue to retire the same back-levying load of tax exempt Federal Securities.

If you say that this is inflation, the answer is, it is infinitely better than our present Republican financial stagnation. But the simplicity of the plan is not the simplicity of our monetary system. One that we must come to without delay, to avoid a complete financial crash. Naturally, those who support the Common People of the United States by the throat don't want this to be done. The question is, who is going to run this Country? It is up to the voters to decide. That's the big job ahead of us.

There is plenty to eat. There is plenty to be done. But there are no jobs to earn the money with which to pay our debts and preserve our self respect. We will have to be done is, first, to turn out all the false prophets who have betrayed their trust. And then, secondly, to uphold the hands of Franklin Roosevelt when he lays down the ultimatum to the "Princely best minds" who have hoarded up these same tax exempt securities: "Gentlemen, you the favored few are not absolute owners, but only trustees, mere custodians of something the majority needs, and must have. Loan your billions to Uncle Sam to start the wheels of industry again; OR they can draw their own conclusions. Rest assured the presses at the mint will never be permitted to turn out "inflated" paper money with Roosevelt in the White House, and we will have real money in this Country. The trouble is, it isn't in the right place. It's got into the wrong hands. It won't be long until cash will begin to flow down from the top unless we rid ourselves of that terrific Eighteen Billions of Tax exempt Securities by a currency specially issued to retire them.

So much for Nation politics. The big fish swim and the little fish follow them. What goes for the Nation goes for Michigan. Folks want a new deal all around. At least that seems to be the universal sentiment. Fortunately the Democratic party has available as a candidate for Governor an outstanding man who has been as one crying these many years in the wilderness of selfishness and privilege: "The chief concern of government is that the man who labors shall be neither pauper nor slave!" "By their deeds ye shall know them" is as true today as when it was first uttered by the Pharisees, those smug politicians of old who lifted not a finger to lighten the burden on the poor man's back. The rich and the powerful will be depended on to take care of themselves. They always have. They are entitled to their share. But they must not be permitted to take—and keep—yours and mine.

If the people of Michigan seek a Governor who stands four square for a New Deal in politics, and for government of the people, by the people, and for the people, and having his state run for the good of the greatest number instead of the favored few, let me see to it that former Circuit Judge Patrick H. O'Brien of Detroit be nominated and elected Governor of Michigan, on the Democratic ticket. Sincerely, BEN C. HUGHES. "Morningside" July 26, 1932.

A German professor says it won't be many years until we will all be riding on rockets. We presume the popular warning then will be: "don't rock the rocket." The trouble with a great many girls is that they love the water at the seashore but don't like it in the dish pan. A household expert says that the dishes should be washed until evening and then be washed all at one time, to save duplication of effort. Yes, but just think how hard that would be on father who comes home all tired out from a couple of conferences on the golf course. They say prosperity is just around the corner and we hope Uncle Sam is not travelling on a merry-go-round.

(Political Advertisement) Coroner Candidate



G. Dewey Kimball, member of the firm of Kimball and Bailey, Birmingham funeral directors, has formally announced his candidacy for re-election as County Coroner on the Republican ticket. "It has been two years since I went before the voters of Oakland County and pledged them my best efforts for a high type of service, and I am more than grateful to say that with almost no exceptions, my work has met with highly satisfying co-operation in every place to which I have been called." Mr. Kimball stated in declaring his candidacy.

He cited the numerous compliments he has received from various police departments and the sheriff's office in the manner in which he has responded to accident cases and other fatalities in the county as justification for asking the voters to continue their confidence in his ability. Mr. Kimball was recently elected deputy district governor of Lions International, and is a member of the American Legion, Masonic Lodge and Knights of Pythias. He is married and has one son.

Hurricane Brought Post? Entomologists believe that the fruit fly came to Florida in a hurricane from either Bermuda or the Bahamas.

Modern Conveniences Aid Farmer to Maintain Standard of Living

Telephone Helps With Work, Ends Isolation, Says Secretary Hyde



Secretary of Agriculture Arthur M. Hyde

That the telephone is important to the farmer, just as it is essential to the administrative branch of the Department of Agriculture and the various bureaus, is the belief recently expressed by Secretary of Agriculture Arthur M. Hyde.

Secretary Cites Benefits "Nearly a full generation of farmers have used the telephone," says Secretary Hyde. "It has become almost as much a farm tool as the plough. Only the older farmers and those living in poorly developed areas realize the changes in farm life which the telephone has wrought: immediate access to market news; time saved and added convenience in purchasing supplies and repairs; increase in safety in summoning medical assistance or other help in an emergency; time saved in arranging for farm activities, whether work or play. Above all, the telephone has gone far in banishing the isolation that once handicapped rural life." The Bureau of the Census in Washington has compiled a farm census which shows that among modern farm facilities, the telephone, plumbing, and electric light are used by farmers in the order named. The Bureau finds further that 34 per cent of all of the farms in the United States now have telephones.

Most Typically Farmed Section The farming sections with the most telephones are the most and the most roughly agricultural regions, with the result that the west north central division, comprising the states of Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota and South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas, has the largest telephone development. The most typically farmed section is the whole country has 68 per cent of its farms equipped with telephones.

Next comes the New England group of states, a region of small farms with 61 per cent of its farms equipped with telephones. The east north central group of states, including Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin, shows 58 per cent of its farms telephonically connected, and the Middle Atlantic States of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania have a percentage of 45. The Pacific Coast States have 41 per cent.

Many Farms Have Home Comforts Iowa leads all the states in farm telephone development. The census reports show that 83 per cent of all Iowa farms are equipped with telephones. The runner-up to Iowa is Kansas with 73, and in third place is Nebraska with 72 per cent. A comparison of farm telephone development with other farm facilities made by the Census Bureau shows that while 31 per cent of the farms are equipped with telephones, 16 per cent have water piped into dwelling houses, and 13 per cent reported dwelling houses lighted by electricity.

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