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EDITORIALS

Mason-Dixon Line

(Exchange)

How a term originally of local significance may acquire a far wider meaning is seen in the use of the name "Mason and Dixon's Line," the popular name of the boundary line between Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Because of a dispute between William Penn and Lord Baltimore over the boundary, which divided their respective colonies in 1632, the controversy was continued by them and their heirs for nearly 50 years.

Finally, in 1763, two surveyors, Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon, were given the task of establishing the line, to which the disputants agreed. The line was originally marked by mile-stones, every fifth stone bearing on one side the Penn coat of arms and on the other that of Lord Baltimore.

The name was afterwards popularly applied to designate an imaginary line separating the free and slave states, the phrase being first used in that sense by John Randolph in a speech in Congress in 1820.

Nowadays, the public took up the expression, and "Mason and Dixon's Line" has been used to designate the dividing line between North and South ever since.

A Bishop's Story

(Exchange)

Illustrating how the treatment of strangers in a foreign land may influence their lives, Bishop Bartlett of the Episcopal church, tells of two young Chinese students who came to America, and what happened to them.

One, a Chinese girl who had been converted to Christianity in her native land, came to the United States to continue her studies. Unfortunately, she entered a school in which prejudice was shown because of her race. She renounced Christianity and returned to China.

The other, a Chinese boy, was befriended by an American family in Charleston, became a Christian, returned to China and married a Christian Chinese girl. Four of their children were educated in the United States, and their family became one of the most influential in China.

One daughter married Sun Yat Sen, founder of the Chinese republic; another married Chiang Kai Shek, China's chief leader today; a third married Kung Hsiang Hsi, recently finance minister of China, while a son, Soong Ts Vung, was also finance minister and represented China in several international conferences.

"The Christian influences which have gone out from their family," Bishop Bartlett, "are incalculable, and go back to friendliness shown toward a Chinese boy in America."

Do You?

(Exchange)

Do you pedestrians realize the danger of using the highways for travel? Many unnecessary accidents have happened when a thoughtless pedestrian walked on the highway or the wrong side of it. At the speed cars are made to go and the speed drivers drive them they have all they can or should to keep control of their car and a clear vision ahead. A pedestrian should "stop, look and listen," as the saying goes, and do all he can to cooperate with the driver.

Do you drivers realize the sorrow and worry that a death or serious accident brings to those connected with it? Try to realize the sorrow of the family of a death victim. The death would remain as a shroud shrouding all surroundings, making the future dark and life of no consequence. To the one who drove the car the tragedy would remain a horrible nightmare for months or perhaps years. Just because of carelessness, for an instant perhaps, all this could happen. Would you want to be the guilty one? Then use all necessary precautions in driving and remember to always "watch the driver of the car in front of the car behind you," and be on the lookout for thoughtless pedestrians.

"The Voice of the Turtle"

(Exchange)

Clinging raindrops which sparkle in the flimsy, water-soaked twigs of the spruce, like rhinestones in a young girl's hair, are said by amateur weather "prophets" to betoken more winter. But the heart

of him made glad by blue skies, fleecy clouds and balmy breezes is not easily downcast. There is evidence to support his cheer.

The shrill fluttermation of the frogs chorusing at the edge of the swamp, unmistakably, proclaims the season. The brilliant epaulets of the red-winged blackbirds and their musical whistle add their testimony. Toward dusk, the splashing and frolicking of muskrats among the cattails prove that these denizens of the marsh know that "the time of the singing of the birds has come."

Robins perform their odd seasonal antics between periods of prodding for worms. Flickers utter their queer calls and pewees sound their plaintive whistles from the high branches of elm and beech. Wrens and bluebirds are already "house-hunting."

Green blades of vegetation piercing the gold herald nature's continuity. Black sticks of shrubs that, were thought dead now bear rows of buds; mouse-ear leaves, or blossoms. Even where winter was severe, there is inevitably a Golden Rule of forsythia, the shy hepatica in the woods, dog-toe violet, and peach blossoms publish to the world: "Lo, the winter is past... the flowers appear on the earth."

Time Marches On

(Exchange)

Come, shed a tear for the sidewalk clock. One by one the Americana which yesterday knew fate into the well, now we can't say "limbo of forgotten things," for even that expression is inevitably passed by now. But anyway they go. The watering troughs, the town pump, the gas lights, the mustache cups and shaving mugs, the pompadour, shirtwaists and Gibson girl hats.

And now it is the sidewalk clock that elegant and useful example of the horologist's art which stood forth as the mark of the jewelry store. It enabled Lem, the grocer's boy, to know when to come to lunch—only it was dinner in those days. It saved you the effort of pulling a bulky and turn-of-shaped timepiece out of your pocket by a correspondingly massive chain, or if you must do that, it gave a justification for striking an impressive pose in your peep-toe, trousers and suit and speculating audaciously as to whether it was your watch or Ed Lowry's clock that was a minute off.

In Denver's bustling city office, a has declared that sidewalk clocks are a nuisance to pedestrian traffic and has ordered twenty-three jewelers to remove these Victorian monuments. Alas for the days when the signs of a thing were its worth. In some things other than neon lights or sidewalk radios. The resplendent dappled-gray, paper-mache horse that displayed the harness maker's wares has gone to the happy hunting grounds of the deatress and Indian. The barber pole is but a discreet and electrically driven symbol of its former self. And as for the shapely large-red and green flask in the apothecary's window, who would see them now behind the sandwich posters, the alarm clocks, electric toasters, books, dolls, sporting goods and cosmetics?

People weren't so fussy about a few sidewalk obstructions when the loungers sported a row of round-backed chairs all across the front of the Commercial Hotel and folks were glad of the shade under the wooden awning front of Zeb Patchett's general store. In fact, their favorite method of describing the meanest man in town was to say he "wouldn't give yuh the time o' day." But progress goes on, and it forbids the jeweler to do just that.

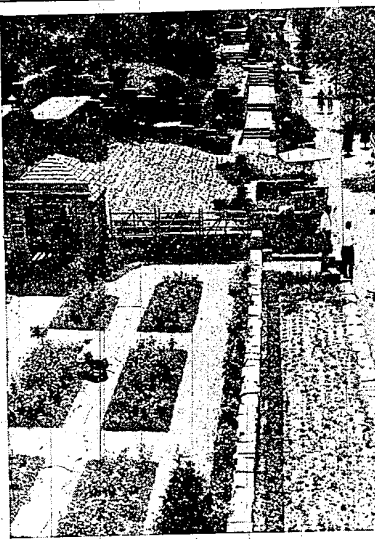
Despairing over the fact that his wife divorced him, Henri Rondeau plunged into a 150-gallon vat of boiling soup in the kitchen of the prison at Hon, France, and was burned to death.

Mrs. Elizabeth Martin of Chicago testified in her divorce suit that the only work her husband had done in four years was to take the dog for an airing.

A halibut of cheese disappeared recently from the store of Jacob Pollen in Boston. Reporting the loss to police, Pollen said he couldn't understand it because "there are no mice in my store."

Heaven Gehitz of St. Louis was arrested for selling his wife to a neighbor for \$25.

Floral Paradise Brought to Earth



THE HALF-MILLION DOLLAR Horticultural Gardens at the Great Lakes Exposition in Cleveland, of which the above is a small section, are so arranged as to appeal to the home gardener and to the man who doesn't know a rose from a peony. Plantings make possible a succession of flower festivals throughout the Exposition period of May 29 to September 6. New varieties not yet on the market, are making their debuts in charming vistas attractive to Exposition visitors.

State Leads Nation In Jobs Increase

Leading the United States by increasing all jobs in Michigan 282 percent during the last fiscal year, the National Reemployment Service also has the best record in placing veterans in private jobs with an increase of 69 percent, Major Howard Starret, State Reemployment Director, announced today.

Michigan's record is the more outstanding when it is considered that figures released by Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins show that only three other states increased private jobs for veterans while the country as a whole showed a general decrease of 26 percent through the Employment Service.

For the year ending June, 1936, Michigan's increase in jobs of all kinds was nearly three and a half times the national rate. The NRS in Michigan increased its activity from 45,729 jobs to 174,498, the increase of 282 percent outdistancing the national rate of 82 percent when jobs increased from 3,174,651 to 5,779,499.

During the same period the Michigan organization found jobs for 1,952 veterans in private industry, increasing the previous year total by 302. Throughout the country during that time, veteran jobs declined from 33,231 to 31,425.

The NRS in Michigan although not placing the most persons in all types of jobs had the third best record of the 49 NRS divisions. Most States have both the State Employment Service and the NRS whose placements are combined for a State total, Michigan.



Three Dutch girls of Holland, Mich., who will take part in street cleaning during the Tulip Festival, May 15-23, proceed pointing out the South American, which will be used as a floating hotel during flower week. Left to right—Helen Mae Hensley, Janet Oudman and Georgia Dietz.

Organize Fire Fighters For Forest Service

Preparing for a job which they hope they will never have to do, officials of the United States Forest Service and the National Reemployment Service today began this year's arrangements for meeting forest fire emergencies in upper Michigan.

The plan calls for the development by the various NRS offices in the danger zones, of lists of local fire fighters who are willing to answer a call at any time of day or night. Major Howard Starret, State Reemployment Director states.

"If first should develop, our offices will be ready to recruit workers on a moment's notice to aid the regular forest fighting force," he said. "We are going to keep our lists active so that the Rangers will always know that workers are here if needed. But let's hope that Michigan people will be careful this year and prevent this needless destruction of our beautiful forests."

Edward C. DeGroot, forest ranger stationed in the Hiawatha National Forest, doesn't want to fight fires either. Writing to NRS officials, he said:

"The aid and cooperation you gave last year was invaluable in making the major fire emergency and we sincerely hope the need will not arise again this year. However, in case it does, it is highly important that we again quickly be able to mobilize local labor and equipment for fire fighting."

Last year there were three major fires during August. Men sent from NRS offices at Manistiquette, Munising and Escanaba aided in cutting fire lines and "mopping up" inside the lines, Major Starret said.

Jenny Lind's Grave
Jenny Lind, the Swedish nightingale, is buried in Malvern, England.

First Plows of Free Branches
The first farm plows were made of crooked tree branches and worked by man power.

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