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EDITORIALS

P. R. and P. R.

(Christian Science Monitor)

It remained for the Committee on Cities of the Massachusetts Legislature to clear up in a few minutes a question that has had specialists in political science twirling their watch charms for years, namely, what part did Proportional Representation play in the downfall of democracy in Italy and Germany. The answer is quite simple; it is merely that there are two kinds of Proportional Representation.

No less an authority than Former Chancellor Bruning of Germany, now a Harvard lecturer, explains that in the Reich voters were given a preference of parties. It would be as though the United States had a dozen political parties, all more or less of consequence. Balloting would be for parties, not for individuals; moreover, the voter would not be limited to voting for one party; he could express several choices, first, second, third, and so on.

In the United States, an opposite course is followed in Proportional Representation elections. The voter marks his preferences for individuals directly. The European system operated to bring more parties into existence. Then, these parties, to enjoy a legislative majority, had to join forces with other parties. Certain confusion resulted, and some say one more paving stone was laid in the path to totalitarianism.

Neither the Former Reich Chancellor, nor Signor Solvemini, former member of the Italian Chamber, appears convinced that Proportional Representation is half the bogey it is set up to be; and they insist that in any case the European experience has no relation to the American brand of P. R.

Vale, V and A!

(Exchange)

A cavalcade of crowded memories wells up with reports of the proposed replacement of the British royal yacht Victoria and Albert. Some will recall the occasion when the yacht behaved so badly at her formal coming-out party. Only the fact that the "launching" was one of those affairs in which the ship is set afloat from a flooded drydock saved the ship of state from a complete and ignoble capsize.

Four reigning sovereigns have sought seclusion aboard the Victoria and Albert in family excursions down the Solent. Her clipper bow has knifed the wash of troop transports outward bound for "the Cape" in Boer War days. And not many years later—almost on the eve of Jutland—the grandson of her royal namesakes watched intently from her bridge at Spithead as one by one, hour after hour, bristling dreadnoughts in the Empire's battle fleet blazed out in salute to Britain's sailor-sovereign as each came abeam of the "V and A."

Her replacement marks Britain's parting with a weatherly sort of landmark that somehow seemed to symbolize a resiliency of national purpose which has its roots deep in Victoria's reign. It puts the vaunted stolidity of the sternest British temperament to the test to see the royal standard of the House of Windsor flutter from the masthead of this historic ship. For whatever this great, unsainly coal-burner lacked in that artistic imponderable we nowadays express in terms of functional design, she has more than offset as a glittering symbol of events which history indelibly links with the glorious years of her post-war prime.

Go Slow

(Munising News)

The word "Lent," means in French, "Slow". So the English word "Lent" applied to 40 days of fasting and penitence in the church year has suggested that it is well for a time to go slow. It has said that people were rushing around too fast on the cares and pleasures of this world. Hence they would better give up some of these excitements, and think about the meshing of life.

If people would take such time for reflection, they would see that many of the things they are doing do not help them to solve their problems or even to enjoy life. Many rush so hard in pursuit of pleasure or gain that they wear themselves out physically and nervously.

Even if one does not follow the church observance of Lent, this idea of slowing down, thinking seriously, and giving up the follies of the past, is useful.

A Rural Philosophy

(Means News)

There is an arithmetic of tranquility that so many wish they could decipher its arabic numeration. There is a bookkeeping of balance and content that could eliminate every red ink problem of relief from our national ledger. May I ask five minutes of your time to tell you the formula of peaceful living? Where are the fields where tranquility blooms like the blue velvet of morning glories on your pantry window? Where are the fountains of personal peace? Where are the cobblestone curbs of the old oaken bucket wells of security? Where is the shade tree bench where one may sit down to escape the tension of the machine age, the frenzy of the unbalanced budget? Too many people making whoopee on the wild night roads; too many tavern brawls; too many dances; too many flasks; not enough people playing checkers around the old home tables; not enough evenings with pop corn and apples; not enough people going to church; not enough Tennyson; not enough of Emerson's essays; not enough of Walden Pond; not enough people sitting on their April evening porches listening to the seraphic music of the frogs in yonder pond. To every man a sense of security based on a barrel of flour in the pantry, a bin of potatoes in the cellar, a slab of bacon in the chimney corner, a long wood pile beside his little old shack, an organ in the parlor, a Bible and a Pilgrim's Progress, a banjo and a book of old plantation melodies, an axe that is not afraid to ring in the forest, a grapevine that climbs up over the back porch, a hoe that finds enchantment in the rows of Indian maize, a little old hand coffee mill to grind the corn into yellow meal; then mix it with buttermilk and let the old wood stove oven bake it into a golden loaf. These are riches. Go thou and do likewise.

The Country Weekly

(Christian Science Monitor)

Ever hear of the Belleville Telescope? If you live in Kansas, you very likely have. Otherwise you may suppose it is just another Riverville Bugle. But the Belleville Telescope, published in a town of about 2,500 population in northern Kansas, carries on the top of its editorial page a little box which records that it received first prize for the "best Kansas weekly" in 1937, a general excellence award in the Country Home national contest in 1936 and honorable mention in the National Editorial Association general contest in 1934, among other recognitions. To this now is added a citation by the Kansas State Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, national journalistic fraternity, "for presenting news to a rural community in the most interesting and effective manner in 1938."

Very possibly other rural community newspapers can show as distinguished a list of awards as the Belleville paper, but at any rate it serves as an example of the excellent estate to which the well-edited newspaper in many a county-seat town of agricultural America has attained. Competently and intelligently written, attractively made up and cleanly printed, many a country weekly of the better sort is serving its community with distinction. The editor—like Publisher A. Q. Miller and his two outstanding sons in Belleville—is usually a civic-minded man of wholesome, neighborly interests.

The standards of rural journalism have visibly been raised by graduates from the schools of journalism which dot particularly the Middle West. The progressive and friendly small-town newspaper is a well-established institution in millions of homes—an educational influence and a bond of communication by which the nation gains. A salute to the country weekly!

Eleven Northern Pike Average 18 lbs in Weight

A catch of 11 Great Northern pike taken from Whitefish and Manistique lakes near here totaled more than 200 pounds in weight, according to Conservation Officer Harold R. Peters.

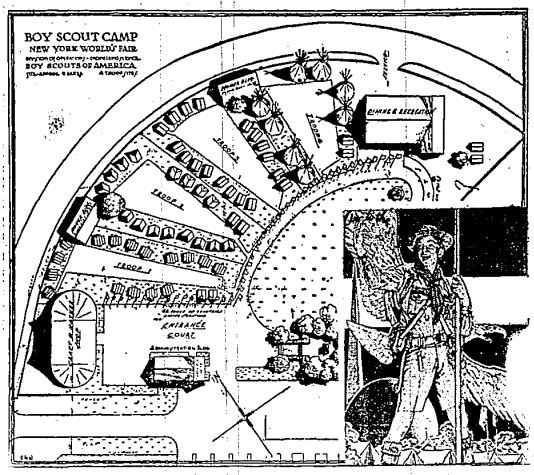
The pike averaged over 18 pounds in weight with the largest tipping the scales at 25 pounds and the smallest at 15. The area is described by Peters as having had the best winter fishing season in years. The fish caught have run unusually large.

Rate for fire fighters will be the same in 1939 as in 1938, it has been decided by the conservation commision. Present rates are 30 cents an hour for key men and 25 cents an hour for drafted labor.

Most of us now understand the wisdom of our forefathers in getting out of Europe.

No one ever found a bargain when he went shopping for friendships.

Boy Scouts Building World's Fair Camp



Layout of the two-acre Boy Scout camp at the New York World's Fair, to be used by 3900 different Scouts and leaders from all sections of the United States during the Fair season.

Any qualified member of the Boy Scouts of America may apply for an opportunity to take part in a unique demonstration and service camp at the New York World's Fair, Dr. James E. West, Chief Scout Executive of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, has announced. The plan for a Scout camp of approximately 150 different Scouts and leaders each week, on a two-acre site within the Fair grounds from April 10 to October 31, was approved by formal action of the managers of the World's Fair Corporation and the National Council, Boy Scouts of America.

The camp, to be located immediately adjacent to the Federal Building, will accommodate four Troops of 32 Scouts and four leaders. Each site will be equipped with tents of various colors and designs. There will be a large tent for the display of Scouting including woodcraft, handicraft and campcraft. There will be opportunity for those that have produced outstanding articles of handicraft and campcraft to have them shown in this tent at the World's Fair and the exhibit will represent the finest craftsmanship so far developed by Scouts.

Near this tent there will be an open area for flag ceremonies, together with a rustic campfire amphitheatre for dramatics and other spectacular demonstrations and a dining hall with full equipment.

Totem Pole at Gateway

The gateway is to be an imposing one with a 40 foot totem pole. The headquarters building will serve as the administration center for the camp, and a stockade will surround the entire camp area. In line with the symphony of colors of the World's Fair the Scout camp will be most colorful with the flying flags of all Scout nations waving aloft, a symbol of world brotherhood and a friendly greeting to visitors from all over the world.

Contacts with Officials

Service projects will be an important part of a Scout's program during four or five hours each day. This will put Scouts in touch with the management of the enterprise, and they will have many occasions to meet the distinguished persons involved in the Fair.

There will be accommodations for only 3,900 of the 1,271,000 present registered Scout membership, most of whom, judging from requests already on hand, would like to avail themselves of this privilege. The opportunity will be open to Scouts in any part of the United States who meet the standards prescribed by the National Council and preference will be given to applications in the order of their receipt.

All camp reservations must be made through local Scout Councils and not directly with the National Council.

At The Redford Theatre

Robert Taylor and Wallace Beery in "Stand Up and Fight"

The fight waged between the railroads and the stage-coach lines early in the past century is the subject of "Stand Up and Cheer," showing at the Redford Friday through Monday. In it are Wallace Beery, Robert Taylor and Florence Rice.

Continuing a series of vigorous fighting roles, Taylor appears as a bankrupt young Maryland aristocrat forced to go to work for the stage-coach line managed by Beery and owned by Miss Rice. All the elements of the most exciting Western are embodied in the story, which presents a period and locale not so hackneyed as the scene of most Westerns.

The adaptation of the Forbes Parkhill novel offers a notable supporting cast which includes Helen Borderick, Charles Bickford and Charley Grapewin.

Playing the same engagement with "Stand Up and Cheer" is Jack Benny's latest picture, "Artists and Models Abroad." It is a typical Hollywood revue, loosely constructed, with gags, feminine beauty and music supporting the shaky plot. Benny, one of the best gagmen there is, plays through the picture in good form and is assisted by Joan Bennett. Another attraction in "Artists and Models Abroad" is the Yacht Club Boys.

YOUR LICENSE, PLEASE.

Photo by Mich. Dept. of Conservation

Conservation officer checking fishermen's licenses amidst shanties on ice at Houghton lake. Houghton is one of the designated pike lakes on which the winter season ends March 2.

The nobleman is he whose noble mind
Is filled with inborn worth, unborrowed from his kind.

When his bicycle was struck by an open automobile near Detroit, James Ferguson did a backward loop and landed in the car.

Laboratories' Head Receives Fritz Medal

Dr. Frank B. Jewett, Vice President of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and President of the Bell Telephone Laboratories, has been awarded the John Fritz Gold Medal, highest of American engineering honors, for 1939, for "vision and leadership in science, and for notable achievement in the furtherance of industrial research and development in communication."

The award is made by a board composed of representatives of the American Society of Civil Engineers, American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

Among other distinguished scientists who have been recipients of the John Fritz Medal have been Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of

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the telephone; John J. Carty, former Chief Engineer and later Vice President in charge of Development and Research of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and Lord Kelvin, Guglielmo Marconi, and Thomas A. Edison.

Dr. Jewett has been the recipient of many awards for his scientific achievements. The Japanese Government bestowed on him the Fourth Order of Rising Sun in 1923, and the Third Order of Sacred Treasure in 1930. In 1928 he received the Edison Medal, and in 1935, the Faraday Medal of the Institution of Electrical Engineers of London; Dr. Jewett and Elihu Thomson are the only representatives of the United States who have received this medal. In 1936 he was awarded the Franklin Medal, and in 1938 he received the Washington Award of the Western Society of Engineers.

Ample notice or change of address should be given when moving. Notice should be given before changing if possible.

WEST POINT PARK

The P. T. A. is sponsoring a benefit card party Saturday evening, March 25 in the old school-house. Table and door prizes, also lunch will be given.

Miss Olive Grimwade of Farmington was the supper guest Monday of Miss Shirley Zwahlen.

Mrs. Gerald Knead, daughter Maxine of Frankfort, left Wednesday of this week after a week's visit as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Heichman.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pankow of Detroit were Sunday all day guests of their daughter, Mrs. Lucian Gilbert.

Mrs. Harry Wolfe was hostess to her card club Wednesday afternoon. A delicious luncheon was the feature, cards being played afterwards.

Mrs. Margaret Martin was hostess to an informal but very pretty little St. Patrick's party Friday afternoon. Nearby neighbor ladies made up the guest list. Cards were the diversion, Mrs. Lucian Gilbert and Miss Freda Ault winning first prizes of fancy green-decorated aprons. Others received green wrapped packages of toilet soap. Lunch and all appointments were in keeping with the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnson were guests of friends in Plymouth, Saturday evening.

The extension workers of agriculture and home economics of the State of Michigan, will hold a meeting at the Pierson School on Tuesday, March 28 at 7:30 p. m. for the girls who are interested in forming a social club.

Miss Freda Ault was the guest of Mrs. O'Connel of Detroit, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Ault, son Wayne, were the guests of friends in Wayne, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Zwahlen entertained for Sunday dinner, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Zwahlen two children, Janet Mae and Jeffry, Mrs. Jack Weltzer, George Mack, and Louis Schnead, all of Detroit. The dinner was in honor of Mrs. Zwahlen, Jr.'s birthday.

Mrs. William Barnum was a visitor at Herman Keifer Hospital in Detroit, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Heichman were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clare Robbins of Corruna.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Chavey of Redford, were guests Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gilbert.

Little Jackie Appman, of Norfolk Avenue, is ill with flu.

Little Anita Barnum, who has been ill with pneumonia, is somewhat improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gilbert were guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. George Kacy of Detroit.

Shirley Ault, who was taken seriously ill last Thursday is now a little better.

Mrs. Frederick Woodley who has been ill the past week is somewhat better.

Miss Dorothy Hitchcock of Detroit was a guest last week of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Woodby.

THE ADVANCE GUARD

Photo by Mich. Dept. of Conservation

With the first signs of advancing spring the great flocks of ducks, geese and swan begin their northern migration. Here a mixed group were photographed as they stopped over at the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary. This is the advance guard of the migratory waterfowl.

There are usually no symptoms in the true early stages of tuberculosis. Later, when the disease has advanced, it warns with unexplained fatigue, loss of appetite, loss of weight, and persistent cough. — Michigan Tuberculosis Association.

Tuberculosis does not just happen. It is passed from person to person, and the close contacts of family life make the spread of the disease difficult to control. That is why the Michigan Tuberculosis Association stresses the importance of early diagnosis.

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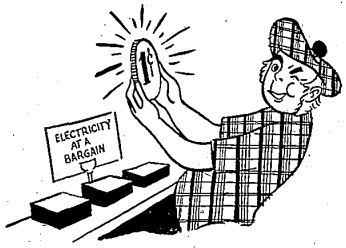

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