Michigan Mirror

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Should we return to the "three R's" and close down our colleges and universities "for the duration"?

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Dr. Ruthven, president of the University of Michigan, set forth his ideas on the function of higher education in war-time in a formal address to the newspaper editors. The occasion was the 25th annual meeting of the University of Michigan Press Club.

Here are a few excerpts, representative of Dr. Ruthven's thinking:

"Every professor fully understands that there must be a shift in emphasis in college and university program during war periods. The curricula must be augmented by technical subjects, the student population and staffs decreased, and the educational facilities in many ways diverted to other purposes.

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"Any doubt as to the appreciation of the nature and consequences of the war by college and university professors and administrators should quickly be dispelled by an examination of the changes made by these institutions in the last year. They have on the whole responded splendidly to the need of the war machine as presented to them in requests and directives from the officials in charge of the various war agencies. In a few months they have become indispensable adjuncts to the regular training agencies of the military departments." As many unprejudiced and informed observers of the contemporary scene must conclude, the colleges and universities are now rendering their proper service in the emergency as fully as is any other type of institution or group of workers. Their response is particularly remarkable when one considers that they have been continually handicapped in their efforts by differing policies of draft boards, by cagueness and inconsistencies in the statements emanating from government officials, and by delays in getting information from federal agencies.

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Dr. Ruthven then pointed out the recent trend of abandoning educational courses in humanities in favor of technical courses as a result of "pressures set up in an industrial civilization."

"Assuming that democracy is their goal, educators should insist that higher education is not a luxury to be enjoyed in peace times or mere training in the techniques of living—a matter of easy gain and endless amusements," said Dr. Ruthven.

"The chief business of schools in a democracy remains the same through the ages—in war and in peace. It is the forming of creative minds, the study of human problems, and the preparation of citizens to govern themselves intelligently. It is not to develop soldiers alone or skilled puppets but to enable men to possess in the form and substance of their own minds and spirits' the 'creative cultural tradition of Europe and the Americas'."

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"Educators in times of national trouble must continue to emphasize the importance of instruction in the humanities and in pure science. Only by constant reference in instruction to the world after the war and by providing facilities for study in philosophy, art, language, literature, religion and science, as distinguished from technology, can the universities in this crisis continue to be centers of faith, repositories of new truths and the heritage of knowledge, and effective training centers for those who are to be responsible for preserving and improving our social order."

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M. A. Gorman, editor, Flint Journal, read the resolution upholding President Ruthven in his above stated general policy. George R. Averill, Birmingham Eccentric, proposed a resolution condemning "star chamber" sessions of state boards and a left-handed criticism of the university regents.

Carl Saunders, editor, Kalamazoo Gazette, was chosen president of the 1943 press club; Elton R. Eaton, Plymouth Mail, first vice-president, and Floyd J. Miller, Royal Oak Daily Tribune, second vice-president.

Victory

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more function without typewriters than could war industry, and yet the typewriter companies are now making weapons.

The Typewriter—A Symbol Of Organization

The typewriter is a symbol of organization, organization comes from planning and the execution of sound plans. Organization does not win battles, but it makes success possible under difficult circumstances. And that's true of the Home Front, too.

On the Home Front the services of strategic supply must be given to the gigantic industrial machinery of war production. We are part of the raw materials front of the United Nations—a front that, like the fighting front, stretches about the world. We and our Allies must get every pound that we can of tin from Bolivia and Nigeria, nickel from Canada, rubber from Brazil, copper from Chile, chrome from Russia, mica from India, rope fibers from East Africa and Latin America, asbestos from the Union of South Africa, manganese from West Africa, and other critical materials from parts of the earth equally distant. Where sources of metals are insufficient or undeveloped, we must send our experts, along with mining machinery or other equipment, to increase the output. To insure an adequate supply of fiber products, we set about planting thousands of acres of fiber plants.

Cutting Corners In Transporting Materials

The Combined Raw Materials Board—set up to secure maximum output of strategic materials throughout the non-Axis regions of the world and to regulate the flow of these supplies to the United Nations—in some instances cuts out steps in shipping or manufacture in order to speed up results. For example, the practice of sending United States tungsten to England for manufacture into ferrotungsten, which was shipped back to Canada, has been stopped. We now supply Canada directly with ferrotungsten. And instead of sending Russia more manufactured rubber tires made to Russian dimensions, we are sending a tire manufacturing plant, bought by the Government from the Ford Motor Co.

A New Allotment Plan For Manufacturers

Within our own borders, economic war planning is carried on with increasing vigor. A long-range program for controlling the flow of critical materials into war production—the Controlled Materials Plan—has been put into effect by the War Production Board. The plan tightens control of critical materials and it puts into effect a system of allotments to war contractors from available supplies of these materials, in order to make certain that war plants can meet production requirements.

Critical metals not only are restricted, but existing stocks are being gathered in wherever they may be found. No more copper may be used in building construction and all stocks for building installations in the hands of dealers and others are held for purchase by the Government. Use of stainless steel in more than 75 products, from coffee pots to farm machinery, has been prohibited, and idle or excess stocks of stainless steel will be redistributed for war use. All stocks of cadmium, used in electro-plating, are reserved for war purposes, and platinum, which has a wide variety of war uses—such as the making of nitric acid and radio tubes—no longer may be used to make jewelry.

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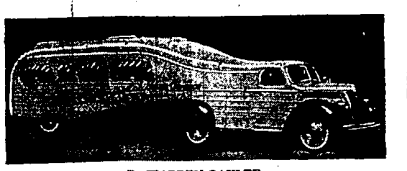

By WARREN BAYLEY

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

LINCOLN'S TOMB

If, someday when you're down town, you should see someone suddenly step off the sidewalk and pick up an old rusty collar-button and then put it carefully away in his purse for safekeeping, don't call the police in the belief that you have a candidate for the psychopathic ward. The chances are that he is considerably smarter than you or I because he will probably make a lot of money out of his hobby while you and I are passing away our time in the corner pool-room.

I never realized just how profitable a collector's hobby could be until I came to Springfield. Yesterday I was at New Salem Park looking over the reconstructed village where Lincoln spent his early days in Illinois. Today I drove into Springfield to visit his tomb, which, incidentally, is one of the most popular shrines in America. As I walked through the beautiful memorial, gazing at the plaques, statues and cenotaph that a remembering public erected in honor of its most famous citizen, my glance chanced to fall upon an old gentleman clad in a costume half uniform and half business suit. I later found out that his age was 83 and that he was custodian of the "Tomb".

As I watched this old gentleman, a lady and a young boy approached him. I was close enough to hear the conversation. In a soft voice the lady asked if her son could see his Lincoln collection. The old gentleman hesitated for quite awhile, but finally turned and went into the inner sanctum of the memorial which is closed to the public. In a few minutes he returned carrying an armload of books and papers. The first article he showed the lady and her son was a miniature portrait of Lincoln done in oils. My kibitzing turned to real curiosity when he said that he had refused $20,000 for this one picture. My curiosity turned to wonder as he showed such relics as a splinter of wood from one of Lincoln's chairs, a letter from the capturer of Booth, the original pen and ink copy of "America," a tassel from the opera coat Lincoln was wearing when he was shot, a papier-mache mask of Lincoln made from $10,000 worth of good American green backs, a portrait by Patterson, full sheets of 100 Lincoln stamps autographed by the famous of the world, and dozens of other articles of equal value.

This old gentleman's name is Herbert Wells Fay. He has been collecting Lincoliana for 80 years and has collection valued in the neighborhood of a million dollars. The inner sanctum of the memorial is piled high with precious bits of the past. Among them is Lincoln's chair from his law office. When Lum and Abner recently visited the tomb, Lum sat in this chair and said he hoped that sitting in it would inspire him. "But Lum," spoke up Abner, "you generally get your inspiration from the other end."

Mr. Fay also has a Grant collection that is second to none in the world. Through his hobby he has run a shoe-string into a fortune. So if the next time you're down-town you see someone pick up a rusty collar-button and put it in his purse—don't call the police.

It will probably be me.

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WEST POINT PARK

Mrs. William Zwahlen

Mrs. Henry Miner of Detroit, was a visitor at the home of Mrs. Clinton Ault Wednesday afternoon.

Robert Hunter, son of Mrs. Emerson Ault, who has been located at Tacoma, Washington, was transferred last week to Tampa, Florida. On the way he was able to take a twenty-four hour furlough and spent Friday night at his home on Mayfield Avenue.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Owen on Farmington Road is ill with measles.

Miss Rita Fisher is recovering from an attack of mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stromoski, near Eloise, were the Saturday night guests of Mrs. Margaret Martin.

Mrs. Robert Wilson and daughter of Detroit were luncheon guests of Mrs. Edwin Johnson Wednesday.

John Aittama and son, John Jr., are spending two weeks at Calumet, Michigan, visiting his mother, Mrs. Herman Aittama, and deer hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stanley, daughter, Mary Ann, Charles Decker, Miss Leona Case and Frank Bryan of Detroit were Sunday afternoon and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Zwahlen.

Little Helen Soos was quite ill all last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnson and children, Eddie and Marion, and Mrs. Emerson Ault, daughter Lora Anne, left Saturday night for New London, Ohio, where they spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Porter.

Born last week Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. George Middlewood, a baby girl, Esther. Mrs. Middlewood is in Ardmore Hospital at Ferndale. Both mother and daughter are doing nicely.

Mrs. Gerald Teshka of Detroit is spending Saturday through Wednesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Addis, while her husband has gone deer hunting.

Due to many other activities Mrs. Howard Middlewood was forced to resign as Sergeant of the Motor Corps in this district and Mrs. Florence McWethey of Rosedale Gardens was appointed in her place.

A very interesting meeting of the Sunshine Sisters was held in the Neighborhood Church Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Cameron wife of Rev. Cameron, was present and introduced a special speaker, Mrs. Ernest, from the Central Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Ernest's talk was most helpful and impressive. There was much hymn singing and a duet by Mrs. Walter Dixon and Mrs. Gordon Vance. Tea and wafers were served during the social hour.

Mrs. John Varhol was taken to Mt. Carmel Hospital Monday afternoon, for an emergency operation.

CLARENCEVILLE

Mrs. Harry Christmas visited friends in Windsor, Thursday.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Joe Harding is under the doctor's care.

Mrs. Joseph Butler has returned from Miami, Florida, where she has been for the past month, due to the illness of her father. She reports that he is somewhat improved but still confined to the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Schoop of Ontago visited with Mrs. Dave Ryall on Sunday evening.

Louis Waack is among those from this district who have gone deer hunting.

Mrs. Otto Schenk spent Tuesday in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Gammon were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hautamaki on St. Francis last Friday evening.

Miss June Roamsburg was the dinner guest of the Hautamaki family on Sunday.

About a hundred folks were present at the social evening for the graduating class of air raid wardens last Friday evening at the High School. Rev. Watterworth addressed the class, and the High School Band played three selections. Lunch of sandwiches, ice cream and cake was served.

The November Cub Pack was held at Hope Chapel on Friday evening, Den Six and Eight being present. Den Six entertained with songs, and Den Eight presented comedy skits. Mrs. Swarthout, Den Mother of Eight, went to great lengths to make the boys' costumes. Den Eight also displayed a table laden with handicraft for the month. The December meeting will be held on December 23rd, and fathers and mothers will furnish the program. They will have to do well to beat the boys.

Mrs. Viola Smith, Mrs. John Walters and Mrs. Frank Carter spent Friday in downtown Detroit.

Mr. Beiser held a meeting on Monday afternoon to instruct the teachers and members of each of the Mothers' Clubs about gas rationing registration, which will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, in each of the schools.

Bill Pink and fellow classmate Neil McNeil came home on Friday evening from Alma College. Saturday evening they attended a sorority dance at Ypsilanti Normal with Ethel Pink and Jean Gilley.

Mrs. Rutila and children visited with relatives in Detroit Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Carrothers, Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. Nina Wild, Mrs. Balfour and Mrs. Rutila attended the Girl Scout and Brownie Forum held at the Rackham Building in Detroit Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Pappering and children of Detroit were guests of the Bolitho family on Sunday for dinner.

Mrs. Anderson of Southfield and Mrs. Bolitho spent Wednesday with friends on Prairie Avenue, at luncheon and cards.

Brownie Scout Troop No. 2 will meet at Edgewood School on Tuesday from 3:45 to 4:45, rather than at the Central School. The troop still has room for more girls 7 to 10 years of age, who are interested in learning to knit, sew, and other handicraft. Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Rutila are leaders of this group.

LOCALS

Mrs. Alma Hogle and Mrs. Harrison Johnson were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Jennie Melow in Plymouth.

Ann Durgan will attend a birthday party for Nancy Bortle in Detroit Saturday.

Mr. Lester Harger from Albion College was the guest of his parents for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Fawcett and family spent the week-end in Grover Hill, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. George Davis and daughter, Dorothy and Bob Russell accompanied James Davis to Grand Rapids, where he began his pilot training at the Kent County Airport.

Mr. William Smith of Detroit spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bowerman.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Joynt and daughter, Patricia Lynn, returned Wednesday to their home in Detroit.

Mrs. Clyde Crone of Grover Hill, Ohio, returned home Saturday after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Fawcett.

Mr. and Mrs. James Nourjian were Thursday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Carrier.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Auten, Melvindale, were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. Auten's brother, Mr. Ralph Auten and family.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett and son, Daniel, spent Sunday in Bowling Green and Weston, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lamb and daughter, Marietta and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bachelor attended a surprise party honoring Mrs. Mettie Bachelor in Walled Lake Saturday evening.

Mrs. Clarence Everett and Miss Zalda Steele spent Monday in Jackson with Mrs. O. H. Everett and her daughter, Mrs. Walten Gohn, with whom she is visiting.

Mrs. Charlotte Bennett Johnson, mother of Harrison Johnson, was buried in Grand Lawn cemetery last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marquart of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Irish.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bowman of Port Huron, Mrs. Fred Schaupeter, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Catherman, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Catherman and Mrs. Maggie Catherman were Monday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph DeVriendt.

Mrs. Elsie Miller, Mrs. Blanche Seebaldt, Mrs. Katherine Carrier and Mrs. Zella Nourjian spent Monday in Detroit.

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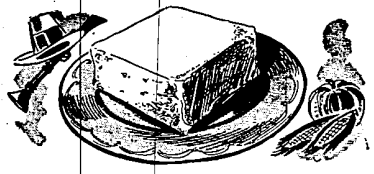

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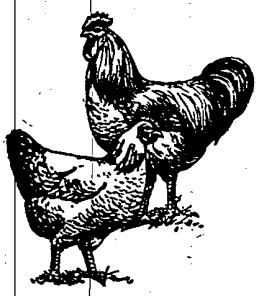

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