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ARE YOU AFRAID?

The Saturday Evening Post in an editorial headed, "What Are You Afraid Of?" makes some points that every good citizen ought to consider carefully. Are you afraid of your country? Other countries regard it the safest place in the world in which to invest. Are you afraid of your banks? Many people have been and an ugly mess that hurts every one is the result. Are you afraid to buy normally? That's necessary if we are to lick depression. Are you afraid of your government? It's the best in the world. And the Post concludes:

"Courage and common sense will conquer situations that look desperate to the timid. The New Day that our bright young writers, and some older ones who are not so bright, talk so glibly and so vaguely about, will in the end come from the same old sun, with some of the mists burned away. But the sun and the moon and the stars change slowly; and the laws that govern human nature, human actions and human growth will only be changed or modified over fairly long periods of time. Meteorites may blaze up fiercely in the night, but their glory is short-lived and then they fall to earth. Slow and orderly advance alone is tolerated in the scheme of things. But there is nothing to be afraid of in that."

Decatur's tax rate compares very favorably with any in this part of the state and the reduction here—40 cents on the hundred dollars in the city—is the largest reduction made by any of the corporations. That should be appreciated and we believe is. In several nearby cities the rates have been increased but here every official really made an effort to meet the conditions by lowering the rates. Next year there will be a new appraisal of real estate and the present outlook is that the valuations will be off considerably. If the rates can be held under that appraisal you will find a greatly reduced total of dollars and cents when you go up to the treasurer's office to pay your semi-annual bill. That's a proper effort to help get over the depression.

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ion and deserves your earnest commendation.

The Northeastern Indiana Teacher's Association know a good man when they see him and they do not propose to let Martin F. Worthman of this city go as secretary, which job he has filled most creditably ever since the organization was completed. Mart always does his best and that means about perfect and he does it with a smile that makes him a favorite with every teacher belonging to the big association.

You are requested to cooperate with the contractors on Second street which has just been resurfaced with Kentucky Rock until it is properly cured. This will require about a week and in the meantime they ask that you please do not park thereon, burn leaves or drive horses over it. It's a fine street and we want to keep it that way and we know you will all help.

Seven million men are jobless according to the estimate made by Miss Frances Perkins, industrial commissioner for New York state. That's about one-third more than they guessed it a year ago so that prosperity they said then was just around the corner must be slipping around the other way.

Leaders of the steel industry are optimistic about the future and statements issued are that times will soon be better. We believe it but they must improve for farmers, laborers and rural citizens before there will be a great demand for steel.

Premier Laval and his daughter were thrilled when they got their first view of the United States this week. They landed in New York City and were given a welcome they will never forget, no difference what the outcome of their important visit.

The name of West Orange, N. J., may be changed to Edison City and will be if they are wise enough to follow the suggestion offered by Frank O'Connor. It would be the least that town could do for the man who made it famous.

There was a farm sale held near here yesterday with a total of more than \$3,500. One team of horses sold for more than \$900 and cattle, hogs, machinery, everything, sold high. This is not such a bad country after all.

Lessons In English

Words often misused: Do not say, "We emptied out the contents." Omit out.

Often mispronounced: Compass. Pronounce the o as in "come," not as in "comma."

Often misspelled: Supervisor; or not er.

Synonyms: Precept, injunction, law, mandate.

Word Study: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: Diverting; amusing; interesting. Their gossip was highly diverting.

Household Scrapbook

By ROBERTA LEE
(U.P.)

The Baby

When the baby is teething do not let him bite on an old fashioned rubber ring or hard substance. This only hardens the gums. Apply to the gums a solution of one part Listerine to twenty parts water.

Salt Cellars

To prevent salt from caking in the shakers, put a small quantity of arrow root, or a few grains of barley in the cellars.

Cleaning Brass

Before cleaning brass with any kind of solution or polish, rub it with a cut lemon.

Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE
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Q. Are strictly formal dances with elaborate suppers fashionable? A. No; they are passe.

Q. In whose name is an invitation to dinner issued? A. In the names of both the host and the hostess.

Q. How are the invitations to a theater party issued? A. Usually over the telephone.

— and the Worst is Yet to Come



ANSWERS TO TEST QUESTIONS

Below are the answers to the test questions printed on page two

1. Two years.
2. Henry Clay.
3. Brig. General Smedley D. Butler.
4. Cantons.
5. Medical and surgical care of animals.
6. Dutch East Indies.
7. Nevada.
8. An ex-post-facto law.
9. He had no children and therefore no direct descendants.
10. In 1790.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
From the Daily Democrat File

October 24, 1911.—Beet acreage this morning was 4,600 for 1912 and 4,270 for 1913.

"Raising of the Maine" at the theater tonight—5c.

Elgin King and Miss Pearl Brier married by Rev. Hessey.

Smallpox quarantine on the Joe Maloney home in Blue Creek town-

ship is lifted.

Philadelphia Athletics win from Giants, 4 to 2, making it three out of four, so far.

Samuel Peoples returns to South Dakota.

Harvey Lammiman buys the Joseph Schilling farm, 40 acres in Washington township for \$5,200.

Mrs. George Numbers, dies at Austin, Texas. She was a pioneer here. The remains will be brought here for interment.

L. G. Ellingham, secretary of state, wires congratulations to Decatur sugar factory boosters for the good work done.

HOSPITAL NOTES

William Baumgartner of Berne underwent a major operation at the Adams County Memorial Hospital Friday.

Mrs. Delton Passwater, 219 North Ninth street, was admitted to the Adams County Memorial Hospital Friday for treatment.

ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tester of Berne are the parents of a girl baby born at 7:40 o'clock Saturday morning, October 24, 1931. The baby has been named Marjorie Corrine.

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RETURNED WITH INTEREST

In a prankish moment, El Brendel sent a St. Louis friend one of those post-cards which have two inches of fish-line pasted on the front, and a legend above: "Just a line from Hollywood."

Yesterday he received by ex-

press, \$4.10 charges collect, six

feet of hemp to which was wired

a tag reading: "Just a rope from

St. Louis."

GABLE'S ESCAPE

A little-known fact about Clark Gable is that he almost was killed in that premature dynamite explosion during the filming of "The Painted Desert" a year ago.

You will recall that director Howard Higgins and several members of the troupe were seriously injured.

Gable, then an unknown, was playing a heavy in the picture. When the explosion occurred, he was standing with Bill Boyd about two hundred yards away.

He describes the next few minutes: "All of a sudden, we heard small rocks whistling through the air around and above us. They were going too fast to be seen. I made a dive behind a sand-bank, but Bill shouted to jump up. Just as I did so, I got a glimpse of a descending mass of rock. Then came a heavy thud, as it buried itself in the sand bank beside us. After a few more small rocks and a cloud of dust, the whole thing was over."

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DANCE TONITE SUNSET

BARGAINS — Bargains in living

room, dining room suite, mat-

resses and rugs. Shockey and Co.

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DID YOU KNOW

That Leatrice Joy owns a Holly-

wood apartment house?

TEXAS PLANNING
TO DRILL UNDER
RIVER FOR OILRich Deposits Believed
Beneath Stream In
Southern State

Austin, Tex., Oct. 24.—(U.P.)—On Jan. 1 the State of Texas will join major and minor oil companies in recovering from beneath the piney hills of East Texas part of the crude oil wealth discovered there. East Texas operations of the state oil company, with its 6,000,000 citizen-stockholders, will be restricted, however, to the stream bed of the Sabine river under the law enacted by the last special session of the Texas legislature.

The Sabine river winds its way between leases of major companies in the large East Texas field for nearly 45 miles. Although the state will not drill on the entire length of the bed, it expects to recover nearly \$10,000,000 believed to lie beneath the Sabine's sluggish waters.

A drilling fund of \$60,000 will be appropriated from the general revenue fund for the first two wells, should the mineral board created by the new law decide to drill.

Three courses are opened to the board, composed of Gov. Ross Sterling, the commissioner of the land office, and the chairman of the railroad commission. The board is authorized to advertise for bids to further his art school education, has achieved artistic success, but is practically penniless.

With his first one-man show hanging in the Art Institute, Pougals is uncertain how he will provide for his young wife and baby, or how he will obtain more paint and canvas . . . simply because commissions have not come his way.

Pougals, who is the son of a Byzantine artist, ran away from Corinth, Greece, when he was 18, and with the dream of becoming a great artist, came to America.

The last avenue is a legal method to allow the state to deal with leaseholders on either side of the stream. They would pay the state for the oil beneath the river bed, then draw it out through wells situated on their own leases bordering the Sabine river.

The river bed oil law allows such developments on all streams in Texas, but restricts the mineral board to proven territory. The law forbids the mineral board to drill a well more than two miles away from a paying producer.

MONROE NEWS

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Monroe Methodist Episcopal church met at the home of Mrs. Otto Lenzberger on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Richard Thompson and sister, Miss Frances Thompson of Bucyrus, Ohio, visited Mr. and Mrs. James A. Hendricks and Mrs. I. R. Haynes on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Meyers and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Keller of Decatur visited relatives and friends in Indianapolis on Sunday.

Mrs. Harriet Graham spent Tuesday in Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hocker, Mrs. R. J. Meyers and Mrs. Russell Haynes spent Thursday in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hattie Mills of Decatur visited Mr. and Mrs. Grover Oliver on Wednesday.

Miss Mardelle Hocker attended the Teachers Association meeting at Indianapolis.

Mr. Ira Wagoner, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wagoner and Lois Huffman spent Thursday in Fort Wayne.

Mr. John Andrews of Decatur visited friends in Monroe on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otho Lobenstein and Mrs. Otis Brandyberry spent Friday afternoon in Fort Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Ray and grandson, Frank Ray and Noah Hurst visited Mr. and Mrs. Perry Hurst at Wren, Ohio, on Thursday.

Mr. Guy Dorwin and Mrs. Maud Dorwin of Decatur called on Mrs. J. R. Haynes, who is ill, on Monday evening.

Floyd Johnson spent the weekend at Indianapolis and Danville, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hedges of Vera Cruz called on Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Crist on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Grover Oliver spent Thursday in Fort Wayne.

REDFIND "REFERENDUMS"

The Smithsonian institution says that the holding of a referendum before a declaration of war was the accepted method among organized tribes like the Iroquo