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"Public sentiment is everything. With public sentiment nothing can fail; without it nothing can succeed. Consequently he who molds public sentiment goes deeper than he who enacts statutes or pronounces decisions. He makes statutes and decisions possible or impossible to be executed."
—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

OUR PLATFORM

FOR WHITE PLAINS

Make White Plains the First City in Westchester County.
Support the City Plan.
A school survey to determine the facilities needed.
Purchase of needed parks and playgrounds.

FOR WESTCHESTER COUNTY

Adoption of uniform traffic code.
Completion of Parkway program.
Elimination of grade crossings.
Extension of trunk sewer system.
Uniform system of assessment.

WAITING IN THE SNOW

A White Plains business man stood on a street corner for three-quarters of an hour waiting for a Scarsdale bus to pick him up.

Naturally indignant, he writes that something ought to be done about it.

We agree with him. We go farther. We assert that the White Plains-Tuckahoe bus service service is by and large the worst possible service that an intelligent community could be inflicted with.

Why we are inflicted with it only the White Plains, Scarsdale and Tuckahoe officials know. That they could correct the evils which exist in a few days there is no reason to doubt. The only requirement is the will to correct them.

The bus company may argue that improvements now underway on the Post road interrupt service. But these improvements are of recent date and the service has been rotten for all of three years.

A short time back Scarsdale officials looked into this matter of bus service and in an exchange of communications between the village and the bus company promises of better service were made. But what of the performance? Has anyone who has to use this bus line discovered any improvement which he would be willing to write home about?

It is time that the officials of all the communities involved look into the terms of the franchises under which this company operates. Then check the service. Unquestionably there will be found a sufficient number of violations to cause the bus company some concern. If the bus company does not or cannot provide proper service there are plenty of other companies eager to get the chance to show what they can do.

CONGRESS

The seventy-first Congress is on trial. It may almost be said that Congress as an American institution is on trial.

The impression is becoming pretty general that in recent years Congress has deteriorated: that it is not what it used to be; that the caliber of most of the members is not as high as it was in former years; that the things it does are frequently, too frequently, foolish and ill-advised; that the things it omits to do are necessary and important. Worst of all, there is a growing feeling that this body, gradually failing as a legislature for this great country, is usurping an importance that under the constitution it does not possess.

We have seen Congress involved in interminable disputes that took time from important legislation. We have seen it tangle itself in its own rules so that the final hour has struck without action on important measures. We have seen federal employes remain unpaid for weeks and months because necessary appropriation bills have not been passed. No one can read the official report of the proceedings of Congress without being struck by the amount of time wasted in frivolous discussion to the neglect of the nation's vitally important business.

But that is not all. Since 1920, four Congresses have been in session. Each one of them has refused to obey the plain mandate of the constitution to redistrict the house of representatives in accordance with the federal census. Never before has Congress dared take such an attitude. This one fact speaks, in language all can hear, the deterioration of Congress, and its usurpation of power in disregard of the fundamental law of the land.

The number of people who hold Congress in contempt is growing. It is evidenced by the fact that it is becoming harder and harder to secure candidates who can rally the support of the best minds of the community. Too often a congressional election is a choice between two evils. This, of course, is partly the fault of the community itself, which has grown careless of its national representation, and supinely lets the office go to the most blatant self-seeker. But it is also the fault of Congress, which had made itself a body to which efficient men too often feel it is no honor to belong.

The seventy-first Congress has now begun to make history. It can add to the decline of Congress in popular esteem by following in the footsteps of its immediate predecessors. Or it can turn about, do its work quickly and efficiently, and restore itself to honor by showing that it is subservient to law. It can do this in no other way more surely than by insisting that the house be reapportioned, and by framing some scheme of reapportionment that will make such a scandal as has characterized the last four Congresses impossible forever in future.

WAITING FOR THE SUCKER

Miami and other Florida points are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the northern sucker.

Each year the Miami booster organizations tell us that rents are to be controlled and moderate prices will prevail.

And each year Miami landlords, generaly speaking, charge all the traffic will bear.

A letter from a Miami editor asks what effect the stock market collapse will have on the winter tourist travel. They are evidently fearful of a short crop.

Travel South this winter probably will be curtailed, because paper profits were not converted into cash when the opportunity offered.

But more travelers will avoid Miami and way points because of the attitude of rent hogs and greedy hotel managers.

A traveler returned from Miami a week ago informs us that apartments which rented for $25 and $30 a month during the summer are now being held at $125 a month upward for the season. The type of apartment which rents for that figure rates pretty near the bottom, as Miami apartments go.

This is a good winter for northerners to stay home and go to work. Florida will be in the same place a year from now, and perhaps landlords will become chastened.

Don't be a sucker this winter.

WESTCHESTER REFORESTATION

On three separate occasions now the State of New York, through the State College of Forestry, connected with Syracuse University, has invited the County of Westchester to take advantage of the new state forestation law.

Under this law the state will put up dollar for dollar to a certain amount funds with which vacant land may be reforested with trees selected and cultivated by the state's tree experts.

There are plenty of acres in Westchester needing reforestation. The state has proven more than generous in its offer. Westchester County should delay no longer but should at once accept the state's offer and utilize these magnificent young trees.

It was Joyce Kilmer's beautiful poem which declared that "only God can make a tree." But man can help keep that tree beautiful.

Westchester, internationally known for its beautiful forests and preserves, should welcome the chance to redress in nature's own habiliments those acres where the woodman's axe has been more energetic than foresighted.

The government plan to age medicinal liquor four years shows a lot of confidence in the patience of hijackers.

When television comes it is said it will cost $1 to see a face. No good. Too many will want to see the face first.

When a paper relegated Angelus Temple to the church page, Aimee Semple McPherson was terribly upset.

The world really grows better. It just seems awful, as it were, because some people still say "as it were."

The height of absurdity, if you mean a skirt, depends on what nature did for or to the wearer.

One of the oddities is that every centenarian has either used whiskey most of his life or let it alone.

Judging from ads it is now possible to get a gas range to match your rouge.

What the world needs most is a limitation of conferences.

Americanism: Protesting that it can't be done; doing it.

Aunt Eppie Hogg

By Fontaine Fox

Our Inquiring Reporter

Each Day He Asks Three Persons A Question

The Question

Do you believe that the new County Center should be under the control of the Recreation Commission or of the Park Commission?

Where Asked

About town.

The Answers

Thomas Graflin, 201 Main street: "The County Center is a recreational project, and therefore I feel that it should be under the control of the Recreation Commission. That body should have better facilities for arranging the various affairs to be held in the Center."

G. E. Raymond, 204 Martine avenue: "Most of our recreational activities are in charge of the Park Commission, and I cannot see why this project should not be placed in their charge."

Arthur West, Old Mamaroneck road: "I cannot see that it makes so much difference in which department the control of the Community Center is put if it is handled properly, for in either instance a special executive should be retained to handle all the affairs of the Center."

Today

Justice Seegar testimonial dinner.

Daughters of Pocahontas hold election.

Westchester Social Service of Episcopal Church dinner.

Valhalla School dedication.

North Castle Town Board meets.

Ladies' Guild, Worthington Memorial Church, bazaar.

Music section of Scarsdale Woman's Club recital.

Westchester Hills Golf Club meeting.

Loew's State Theater, Mary Nolan in "Shanghai Lady."

Keith-Albee Theater, Aileen Pringle in "Night Parade."

Loew's Strand Theater, George Jessel in "Love, Live and Laugh."

Tomorrow

Firemen's Benevolent Association dance.

Shepherds of Bethlehem anniversary.

Fremont Council S. and D. of Liberty card party.

Cheese Club dinner-dance.

Westchester County Club beefsteak dinner.

White Plains Garden Club meets.

Daughters of American Revolution anniversary.

Brotherhood of Trinity Lutheran Church social.

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CONDEMN LAND

North Tarrytown Board Believe $14,500 for Strip for Bus Route, Excessive

The North Tarrytown village board will acquire by condemnation a strip of land in that village necessary to restore the route of the new bus line to conform with the old trolley line, believeing the price asked excessive.

The land lies in Altamount avenue, North Tarrytown and is owned by Joseph E. See. It is assessed at $4,500. The board fixed a value of $12,500 on the parcel at the last meeting. See informed the board he would not accept less than $14,500.

THE SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

Editorial Expressions Taken From Westchester County Newspapers

The Chamber Of Commerce

What happened to that Chamber of Commerce that everybody was talking about so enthusiastically? The last heard on the allegedly up-and-coming proposition was a joint meeting of two committees representing the Rotary and Lions Clubs at which these two service clubs were to discuss the proposition.

The Lions quite a while ago named its committee, and was followed shortly after by the Rotary Club. These two committees were then supposed to get together, but they haven't.

As yet the Rotary committee has received no words from the Lions as to a meeting place and time. The Rotarians are wondering "how come."

It seemed that there was enough enthusiasm expressed to start the ball a-rolling, but temporarily, at least, the proposition has been lost to public action. When does action come on this proposition?—Ossining Citizen-Sentinel.

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What's The Use Unless

Port Chester recently has spent considerable money or will have spent it when the bills are paid, to procure and erect "full stop" or "boulevard stop" signs at all points where side streets enter main thoroughfares. Not so long ago an official of the village was at considerable pains to explain and demonstrate for us the efficacy of those signs—they are so constructed that they reflect the glare of headlights at night with very much the effect of being themselves electrically illuminated.

But is anyone paying any attention to those signs?

So far as our personal observation has gone during a period of about two weeks at certain particularly dangerous intersections, no one has obeyed the signs—true, we all agree with their purpose, but most of us just refuse to be bound by them. We skim around corners just as we always did—and we have just as many accidents or near-accidents as we ever did. Why? Because there has been no effort at enforcement.

It is probably that arrests will have to be made in goodly number, particularly in cases where mishaps are traceable to failure to observe the "boulevard stop" regulation, before general respect for the signs will be generated. Only the other evening we were amazed to see a boy so small that he could scarcely see over the steering wheel, driving a powerful car through the heart of the village—and we felt like skinning the little rascal a few minutes later, in a less congested district, when he swung the machine with careless grace, forcing us to jump backward and almost fall against the standard of a "boulevard stop" sign whose presence he seemed not to have even noticed.—Port Chester Daily Item.

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Self Interest

In distributing their securities widely, seeking a large number of stockholders with small rather than a few with large holding, corporations are prompted by desire to find a new market for them, as well as a market which is more stable. It is not likely, however, that they lose sight of another advantage. Public utilities gain additional protection against demogagic attack. With many people interested in their welfare and familiar with their processes there is less reason to feer political interference.

In another respect corporations seem likely to reap further and perhaps unanticipated benefits by reason of their policy of stock distribution. These unexpected benefits are in the direction of tax reduction.

Taxes on corporate incomes are generally regarded as too high, but there must be some other reason than a wish to see justice done which influences public opinion in its apparent acquiescence in the present move at Washington to split the promised cut between small private incomes and large corporate incomes.

If investment in corporate securities was not so general, it is much to be doubted if an administration would give so ready a handle to political assault. A few years ago any windy politician could have made the welkin ring with denunciation of the plan. And a few years ago a plan to give big business a slice of such a melon would have meant certain defeat for the party advocating it. It is a different matter when 15,000,000 people figure by how much the tax cut will increase their dividend checks.

CONGRESS TODAY

(By UNITED PRESS)

Senate

Continues debate on tariff bill.

Judiciary subcommittee continues lobby investigation.

Interstate Commerce committee continues hearing on Couzens bill to create communications commission.

House

Continues work on Interior Department appropriations bill.

JUST FOLKS

By EDGAR A. GUEST

FRIENDSHIP

One never knows until disaster strikes
Just what in him another loves and likes,
Or is the thing called friendship false or true,
Or built on love or hopes which men pursue
Hundreds had praised him in his happier days
Now he has learned how shallow was their praise.

Stripped of his power, all friendship they refuse
Who sought or feared the power which he could use.
Those whom he favored, coldly past him go
Since now he has no favors to bestow.
Those who live riches, him no longer love,
He has no fortune now worth thinking of.

But of the many came to him a few
Who saw in him the same old friend they knew,
The man they'd loved, the man in other days
Who had been quick to smooth their troubled ways;
The self-same kindly spirit, and they stared
Trying their best to show how much they cared.
With tear-filled eyes and voices strangely gruff
They said to him: "Here, take this yellow stuff
And use it. It is all we have, old friend,
To show that we are with you to the end."
And that is friendship—rarer far than gold,
The one thing man can own that can't be sold.

OFFICER AVERS DOG UPSET HIM

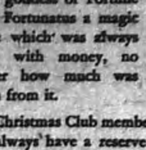
Policeman Meehan, Tuckahoe, Says Canine Caused Him to Fall Off Cycle

A canine owned by Frank Kroufled, 28 Forbes Boulevard, Tuckahoe, brought his master into Eastchester police court last night on charges of assault and maintaining a public nuisance. The case was adjourned for one week on request of Captain Scanlon of the police department.

According to the police, Officer Meehan of the Eastchester department was riding his motorcycle along Forbes Boulevard when, they allege, Kroufled's dog attacked him and caused him to fall from his motorcycle. The cycle was badly damaged and the officer's uniform torn.

The policeman is seeking to be reimbursed for damages to the machine and his uniform.

The Purse of Fortunatus



THE goddess of Fortune gave Fortunatus a magic purse which was always filled with money, no matter how much was taken from it.

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FIRE VICTIM'S WILL PROVES PROPHETIC

Miss L. Abercrombie Makes Bequests to Her Brothers and a Sister; Value Not Given

The will of Miss Lucy Abercrombie, daughter of Col. David T. Abercrombie, who was fatally burned in an accident in her laboratory on November 27, was on file here today.

Her estate is valued at "more than $5,000" in personal and "more than $5,000" in real property according to the transfex tax appraisal. Relatives and friends are given the bulk of her estate.

Almost prophetic in its wording is the clause by which Miss Abercrombie bequeaths the residue of all her personal and real property to her brothers, David and Abbott, and a sister, Elizabeth:

". . . This property to such brothers and sisters as shall not have predeceased me or died in the same disaster as myself."

Miss Abercrombie was killed when a short circuit ignited a container of liquid parrafin in the two story laboratory on the Abercrombie estate. The young woman carried on her father's share of a huge sporting goods business. The parrafin preparation was a secret formula which only the girl and an assistant knew. She was badly burned before rescuers could aid her.

To her brother David, she gives "Elkins Ranch," an estate in Kelly, Wyo., where he now lives. Additionally he is given $2,000 in cash.

A brother Abbott and a sister, Elizabeth Hoisington, New Castle, are also given $2,000 each in cash.

A ring is given to a niece, Elizabeth Hoisington, while two friends, Jennie Harris Nunn, Van Bueran, Ark., and Isabelle M. Landon, West Orange, N. J., are given small cash amounts.

The will was drawn on May 23, 1927, and a codicil on July 6, 1928. By its terms cash bequests to Mrs. Nunn and Mrs. Landon are revoked.

S. Whitney Landon, Jr., N. J., is named asexecutor of the will.

POSTMASTERS

President Sends Nominations of County Men to Senate For Confirmation

Washington, Dec. 11 (Special).—The President sent to the Senate today the nominations of Alfred Cox for postmaster at Hawthorne, N. Y.; Walter F. Billington at Rye, N. Y., and Peter Critchley at Pocantico Hills, N. Y. It is expected the Senate will confirm all three appontments next week.

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was mailed to our members last week. Our 1930 Club is now forming. Old members and new are welcome. JOIN NOW.

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