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AFTER ELECTION.
A presidential elections always ends in a fever of excitement, with charges and counter charges and exaggerated statements flying back and forth, and many persons in a state of near hysteria.

FOR ARMISTICE DAY.
The world of November 11, 1918 seems very far back when you consider the state of the world on November 11, 1940. On that previous day of peace, it seemed as if a new morning of hope and limitless progress had dawned on the world.

Safetygrams
BY FRED W. BRAUN
The Safety Man
This column is very much in favor of driver training courses. Every high school in the country ought to have a well-organized program of classroom instruction as well as "behind the wheel" instruction.

Basin of Fifth Column.
The American people have been greatly stirred by the collapse of eight countries under the Nazi blitzkrieg. They have observed how the presence of a "fifth column" operating in these countries greatly weakened the power of these nations to resist an outside attack.

Edison Tops.
In his lifetime, Thomas Edison patented 1,400 different inventions, but only 400 of these ever worked; no man has as yet beaten his patenting record.

Appendicitis.
Appendicitis each year kills some 30,000 Americans; some doctors say that this toll could be cut in half if people did not take laxatives when they feel pains in the stomach.

Armistice Day, 1940

Possible Thoughts

BY THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

TODAY millions of Americans will be thinking of me, the Unknown Soldier.

Millions of mothers will brush away a tear as my name is mentioned. Fathers will look proud but sad as they hear taps sounded, and are told that some great dignitary has placed a wreath upon my grave!

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service will be held with Arthur Holmberg as guest preacher. The vested choir will sing.
The meeting of the Tri-Sigma Sunday School class, scheduled for Friday night at the Kercher home, has been indefinitely postponed.

First Baptist Church - Frank B. Smith, Pastor. Services for the Lord's Day:
10:00 a. m., Sunday School, where the Bible is taught.

Free Methodist Church - F. H. Orchard, Pastor.
Wilmot - Preaching service, 10:00 a. m. Sunday School, 11:00 a. m. Evening service at 7:45.

Mennonite Brethren in Christ Churches, Cass River Circuit - E. M. Gibson, Pastor. Sunday, November 10:
Riverside Church - Morning worship at 10:00. Sunday School at 11:00.

Novesta.
Births - Mr. and Mrs. Lester Tedford are the parents of a baby boy, born in Pleasant Home Hospital, Tuesday, October 29.

Church News

Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City - Ali B. Jarman, Minister. Sunday, November 10:
Home-coming Day - Delegations from Pontiac, Owosso, Lapeer and Deerfield are expected.

First Presbyterian Church - Rev. Wendling H. Hastings, Pastor. Sunday, November 10:
Morning worship, sermon and church school at 10:30 a. m. Sermon subject, "The Greatest Need of All."

Church of the Nazarene - Rev. George D. Bugbee, Pastor. Sunday, November 10:
10:00, Sunday School. Sunday is fall rally day in our school.

The Methodist Church - Henry G. Bushong, Pastor.
Morning worship service Sunday, November 10, at 10:00. Special music by the chorus choir.

Evangelical Church - Sunday, November 10:
Next Sunday morning at ten, the Sunday School, led by Ed Helwig, will meet.

Cat's Eyes Reflect.
In the back of the eye of a cat, as well as some other animals, there is a mirroring surface, called a tapetum. Even in a very feeble light the mirror-like membrane will cause the cat's eye to "shine in the dark."

North, South Poles.
The North Polar region is an ocean surrounded by continents, while the South Polar region is a continent surrounded by an ocean.

Tolls for Victims.
A half-century-old church bell tolls over the radio in a country church in Dallas county, Texas, for persons in Texas who have lost their lives in traffic accidents.

Devis for Blind Flying.
Development of a combined indicator designed to simplify some of the problems of instrument flight and landing of airplanes has been announced.

Bicyclist's Examination.
Bicycle riders in Cleveland, Buffalo, N. Y., and Tacoma, Wash., must not only register their bikes with the police, but must also pass examinations in traffic rules and ability to ride.

GOOD LIGHT for studying costs only ONE CENT! Give your child GOOD lighting... a 150-watt lamp for 3 hours costs only about one cent.

There Are Advantages in Buying COAL NOW You will buy it cheaper! You will get freshly mined coal direct from the car! You will have less breakage from handling! You will be insured against a shortage next winter!

Figure the Price Figure the Features Figure the Savings AND YOU'LL BUY CHEVROLET! Price is important, of course... But most important of all is what you get for the price... Your own eyes and your own tests will tell you that you get the highest quality in the lowest price field when you get a new Chevrolet... That's why people have given Chevrolet leadership in motor car sales for nine of the last ten years!

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS By Edward C. Wayne

Axis Powers Continue Balkan Drive, Attempting to Cut Britain's 'Lifeline'; Turbulent Labor Convention Forecast; Selective Service Lottery Completed

(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)

BATTLE FOR EMPIRE: Balkan Adventure

Reinforced by an "understanding" with Gen. Francisco Franco, dictator of Spain, and Vice Premier Pierre Laval, acknowledged leader of France, the Axis powers rode off on a new highway of conquest.

Meanwhile Adolf Hitler, established in Rumania, made ready to attack Turkey, swinging through the lone remaining independent countries of Bulgaria and Yugoslavia.

What seemed to be happening was the result of Hitler's failure to make England capitulate on schedule.

So, unable to conquer Britain, Hitler swung his force on conquest of the British empire with a pincer movement on both ends of the Mediterranean.

Outposts In this movement, Greece and Turkey were the last outposts linked to England in the fight against totalitarian domination.

There seemed little in the way of that success. Greece with an army of but 200,000 regulars, 400,000 re-

his district to answer the nation's selective service call.

The woman was Mrs. Henry E. Bell, wife of a World war veteran who was on duty outside the building in a legion guard of honor.

Earlier, dignitaries of the federal government drew numbers, and later Boy Scouts, veterans, newsmen, radio announcers and volunteers from the audience were given the honor.

In that order, providing the young men pass physical tests and have no dependents, they will be sent to army camps for a year's training.

The first, a mere trickle, will leave home November 15. Before spring 800,000 in all will be in khaki. Army



This fellow typifies the expression of many "158s" as they learned that their numbers were the first drawn in the selective service lottery.

officials estimated only those men whose serial numbers were among the first 1,500 selected will be examined for service this year, and half of them will not be accepted.

President Roosevelt ruled that no man may be taken unless he has been given five days' notice by his draft board, in order to settle personal affairs.

Mexico Weakens The republic just south of the Rio has decided to lift an embargo on supplies of war to Japan.

One diplomatic source said a change may be made in the order after President-elect Manuel Camacho takes office in December.

The four days' trial, however, cost Mexican exporters hundreds of thousands of dollars, since the war has shut off all other shipments.

REVOLT IN C. I. O.: Lewis Is Target

What is forecast as likely to be one of the most turbulent conventions in American labor history is due when the Congress of Industrial Organizations meets at Atlantic City.

Lewis already faced growing opposition in the C. I. O. Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, split with Lewis on national defense.

AS TO WAR: Call for Service

President Roosevelt stood at a microphone. Near him was War Secretary Henry Stimson, blindfolded. The cabinet member reached into a glass bowl with his left hand, pulled out a capsule and extracted a slip of paper.

THE GLEANERS: Championship



Irving Bauman—1940 Champion, National Cornhusking Contest.

In a field of 21 expert nubbins tossers, Irving Bauman, Eureka, Illinois, tossed 46.71 bushels of corn against the bangboard to win the National Cornhusking Championship at Davenport, Iowa.

NO REST: Carol Pursued

The turbulent road to exile traveled by former King Carol of Rumania struck a new detour. One month on his way from Bucharest to Portugal and still not at his goal, the king learned that the Spanish government had ordered his consort, Mme. Lucescu, and his palace minister, Ernest Urdareanu, returned to Rumania.

Carol was informed of the order by Spanish police. "Pray, who gave those orders?" he asked.

LOST COLONY: New Clues

In 1591, when George White, governor of the colony of Virginia, returned from a two-year trip to England, he could find not a trace of the settlement he had left on Roanoke island, N. C.

Until recently historians were mystified at the disappearance of the pioneer men and women. Three years ago a 21-pound quartz stone was found on the bank of the Chowan river, near Edenton, N. C.

ASIA: U. S. Interests

In Asia the current situation had important complications. Japan, now linked to Italy and Germany by the new triple alliance, said it would fulfill its obligations.

The United States took action in another direction. Premier General Petain of France was notified in a personal note from President Roosevelt that if France surrendered bases to the Axis powers, the United States would feel duty bound to occupy French colonies in the Caribbean.

TREND... how the wind is blowing

Auto Sales—Retail sale of automobile trucks this season is running 20 per cent higher than in 1939.

Entertainer — The duchess of Windsor soon may enter the radio field as a featured program. Radio circles announced they were hunting for a sponsor.

Air Mail—A route through New England is being planned as the next step in extension of the non-stop air mail service.

Crime—Proof that the female of the species is deadlier than the male comes from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A homicide survey showed that 14 out of every 1,000 women arrested are charged with murder, to 10 out of every 1,000 men.



Lansing—When someone a few months ago signed the names "Joe Palooka," "Gyp the Blood," "Charlie Potato," and "Joe Manure" to a legal petition seeking a referendum on an act of the 1939 legislature, he probably didn't realize the public service he was performing.

Those names were among thousands signed on petitions filed with the secretary of state. They were supposed to be qualified electors of the state of Michigan, and the petitions carried affidavits saying they were so.

No, the only thing that happened was that the names finally were scratched off the list and the rest of the petition was accepted by the department of state as valid.

Authority Limited This case was carried to the state supreme court in an effort to invalidate these petitions. The court held that under the constitution the secretary of state is merely a ministerial officer and has no authority to look behind the face of the petitions.

Thus the funny names served one important purpose. They were funny enough to attract statewide publicity and to highlight, at least to some degree, a grave weakness in the state's election machinery.

It might be argued whether signing a petition is the same as voting at the polls. However, the constitution provides the same qualifications. That is to say, only qualified electors may do either.

Constitution to Blame? The fault, it appears, rests principally with the constitution itself. In the articles dealing with initiatory petitions for legislation or constitutional amendments it is provided that each section of a petition shall bear the affidavit of the persons soliciting the signatures, affirming that the signatures are genuine.

Such petitions so verified, the constitutional provision reads, "shall be prima facie evidence that the signatures thereon are genuine and that the persons signing the same are qualified electors."

Is it any wonder that the supreme court ruled the state department could not go back of the face of such petitions?

To the layman, at least, it seems as though something should be done about the situation. Taught to regard an affidavit as something which cannot be toyed with by practical jokers or high pressure lobbyists, he is inclined to wonder why "somebody" doesn't do something to correct the legal setup, if that is what is responsible for the loose practices.

Public Indifference Of course, public indifference to the responsibility of petition signing is partially to blame. It is commonly admitted that persons put their names on petitions they know nothing about other than what the circulator may tell them.

What are the chief evils of promiscuous petition signing? They might be classified as:

1. Issues are put on the ballot that perhaps have no right to be there other than because an aggressive, small group wants it.

worthwhile measures. 3. Representative government is not given a chance to function freely.

Possible Remedies

A remedy for the petition problem, then, appears to have two sides. One is a more active and enlightened public consciousness and the other is a more effective legal setup to regulate petitions.

It has been suggested by some observers that certain of the same safeguards which have been thrown about the ballot box should be used to safeguard petition signing.

Is this too harsh a measure? Those who favor such a rigid plan contend that it would eliminate the various falsifications so prevalent now; that it would cause persons to think seriously about an issue before deciding to go to a polling place and sign a petition; and that it would tend to reduce the number of non-essential proposals appearing on the ballot.

Ballot Restrictions

Proponents of such a scheme point back to the days when there were no voting booths, no official ballots, and little if any secrecy at the polls. Ballot box stuffing, false counting, counterfeiting of ballots, "repeater" voters, and impersonators were all too common features of election day.

One of the chief reasons for this improvement has been the Australian ballot. When electors began to use this ballot they were obliged to look the entire list of candidates in the face, so to speak.

It is on similar grounds that critics condemn Michigan's present petition setup and urge steps to improve it. They regard most of the petitions on file with the department of state as expressing nothing more than a "brute vote," and they feel it is quite as possible and perhaps every bit as essential that "some intelligence" be put into it, also.

Science Finds Best Time of Year to Have Baby.

Extraordinary facts about one of the puzzles of science only now being unraveled! Read—in The American Weekly with the November 10 issue of The Detroit Sunday Times—why it is best for child and mother, too, if the youngster's born in late Winter or early Spring and of its chances to be a greater man or woman, and also live longer.—Advertisement.

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Hotel Barlum 21 FLOORS OF OUTSIDE ROOMS EACH WITH COMBINATION TUB & SHOWER \$2 DAILY SINGLE From CADILLAC SQUARE AT BATES STREET DETROIT We have come a long way since 1905...are you still without a TELEPHONE? MICHIGAN ASSOCIATED TELEPHONE COMPANY

Sour Milk Thunderstorms do not sour milk. In the days before effective refrigeration, people frequently found their milk sour after a thunderstorm and so blamed the thunder. But in doing so, they failed to take notice of these facts: (1) thunderstorms are most likely to occur during warm periods of weather, usually following an extremely hot, sultry spell; (2) heat is an aid to bacteria in their multiplication; and (3) it is the action of bacteria multiplying in milk which produces the souring.

President Hangman Grover Cleveland, who later became President, hanged two men in 1872. He was elected sheriff of Erie County, New York, for the years 1871-1873 and during that period Jack Gaffney and Patrick Morrissey were sentenced to be hanged. Rather than detail a subordinate to perform the unpleasant task, Sheriff Cleveland did it himself.

Parking Meters Meters to regulate automobile parking are now in use in 155 American cities. Last year, meters in 102 cities yielded \$3,470,000, the largest revenue going to Houston, Texas, where \$260,000 was collected from 3,869 meters.

Speedy Foot Ancestors of the present-day ostrich had more than two toes. But too many toes are a hindrance to swift running, so the useless members gradually disappeared. Now the ostrich has a foot that is designed for both speed and power.

"Family of Eleven" and all take ADLERIKA when needed." (W. N.-Iowa.) When partly digested foods decay, forming gas, bringing on sour stomach or bloating, try ADLERIKA. Get it TODAY. Mac & Scotty Drug Store.—Advertisement T-2.

Pack Them Clean You'll be wise to have last season's clothes cleaned before packing them away for next year! Have them cleaned now... they'll be fresh and ready to wear next season! Roberson's Laundry and Dry Cleaning

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Armistice Dance Helland's Hall, Deford Saturday Night, Nov. 9 Dancing Every Saturday Night ROLLER SKATING Wednesday and Friday Nights

HIGHLIGHTS... in the week's news A federal grand jury investigation was begun into activities of Manfred Zapp and the Transocean News Service, which he headed. The Transocean News Service has no connection with any American news service. Its headquarters are in Berlin and there is an office in New York. It supplies "news" free of charge to many Latin-American newspapers.

