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Keep Your Fires Where They Belong

Thousands of people will probably find it difficult to keep warm this winter, but others will overdo the heating proposition and their stoves or heating plants will set their houses on fire. The colder months bring an increase in fire losses every season. If all would remember the one simple warning, "keep your fires inside the stove" there would be much less trouble.

A great percentage of all fire losses are caused by defective heating apparatus and flues and carelessness in handling the fires that are used for warmth.

A few well-worn out but important suggestions about the care of heating equipment and the operating of them are not amiss.

Flues should be known to be safe in construction and well cleaned inside. All worn, broken or rusted equipment should be removed and discarded from the stove, furnace or other heating unit. Especially smoke pipe.

Don't try to crowd heating equipment into heating your home in five minutes on a cold morning. It only wastes fuel, damages the equipment and causes an unwarranted fire hazard.

Ashes should never be put into wooden containers or dumped close to any wood surface on the outside. Keep all open fires well screened.

Protect all exposed surfaces of wood or inflammable material that are close to your stove or furnace with sheets of asbestos.

Use common sense in operating your heating apparatus at all times. Reason will tell you what to do if you will only let it and you'll be reasonably safe from fire danger.

Boosting For Home

A large city capitalist once met a man from a small city some miles away and soon found that he was thoroughly convinced that his home town was the best on earth. The capitalist investigated. He wired the home town newspaper:

"Just met one of your boosters; he is a wonder, and if your city is anything like him, I want to know more about it."

This led to an arrangement that was of mutual benefit to the capitalist and the city as well.

It merely shows that a community will advance only when it is composed of boosters instead of those who pull back in the harness.

Every resident of the community can be a real asset by saying something good about it every time they are away from home.

You never know when your words may fall on fertile soil. If you are not enthusiastic about the advantages here, you can not expect one living elsewhere to be.

We must have a wholesome enthusiasm for the whole community and the opportunities it offers others who may be induced to locate here, before we can hope for helpful growth and industrial development.

Duplicating Bees Work

It may seem a bit odd in our age of science and invention, but a standing offer of \$1,000 to the man who will imitate the work of the bee and reproduce the honeycomb is still without a taker.

Maeterlinck could write feelingly of the life of the bee.

Bee Feiler and James Whitcomb Riley could philosophize humorously, and fool the busy insects into doing double duty by shifting the hive from north to south and back again; experts are able to obtain honey in various flavors by sending the honey gatherers into varied pastures and among different blossoms to do their stuff, but the construction of the comb continues to be the private and secret function of the bee himself. So far as making honeycomb is concerned, man give a fine imitation of the drone. He has fallen down on the job and is indifferent about it.

Think Fast, Captain!

Writing under that subject-heading in a recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post, General Hugh S. Johnson, first administrator of the National Industrial Recovery Administration, said:

"Unemployment is not being relieved. It is not now even being attacked. The PWA-WPA program is a complete flop in its first half, and a thinly disguised and very expensive dole in its second half. It makes no contribution either to eventual employment or industrial recovery. It is an ineffective and expensive expedient, and it has headed straight for magnificent failure. If it is not immediately taken in hand, it will present this country with the worst crisis of the depression—an unprecedented blunder!"

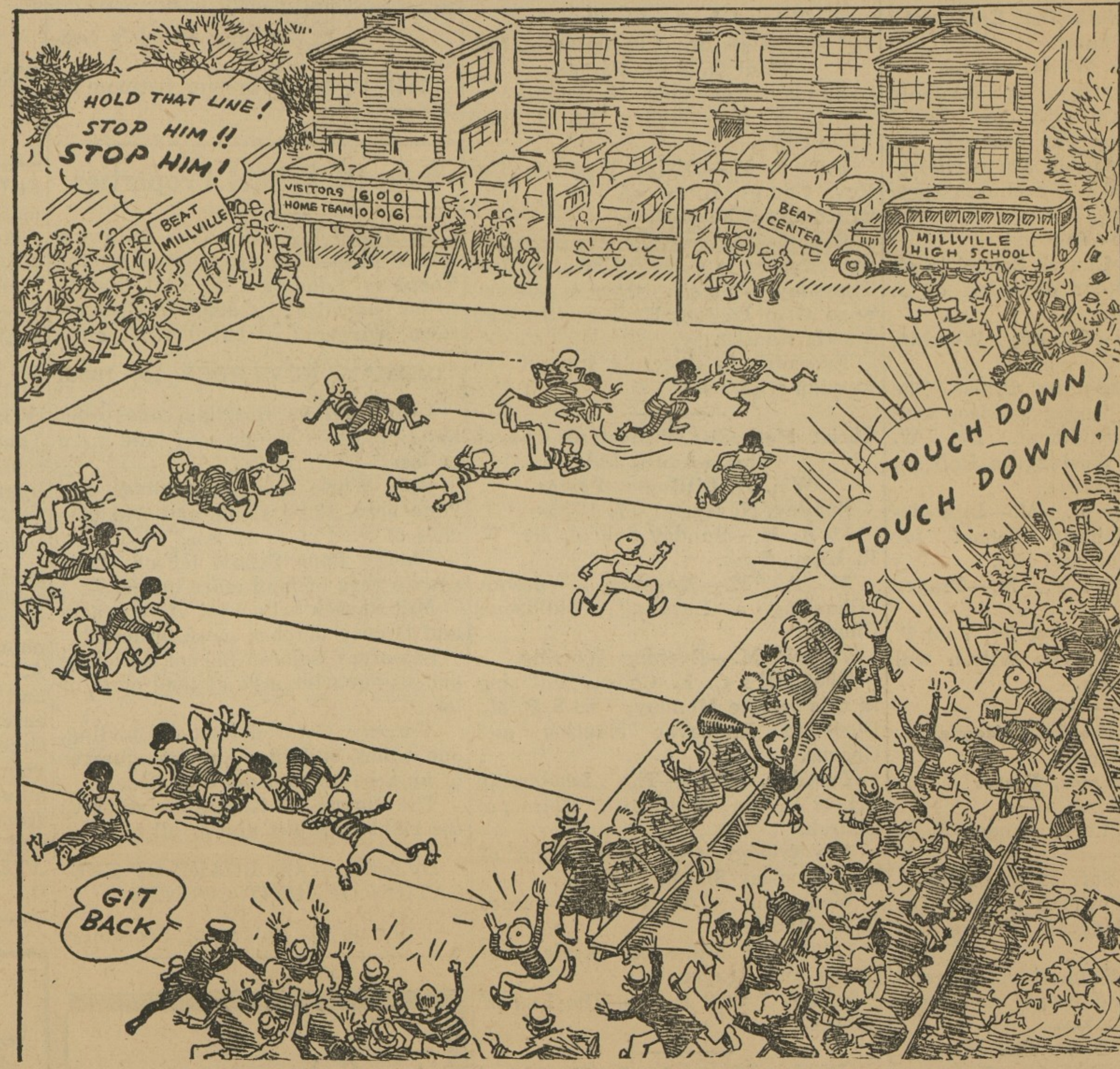
"There is no sound solution of unemployment except restored business activity and—without more—nothing in sight in that direction will do the job. This is clear because, although a large part of business is approaching normal activity, there are still 10,000,000 unemployed.

"To the young-lawyer proteges of Felix Frankfurter the Constitution is just a foil for clever fencing—an antediluvian joke to be respected in public like a Sacred Cow and regarded in private somewhat as Gertrude Stein probably regards Tenyson, or any other Victorian.

"Their idea is that government is the nucleus of a vast collectivism in which business or any private enterprise are just elements to be absorbed. Their guidance largely prevailed in the strategy of defensive litigation by the Department of Justice, and it was this philosophy, almost singlehanded, which was successfully urged and developed in the famous press conference on the Constitution which dealt the New Deal and returning confidence the heaviest blow they have yet suffered."



NOVEMBER AFTERNOON — by A. B. Chapin



20 Years Ago In The Enterprise

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1915

At a meeting of the Town Relief, held last week, the following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. G. F. Clark, president; Mrs. T. T. Horn, vice-president; Miss Daisy Barnes, secretary; Mrs. W. B. Copper, treasurer.

Washington College lost to M. A. C. at College Park last Saturday, the score being 28 to 13 against them. This week Tom Kibler's boys will face St. John's, their ancient rivals, on the local gridiron.

The marriage of Mr. Charles B. Nicholson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Nicholson, and Miss Mary B. Whaland, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Whaland, occurred in Baltimore last Saturday afternoon. The young couple motored to the city in the morning.

Phil Henson, the well-known barber on the Steamer B. S. Ford was paralyzed Friday at his home in Chestertown.

WASHINGTON SNAPSHOTS

The coy way in which those who want new NRA legislation at the next session of Congress have attempted to slip quietly through the back door with plans for a new law has been one of the Capitol's bright spots in the last few months since Congress went home. The trouble has been that no one group could be found which would really get out and whoop it up as though there was a demand right from the heart of the people. And without some organized minority making a noise like 120,000-000 people, the job of creating sentiment was rather tough.

Certainly the Administration could not look to the farmers for help because the farmers were not looking for higher industrial prices. The consumers never were enthusiastic after the first blush of enthusiasm for the Blue Eagle. The manufacturers, seeing re-employment coming faster without NRA, just looked the other way when the subject of a new law was passed. And, finally, organized labor's indorsement at its convention was not of the whooping variety. So the Administration, with George L. Berry carrying the flag, found itself leading a parade with no marchers behind.

Mr. Berry, of course, recently resigned from his job as an organized labor leader to become Administrator of the NRA, and any political strategist would tell him that he had best act as though he didn't particularly want a new law. So Mr. Berry invited everyone on the NRA's mailing list to come to a party next month. Just to talk things over. Mr. Berry gave all kinds of assurances that he was not committed to a new law. Then someone recalled that the President, in a final letter to Congress, proposed new NRA legislation, and people began to wonder if Mr. Berry was not following his leader. And to cap the climax, an enterprising newspaper writer discovered that Mr. Berry had written all the labor union secretaries in the country to mobilize their support. All of which left the Administrator out on the proverbial limb before the date of his conference. But it also showed clearly that forces are still working toward the Brain Trusters dream of controlling industry, agriculture, newspapers and all commerce by pressing a button in Washington.

One of the most interesting studies of appropriations made by the last Congress has reached Washington from the Connecticut Economic Council. It shows that the enormous sum of \$10,073,000,000 was appropriated and that disbursement of this sum in 1936 would put Uncle Sam in the position of spending \$2.50 for every \$1.00 he receives in tax collections. It has been estimated that, despite increases in the Federal income, the government faces a deficit of from four-and-a-half to six billions in 1936—in addition to the public debt which amounted to approximately \$30,000,000,000 on September 24. That amount exceeds by \$3,000,000,000 the wartime peak. It shows an increase in federal indebtedness of more than \$13,000,000,000.

Today and Tomorrow

By Frank P. Stockbridge

PEACE emotions

It amuses me to read, as I often do, newspaper reports headed "Peace Meeting Breaks up in a Row." The trouble with all efforts to stop war by conversation is that people bring their personal and racial dislikes and prejudices into these gabfests.

I don't believe peace is ever going to be insured by talking about it. All of the peace arguments are based on reason and logic. Reason and logic play a very small part in human affairs. Mankind is still the plaything of its emotions. Let the bands start playing and put the boys into khaki, and we'll all throw reason and logic overboard.

Just the way the folk do who get into a scrap at peace meetings!

WAR not people's

Thinking back over what I have read in the history books, and what I have observed in a fairly long lifetime, I don't remember any war that was actually instigated by the people of any nation. Few ordinary people ever want to go to war with their neighbors. They are led into wars by governments and rulers who have ambitions and purposes which are seldom fully disclosed to the general run of common folk.

I am talking, of course, of the way wars start. Everybody, practically, is ready to jump to the defense of his country when the other fellow starts to invade it.

How to end war? I don't know—and I don't think anyone else does. A good way might be for nations to stop trying to take advantage of each other.

MORALS of nations

One of the commonest examples of loose thinking is the prevalent idea of "national honor." It implies that there is some sort of a moral law or obligation applying to nations, comparable with the moral laws by which individuals are, on the whole, guided in their relations with each other.

There ought to be some such rule or moral law governing international relations, but there isn't. The League of Nations was set up with the idea that it could serve as an international conscience, and by solemn proclamation "outlaw" nations which started to grab something that belonged to other nations. But I doubt very much whether all the moral force and "sanctions" recently brought to bear by the League against Italy would have had any effect if the British fleet had not been mobilized in the Mediterranean.

Conscience has as much to do as policemen in keeping most individuals from taking somebody else's property by force. But until we have an international police force, strong enough to overawe any nation, however powerful, I don't think we're going to stop war.

AMERICA free

Did you ever stop to think that the United States of America is the largest area in the civilized world in which all the people speak the same language? It is more than that. It is the largest area in the world in which everybody can travel freely without interference, sell his goods freely without tariff obstacles, and live and work wherever it pleases him.

War between any two states or any two sections of the United States is unthinkable. We had a sectional war 75 years ago over the question of slavery. That war settled forever the liberty of every individual to travel, work and trade anywhere in the nation.

I become more convinced as time goes on that there will be no such thing as permanent peace until the same liberties of travel, labor and trade apply to all people anywhere in the world as they do in the United States.

RELIGION influence

The fundamental teaching of Christianity is the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God. Churches and sects have overlaid and obscured this basic teaching with such a variety of doctrines that the essential principle seems almost to be lost sight of in much of our religious teaching.

Most of the other great religions of the world



It was with mixed feelings that the Lancer's public read his resolution in the last issue of this sheet. For the most part his readers are glad he has waked up at last and is again ready for action. While the second-hand editorials that filled his column off and on during the immediate past may have been more weighty and more wise his readers were dreadfully disappointed. They missed the personal touch. Others hope that his health has improved and that he is no longer as bilious as he used to be when his pen was fairly dipped in bile and green and yellowish was his outlook on our small world. Others have often said that his radius was too limited. He had four or five pet targets at which he aimed so that his writings lacked variety whereas his scope could most easily be broadened. The few at whom he hurled his spear were, after all, not as important as he made them and many who were, and whose doings were of vastly greater interest, he neglected. Was it because he did not know whether they could take it or not or was his vision dulled and he could not see the forest for the trees? Then there are those of his former victims who are quaking in their boots. For weeks and months they have had peace and now they know not what lies in store for them. Well, I was one of his long-suffering victims who often felt the sharp point of his spear but I am glad, indeed, that he is coming back in full force. If he has to practice on me I shall bow my head to the yoke or dodge or do something because I am still hoping that his audience will some day be infinitely larger than it is and we shall brag about knowing him during his years of rehearsing. I have always thought, dear Lancer, that that's writer's gold in that thar pen of yours. So get your charger properly shod, feed him plenty of oats, polish up the old blade and the Lord have mercy on our souls!

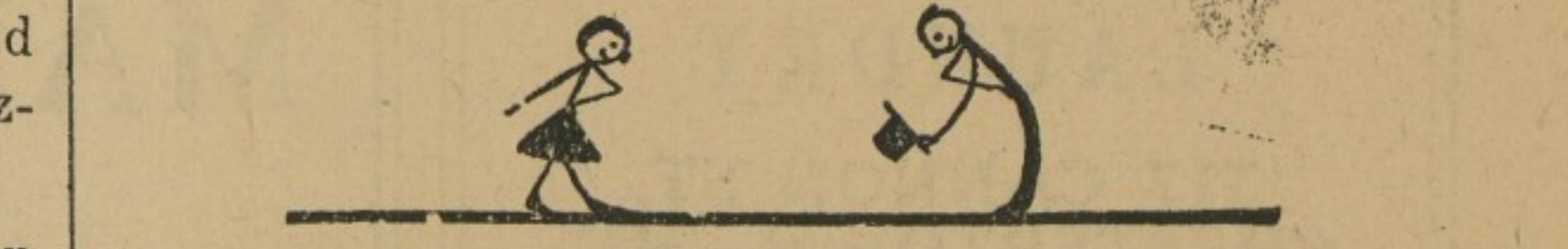
Indian Summer would end today, according to tradition, that claims the season is the first ten days in November but, actually the weather-man is not going to be bound down by anything as prosaic as a mere calendar. But this weather has even fooled Old Mother Nature, herself because all along Kent's highways the honeysuckle is in full bloom and almost as fragrant as it was last June.

The Baltimore SUNDAY SUN magazine has been having a series of photographs by A. Aubrey Bodine. I may have mentioned his work before but if I have it is fine enough to bear repeating. Mr. Bodine is a real artist. In a scene that might be without charm or beauty to the untrained eye he discovers the possibilities and brings them out with his camera. His scenes are worth careful study and I find myself, after poring over those weekly pictures, seeing everyday scenes in a new light and new beauty.

A number of late hourites last Friday night thought the National Reemployment Service staff were throwing a party in their office on High Street when they saw bright lights shining until nearly 11:30 P. M. But it was no party. It was nothing but work and plenty of it. The window curtains of that office have been attracting attention and very nice compliments. A number of people have asked the name of the material. There is nothing new about it and it's name is "monk's cloth." We are glad you like it. It saves the staff from feeling like goldfish in a bowl as they did before the little draperies were hung. That office is still having calls for good housewives, white and colored, good farmhands and couples, also white and colored. More calls come in for that type of worker than can be filled from the present list of applicants.

Jimmie Carbon says: "We poor human beings never feel so righteous as when we are persecuting one another."

By the way, I gave somebody a good laugh without meaning to. It ended in my not being able to convince my friend that I was right nor could she convince me that I was wrong. I made the sincere statement that I thought Chestertown was a "kind" town. And, as I see it, it is. Apparently, as some others see it, it is not. I'm glad I see it as I do. Let's do a little more so everybody can see it that way, too.



After a girl "comes out," she goes out, and then her mother worries because she stays out.

Community improvement, like physical improvement, comes from exercise. Somebody has to do something.

At present prices, a pound of pork chops would be a sizable and welcome token of esteem for a Christmas gift.

What most of us are now demanding is a square deal.

The straight and narrow path has something to recommend it—providing it is too narrow to accommodate automobiles.

Our worries over how to get more money to build more roads will be over when our children are using airplanes.

Money is made out of soft paper but it makes most people who get it, hard as flint.

have a similar foundation. I am firmly convinced that the world is far better than it would have been had it not been for the influence of the great religious teachers. But I am also convinced that most of us are a long way, still, from really believing in and acting upon the teachings of religion.

Maybe it will take 10,000 years, maybe longer, but the only ultimate answer to the question of war or peace must be, it seems to me, the acceptance by the whole human race of the underlying principles of religion.