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WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED

How would you like to live in a United States without a single bank? How would you like to go about the streets with your pockets bulging with money that was worth little more than the stuff of which it was made—money that was just "printing press" money?

A lot of unthinking people still don't know it but we might, in the past year, have had a United States where there were no banks, where money was worthless and where insurance policies no longer protected.

We told you something last week of our trip to Washington to see President Hoover and of our unforgettable night visit with the president in his own Lincoln study where he bared to Michigan editors something of the amazing story of what the United States faced during the past three tragic years.

There has followed us since getting home and back to the Record office, a haunting picture of "what might have been." After hearing our president tell of the world-wide crisis that wracked some nations overseas and of how that crisis knocked at our own door, we have been thinking over and over: "We didn't know how close we came to going over the cliff of economic and industrial ruin."

In May of 1931 world conditions were causing great nations to stagger. England, regarded as the Rock of Gibraltar among the countries, was so hard hit that it went off the gold standard and caused a vast amount of loss and grief. With Europe rocking from the crash of financial systems, the United States became the target for possible ruin of its financial and business system.

With this two-fold attack on our financial and credit system, the battle to save the United States was on. Few of us out here in the beautiful suburban community of Northville knew it. We knew after a little that both our banks were to go down, and in our littleness of vision and knowledge of what was actually going on in a great world that is now only a big neighborhood, we foolishly thought that our local bankers had closed our banks—now we begin to see that you can't sweep back the ocean with a broom and that, therefore, the events of disaster here were just part of a world smash.

During these terrible days—"terrible" is the exact word to use, so great was the crisis we faced—who was at the helm of the ship of state? It was President Herbert Hoover. The man who had been baptized in the days of human agony when he fed the starving women and children of a war-torn Europe. It was Hoover, the man who for twenty years had been close to all the affairs of this great nation. It was Herbert Hoover, once the orphan boy who paid his own way through college and who by his own grit and mighty heart and mind became "the earth's most powerful figure."

Now that the crisis is past, we can look back and see why we as a nation have escaped. We might now be sadly stricken as are some of the nations of Europe. But

we are not. The danger is past and unless all signs fail, the United States has started slowly but certainly down the road to economic recovery.

Never shall we forget that thrilling story that Herbert Hoover told us in his Lincoln study. We had not known how close to national disaster we had come. We were taken behind the scenes and shown something of the vivid and world-wide drama that will be written as one of the most thrilling chapters of the world's history. We saw our country saved. The haunting picture of "what might have been" gives way to a picture of a nation starting on the way to one of the greatest eras of progress our nation ever knew.

"What has Hoover done?" History will write the answer as it did of what Abraham Lincoln did.

WANDERING THOUGHTS

Just keep an eye on Northville when the bank gets going. In spite of all the bumps we still believe in our own home town.

The Record office is going to hand out a lot of flour today and tomorrow and don't you forget it. We find that people appreciate a genuine bargain.

Everyone is glad to see the schools going again. The village takes on new life. What would your town be without the boys and girls around the streets?

Five weeks to election! The finish will be a thriller. Democrats are optimistic and republicans are fighting mad. It's a good thing for the country to see both sides threshed out.

Most of our discouragements come at the close of the day when we are tired out. Probably you are the same way. When we get the five-hour day and the five-day week we won't have any reason for getting discouraged.

Hoover wins the straw votes in the East and Roosevelt in the West. Most unbiased observers give Hoover by far the best chance to win in New York. Without his own state, the case of Roosevelt is hopeless say some of the correspondents.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS ARE THINKING ABOUT

WAYNE CHURCH WILL CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL

From Wayne Dispatch: During the week of Oct. 16-23, the Wayne Methodist Episcopal church will celebrate its 100th birthday anniversary. The church having been founded here that many years ago.

MICHIGAN AND DEMOCRATS

(Rae Corliss in The Parma News) It is of course possible for Michigan to go Democratic in the November election—but it's highly improbable. Since 1876 there has been only one election when this state cast a solid electoral vote against the Republicans.

EATON FOR VANDENBERG

(Major E. R. Eaton in Plymouth Mail) The editor of the Plymouth Mail was the only newspaper publisher in Michigan to oppose the nomination and election of Senator Vandenberg to the United States senate. And why wouldn't this be a good time to say that our position in the matter was one of the most glaring political errors we ever made.

THE FORD WAGE ADJUSTMENT

(The Dearborn Independent) It had to come. Our surprise is that it did not come sooner. High wages at the Ford plant, while desirable at all times, have been so out of line with economic conditions that they have been defeating their own purpose.

"No man gets ahead in business or politics without making and keeping friends," we heard Secretary of State Frank Fitzgerald say over at Albion the other day. We ran through our mind a few examples and they all confirmed what the state official said.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you fair or do you just think you are?

We are sure that it is with great reluctance that Henry Ford finally gave way to the powerful economic forces that drive the magic figures and turn the wheels of our money system. We must forget figures and turn to VALUES, the real basis of our economic structure.

The process may be painful but it can be nothing but beneficial.

LIFE IN THE SMALL TOWN

(V. J. Brown in the Ingham County News, Mason) Those who saw "Street Scene" at the Mason theatre last week should be more content with their lot in a small town or the country. "Street Scene" is not an exaggerated showing of the life in the tenement districts of the large cities.

There is not a home in Ingham county that does not have more advantages than do the homes in city tenement districts. Here we have freedom to live without being herded into droves. We and our children have chances for freedom not even glimpsed by residents of large cities.

We have pure air, pure water, rest, quiet and content in tenement and apartment dwellers. Here the family is not broken down but is given a chance to develop naturally. Here we can have friends.

Sinclair Lewis in "Main Street" and other temporarily popular books sought to show that small town life is mostly evil. He made a poor case. He didn't even convince himself.

We who live in the small towns and upon the farms do not always make the most of our opportunities. There is much room for improvement. But the conditions surrounding our homes, the ordered routine of life away from the noise, dirt, confusion and crowding of the large cities.

"Main Street" as shown by Sinclair Lewis and "Street Scene" as depicted on the screen leaves the advantage with "Main Street."

"LEAVING OUT" THE NEWS

(Paw Paw True Northern) When a "questionable" situation arises in a town it is quite the fashion to remark that the newspapers ought to say something about that.

The average citizen feels quite certain he could run a newspaper better than the editor does, and if he were publisher of that sheet he'd show 'em, you can bet. As a matter of fact, if he has horse sense he would do just as the editor does about the sort peddles of family troubles, church squabbles, scandals not involving major principles, and such matters of ultimately minor importance as will adjust themselves with the passing of time.

The newspaper critic ought not to expect a newspaper man to advocate attack on any proposition which he himself lacks the courage to support or assal over his own signature. The editor is willing, even eager, to push any project in the public interest, but is not willing to pull chestnuts out of the fire for individuals or minorities.

Printing that pleases at the Northville Record office.

Ely Coal advertisement featuring an illustration of a man with a shovel and text: "Does 72° to the Shovelfull! This man used to boast about the mileage he got on his gasoline, now he's a rooter for Ely coal because he declares there's not a chill in a carload."

ACCURACY advertisement featuring an illustration of a man in a suit and text: "Counts in Filling Prescriptions or in Playing Football. The ball to the man, the prescription to the formula. Each requires training and extreme accuracy. Years of training are necessary to make a registered pharmacist. All prescriptions at the Northville Drug Co. are filled by registered pharmacists—men who KNOW their business."

Theater advertisements for Penniman Allen Theatres. Listings include: "McKenna of the Mounted" (Saturday, Oct 8), "The Night Mayor" (Wednesday, Oct 12), "Love Me Tonight" (Sunday, Monday, Oct 9-10), "Heritage of the Desert" (Wednesday, Thursday, Oct 12-13), and "O. K. America" (Friday, Saturday, Oct 14-15).

NORTHVILLE DRUG CO advertisement with text: "You can now obtain hunting licenses at The Northville Drug Co. Stop in today! MAIN ST. PHONE 238"

Troubles Vanish! advertisement featuring an illustration of a hunter and text: "During Hunting Season HUNTING HEADQUARTERS 16 or 20 GAUGE SINGLE OR DOUBLE-BARREL SHOTGUNS. Western and Peters Shells. Give 15 to 20 Yards More Distance. 'You Can Get It At LYKE'S' Lyke's Hardware 130 E. Main St. Phone 229 Northville"

COMFORT COAL advertisement featuring an illustration of a family and text: "With Redford Lbr. Co. COAL Cold days outdoors mean a reunion of the family circle indoors. When it's a happy contented group, you can be sure Redford Lumber Co. Coal is doing its bit. ORDER TODAY! Redford Lumber Company Northville Branch LUMBER, BUILDING SUPPLIES, COAL PHONE 30"











