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America, the Country Of Inconsistencies

An English visitor not long ago made a three or four weeks' trip across the United States, and the things he saw impressed him so deeply that he had to retire to his study at once and write a book.

In this book, according to advance reports, he expresses his utter amazement at the contradictions he found in American life. Accustomed to the staid and orderly conditions of England, he was bewildered and a little appalled by what he saw over here.

These things being so, his only possible recourse was to turn author and speak his mind about things. It is impossible not to feel a little sympathy for him, because if there ever was a country which it is impossible to understand at a glance it is this America of ours.

Some of us, indeed, have lived in it all our lives and still don't understand it. It is, all in all, about as amazing a land of contrasts and contradictions, as human beings ever made.

It is a land which professionalizes college athletes and makes heroes out of prize fighters and baseball players; it is also a land which produces scientists like Millikan and Compton and casts a 200-inch telescope to look at stars that man never saw before.

It is the land where the dollar is worshipped, but it is also the land which is willing to go seven to eight billion dollars in the hole in an effort to break its way out of a trade depression.

It is the land of cheap movies, cheaper radio, and "society leaders" who endorse tooth paste for pay—and it is also the land that produces persons like Jane Addams and gives men like Leopold Stokowski free rein to create beauty.

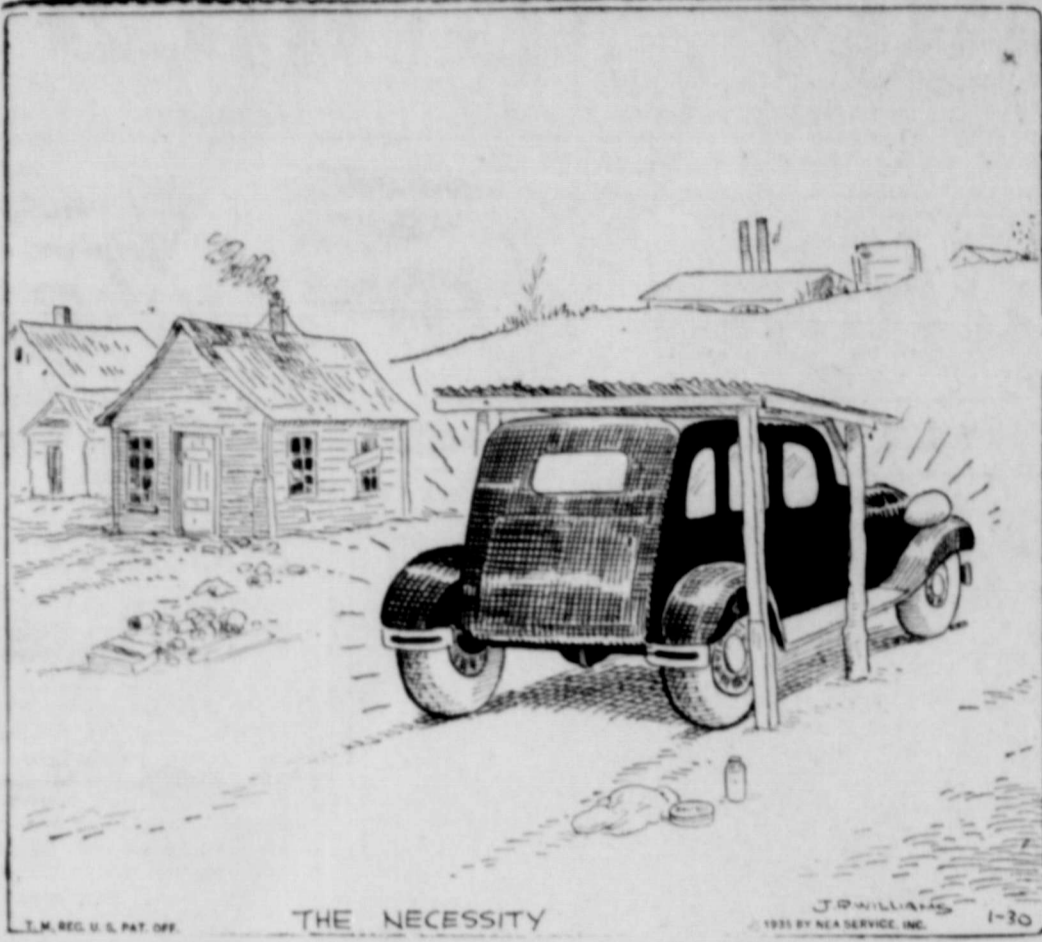
It puts a Huey Long in its Senate, and then counterbalances him with a George W. Norris. It is the land of the Lindbergh kidnapping, but it is also the land which produced Lindbergh himself.

It is world-famous as a land of boasters, but for years it has paid good money to foreign authors and lecturers to tell it what is wrong with it.

It is the hard-hearted land of lynchings, and it is the generous land which will send millions of dollars to Japanese earthquake victims. It maintains a gigantic navy and spends millions on aircraft, but it is the only nation brave enough to expose the chicanery of munitions manufacturers.

You could go on like that for an hour. How, indeed,

"OUT OUR WAY" - - - - - By Williams



is any foreigner to understand such a people? A compound of wisdom and foolishness, of braggadocio and humility, of strength and weakness—we can't understand ourselves.

We can only sense that we are a strange people of infinite possibilities, who are building a society unlike any other on earth. . . . and our saving grace is that the fact that we have the courage and the idealism to insist that it shall also be better than any other.

When you are served in a store by a clerk who really seems interested in you and what you purchase, you are pleased and go back again when you are in a buying mood.

'Dusting the Covers of Texas History' for The Texas Centennial Celebrations of 1936

Father Manuel de Silva and Father Joseph Francisco Mariano Garza were making their plans for the building of a mission in the Gulf Coast region of Texas. It was the winter of 1790. In spite of the cold rains and quarrelsome tribes and unfavorable reports, the two men had set about to make an inspection tour of that region, in order to convert and civilize the tribes.

The two fathers established themselves in a presidio near Rosario. Some of the converted Indians assured their friends at Rosario that the Spaniards would help them and be their friends, and soon the Indians were inviting the priests to their own homes, sharing their food and game, proudly displaying their blankets, rugs, and sharp tomahawks. Wherever the missionaries visited the Karankawa camps, they were treated as friends. All too soon the good work was interrupted by the recall of Father Silva to Zacatecas. Cautioning Father Garza to keep on peace-ful terms with the military authorities, Father Silva regretfully left his co-worker to carry on.

The seed of Christianity and civilization had been planted on the Gulf Coast, and it was to grow and improve with the succeeding years. In the meantime, Father Garza kept before his mind constantly the silent pledge he and Father Silva had made to the dead Father Margil, and continued his work with the Indians. Twenty-three years passed before he had the opportunity to even investigate the territory. Taking Father Garza with him in 1790, he visited the tribes, making friends with some, and gaining no head-way with others.

Seventy-four years previous to that time, Father Margil de Jesus had come to Texas to spend his life. He was elected president of the first permanent mission of the province, and his one aim in life was the conversion of the tribes. His final request before his death was that the conversion never be given up. Father Manuel de Silva was a young priest when he came to Texas to work with Father Margil, who was then an old man. Father Manuel caught the spirit of the kindly old Father, and resolved to fulfill his desires. When he was given exclusive control of Texas missions after 1767, Father Manuel turned his thoughts to a mission for the Gulf Coast tribes.

Income Tax In A Nutshell

Forms For Making Returns Forms for filing returns of income for 1934 have been sent to persons who filed returns last year. Failure to receive a form, however, does not relieve a taxpayer of his obligation to file his return and pay the tax on time, on or before March 15 if the return is made on the calendar year basis, as is the case with most individuals.

Forms may be obtained upon request, written or personal, from the offices of collectors of internal revenue and deputy collectors. Persons whose net income for 1934 was derived chiefly from salary or wages and was not in excess of \$5,000 should make their returns on form 1040A, a single sheet. Persons whose net income was in excess of \$5,000, or, regardless of amount, was derived from a business, profession, rents or sale of property, are required to use a larger form, 1040. Failure to use the proper form presents difficulties to both the taxpayer and the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Therefore, it is emphasized that a taxpayer engaged in a business or profession from which he derived a net income of less than \$5,000 is required to use the larger form. The return must be filed with the collector of internal revenue for the district in which the taxpayer has his legal residence or principal place of business on or before midnight of March 15, 1935. The tax may be paid in full at the time of filing the return or in four equal installments, due on or before March 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15.

TOWN'S HONOR AT STAKE

WORCESTER, Mass.—The honor of Winsted, Conn., where violets grow in the winter, is at stake; Fred Blanchard found a live grasshopper on a street near here and brought it to a police station as evidence that "It's June in January."

STOCK MARKETS

Table listing various stocks and their prices, including Am Can, Am P & L, Am Rad & S S, etc.

FRECKLES and HIS FRIENDS - By Bloss



Anti-Long March Is Being Planned

BATON ROUGE, La., Jan. 30. The bitter Anti-Long Square Deal Association today organized battalions of citizens in all parts of the State to march on the capitol, if Long calls another special session of the legislature to strengthen his dictatorship.

Activity of Gov. O. K. Allen and the confidential statements of members of the Long machine, indicated a special session would be called, probably beginning on Sunday night, to legislate a more Long enemies out of public office and possibly call a constitutional convention to re-make the constitution to conform with Long's political principle.

FIRE CHIEF COULDN'T CALL MEN

MARBLEHEAD, Mass.—He called it "lack of discipline" — others called it laziness. Fire Chief John T. Oliver resigned because the 48 call men of the department wouldn't bother to tell him when they left town and he couldn't get them to answer the alarms.

THESE PICTURES SHOW Modern Three-Minute Way to Ease Sore Throat



Transpacific Flyer

Crossword puzzle with clues and a central illustration of a man's face.

The Newfangles (Mom 'n' Pop) By Cowen



ALLEY OOP



