

Mr. Voter, Attention!

For the next four months the voter will be much in evidence. Many will strive to reach his ear. By radio, by newspaper and magazine, by public speeches, interested and interested politicians and statesmen will try to instruct him how to use his power of suffrage.

When one reads the contradictory claims of rival speakers, he sometimes wonders if the intelligence of the voter is honored as it should be. It is the strength of the American system of democracy, that it is based on the intelligence and interest of men who stand among their equals free and independent.

He Hath Done All Things Well

How useful to man are the natural gifts of the body! Eyes and ears, the power of speech, of motion, mean so much to man that no superabundance of other goods could possibly compensate for their loss.

The multitude that brought to Jesus the man born deaf and dumb, knew that they were making a signal favor of the Lord. They knew that they were asking for more than money or land or power or possessions. They were asking for a natural gift that had been denied to this man.

Jesus restored to the man the power of speech and hearing. When the people saw the miracle, heard the man speak rightly, they broke forth into joyous acclamation—"He hath done all things well: he hath made both the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak."

Selected

A NEW CONCEPT OF DEMOCRACY

The National Birth Control Federation of New York announced some weeks ago that it would have an exhibit at the Negro Exposition in Chicago which is generally assisted by State and Federal funds.

Catholics and others opposed in conscience to "birth control" who had planned to participate in the Exposition notified its officials that if the Fair was to be used to publicize and glorify the birth prevention movement, they would withdraw their support.

This gives us a picture of this "birth control" leader's concept of democracy, a concept which would abolish the right of protest and which would compel people to participate in and to support private as well as public enterprises irrespective of the attitudes toward them.

BEING PREPARED

The unprecedented war in Europe has forced all nations to take steps to be prepared for any future military emergency. This involves huge expenditures of money and the inconvenience of devoting time to training in arms.

We Rejoice With Him

The appointment of Mr. B. Ermet Finucane to the presidency of the Security Trust Company brings joy to his multitude of friends. It has been a happy experience to witness his development through the years from a young lad who was free to try and try and try to do his best for his country.

Diocesan Recordings

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WILD WISDOM

By the Right Rev. Msgr. Peter M.H. Weynhoven, Editor-in-Chief, Catholic Action of the South

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Five Years Ago

From July 25, 1935, Editor: The Rev. John Lynch, C.S.B., nationally known Redemptorist missionary, was preparing to celebrate his golden jubilee of his religious profession in the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer with St. Joseph High Mass in St. Joseph Church on July 25.

Why?

Anyone who believes in Almighty God must believe that He has almighty power and that it would be just as easy for Him to accomplish directly what He usually accomplishes indirectly through human means.

Feast Days

Sunday, July 28.—SS. NAZARIUS AND CELSUS, MARTYRS. Monday, July 29.—ST. MATTHEA, THE SISTER OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN.

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Insulting the Pagans

By REV. JAMES M. GILLIS, C.S.P., Editor, The Catholic World

Benjamin de Casseres often has a paragraph on some subject out of the usual columnist's line. Recently he commented upon the epithet "pagan" applied to the Nazis by a United States senator.

Allowing for a little exaggeration and discounting the too facile universal de Casseres is right St. Augustine, an even greater creative genius than St. Thomas Aquinas, sometimes followed Plato for Plotinus, the neo-Platonic so closely that certain excellent scholars think it not always possible to distinguish between the Plotinian and the Christian elements in Augustine's writings.

Sumum Corda

The record of borrowings by Christian saints and scholars from pagan philosophers could be continued indefinitely. Not that the Christians incorporated the pagan concepts bodily.

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Perhaps all this sounds rather unusual and dangerous to those unacquainted with the history of ancient and medieval philosophy. I know a certain cocksure narrow-minded Christian who resents the idea that there is or could be any

Late for the Broadcast

By REV. DANIEL A. LORD, S.J.

If you want to have some slight realization of the full significance of the parable of the Foolish Virgins, shut out from the house of the bridegroom...

Along The Way

"It's a job," he assured me. "We get paid for it." He looked a little puzzled. "We have to feed 'em oatmeal. You'd think they'd get tired of oatmeal for all their meals, wouldn't you?" Then he grew confidential.

War on Spain Continues

In view of what has transpired in Europe within the past few months, the civil war in Spain may appear insignificant, "ancient history." But there are those who use it as a metaphor for the purpose of propaganda in the cause of radicalism.

Books of Deception

The Liberal "New Statesman and Nation" of London, prints a curious review of this book: the author is considered "not prejudiced," although "his sympathies are with the Left."

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