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EDITORIAL

Abraham Lincoln
"So long as there is a man willing to work, but unable to find employment, the hours of labor are too long."

The words quoted above are not those of a modern-day economist; they came from the mind and the lips of one who long ago had his finger on the pulse of American affairs. He came from the people and rose to high estate and esteem by mere force of character and indomitable will. He was more self-educated than learned. He held no degree from a great university; he discovered no new planets; he flew no oceans; he amassed no colossal fortune. Yet he did, at a time when it required a degree of courage rare in history, stand firm for his convictions. Class meant little to him beyond a division set aside for self-centered ends. He was of, by and for the people.

He had visions, yet was not visionary. His judgment may not have been infallible, yet it was based on logic and foresight. His work was arduous, yet he never turned aside. Hard labor was his portion in early life, his choice later. Of lowly origin, he rose to heights never dreamed of. Outwardly uncouth, perhaps, but polished as the finest steel beneath. Hough at times, perhaps, yet tender as a woman to those in distress, he who spoke the words quoted above saw far into the future and the thought came from the heart. He was the workers' friend.

He is so still. As long as the word exists, down through the ages will reverberate Abraham Lincoln's forceful words of consolation and encouragement to all who earn a livelihood by the sweat of the brow. The world may never see his like again, but his memory will never perish.

Lincoln once said, "Property is the fruit of labor. Property is desirable. It is a positive good to the world. That some should be rich shows that others may become rich, and hence is just encouragement to industry and enterprise. Let not him who is houseless pull down the house of another, but let him work diligently and build one for himself, thus by example assuring that his own shall be safe from violence when built."

The Tax Burden
The per capita burden of taxation placed by the state of Illinois and the government of the United States on the shoulders of Illinois citizens is \$84.47, more than \$10 higher than the average of \$74.44 for the nation.

Comparing it with that paid by some other states, Illinoisans appear to be comparatively well off. Delaware, for example, pays the highest per capita tax—\$217.39. But the reason for that lies in the fact that so many large corporations pay taxes in Delaware, in which they are incorporated. These corporations "collect" their taxes from all over the United States, and pay them in Delaware, and I doubt if the indi-

FEATURES

George W. Rosseter

This biographical sketch of Mr. Rosseter, one of Highland Park's best-known citizens, appears in *Chicago's Accomplishments and Leaders*, a new book by Glenn A. Bishop and Paul T. Gilbert, published by the Bishop Publishing Company, 308 West Washington street, Chicago.

Mr. Rosseter, president of the Chicago Association of Commerce and senior member of the firm of George W. Rosseter and Company, certified public accountants, was born in Gilman, Illinois, Jan. 31, 1879, the son of George W. and Mary (Flood) Rosseter. Mr. Rosseter represents the tenth generation of his family in America, the family having been established here by Edward Rosseter who came to America from England in 1630 and settled in Windsor, Connecticut. Mr. Rosseter's grandfather, Asher Rosseter, who came to Chicago in the early '40's, was the proprietor of the American House, one of the city's early hotels. Mr. Rosseter began his career as a public accountant here in 1902, and prior to establishing his own company was a partner in the firm of Haskins and Sells.

After attending the second officers' training camp at Fort Sheridan in 1918, he was commissioned as first lieutenant and went overseas with the 32nd Machine Gun battalion of the 84th division and later transferred to the 144th Machine Gun battalion of the 36th (Texas and Oklahoma National Guard) Division. He is a director of the Chicago Crime Commission, chairman of the National Organization to Reduce Public Expenditures, a director of the Citizens' Association, trustee of the Armour Institute of Technology, and a member of the National Economic League. He is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the American Legion, the Forty and Eight, the Veterans' Corps of the 131st Infantry, 33rd Division, the American Institute of Accountants, the American, Illinois and Minnesota societies of certified public accountants, the Accountants' club of America, the Union League, Economic, Knollwood, Forty and Exmoor Country clubs, India House, New York, and Beta Alpha Psi. He is an enthusiastic trout fisherman and horseman, and takes a lively interest in government and politics. Mr. Rosseter was married Octo-

ber 16, 1913, to Marjorie Aylesworth Mihills. The children are George M., William A., and Thomas B.

Statistics show that there were more fatal accidents in homes last year than there were from auto wrecks on the highways. This ought to be a lesson to the few people who occasionally go home these days.—Punxsutawney Spirit.

Names—Names—Names

There are 30 Smiths and 30 Johnsons in the Highland Park-Highwood telephone directory. . . . But 1 of the Smiths is "Smythe" . . . And 1 of the Johnsons is "Johnston" . . . And 1 is "Jonsson" . . . There are 14 Joneses . . . And 17 Larsons . . . and 1 Larsen . . . And 10 Millers . . . And 1 Miller . . . And 16 Nelsons . . . And 8 Kreugers . . . Four are "Olson" . . . And 10 are "Olson" . . . Two are "Peterson" . . . And 11 are "Peterson" . . . Fourteen Williamses are listed . . . with 2 "Andersens" . . . and 18 "Andersons" . . . The Browns, 13 of them, outnumber the 10 Whites . . . and the 3 Blacks . . . and the 4 Greens . . . and the 3 Greeses.

"Pawson," said Aunt Caroline ferociously, "I'd like to kill dat low-down husband of mine."
"Why, Caroline, what's he done?"
"Done. Why, he's done and left de chicken-house door open, and all de chickens has escaped."
"Oh, well, that's nothing. Chickens, you know, come home to roost."
"Come home?" groaned Aunt Caroline. "Come home? Pawson, dem chickens 'll GO home!"—Case and Comment (Chicago).

Depression is a detour into the byways that should teach a lot of people how the other half live.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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Our idea of justice would be to pay the bootlegger with counterfeit money.—Life.

The farmers who need the most relief are the ones who live too far away from the main highway to sell gas and oil.—Louisville Times.

There are said to be radios in a third of the homes in America. And all the two-thirds have to do is stick their heads out of the window.—Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch.

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The trouble with the world when it was flying high was that it gave no thought to the landing problem.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

This is the time when the chap who is drawing a big salary which he does not earn must feel like a sinner at a camp meeting.—Dallas (Ga.) New Era.

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