

Topics of The Times

A map of Manhattan McKee showing the distribution District of civic virtue and arithmetical ability by Assembly Votes. Districts, on the basis of the corrected McKee vote, would reveal surprising results.

For the whole borough the original canvass undercounted Mr. McKee by about 15 per cent. But in the Twenty-first District, which is the great Negro district in Harlem, the original count erred by only 12 votes out of 1,640, or less than 1 per cent. The next best showing was in the Sixteenth, a working-class Yorkville district with a divergence of just 1 per cent. Close behind it came the Bowery district with a divergence of less than 5 per cent.

On the other hand, in the "silk-stocking" Fifteenth District Mr. McKee was deprived of nearly 1,000 votes in about 5,700, which is close to 20 per cent. Very nearly the same ratio holds for the two prosperous Central Park West districts, the Seventh and Ninth, where Mr. McKee lost about 2,000 votes out of less than 11,000. Does this mean that our better-off voters can be more easily manipulated, hoodwinked or terrorized than the voters in the tenement district? Or does it mean that public school graduates can add better than those of private school?

RUTH's new salary represents a 30 per cent reduction from his \$75,000 New Salary. honorarium for the year 1932. If \$52,000 still looks like pretty big wages for seven months' work, critics will probably turn up in unexpected quarters. Nearly 1,200 persons in a Salvation Army shelter voted last week on the question whether there is any man in the world entitled to an annual salary of \$80,000. By a small majority they named the President of the United States and "Babe" RUTH.

The arguments which the latter used in negotiating with the owner of the Yankees are, of course, a private matter. But it is just possible he may have reminded Colonel RUPPERT how vastly the economic situation is going to change for the better at 12:01 A. M. on April 7.

That was an excellent 1933 kind of Americanism Ethical which Federal Judge Styles. BUFFINGTON in Philadelphia preached to a group of freshly naturalized citizens. He warned them against the saloon, and told them not to imitate the younger generation in making the cocktail a symbol of smartness. He reminded them that there have been harder times than today in the history of the country. He insisted that there are plenty of honest banks and bankers to take care of their money.

Judge BUFFINGTON said in conclusion: "Watch your children and give them good examples. Support your churches, no matter what their denomination. Go often to see the teachers of your children and thank them for the work they are doing for them."

It shows how things are changing if THE TIMES thought this little Philadelphia homily good enough news—as indeed it is—to feature yesterday. It was only the other day that moralists were making the front page by preaching that cocktails are good, parents are terrible, teachers are demons, school books are instruments of torture and the country is going to Gehenna and jolly well deserves to.

Another sign of changing spiritual climate is Home and LUDWIG LEWISOHN's extremely vigorous plea for Altar. the old-fashioned marriage and the old-fashioned home—he says "classic" instead of "old-fashioned"—in his article, "Is Love Enough?" in the April Harper's. When it comes to finding substitutes and makeshifts for the family, says Mr. LEWISOHN, "all so-called radical theorizing is the last refuge of idiocy." This goes for the all-powerful State to whom such modern theories would relegate the functions and authority of the family:

"What woman will want to go through the long process and final agony of childbirth only to hand over her child to the State? * * * Temporarily starving populations may consent to spawn undifferentiated soldiers and workers for a depersonalized State. * * * The rational man's quarrel is with those intellectuals of his own time who seek to make these horrors portents of a better day, and to represent the universal barracking as the desirable ideal of the society of the future."

It is not hard in the course of the article to identify at least one radical thinker whose ideas on this particular subject Mr. LEWISOHN finds idiotic.

The Soviet Five-Year Plan was officially completed in four years and a quarter. It will probably be HITLER's ambition to complete his four-year dictatorship plan in about twenty-five years.

"Minimum Wage Sought for Men." It is the general impression that this ideal has been pretty well attained.

President ROOSEVELT's reforestation relief scheme has a permanent economic basis. Over a great part of the West it is impossible to see the forest for the lack of trees.