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EDUCATION

By CLARENCE VLIET
(Superintendent Birmingham Schools)

With the approach of the school year 1928-29, we become, as it were, school conscious.

On the one hand, we are considering the advisability of more schooling, and on the other, wondering about the attitude of mind of those who do return, either through choice or compulsion. On this decision and attitude may hinge success or failure in the undertaking.

In the modern competitive contest to make good, it becomes a conflict of wits. Adequate schooling can play an important part. There is no magic in education. It does not insure success, but there is no better insurance against failure. It helps create greater resourcefulness, to meet opportunity as it beckons; stimulates ability to expand earning power; contributes to greater moral force and better citizenship.

We accept commercial forms of insurance because they are tangible. We do not question the value of insurance against sickness, accident, death, unemployment, or loss by fire, tornado, hail or rain.

The insurance state and city give us, through education, is not so tangible. Yet it is nevertheless a force with tangible results. A person may secure a good position, but it is another thing to hold it. Education, properly applied, can tighten that grip. It can give the practical turn to a growing ambition; it can inspire initiative; it can instill the proper attitude toward life and labor by hand or brain.

In business we build up a cash reserve to safeguard the future of the corporation. We put shock absorbers on our motor cars to give us over the rough places; we put on emergency brakes. We build up a physical reserve to give us immunity from disease.

We need a similar reserve fund in our cultural existence. Education is a fertile source of supply. It can be truly said, as every turn; it can be a stronghold of mental and physical stamina a reservoir of resourcefulness.

School doors will soon reopen. The occasion should not be looked upon as an opportunity to get away from work, but to prepare for it, not a finishing school, but a preparation training, not an opportunity to a white-collar job, but opportunity to discover self-interests and adapt them to insurance against mediocrity, but opportunity to avoid it.

No school system or teaching force, however efficient, can do much in the education of an unwilling child. It can afford the opportunity and point out the way. The child, in co-operation with the parents, must do the rest.

The school doors are wide open. Those privileged to enter therein should not feel that they have been sentenced to serve, but have been selected for service.

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KELLYGRAMS

By FRED C. KELLY

I WONDER if mental arithmetic is becoming a lost art until he looks at a chart. Of if he does know, it is not because he is able to multiply 12 times 19, but more likely because he remembers the figure that the chart indicated when he sold the same amount to a previous customer. Not in several years have I seen a grocer's or butcher's clerk add up three or four small items in his head. He writes them all down before he attempts to arrive at the total. The only men I know who are good at mental arithmetic are roulette dealers in gambling casinos.

After observing this general helplessness at mental figuring, I have made inquiry of school teachers and pupils and they confess that mental drills in mathematics are few and far between. The reason, they say, is that classes are too large.

But isn't it just one of the penalties of the mechanical age? Nobody needs to learn to add because he can buy an adding machine.

Even a clever mathematician in an office who stopped to do "ciphering" in his head would be considered inefficient.

DRIVER JAILED AFTER CHASE

Hills Police Catch Suspect After 60 Mile An Hour Race

Charged with stealing an automobile, Roy Smalley, 19 years old, 11757 Hamilton avenue, Detroit, is in the Wayne County jail. He was arrested by Patrolman Iona Banks and L. A. Martin of Bloomfield Hills village after a chase through the hills in which both cars were said to have been going at the rate of 60 miles an hour.

The officers attempted to stop the man for the violation of a minor traffic ordinance. Instead of halting at their commands, however, he speeded from them and they gave chase.

The officers were released when they told officers they were under the impression he had rented the car.


Smalley is said to be on parole from the Ionia State Reformatory where he served part of a term for the theft of an automobile.

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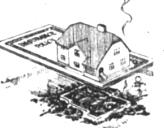
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FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS

—of Long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

43 YEARS AGO

One of the most lightning strikes the house of Major Jones in Troy. Miss Florence was standing back in the house, watching the rain drop on her head from the eaves when the bolt arrived, and for an instant she seemed to be completely enveloped by a blue flame but, strange to say, no hand was felt or injury sustained by her. It will cost about \$2 to repair the house.

Julian Leet is back again with his rifle at the depot where he will be pleased to see all his old friends.

Mr. Geo. C. Wallace formerly of this place has returned to his first love and opened a first-class grocery store at Winfield, Kan., and is doing very nicely.

Some low minded, mean sink put seven iron rods around in a meadow belonging to O. Poppleton and when the mowing machine began to run they were all found, fortunately the team was steady and with a careful drive no great harm was done; but such work in a meadow is a disgrace and the perpetrator ought to be discovered and severely punished.

I shall close out my stock of trimmed hats and bonnets at very low figures. Shaws at cost. T. T. Frazier.

Dane rumor saith that a prominent life long democrat of this place will soon take possession of a desk in the U. S. Land office at a nice snug salary and light work. Good enough.

Despite the reports to the contrary, the hay in this vicinity has been generally secured with but little rain and the farmers say that corn and other crops are looking most excellent.

A man employed by Dan Barwise in Troy, one day last week cutting grass, was hit by a rattlesnake and would have died from the bite but for a liberal supply of whiskey, perhaps the only plan of "stimulus sibilis salutator."

A Birmingham business man who blossomed out in a plaid "sweater" vest and coat during the recent "heavenly" term, was taken aside by a farmer customer and advised him to go home and dress himself in dry and get his shirt on under his coat.

J. D. Evans and daughter Hattie and Mr. W. H. Lewis, all of Owosso, visit at Wm. Brown's the past week.

One of the prettiest sights in the world is a young farm with its delicately spotted skin and graceful trimmings. That was what Horace Randall thought, months or six weeks ago, when a bran new dear little deer made its appearance in his park. The little stranger seems to grow and flourish like a green bay tree.

Eugene Brooks officiated at Whitehead & Mitchell's during the little man's absence and he did it with his customary grace and urbanity.

Birth: On Sunday last, August 2, to Mrs. F. T. Hopfhauser, a son, Frank George Hopfhauser.

"Rat, lift your hat."

25 YEARS AGO

Some years ago while digging a ditch for John K. Adams, a short distance west of our city, Will Hamilton struck a green pond, as he thought, but upon chipping it, he found it to be a six-foot ivory bank of some great anti-diluvian mastodon. This was afterward sold for a handsome sum to a private collector of curios, in Detroit. Recently, in ditching in the same place of timber, the ditcher found other bones belonging to an animal of the mastodon species.

Adams will make an extensive excavation on the vicinity and expect to be well repaid for his labor in the ancient elephant pass in back of the house, getting the same.

Fish are biting now.

The huckleberry crop in Oakland county will be enormous this year. It will cost about \$10 to repair the house.

The young people gave a very pleasant party at Labary Hall last Friday evening. Mrs. S. Gravin furnished the music and everything was pleased.

When you are buying a break fast food try Oxford flakes, and just from our fellow townsmen, Mr. G. R. Ferguson, who is secretary of the Oxford Pure Food Co. During this week and next every purchaser of a package of any of our souvenier tin trays. Ask for the Oxford Pure Food Co. logo.

A long felt want has been supplied in our town. It is under the supervision of Miss Flower, a State Normal College graduate. Assistant, Miss Mabel Smith, and Miss Lowensbury of Ypsilanti. Send your little ones where they will have pleasant instruction and good care. The school is held in the basement of the Episcopal church. For particulars, inquire at the Bodine home.

Howard King is home from Missouri where he has been playing ball this summer.

Bert Blakeslee, wife and son are home for a visit this summer. That boy of Bert's is quite a lad.

A lady from Quincy, Mich., who was visiting in this town a few weeks since, was much surprised to see our fine, new sidewalks, stained with tobacco spit. In her town there is an ordinance against it.

If Ellsworth Randall asks you to ride in his new Ellsworth automobile don't refuse him. He has separated it, dissected it limb from limb, piece from piece, and put it together again, and understands it from A to Z and has it tamed and under complete control. Ellsworth tried to get an agency and failed in this country with this coming vehicle.

Don't forget next Tuesday is the date of the union Sunday-school basket picnic at Bois Blanc Park.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Village to get four feet of fire-wood. Manager Starz was authorized to purchase 1000 feet of 2 1/2 inch diameter wood for the Village fire department at a cost of \$200.

The Board of directors of the Baldwin Public Library made an appeal to the citizens of Birmingham for a new heating plant for the library building.

General manager of Detroit Water department announced that the lakes were the eventual source of water for Birmingham. John Purvis, chief engineer of the pumping station stated that there had been much talk about the present pump, not being of large enough capacity to supply the present demand, but that nothing definite was known as to the amount of water that was being pumped, as he has been unable to see the Village to install a meter at the station. He believed, however, that a great deal more water was being pumped than was being used.

Mr. and Mrs. Stowe Baldwin moved this week to their new home on Dorchester road.

John Luscombe, Donald Mann, Maurice Draper and James Vhay will leave Saturday on their motor trip to Fair View on White Lake, White Hall, Mich., where they will remain until after Labor Day.

Seven persons paid fines in the justice court of Malcolm Hunt for traffic violations Saturday and Sunday. Most of the arrests were made by George Townsend, motorcycle patrolman.

Four were arraigned for reckless driving. Earl K. Akey, 4 Woodward court, Pleasant Edge, paid a fine of \$20. Jack Frost, 128 Woodward avenue, Detroit, paid a \$10 fine. H. Kaw, Y. M. C. A. building, Highland Park, paid a fine of \$15. John McWilliams, 15626 Inverness street, Detroit, paid a fine of \$10.

Those arrested for speeding were Felozo Venuto, 9133 Anthony street, Detroit, and Goodwin Cumberland, 210 Geneva avenue, Highland Park, who paid fines of \$10 and \$15, respectively.

Joseph Carroll, 75 Buena Vista avenue, Detroit, paid a \$5 fine for violating a traffic signal.

Mrs. Gladys M. Petch of Olato, Norway, has taught English to Norwegians for three years, over the radio. She is now making a tour of America, speaking at the principal broadcasting stations.

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