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Brisbane's Facts and Fancies

Arthur Brisbane, said to be the world's highest paid editorial writer (it is reported that Hearst pays him \$500,000.00 annually) possesses what might be referred to as the world's most bulging forehead.

Personally, we have a lot of respect for Mr. Brisbane's efforts—at least his good intentions: some of this stuff, however, will bear investigating research.

Our 1929 Valedictorian

Miss Winifred Quarten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Quarten of West Maple avenue, has been selected to be valedictorian of the 1929 graduating class of Baldwin high school.

All members of the 1929 graduating class of Baldwin high school cannot be the valedictorian; their consolation comes in knowing that high scholastic marks, fine as they may be, are not the most important essentials of an education.

Revolver Scratched Off

A Chicago policeman went into a telephone booth on a hot day; result, he began to scratch himself and accidentally shot off his revolver, doing some damage to his body.

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Too Much of the Clod

One of the most unfortunate things in connection with attempts to educate human beings is the lack of agreement upon the essentials of life; most people will quickly agree upon trifles, yet will fly to anger and even wage war when their minds clash upon basic things.

Tell Us of Bootlegging, Pastor

Rev. David Leon Woodward, pastor of the local Baptist Church, preached a sermon last Sunday in which he said that "bootlegging, hold-ups, gambling, robbery, cheating, and political corruption come largely as the result of people's desire for wealth without work."

Are These Charges True?

The institution of football in the American High School and University, despite the many laudations accorded it annually, is a brutal and dangerous game. But it pays well. In most schools, it carries the financial burden of all other organized athletics.

However, when football drops to the level of the contest last fall between the Baldwin High School team and the team representing the city high school at Mt. Clemens, it is high time to forget the short lived "glory," attached to such contests, and face the facts. And the facts, we understand, are that every Birmingham boy who goes into a game of football with a team which disregards the rules in an endeavor to win the game stands the chance of being injured for life.

So far as can be determined, the relationship between Baldwin High School team and that of Mt. Clemens is not all that can be desired. Yet the teams are scheduled to meet again next fall. Officials of the school explain that a two-year contract has been entered into by both parties and that cancellation of the contract, before next fall's game is played, is impossible.

Are contracts made with utter disregard for sportsmanship?

Is there anything in this contract to prevent rivalry tactics being used by the players?

Will the Baldwin High School players be sent against Mt. Clemens again next fall because of a contract, when, according to testimony of members of last year's team, concerning last fall's game, "it was the dirtiest game ever played?"

If the charges made by the players are true, then the Mt. Clemens game should be stricken from the Birmingham schedule immediately, just as it has been stricken from the schedules of other high schools in southern Michigan.

Are these charges true? We await the answer of the Baldwin High School authorities.

Setting an Example

No man or woman lives only to himself or herself—the human family is too closely intertwined to be isolated. Especially true is this in setting an example for others; most people are followers, and do what their betters are doing—that is why, in prohibition problems, the leaders of the country and public officials, especially those who occupy positions as enforcers and interpreters of law, will do well to maintain themselves above reproach when considering third queching liquids.

IF WOODWARD AVENUE in Birmingham, south of Lincoln avenue, is supposed to support the rubber heels of pedestrians, as well as the rubber circles on automobiles, then a traffic light ought to be hung somewhere between Lincoln avenue, and the 1/4 Mile fiscal, but very dangerous, for persons living between these two points to venture across the "world's greatest highway." Don't you think so, too, Chief Anderson?

THOUSANDS OF THIRTY Americans were saddled last Thursday when it became known that the opening of the new Ambassador Bridge between Detroit and the Border Cities is to be delayed a year on account of defects in the huge suspension cables.

FIGURED OUT YOUR SPRING "crops to be planted" yet? Honestly, isn't the cold winter worth putting up with just so you can dream about the flowers, vegetables, beautiful lawns and shrubs, that surround your home each summer? From now on, pray, tell, there can life be any better than in and near Birmingham?

How I Wish To Live

To awaken each morning with a smile brightening my face.

To greet the day with reverence for the opportunities it contains.

To approach my work with a clean mind.

To hold ever before me, even in the doing of my little things, the Ultimate Purpose toward which I am working.

To meet men and women with laughter on my lips and love in my heart.

To be gentle, kind and courteous through all the hours.

To approach the night with weariness that ever woe sleep and joy that comes from work well done.

This is how I desire to waste wisely my days. —Tom Drier.



WHO'S WHO AND TIMELY VIEWS

By MAJ. GEN. EDGAR JADWIN, Chief of Army Engineers. (Edgar Jadwin was born at Honesdale, Pa., Aug. 7, 1865. He studied at Lafayette college and was later graduated from the United States Military Academy and the School of Application, in engineering. He was promoted through the ranks to the office of chief engineer, with the title of major general, in 1926. He was stationed at the Panama canal during four years of the construction and served in France during the World war where he supervised engineering work, over 150,000 men. He has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.)

Present conditions on the Mississippi and its tributaries are not considered serious and the danger of a flood comparable to that of 1927 has passed unless unforeseen heavy rains occur.

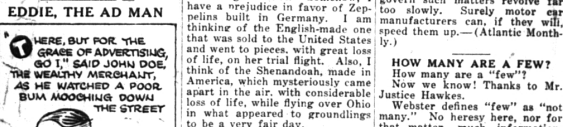
Army engineers, however, are watching the Mississippi river very closely, particularly at the lower end of the river as the crest of the flood approaches the Arkansas river. Thus far no damage has been suffered by the government at points along the Mississippi, the building of which was made necessary after the 1927 flood.

As to the Mississippi flood-protection plans the Cairo floodway project is one of the most necessary of the entire program. By the construction of these levees the Mississippi would be enabled to overflow into an emergency channel several miles wide. Its present channel is only two miles in width. Under the plans the present levee at Cairo would be lowered and the area between it and the new high back levees would provide the floodway.

Army engineers are cooperating in every way possible to safeguard the levees along the river and its tributaries. General instructions have been issued from engineers headquarters in Washington, to army engineers in the field to repair the damaged levees, regardless of whether or not they are governmentally owned. The thirds of the cost of repair work of this nature is borne by the government, under the flood legislation passed by congress. In addition to the commissioned engineering officers, enlisted men of the army corps are stationed at strategic points along the river to assist in the protective work.

EDDIE, THE AD MAN

LOOK HERE, BUT FOR THE GRAVE OF ADVERTISING, GO! I SAID JOHN DOE, THE WEALTHY MERCHANT, WHO WAS ALLEGEDLY A POOR, BUM MOOCHING DOWN THE STREET.



The Germans are the pioneers in Zeppelin building, and of course, know more about the work than any other people. But we must learn, and I hope they are making a good start in Akron. The lighter-than-air ships will play a great part in navigation soon, if construction is careful and honest during the next few years.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—J. B. Howarth, Birmingham realtor, although there has been considerable added interest shown in Birmingham real estate since the Grand Truck announcement, there are many more persons who are waiting here as soon as work is under way on the rapid transit. There —

How many are a few? Webster defines "few" as "not many, but a few." Thanks to Mr. Justice Hawkes.

But now comes Mr. Justice Hawkes of the King's Bench Division. He was presiding during the taking of evidence recently when one of the London barristers was called from the room. A messenger soon popped into the room with word that the gentleman would return in a few minutes.

Why should we not, like the mariner, stop to get our bearings? Otherwise we cannot plan our course with calmness, decision and wisdom. A few minutes each day devoted to a calm review profits us while useless reveries waste our time and weaken our resolves.

It is natural that we should appreciate the kind words said to me lately by those who have served. We shall continue to serve the good-all of the public.

G. DEWEY KIMBALL, FUNERAL DIRECTOR, 403 N. WOODWARD AVE. PHONE 919. Ambulance Service.

Outselling in South Cranbrook

Over in South Cranbrook, the beautiful residential community centered around the Cranbrook School and Christ Church, it has been the privilege to sell for the owners, the Book Investment Company, the majority of the improved estates in this highly restricted development.

We still have a few choice sites for sale and several beautiful residences in the most desirable parts of Bloomfield Hills and Birmingham village.



Colgrove Buck & Tillotson REALTORS

That one is one, and two make a couple we can add the fact that from three to seven are a few. But, Mr. Justice, when does "many" end and become a large "many"? And what is the extent between "few" and "many" known as "several"?

Dinner Stories

Up On The News Farmer Jenkins made his way into the village postoffice, that also was the general store.

"Anything for me?" he inquired of the postmaster. The other looked over a few parcels and letters, but found nothing.

"Don't see nothing," he said. "Did you expect something?" "Yes," answered the farmer. "I was expecting a card from Aunt Jenny, tellin' me when she's comin'."

"Hannah," called the postmaster to his wife, "send a card from Mr. Jenkins' Aunt Jenny?" "Yes," came the prompt answer.

THE WORLD and All

IN THE AIR Airplane manufacture increased one hundred and forty per cent last year, as compared with the previous year.

I predict that this year's increase over last year will be at least 160 per cent. It would be much larger if factory facilities could be increased fast enough.

But it takes a little time to put up the factory buildings and install the machinery. Also, financing is an encouraging process.

Wall street banking houses are taking over this young industry consolidation and financing.

The Graf Zeppelin will make two or three trips to the United States this year, carrying passengers and freight. These great long experience gathering expeditions.

The Zeppelin builders do not consider the Graf Zeppelin in the word in airships. In fact, her commander said, when he returned from his first trip in her to this country, that she wouldn't do for regular transatlantic business.

But probably she won't. Bigger Zeppelins will be built. The United States will build two of them at Akron. I hope they will be good ones. Somehow, I think of the English-made one that was sold to the United States and went to Germany.

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"We'll have many a fine that," asked the judge.

I don't think it will be more than twenty. "Twenty is more than a few," decreed the judge. And then came the verdict: "I have seven minutes of the end of a few!"

Now to our certain knowledge.

Friendly Thoughts by G. Dewey Kimball



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