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Village Police Chiefs

Orta J. Tuttle, who soon will be active head of the Birmingham police department, has the opportunity of making a fine name for himself.

Police work does not make for popularity, as a general rule. This could be especially true in the case of Birmingham where a police chief knows practically everyone.

Next Monday is Labor Day. In recent years it has become one of the most important of all holidays.

The lawyer labors. He does not do manual labor, but he taxes his resources and capacities to the limit in the practice of his profession.

The farmer labors diligently. The women at home who are at the head of a household and are engaged in the responsibility of caring for the family.

The dating of a woman this week near Grose Pointe who kept seven federal agents from searching her home may or may not be a credit to the trait called "brains."

It is pleasant to hear Manager Parry is working on a plan to speed up and at the same time make safer Woodward avenue traffic.

Chemists have just concocted a new kind of non-intoxicating alcohol called "isopropl." It would require a state of intoxication to pronounce the word, seems to us.

An expert asserts that one may become intoxicated on water. Outside the 12-mile limit?

Sentenced to kiss his wife or go to jail, a Brookline man spotted a good story by kissing the wife.

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Tragedy

The tragedy of the airplane crash and subsequent automobile collision which claimed three lives and injured many others, Birmingham Sunday still is poignant to those who have followed the newspapers.

It is a very high price to pay for a lesson to others who may be in the same predicament, some day, as J. W. Weber, driver of the death car, has paid.

And it all came about through his willingness to be of help. Driving past the scene of the plane accident, he thought only of getting the injured to a hospital. Traffic was heavy. He was nervous from what he had just witnessed and he threw caution to the winds and sped in and out of the lines of cars, depending on his horn and brakes for safety.

Had he awaited the arrival of an ambulance or had he driven carefully in the emergency, the lives of many persons would be brighter today.

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For most villagers, it is a long cry back to the days of potato salad and pickles, eaten under a shade tree while the ants looked on enviously as only ants can look. And for most villagers it will seem a lot more pleasant next Friday than it did during their working days when every day was a holiday.

Don't make any appointments for Friday—and come on along.

Resourceful

There seems no end to the resourcefulness of the Americans—at least when finances are involved.

George Peet, of Allegan, Mich., was buried for more than 50 hours under 17 feet of earth, and stone in a well he was digging near his home.

Rescued, there remained the expenses during recovery. It was observed by some genius that a great crowd of professional papers came from miles around to see the man's plight while he was in his well jail.

Some day the same plan will be adopted at funerals in Royal Oak last week services were held for a man, his wife and four children, all of whom died at his hands. It was a very warm day but the church was packed and hundreds more persons—mostly women—lined the sidewalks.

Charging their admission might have furnished the funeral expenses.

All we are trying to say is—the principals in the funeral were not Americans. And that may be the difference in the two stories.

Christianity And The Soldier

A clear example of modern civilization's inability to measure up to the demands of Christian churches, which flourish so heartily in this civilization (does this bring any within the borders of hypocrisy?) is seen in the case of Prof. Douglas C. Macintosh, of the Yale Divinity School, who has refused to sign citizenship papers because the learned divine refused to pledge himself to the welfare of the United States, unless he felt the case to be just.

Read what Prof. Macintosh says in his defense: "On this matter of bearing arms, there are just three stands you can take. One is out-and-out pacifism. One is the stand I have taken, that I will fight if I believe it is for the welfare of mankind. The third is that you will bear arms in any war, the position Judge Burrows holds in regard to citizenship. I believe the first two are the only ones possible for a Christian."

"Christian ethics, as I view them, make it a man's duty to act for the welfare of all mankind, including his own nation. A man's first duty is toward his family, but not against the welfare of his nation. A man's duty is to his nation, but not against the welfare of all mankind."

"Another great war would be such an irreparable calamity for the world that I can not pledge myself in advance to support it. I am not a pacifist. If the welfare of the world were threatened, I would fight for it."

Opinion through the country over Federal Judge Burrows' decision against Prof. Macintosh varies with the majority supporting the Judge. The Kansas City sums up one side of the case with:

The readiness of Professor Macintosh to take up arms in a great cause is hardly the issue for himself in each case, there is established the principle by which each person selects the laws he will obey and those he will ignore. With that principle at work there soon would be no country for anybody to defend.

It would seem, would it not, in a world so physically evaluated by its inhabitants that the Christian came none to soon to set in motion a system of pacifism that, will, some day, free the world a bit from its shackles. In the meantime, of course, Prof. Macintosh and his kindred fellows must pay the popular price for their spiritual and philosophical attainments.

So why not start a movement to substitute a more powerful sounding noun in that fine religious hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers?"

In olden days when girls, so trim, Went to the water for a swim, They dressed like Mother Hubbard; But now the janes, who go to the beach, They wander, looking like a peach, Dress more like her bare cupboard.

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Friendly Thoughts By G. Dewey Kimball. Youth is the beautiful gateway to infinite possibilities. It is a roadbed with eager little heart ready to unfold itself to the world. It is the golden age of expectancy. May we help to banish some of the disillusionment and disappointment that lie in wait. The public is fair to those who are fair to it. The public has confidence in those who do not abuse its confidence. G. DEWEY KIMBALL, FUNERAL DIRECTOR, Ambulance Service, 408 N. WOODWARD AVE., PHONE 850.

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