

Some may say that the world is getting worse; they are like those who spend their days in the city's sewers, where everything is dark and damp. The sunshine never becomes dark.

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## THUGS ENTER MUSIC STORE

Fingerprints Of Burglars Obtained By Police; No Valuables Taken

Fingerprints of burglars who entered the Grinnell Music store at 120 south Woodward avenue Sunday night are in possession of police today.

The thugs gained entrance by removing hinges from the rear door. Although they apparently had time to ransack the store, nothing was taken according to the report to police.

Only a small amount of money was in the store but musical instruments of considerable value were available.

Discovery of the burglary was made by Patrolman Harry Johnson and the prints were obtained by Joseph McGregor, head of the identification department.

## HOME PERILED BY FIRE IN BASEMENT

The home of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. McKay, of 207 Ravine road, was periled by fire Monday afternoon when fire broke out in the basement. Birmingham firemen put out the blaze with chemicals. A slight damage from smoke was reported.

## LEADING A DOG'S LIFE ISN'T BAD, HOUNDS IN HILLS KENNELS SEEM TO AGREE

Out in Bloomfield Hills they lead a dog's life—that is, the dogs in the Baumbach Kennels, owned by William J. Baumbach. And they don't seem to mind it at all.

For the most part it is a routine life with its hours of work and play but when show time comes around the dogs go through training in walking and posing that would shame many a Fifth avenue model.

"Half of winning a prize at a show is in the way the dog stands. He must be trained," Mr. Baumbach said. The dogs are made to pose on a table beside a life size model of a perfect English bulldog. They are trained to stand motionless awaiting a signal from their master before relaxing.

Approximately 30 dogs are kept at these kennels. Among them is "Hefty's Best," for the fourth year international champion English bulldog.

Dogs are a hobby with Mr. Baumbach, especially English bulldogs. "They are the best dog a person could have," he said, "and the best dog for a child's playmate."

For 10 years he has kept kennels. "I always liked dogs," he said. Now and then I would buy

some dog I wanted. Finally people began coming to my home to ask me if I knew where they could buy them. That is how I started selling dogs."

Mr. Baumbach feeds and trains his dogs scientifically. The dogs are given a chunk of eye baste in the morning and the puppies are given bread and milk. At noon they have raw meat and at night soup. A regular vegetable stew is made with vegetables and scraps of meat and bone. Between 100 and 150 pounds of meat are used each day at the kennels.

"Meat will not make dogs vicious; it is their natural food," he said. "A dog could be raised on rolled oats however. This alone would take the place of meat."

Kindness goes much farther in the training of dogs than harsh methods, in the opinion of Mr. Baumbach. "A great deal can be done with a dog merely by the tone of voice commanded," he said. "Whipping is the poorest possible way to get them to learn. It seems to break their spirit. I certainly do not recommend it."

The dogs are housed in long kennels which are partitioned off into pens. Every day they are let out in runs for exercise and in the summer they are out practically all day.

Braunbrae dogs have won many prizes in shows all over the country. They will again be entered in Detroit Kennel club show which is scheduled for March 8, 9, and 10.

Mr. Baumbach has been secretary of the Detroit Kennel club for the past four years.

## TWO DISORDERLIES GIVE SAME NAMES

Robert Shields are the names two men gave to Justice Malcolm Hunt when arraigned in his court Monday on charge of drunken and disorderly conduct.

One Shields gave his home as Indiana while the other resides at 604 Floyd street, Birmingham.

The latter Shields was entertaining four friends at his home when neighbors complained of disturbance. Patrolman George Townsend arrested the men on disorderly charges.

They gave their names as Floyd Guthrie, Powell Copridge, both of Canton, Ind., and Edward Fraser of Terre Haute, Ind. They paid fines of \$30 each Monday in Justice Floyd Buck's court. They were given an alternative of 15 days in jail.

The Eccentric's telephone numbers are 11 and 12. Use them for telephoning us your news.

## Glimpses

at and about BIRMINGHAM

By RAYMOND GIRARDIN

IN THE MIST OF ONE OF THOSE "WRITE AND THROW AWAY" moods and here comes another bill from a charitable organization asking if I can't let them have a check for the amount I pledged.

Out of the recent deluge of these bills, I find I did not subscribe to any of the very worthy causes. One reason I did not subscribe is that I was not solicited.

It seems that a thoroughly charitable fellow has selected my name under which to make his pledges.

There is, for instance, the Chene Street Apostolic Door of Hope Mission. He signed up with them for \$10 of mine. They are becoming rather insulting; think the thing should be paid up.

I suppose when I walk the Golden Shore I shall find this altruist seated firmly in my ivory chair among the other benevolents. Meanwhile Lazarus is trying his best to laugh it off.

A MAN WHO IS VERY IMPORTANT TO HIMSELF, AND TO others who share part of this planet with him, told me he devotes a certain portion of his every day to the solitude of his study so he may think.

Yet in all the years he has been doing this, so far as I know, these daily periods of contemplation have failed to bring forth one intelligent notion. I found him so middle class in his ideas that I wondered whether, after all, he did not devote that time behind locked doors, to a nap. If he remains awake he is wasting a great deal of time. Instead of "thinking," as he claims, he is merely remembering.

The two processes are often confused. If so happens the things he can remember, after adopting the soulful and painful expression, amount to the profundities of mental barrenness in the past who have gained, heaven knows how or why, the reputation of brilliance. What with the difficulty the village has keeping its streets clear of snow and ice, it is a shame this fellow can do something a little more helpful. And with all the shovels that are available, too.

## BORAH AND HOOVER SOON APT TO CLASH

By CHARLES P. STEWART

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Washington.—William E. Borah appears to be a senator who created an imaginary president in his own image, elected Herbert Hoover to the job of coming up to every last one of his own visionary specifications, and means to raise the very dickens with him if he falls short of them in the least particular.

Politicians are inclined to wonder if Mr. Hoover can do it.

They even wonder if he will wish to. Washington's impression is that Mr. Hoover has a few presidential ideas of his own, which may differ considerably from Senator Borah's.

How long will it be before the president-to-be and the Idaho senator go to the mat over some of these divergences of opinion?

It would not be hard to get bets on this question, from sporty members of congress.

Senator Borah assumed the functions of congressional leader for the Hoover administration without waiting for the Hoover administration to come into existence.

In fact, he did not even wait for Mr. Hoover to be elected.

He was already making Hoover, pledges while the campaign was still pending. Some of them, it was since appeared, were perhaps rather embarrassing to Mr. Hoover.

They were not very easy to repudiate while the fight was on, and votes hung in the balance. It may be different now, with the rumpus over and everything settled.

The truth is that Senator Borah, as a political friend, is a nuisance.

His judgment is mighty good insofar as concerns his own (Senator Borah's) interests. What's good for him, however, not at all ways so good for others.

If the Idaho solon has a fault as a political standby, it lies in the fact that he doesn't care a hoot

**BILL BOOSTER SAYS:**

WHEN YOU GO HOME AT NIGHT AND FIND THAT MOTHER HASN'T COME HOME FROM CLUB DON'T HOWL LIKE A HUNGRY WOLF. YOU'RE DOWN TOWN ALL DAY, THE CHILDREN ARE AT SCHOOL AND IF MOTHER IS TO KEEP UP TO YOU MENTALLY SHE MUST GET OUT AND ABSORB SOME NEW IDEAS TOO



for the welfare of anybody but William E. Borah.

The Hoover administration will be a tremendous success, from Bill's standpoint, if it's run for the benefit of Bill Borah.

If not, as he sees it, it will be a terrible fizzle.

Can President (to be) Hoover be blamed if he has a fanciful running his administration as seems best to him, rather than as seems best to Senator Borah?

If he runs it to suit Bill, Bill will take all the credit for it anyway.

If he runs it otherwise, Bill will yowl, but who cares?—if the results are satisfactory—not to Bill, of course—but to the rest of the country.

Senator Borah's strategy has been pretty slick hitherto. He has been half conservative, half liberal.

The conservatives have all the time been trying to win him. Likewise the progressives.

Now he's out and out a conservative. Instead of being glad if it, conservatives who have been conservative all the while are jealous of him. On the other side, the progressives have given up all hope of him.

Bill would like to be a group unto himself.

Yet he has only one vote. The balance of him is purely conversational. The senate produces a surplus of conversation already.

## CRIME HERE LOW DURING MONTH

Reports of Justice Floyd S. Buck for court cases in Birmingham during January show one of the slowest months on record.

Ten cases were tried, eight of these being charged with drunken and disorderly conduct. Fines amounting to \$110 were paid by these and two persons charged with drunkenness served 15 day jail sentences.

Two speeding cases are recorded, bringing the total for the month to a total of \$145.

Disorderlies still top the list of offenders in Bloomfield Hills village for January, with eight persons arrested on that charge, paying fines totaling \$222, according to the monthly reports of Justice Floyd S. Buck out today.

Fifteen persons were arrested in the Hills during January with fines amounting to \$336, reports show.

Four persons were arrested for violation of traffic signals and three on reckless driving charges.

Only six state cases are reported for January in the court of Justice Floyd S. Buck with \$109 collected in fines. Three persons paid fines for violation of the game law, one person was arraigned for reckless driving and one for forgery. One case of desertion and non-support was bound over to Circuit Court, Pontiac.

Injection of certain chemicals into living animals with a hypodermic needle is said to improve the flavor of the meat.

In the Sandwich Islands the people go into mourning by knocking out their front teeth and staining the lower part of their faces black.

## GOOD TASTE

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