Already the days are growing shorter, the longest having been on June 21. Soon we'll be slipping into late summer, then fall, and then winter. Do we make the most of each day of each season, and really live?

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Hucksters Barred From Main Roads

Township Legislates Against Vendors On Woodward, Square Lake, Telegraph

The Bloomfield Township Board at a meeting Monday afternoon adopted a resolution to prohibit roadside hucksters from selling their wares within the highway limits of Woodward avenue, Square Lake and Telegraph roads.

The resolution was passed after Richard H. Harrack, proprietor of a gas station at Woodward avenue and Quarton road, had appeared before the Board to enter an objection against roadside stands near his place of business. He claimed they were a nuisance and a traffic hazard.

The Board had previously made a study of the problem, and the resolution was adopted on the advise of Floyd Blakeslee, township attorney, who said in his opinion the state laws gave the Board power only to designate roads in the township where vendors could not operate.

An ordinance making it prohibitive for hucksters to sell their wares on any highway could be adopted only at a meeting of the entire township, he said.

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REPLIES MADE BY ATHERTON

Author Of Business Revival Plan Answers Readers' Queries

(The author of the following communication is Lawrence D. Atherton, 444 Baldwin avenue, who recently completed a plan for relieving economic distress. The plan itself was published in The Eccentric in the issues from May 26 to June 9. In last week's issue several questions pertaining to the plan were addressed to Mr. Atherton. The communication below contains Mr. Atherton's answers to these questions).

To the Editor:

The letters addressed to The Eccentric concerning my plan for economic recovery have been greatly appreciated. Appended below are brief replies to the several questions propounded by these correspondents. To conserve space, the term Special Merchandise Currency has been abbreviated to "S. M. C."

Question: "Suppose the wage earner sees fit to hoard his S. M. C. until, for example he has enough for a down payment on a car. How will this help recovery?"

Answer: In such cases the "promptness" of recovery would not be helped. However, a motor car is about the only article of merchandise the purchase of which might cause such a circumstance. It is the American custom, whenever possible, to use and enjoy an article while paying for it, and most articles require but a small initial payment. Should there prove to be many such cases, alert merchants (including motor car dealers) could reduce them to a minimum by offering special inducements, such as paying interest on S. M. C. deposited with them against future delivery of merchandise.

Question: "In the case of a general store, who (outside of the customer and storekeeper) could know whether merchandise from Group A or Group B was purchased with S. M. C.?"

Answer: Inasmuch as illegal use would constitute a serious federal offense for both buyer and seller, it would be too risky to attempt except in one-man stores and by comparatively few individuals. Furthermore, in most cases "the game would not be worth the candle." Many evasions are to be expected, but simply could not be so widespread and general as to render the plan barren of results.

It should be noted that even total failure of this plan would leave conditions no worse than before. Advocates of huge bond issues might weigh this phase of the question.

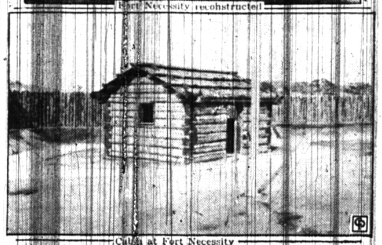
Question: "Would the plan be constitutional?"

Answer: As has been suggested

Local Interest Centers On Dedication of Famous Fort

Birmingham Men Evolve Landscaping Program For Reconstructed Pennsylvania Site Where Washington Fought First Battle

Fort Necessity (reconstructed)



Cabin at Fort Necessity

More than customary interest and importance attached to the dedication next Sunday and Monday of reconstructed Fort Necessity, 12 miles from Uniontown, Pa., where George Washington, then an Army captain, fought his first battle with the French 178 years ago.

For three Birmingham men have been intimately connected with plans for the reconstruction project. One is C. DeForest Platt, of 156 Worth street, landscape architect, who drew the design for the elaborate landscaping program involving an expenditure of thousands of dollars, planned for the Fort site. The others are C. C. and Sir C. Robinson, of the landscaping firm of Robinson Brothers, who will carry out the program according to Mr. Platt's design.

Termed "the fountain-head of American Independence," Fort Necessity is Pennsylvania's official contribution to the national Washington Bicentennial celebration. Through action of the Pennsylvania Assembly, the state purchased the site for $25,000 and takes title to the property as a state park.

Reconstruction Complete

Actual work of reconstruction, with cabins and stockades re-built to make the Fort an exact replica of the place where Washington fought his inconclusive first battle with the French in 1754, has already been completed.

A striking touch of color has been added as officers of the U. S. Army tread about the fortification studying original maps and looking through the firing apertures of the stockade as the young Captain Washington did.

Congress has authorized erection of a memorial monument at the site. It will be placed and dedicated in 1933 when it is planned to have the President of the United States in attendance.

Memorial Garden Planned

The principal features of Mr. Platt's landscape design for the site include the planting of more than 700 flowering cherry trees of 10 different varieties against a background of between 6,000 and 7,000 pines in groups; and a memorial garden with a gigantic reflecting basin to provide a setting for the monument. Copies of the plans were reproduced and described in a recent issue of the quarterly, "Landscape Architecture."

Mr. Platt was aided considerably in the design by experience he had gained in 1926 while working on plans for the George Washington Masonic memorial erected at Alexandria, Va. Mr. Platt at that time was associated with Olmsted Brothers, landscape architects in Boston.

The dedicatory program for the reconstructed Fort Necessity, to be held Sunday and Monday, will be the only Washington Bicentennial celebration dealing directly with Washington's military career.

Great Britian will be officially represented at the dedicatory by Col. Fitzmaurice Day, military attaché of the British Embassy at Washington, especially designated to attend by Ambassador Ronald Lindsay. France and Canada also are expected to send official representatives.

States Represented

Gov. John Pollard, of Virginia, has designated Col. William H. Smith as the official representative of the Old Dominion. North Carolina, Maryland and others of the original colonies, are also expected to be officially represented.

Speakers definitely announced for the dedicatory ceremonies include Colonel Day, General Douglas MacArthur, chief of staff, United States Army; Col. Paul Malone, commander of the Third corps area, U. S. A.; Dr. Albert Bushnell Hart, historian of the Washington Bicentennial Commission; Adjutant General Davis, of the State of Pennsylvania; Col. Edward Spafford, past commander and officially representing the American Legion; Hanford MacNider, United States minister to Canada; Mrs. Anthony Wayne Cook, past president of the Daughters of the American Revolution and John S. Fisher, former governor of Pennsylvania.

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BISSETT TAKES ROTARY HELM

New Club President Installed; Boutwell, Howarth Are Honored

Harry Bissett, new president of the Birmingham Rotary Club, was inducted into office Monday noon at the Community House, succeeding George B. Boutwell, who has headed the club for the past year.

President Bissett, following a few words of appreciation for the honor bestowed upon him, presented Mr. Boutwell with a diamond Rotary lapel button. Mr. Boutwell responded with a few well chosen remarks, including his thanks to the various club committees and officers for their unstinted support during his term of office.

As a mark of appreciation for his loyal service as secretary, J. B. Howarth was presented with a desk set.

The club, during the past 12 months, engaged in many community affairs, staged several programs for boys, brought numerous foreign speakers here in the interests of international good will and peace, and raised $700 for the work of crippled children in the county.

New club committees appointed by president Bissett for the ensuing year are:

Aims and objects, Harry Bissett, Daniel Swartz, Charles James, J. B. Howarth, and Clarence Vliet.

Vocational service, Charles James; crippled children, Dr. Harold Roehm and David Ladd; international service, Clarence Vliet and Charles J. Shain; reception, George B. Boutwell; community service, John Maynard; club service and program, Daniel Swartz; classification and membership, Victor Peck, Mark Hardin, and Joseph Torrence; Rotary education, J. B. Howarth and F. Morse Cooke; sports, Louis Hascall; finance, Harry Bissett, Charles Randall, and J. B. Howarth; luncheon fees, James V. Bayley.

Club and public information, Ralph I. Coryell, John McKee, and George R. Averill; music, Victor Peck and Louis Hascall; sergeant-at-arms, S. O. Wylie Bell and Elmer C. Huston.

1ST NATIONAL BANK DECLARES DIVIDEND

The First National Bank of Birmingham has declared its regular quarterly dividend of 40 cents per share, payable July 1 to stock of record June 25, it was announced this week by bank officials.

HILLS POLICE CHIEF IS BACK ON DUTY

Chief of Police William Putnam of Bloomfield Hills was back on duty today, having returned Monday after recovering from a slight relapse suffered last week from the effects of two recent operations.

BIRMINGHAM STUDENT HONORED AT BRADFORD

Miss Barbara G. Spalding, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edward B. Spalding, 555 West Maple avenue, has been elected vice-president of the senior class in the Preparatory School of Bradford Academy at Bradford, Mass., it was learned here this week.

Miss Spalding was president of the junior class at the school during the year just ended, and played on the hockey and tennis teams. Upon completing her course at Bradford, she plans to enter Wellesley College.

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