

BACK FENCING

By A MAN ABOUT TOWN

A lot of folks over on the west side of town were "a sitting in the dark" the other night as the result of the storm which passed over the city. A large section of the town was cut off from the modern way of living when the Detroit Edison Company's lines were thrown out of order. Some resorted to candle light, and others whom we have tried to, waited in the dark and then decided to harken back to the olden days—and were in bed before ten.

We seem to take things for granted these days such an extent that we do not realize the importance of some of the conveniences, which are now considered necessities, which are all about us. We heard about an interesting incident which occurred when the power went off at the mental farm, located out on the 10 1/2 mile road. Their power was shut off, and the lions part of it was, they had in the neighborhood of 10,000 baby chicks in incubators which are operated by electricity. The lives of the baby chicks depended on the prompt action on the part of the service crews of the power company. Many of their milk experiments were also in a precarious state due to the fact that electricity is used by a great deal of the apparatus. We are glad to report that the chicks were saved.

"And The Merry Go Round Went Round" . . . Ja hear about it? No it didn't break down, a number of the city office crew attended the State Fair the other night, City Manager Doug's slighted about a dime ride and remarked, "Pretty good ride, but it isn't worth a dime." Irene Hanley who seems to have been the fair one who went round and round with the manager, overheard the remark and resented it. It seems that Irene thought that it should be worth a dime, anytime, to ride with her on the Merry Go Round. Perhaps the "dern thing" should have "broke down," as we have been hearing so much about on our radios.

We told you folks last week that we would pass on some of the PET Peeves of some of our townspeople this week—and a bargain is a bargain—BUT—most of those interviewed were a bit hesitant about telling (for print) just what the things are that burn them up. We heard a lot of them—but they were "off the record." Here's a few though, from folks who responded very graciously:

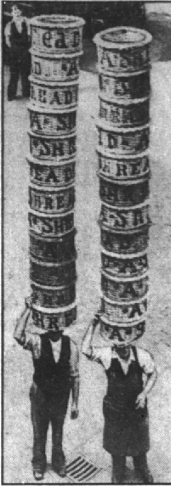
Ethel Bassett, Birmingham's only woman pharmacist—"These birds who drive along super-highways and poke along out of line of traffic, astride of the traffic lane markers just burn me up. Some day I am going to get me a nice big truck and push a few of them over where they belong."

Al LaBelle, the genial gift store man—"I get burned up at these highway commissioners around the State of Michigan who utterly disregard the rag-weed which grows along the highways. Michigan invites suffers from hay-fever and kindred afflictions to enjoy the relief that our state affords, and then let them down by failing to remove the evil from the highways over which they must travel."

Charlie Buck, the customer man at the Edison Co.—"I wouldn't dare say—but some of the unanswerable questions some people can ask!"

Ben Holfus, manager and relief clerk at Kroger's—"Right now it is the local street department. They come along and tear up our street, which was all nicely oiled and hardened, just to repair a few

Where Headwork Really Counts



A first prize of 20 pounds is nothing to be sneezed at, so the two porters above practiced diligently for the All-England half-bushel basket carrying championship staged annually by the Borough Market Athletic Association in London. The prize usually is presented by Charlie Chaplin. Each entrant must carry at least 12 baskets on his head.

The BOOK SHELF

Late Book Reviews and Literary Criticism
by Doris Flint

"PLANNING FOR COLLEGE"—Max McCann
(Frederick A. Stokes Co.—\$2.00)
If you are a youngster contemplating going to college or a parent worrying about whether or not the off-spring is worth it you can get the lowdown from the book written by the Dean of Lehigh College whose long practical experience and human understanding makes his advice worthwhile.

Mr. McCann says there are three tests which a high school student or his parents may use to decide whether or not the boy or girl has the necessary capacities in order to profit by going to college. They are:
1. A fairly high degree of bookish aptitude.
2. An awakened intellectual interest in something.
3. A fairly high degree of self-mastery or capacity for self-direction.

To test his bookish aptitude there is no better approach than the psychological or mental test. Dean McCann believes that it is not worthwhile to send a student to college whose intelligence quotient is less than 120. Another way to judge is the way in which he compares with his group in his class room standings. If he is in the upper third in his class in a reasonably good secondary school he will no doubt be successful in his college studies.

The second point—the necessity for an intellectual interest in something—is much more important than you might suspect. Unless the student has definitely enjoyed some particular subject in high school which can be pursued in college there really isn't much use in sending him—at least not yet, thinks Mr. McCann.

The third major criterion has to do with moral responsibility rather than intellectual capacity and the

Beauty Unadorned.—"Have you seen Nora's new evening frock?"
"No—What does it look like?"
"Well, in many places it's very like Nora."

Deliberate Soub.—Jones—Good morning, my dear friend. Yesterday I met your wife, but she didn't see me.
Smith—Yes, that's what she told me.

Southwest Corner Attorney—Where was the defendant milking the cow?
Witness—It's hard to describe, judge, but if you'll bring in a cow I'll show you the exact place.

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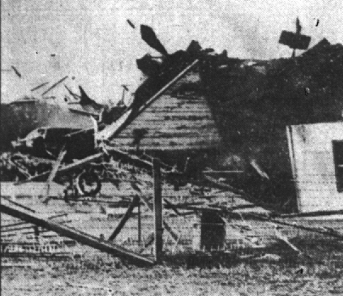
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