BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

Jane Gawne, charming wife of Samuel E. Gawne, 717 Glenhurst, appeared before the City Commission to protest the collection of garbage at her residence. A native of the South, Mrs. Gawne told the Commission: "It's just awful! I can't open the windows on that side of the house and I just wish you all would come and see it for yourselves!"

In his most gallant manner, Mayor Martz replied that the Commission no doubt would like to visit the Gawnes but not to see a garbage can.

(On July 1, the new low bidder took over the garbage service and several complaints have been received. Manager Egbert related. "Some are to be expected when a change-over is made," he said.

Commissioner Bill Moody and Mrs. Moody returned from Janesville, Wis., Monday, just in time for Bill to take his place at the Commission meeting. They had spent the Fourth of July week-end visiting their daughter, Mrs. A. W. Lane.

Luther Heacock and his wife have returned from a vacation spent at their cottage at Otsego Lake. "Haven't missed it in 18 years," Lu declared. Fishing picked up around the Fourth of July. Incidentally, Lu lays considerable store by fishing calendars; says his calendar forecast the good fishing which started the Fourth.

Robert Allen, 370 Townsend, model airplane fan, sometimes pays dearly for his hobby. Just now he is severely afflicted with poison ivy, received when chasing a plane. His mother told us that this happens about once a year.

Harold Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Jones, and Kenneth Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley M. Brown, are attending the annual high school band clinic at the University of Michigan, for a period of three weeks. Both boys are accomplished musicians.

Charles Wilson, Prosecuting Attorney, explained this week why he did not authorize a warrant in the case of the three local boys who rode about in a car one night recently, simulating holdup men. "The gas station man told me he thought it was a prank and he would not sign a complaint, so there was nothing else to do but dismiss the case," he said.

At the annual Birmingham school district meeting Monday night a motion was made to have the school officials investigate the cost of operating the Barnum pool throughout the entire year, instead of just during the summer months. School board officials agreed to seek the cooperation of the city government, together with other civic organizations, in solving the matter. A report probably will be released on the subject within the next 60 days.

Do you know that student population figures for Birmingham, as well as many other portions of the United States, show a decrease? Birmingham's schools today are capable of absorbing approximately 1,000 more students. This past year, ending in June, revealed a student population of 2612; the year previous was 2639. This means that Birmingham will not have to bond itself for future school expansion for an indefinite period into the future.

"Birmingham Rotarians Monday noon heard two of their members, George W. Mullin, of Madison avenue, and Clarence W. Kraft, of Oakland avenue, as each gave a brief narration of his personal history.

The Cranbrook Academy of Art was recently called on by a Grand Rapids furniture factory to help design a new type of furniture suitable to times of this day and age. Eliel Saarinen, head of the Academy, is quoted by a Detroit newspaper writer as being opposed to calling his work "modern" because that suggests a style; rather, he prefers "contemporary." The only vital art is that which grows out of conditions and soil of its own time and place, Saarinen holds.

Mrs. Frederick A. Protheroe, 867 Hanna street, no doubt has poetic blood in her veins. At least, a bit of verse her brother recently pened does the family credit.

Give Me A Cause

Give me a Cause that has Truth
for its name,
A Cause that is just and is right,
And I will conquer the world
with a flame
Which no nation can down with its
might.

Give me a cause when the faith of
the world
Has been trampled and dragged
in the mire,
Then my legions will rise up with
flags unfurled,
And cleanse the world with their
fire.

Give me a cause, I would test the
powers
Of greed and oppression and sin,
My troops may fall in the early
hours
But my cause, in the end, will
win.

The author, W. H. Pollard, lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Municipal Building note: "Who owes whom an ice cream cone."

Sgt. Service and Patrolman Appell have a new job, namely, rescuing cats from cisterns. That good turn was performed at 247 Merrill street, Tuesday.

Hold Everything, Readers!

They're off!! Off to the unexplored wilds of northern Michigan where the deer and the antelope play, where the azure rivers froth between lofty walls of virgin forest, where every prospect pleases and only man is vile, where God seems just above the treetops and men are men, where the trout (three feet long, every one of them) are so hungry that a bait has no more chance than a taxpayer, and where the mosquitoes are as big as sparrows and hungry as wolves, and where the sand fleas and midges and poison ivy and sumac lurk behind every bush, waiting for hapless campers. Honestly, they say that the mosquitoes are so tough that you need an axe to kill one of them. Imagine absently-mindedly hacking at a mosquito on the back of your neck!

In case you're wondering about now just who is off to this paradise on earth, it is good old troop B-1, headed by Scoutmaster Fred Zoellin. With him are Ernest H. Fletcher as assistant and guide; Mr. Fletcher's two sons, Fred and Tom Zoellin, Bill O'Donnell, Charley Martz, Ted Mansfield, Charley Stanley, Bill Sutton, Bob Williams, Fletcher Plant, Mike Carney, Don Flynn, Dave Cole, Clayton Gordon and Mr. Richard D. Young. This imposing array of young men is now in the midst of the canoe trip we told you about a couple of columns ago. It started last Saturday morning, about the time that this columnist should have been getting his much-needed beauty sleep, and will return to Birmingham sometime next Sunday. A caravan of fathers took them to where the trip started, and another caravan of troop committeemen headed by Chairman Ed Minks will pick them up at Cheboygan, after the Scouts and dads have made a truly momentous trip down a series of rivers until the glorious object of their conquest, Cheboygan, shall have been attained. More about this next week.

Difficulties

Troop B-7 had planned to send a patrol to the annual Area Camporee next Saturday and Sunday, but it (the patrol) has run into difficulties. Patrol Leader Earle Reuter is in Wisconsin, Scouts Dave Waddell, Jim Gregory are on vacation, and all in all, that patrol has troubles with a capital T. We really wish that they'd go, though, because the first column we ever wrote was a report of the rival patrols of B-7 and B-8 and the times they had there. If a patrol only could go, it would be a sort of anniversary. Ah, me! The dear old days, the golden days, the days beyond recall, and auld lang syne and stuff!

Sea Scouts

The Sea Scouts held their last meeting as guests of Paul L. Penfield at Orchard Lake Country Club. Mr. Penfield is chairman of the Ship Committee. While there the Sea Scouts, as might have been expected, were cruising briefly on some of the boats. Sad event of the evening was when Mr. Penfield's classy little Comet (a type of racing yacht) with a crew of Skipper Stanley and Chmn. Penfield beat a larger craft manned by Sea Scouts Fletch Plant and Jack Dunn. After that, there was a nifty session of sail-folding presided over by Mr. Penfield.

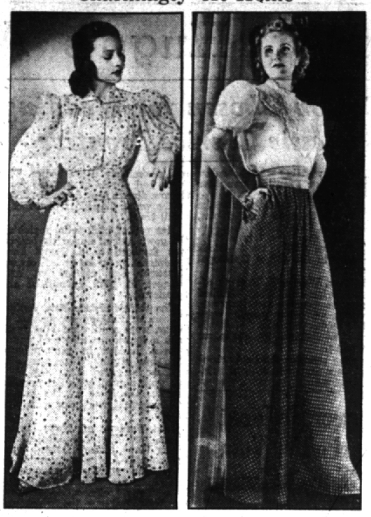
Picture Appears

Did you notice the classy picture of the Flying Eagle Patrol of B-7 that appeared in the Free Press last Sunday? Notice also how seriously Clare Shaughnessy (who is not patrol leader) was explaining that same back splice that I saw him making over six months ago? Clare says that it isn't a very good likeness, but I think he got off light.—J. D.

"Raymond Swing, radio commentator: "You cannot have a democratic world unless there is an organized peace in which every free nation assumes its part."

Courage is that virtue which champions the cause of right. —Cicero.

Charmingly 'At Home'

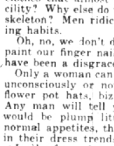


Charming, informal "at home" costumes catch and hold the fashion spotlight these days. These two outfits are especially becoming to all types of figures. Patricia Plunkett, left, New York debutante, models a multi-colored print dinner dress with shirtwaist-type bodice and a full skirt. It is as suitable for a country club dinner as it is for home wear. The gray and white polka dot slacks, right, are teamed up with a frothy white Swiss organdy blouse. The cumberbund is of yellow silk.

From the Women's Angle

By NELLIE HURLEY MINIFIE

A man is responsible for this week's treatise, a very smug man, complete with all the screwball ideas that from time to time become lodged in the male brain. Normally he is a sane and rational individual, but just the other day he went to considerable length to convince me that women dress to please the male eye.



Miss Minifie

Members of the fair sex, according to this gentleman of the old school, are conniving creatures who will go to practically any length to please a man.

We will spend wearisome hours in a beauty salon getting permanents, facials, manicures and massages; we will spend hours wrestling with corsets in order to find the perfect creation that will make us into a combination of Garbo, Myrna Loy and Hedy Lamarr; we will even starve ourselves within an inch of our very lives to preserve a size sixteen figure.

So far my friend was right. However, the only fly in the ointment is that women, complex creatures that we are, spend our time in such pursuits not to attract the attention of men, but rather to knock the eye out of any female who will lend a glance.

You don't believe it? Why else then would we insist on wearing clothes that almost any man will tell you are the height of imbecility? Why else do we insist on dieting until we resemble a human skeleton? Men ridicule our clothes and they despair of our reducing habits.

Oh, no, we don't dress to please the men. If we did we wouldn't paint our finger nails until they resemble bloody claws that would have been a disgrace to our prehistoric ancestors.

Only a woman can appreciate the present fashion trends. And so, unconsciously or not, we seek to impress other women with our flower pot hats, bizarre fashion creations and sylph-like figures. Any man will tell you that if he had his way his women, folks would be plump little balls of butter, they would satisfy their normal appetites, they would assume a more conservative attitude in their dress trends.

In the face of such facts, the man who still insists that women dress to attract the attention of some wandering male, has certainly been reading the wrong books.

(Mrs. George's article will not appear during the time in which she is vacationing.)

Cooks Can Kill Food Vitamins

Cooks who add a pinch of soda to retain green color in vegetables reduce thiamin or vitamin B1 values. This vitamin is an important health factor, so its value is stressed by home economics specialists at Michigan State College.

Vitamin tests conducted by the federal bureau of home economics and cited by the food specialists at the college included meats, cereals, dried beans, potatoes, carrots, snap beans, spinach and green peas.

Carrots cooked in very little water lose none of their thiamin, either when boiled or cooked in a pressure cooker.

Potatoes, pared and boiled, lose about 20 per cent of their original thiamin, and another 10 to 15 per cent may be lost unless the cooking liquid is used in some way. Baking caused only about 15 per cent loss of vitamin B1 in potatoes.

About 20 per cent of the thiamin value in spinach is destroyed by cooking, and 5 to 10 per cent more may be lost in the cooking liquid unless this is used. The loss in the cooking liquor may be avoided by cooking spinach in just enough water to serve it.

Green peas retain 80 per cent of their thiamin if soda is not used in cooking them, but 90 per cent can be saved if no more water than is absolutely necessary is used in the cooking and if all the juices are served with the peas.

Pork cooked as a roast loses about 3 times as much vitamin B1 as braised pork. However, pork cooked either way is an exceptionally rich source of this vitamin.

Social Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bodine plan to visit Mr. Bodine's nephew, Raymale Whitehead, formerly of Birmingham, at Evart, Mich., over the week-end.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bolz, and their two daughters, of Lincoln avenue, are spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Heinze at Williams Lake.

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Mrs. R. J. Craig, who with her husband has just moved to 583 Bloomfield court, from Saginaw, returned to Birmingham Tuesday from a short stay in New Yowk.

Congressional Comment

by Representative George A. Dondero

The TVA and Taxes

Recently the House had under consideration an amendment which sought to amend the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933 so that a part of the revenue received from the sale of power in the States invaded by the T. V. A. would be returned to the school districts, cities, counties and municipalities for taxable property lost or destroyed by the operations of the T. V. A. I spoke in opposition to the proposal and the following excerpts from my remarks state the reasons for my position:

This would establish one of the most dangerous precedents in the history of this Government. If the principle involved in the pending amendment was carried out and extended to all the operations of the Federal Government, it would mean that every municipality, every taxing unit, and every State in the Union ought to demand from the Government of the United States reimbursement for property taken in order to carry out the necessary functions of Federal authority. Every city that has a post office, every State that has a Federal highway, every water course that has a navigable channel which has been dredged from taxable property, should immediately file a claim with Congress to be reimbursed for taxable property taken from the tax rolls of such taxing units.

Opposed from Beginning

I have opposed the establishment of the T. V. A. from its very inception on the ground that it was extending the hand of the Federal Government into private business and in competition with private enterprise. Its plain import is nothing less than national socialism.

The T. V. A. is one of the greatest swindles ever perpetrated upon the American people and some day, when the full and complete truth becomes known and the ultimate results are made apparent to the people, those results will rival the Mississippi Bubble of more than two centuries ago.

Every good engineer in this country knows that with very few exceptions it costs less to generate electric energy by steam than by hydroelectric power. In order that the people might not know, and in order to deceive the American people, the program of the T. V. A. is to shift $215,000,000 for this alleged "yardstick" of an estimated cost of more than $500,000,000 to flood control and navigation.

It is known that navigation on the Tennessee River costs twice as much as transportation by rail, and not including taxes.

Nearly 1,000,000 acres of the best agricultural land in Tennessee have eventually been destroyed by this gigantic scheme, which represents an area double the acreage ever destroyed by floods by natural causes.

Strip this whole deceptive program of its trick bookkeeping and window dressing and the net result is a waste of public money, a destruction of free enterprise, thwarting of individual ownership, and a staggering blow to the economic system of the United States.

"Sheer Hypocrisy"

In 1933 the estimated value of the entire T. V. A. was $132,000,000. At the present time approximately $375,000,000 has been expended on the Tennessee River in furthering and expanding this national socialism. It was only spent as a power project and has very little use either for flood control or navigation. Commerce on the Tennessee River is negligible and the building of the vast dams for flood control is sheer hypocrisy, for if the dams are empty they cannot be used for power; if they are full, they are useless for flood control.

The actual income of the T. V. A. from the sale of power in 1937 was less than $2,000,000. The greater part of the huge investment of $375,000,000 has been expended for the purpose of developing hydroelectric power. The return on this enormous investment is less than one-half of one percent.

If the T. V. A. desired to present to the American people an honest picture of this foolish investment and tried to make income justify the enormous expenditure, it would have to increase its present rate nearly 2 cents per kilowatt-hour. That rate then would be higher than the average cost of electric energy throughout the entire country as now furnished by private enterprise.

"Ridiculous Statements"

For over seven years I have listened to absurd and exaggerated statements made on this floor of the great possibilities of the T. V. A. I have, also, listened to the unbelievable and ridiculous statements made in this House that the American user of electric energy was being overcharged $1,000,000,000 annually by private enterprise.

If the reports of the Federal Power Commission are correct, and no one has ever challenged their accuracy, the total amount of electric energy, according to the latest report, used and paid for by the people of this Nation amounted to $2,000,000,000; from which private utilities were compelled to pay in taxes, cost of maintenance and operation, approximately $1,400,000,000, leaving $600,000,000 for other purposes.

The municipal tax units in the States affected, who clamored for this glorified project should meet the problems which they themselves invited. The Federal Government has been a Santa Claus. This amendment seeks another bag of gifts to be paid for by the taxpayers of my Congressional district and throughout all the States in order to continue the expensive luxury of a Federal enterprise that cannot justify its economic position.

Colby M. Chester, food corporation official: "Americans are slow to anger, slow to avenge a wrong, but, once aroused, we are like a wild cat up a stump."

Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury: "Always give private capital the first chance. The Government has never competed with private capital."

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Opportunities Exist for Army Recruits to Work in West

Young midwesterners seeking careers in the U. S. Army today have ample opportunities to take Horace Greeley's advice literally, Lt. Gen. Stanley H. Ford, commanding the Sixth Corps Area and the Second Army, pointed out today that under the Army's expansion program many vacancies in the Army's ranks now exist in the Far West.

In addition to nearby Fort Sheridan, Illinois; Selfridge Field, Michigan; Chanute and Scott Fields, Illinois; recruits are being sent daily to McChord Field, Washington; Fort Lewis, Washington; Camp Ord, California; Fort Missoula, Montana; Vancouver Barracks, Washington; Fort George Wright, Washington; and Fort Douglas, Utah.

Recruits are being accepted in the Finance Department, Medical Department, Signal Corps, Quartermaster Corps, Field Artillery, Infantry and Coast Artillery, for service in the Far Western posts.

First class transportation and meals are provided for recruits on their long treks to the Pacific Coast, it was pointed out.

Have You Met . . .

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Robbins have moved to North Cranbrook road after living in Grosse Pointe for 10 years. Mr. Robbins is president of the Carboloy company and they have moved out here to be nearer his business on Eight Mile and Van Dyke roads.

They have two children, Wilma, 9, and Richard, 5.

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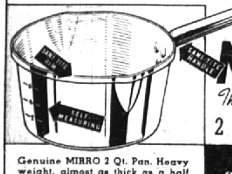

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