

Editorial Page of The Birmingham Eccentric

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Many People Think So... (And Some Otherwise)

By Frank E. Bogart

No one in my position can take a spare half hour off every week to write about when the war in Europe will end...

But it doesn't seem right on this Armistice Day to be hearing reports of markets falling and listening to debates about how many will be jobless when conversion to peace-time production starts...

I'll now get something else out of my system about the subject of the war's ending...

SHE HAD TO LAUGH The Detroit Retail Merchants' Association officially proclaimed the Christmas shopping season as 'open' last Monday...

ANONYMOUS CONTRIBUTION If you want to make money just write something to the word 'Green' in the title...

SALVAGE MEMO TIN CANS—Rinse after using, remove label, open bottom end and flatten with foot...

WASTE FATS—Strain and keep cool. Turn in to your meat market when you have a few pounds...

SCRAP METALS, GLASS, RUBBER—Leave in bin near Post Office or put at curb on your City collection day...

NEWSPAPERS, M.A.G.ZINES—You can donate these to Salvation Army, which will call for them...

PECK'S Cash and Carry Suits, Topcoats, Plain Dresses, CLEANED and PRESSED For Delivery Service WOODWARD—NEAR MAPLE

'A FRIENDLY BANK' WABEEK STATE BANK OF DETROIT

Pay By Check! Cancelled checks afford the safety of a receipt for each bill paid—and your check stubs detail each expenditure...

WABEEK STATE BANK OF DETROIT BIRMINGHAM OFFICE—WABEEK BUILDING

Youth And Delinquency

In this almost perpetual problem of "juvenile delinquency," it appears to us that adults, in their deliberations, have overlooked one of the best sources of solution, namely, youth itself.

This fact was again impressed upon us Friday last week when we participated in a panel discussion of the subject with other adults, high school and girls from Baldwin high school.

Youth presented a pretty good defense of its case, too. While admitting that youth is not without blame, the seven young folks on that panel declared that, perhaps in larger ratio, their elders were guilty of plenty of infractions of the personal and civil codes of life; adults, youth contended, too often reveal bad examples to youth, both in and out of the home.

Youth wants more responsibility, also. These young men and women of Baldwin believe that, in many cases, they themselves can set up the machinery to create high standards of conduct, and also carry out the enforcement of such standards, they believe they can do it better than adults can—for the evident psychological reason that youth naturally understands and will respond better to its own age level in such matters.

A most significant revelation was made by Baldwin youth when, in answer to the question "Do you believe that the public schools of Birmingham should maintain more stern, but reasonable, discipline upon its students?" To the answer was an overwhelming "Yes!"

In answering these corollary questions affirmatively, we believe that local youth did a manifold thing—and opened to the public consideration a cardinal reason for some of the causes of "juvenile delinquency."

Incidentally, you may be interested to know that this panel discussion was suggested by the students themselves, to Supt. Dr. Dwight B. Ireland. The students also selected the adults who participated in the panel.

This panel idea, we thoroughly believe, is a splendid activity; it should be continued, at regular intervals during the entire school year. It is a vehicle on which both youth and adults can climb aboard to ride over the terrain of current human problems; it provides a discussion place where both sides can exchange views, can give and take, can co-operatively find solutions to the common problem.

Personally, we believe that the even young men and women who represented Baldwin high school on that panel did a fine job; they approached the problem with open minds, with forthrightness, and with sincerity.

It's about time that youth began to play a larger part in adult discussion of youth problems. A good start in this direction has been made in Birmingham; may it continue until there has been developed the machinery of practical ways and means of finding most

The Judges Say: "No!"

Oakland County's three Circuit Judges last week decided that the payment of county funds to a person engaged in federal government activity is illegal. That decision stopped the payment of \$300 monthly to A. J. Diebel, chairman of the Pontiac War Price and Rationing Board; it was the result of a taxpayer's suit brought against the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, who had authorized payment of the money to Mr. Diebel.

This decision is far more important than surface appearances seem; for it involves the fundamental proposition of whether or not one agency of government can legally pay taxpayers' money to a person working in another branch of government. It serves notice to all public bodies that a reputation of such procedure is illegal.

Of course, the decision of the judges, Frank L. Doty, George B. Hatrick, and H. Russell Holland, in no way reflects upon the personal efficiency or activities of Mr. Diebel. The chairman of most such Boards do spend lots of time and effort on the job, or can, if they wish. So do tens of thousands of other citizens who, in performing voluntary work in these war days, give of their time and talents.

We commend the three judges for their final decision, which, after all, rested upon a clear definition of law. We also desire to commend Harry C. Cousins, of Oak Park, the taxpayer who at his own expense brought the case to judicial attention; also his attorney, Wendell Brown, of Farmington, who appeared before the judges at the hearing two months ago.

From now on, Mr. Diebel, if he seeks salary allowance, will have to look to his Uncle Sam for it is the United States government that set up and operates OPA, after all.

BIRMINGHAM, IN THE POST-WAR BOOM DAYS, is really "going to town" from various reports we get. There will be great influx of new residents, which means lots of building, greater strain on the school, church, library, and other governmental facilities.

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People's Column

It is in a desire to end my thoughts and worries temporarily, I conceived the idea that a logical outlet for my emotions was the Birmingham Eccentric, and so I take this opportunity, hoping to convey my sincerity on this subject. As yet, no one is able to say in what specific way aviation will affect the individual in the post-war era. There is, however, one item of truth regarding the general trend which no thinking person can challenge. Aviation has stayed. It's not human nature to say anything that can be utilized by everyone. The old argument put forth by the elder generation that airplanes are impractical and just a passing fad...

An Aviation Realist Birmingham, Mich.

Fresh Lake Herring Plentiful This Month

LANSING—Michigan and other middle western states are enjoying an unusual quantity of fresh lake herring on the market in November. Because of the unusually early season, the Michigan catch contributes about 70 per cent of the total national total of 22,000,000 pounds. Herring production is the largest of any single species. Great Lakes fish are 1,000,000 pounds of herring are taken annually from Lake Superior and three-fourths of the total yearly catch is made in November.

Now He Knows How It Feels



Happenings of Long Ago

60 YEARS AGO November 9, 1893

"Mrs. Fred Smith and babies are enjoying a visit with friends at Bay City and in the meantime poor Fred manages to barely exist. 'We did enjoy our visit to you so much. Your village is lovely. We consider the World's Fair only a secondary consideration to Birmingham.' Extract from a letter."

20 YEARS AGO November 9, 1923

"The old post office has been completely remodeled and converted into a new and complete market which will be operated by the city."

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

"Shades of old school days in the 'little red school house' will be brought back to life early in December when the pupils who attended the old brick school house on Maple Avenue some 50 years ago will meet in the old school building, which was built in 1854, and which is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glueck."

5 YEARS AGO November 10, 1938

"Fittingly wins contest for Governor."

"A home game against a traditional foe was the first game of the basketball season for Baldwin High School. According to Basketball Coach Frank J. Williams, the local players will face Mr. Clements on Friday, Dec. 2."

Navy's Ship Repair Units Offer High Pay

To fill an urgent need for men to repair ships damaged in battle, the Navy is seeking men skilled in nearly 50 different trades. Ratings range from third class petty officers to chief petty officers, with pay and allowances totaling as high as \$18.70 per month.

No men can join ship repair units if they are deferred because of civil war work. Men 18 through 37 years old, who are not so deferred, can enter this branch of the Navy through voluntary induction, proving they apply at a Navy Recruiting Station before they get their induction notice. Men 28 through 50 can join upon enlistment.

Policeman to trap getting on top of oak trees? 'They' what you doing there? 'Tramp!' 'I don't know; I must have sat on an acorn.'

NO HUNTING—NO TRESSASSING signs on special appropriation of \$25,000 at the coming session of the legislature, probably to be held during the coming winter.

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

Perhaps I'm wrong, but I think the reason most amateur photographers don't try to make picture stories or series of pictures is that they believe they lack the necessary equipment or subject matter. Well, let me kill such a notion right now. The trick is not to make 'complete picture stories' with any camera if you just try. Furthermore, you don't have to have a spectacular subject to make a good set of pictures.

For instance, the snapshot which accompanies this story is part of a picture series which showed the big events during one day in a baby's life. The series started with his mother sitting him from his crib when picture two was made, he was being placed in his high chair. That was followed by a snapshot of him as he got down to the surface of one of eating breakfast. This picture was taken just after he'd had his bath and was about to be placed in a play pen out in the sun.

Now you can't tell me that you couldn't make a series of pictures like that if you'd only try. It just takes a little thought and planning. Here's what I suggest. The next time you select a subject for a snapshot, stop and think a minute or two on the subject that you're taking. Here's what I suggest. The next time you select a subject for a snapshot, stop and think a minute or two on the subject that you're taking. Here's what I suggest. The next time you select a subject for a snapshot, stop and think a minute or two on the subject that you're taking.