

Editorial Page of The Birmingham Eccentric

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

By Frank E. Bogart
It's Thanksgiving, folks. I'm glad it's here; we all are. And it is much that we have to be thankful for, but somehow I feel we have even more to give thanks for for a year hence.

BEST SIMILES OF WEEK
USNR, in his new book, "To All Hands," "Compared to a man who would sell his grand- man who would sell his grand- ship's censor might consider himself an honorable man."

MR. CRISLER'S BILGE
I had a notion when the tales last Saturday didn't have a brief spot page article that he was afraid his boys were to be beaten, that things would turn out otherwise.

AN EASY REMEDY
A woman inspector in Detroit was plant, writing anonymously in the Detroit Free Press about the general laziness and greediness of war workers as a class, says that while pretending to be busy by working crossword puzzles hidden under their pads of inspection forms.

GIVE OLD CLOTHES
The WPB says all possibilities of clothes rationing has disappeared and proceeds to make good

SALVAGE MEMO
TIN CANS—Rinse after using, remove label, open bottom end and flatten with foot. Pierce at curb for last City collection day of the month. Sweep dry; keep separate from rubbish.

WASTE FATS—Strain and keep cool. Turn in to your meat market when you have a few pounds. Rancid fats not wanted.

SCRAP METALS, GLASS, RUBBER—Leave in bin near Post Office or put in can on your last City collection day of the month. Copper engraving plates and old keys may be left at the library.

NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES—You can donate these to the Salvation Army, which will call for them. Scrap paper wanted.

PECK'S Carry
Suits, Topsuits, Plain Dresses \$1.09
CLEANED and PRESSED
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WOODWARD—NEAR MAPLE

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WABEK STATE BANK OF DETROIT

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Cancelled checks afford the safety of a receipt for each bill paid—and your check stubs detail each expenditure. Open a Pay-As-You-Go Checking Account with as little as \$3.00. No minimum balance required.

WABEK STATE BANK OF DETROIT
BIRMINGHAM OFFICE—WABEK BUILDING

Thanksgiving Day

Thankfulness just for being alive ought to be sufficient reason for the average person expressing the proper sentiment each Thanksgiving Day; but to be alive, and a citizen of a country like the United States—even though we are in the midst of the world's worst war—ought to provide added reason for the expression of gratitude this current Thanksgiving Day.

More than half the human beings upon earth, while still alive, suffer personal trials and hardships such as few Americans, residing at home, ever have experienced; yet they still have life and, if accompanied by purpose and effort and sacrifice, even they can better their respective lot.

Here in the U. S., far from war's bombs, fed, sheltered, and clothed far beyond actual essential requirements; still in possession of economic and political freedom; still able to say what we think, worship the Deity of our own choice—we have much to be thankful for.

Perhaps we ought to forget those freedoms we still enjoy; insofar as the dominant expression of our thanks at this season is concerned; perhaps we ought to turn our thoughts toward the untold thousands of our men and women in the military forces who are fighting on the many battlefronts of this earth; to them, then, we ought to express our real and true appreciation for the sacrifices they have made and are making to protect the United States, and its Allies, against the darkness of our devilish enemies.

So, as we collectively raise our thoughts to Thanksgiving and all that it means, let us thank God for every good and true impulse that we have; that we apply to the ordeals of life. Let us be thankful that GOD still dominates human thought and yearning; for GOD, like the light rays of the sun, alone will bring to the human family, that social, political, and economic LIGHT that can save human life; and direct it towards its original purpose and plan.

REFLECTION OF MAYOR JEFFRIES IN DETROIT was possible only because enough Detroiters voted; this proves that when enough people go to the polls, the extra ones are capable of intelligent thinking and thus express themselves, overcoming the organized "gang vote." This is no reflection upon the personal ability of defeated Fitzgerald, who might make a fairly good Mayor; but it proves that, once aroused, good citizens will respond to the demands of civic responsibility and override the proponents of emotional prejudice.

PERSONALLY, WE SEE NO GREAT OBJECTION in electing a Michigan Governor to a four-year term, instead of the present one lasting two years. Two years isn't a very long time to establish a record in office; a man scarcely gets in before he has to plan for the next election. We suggest making it four years, with no legal opportunity for re-election until another four years have elapsed—which may protect the people against the drift to "dictatorship."

People's Column
To the Editor:
Several Birmingham women are working at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital as nurses, nurses' aides, and "gray ladies" at considerable sacrifice to their own comfort and finances.

TICALERS BY HAYES
The assistance rendered by the gray ladies. These latter World War II innovations are quite indispensable in the present shortage of doctors, internes, and graduate nurses.

Well, if it isn't good old Joe! It's a small world, isn't it?
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Hard to Understand

From Cleveland comes the story of a recluse, who lived for nearly forty years in a smoke-blackened house, behind a palooked fence, in a factory section of the city.

The neighbors considered the ragged, shaggy-headed man a miser and the children considered him a crank. Nobody knew anything about the man, but the other day he died.

The Probate Court then revealed that he had left his estate to an orphan home in memory of his mother. The estate was worth \$200,000.

It is difficult for the average American to understand the mentality of an individual, possessed of nearly a quarter of a million dollars, who willingly lives a life of poverty.

IN SPITE OF MANY APPEARANCES to the contrary, we believe that Prentiss M. Brown did a good job as head of OPA, which he has recently resigned from. The former Michigan S. Senator is noted for his personal integrity and ability to do a job with honest thoroughness; although a Democrat, he never has been a New Dealer. We hope that, after a deserved rest, Mr. Brown is restored to some other high public trust.

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who prefers rugged individualism to cooperation. You must remember that commercial organizations are not organized for the hand shaking and social advancement achieved in such groups as the Lions, Rotary, Exchange, Masons, etc. they are originated on a hardboiled business basis to promote better marketing conditions for their product.

In the final analysis this fee business about all the average fellow has against organization is that he doesn't want to be recognized by the group, and they have no time to recognize the fellow who reaps the benefits of their organization but backslides on the fee.

In some cases the near sighted workers can't see that those broke wouldn't exist if it wasn't for the efforts of the organization that he refuses to support, in other words he is the boy who goes thru the revolving door on the other fellow's push, so why give him too much recognition.

For a local example, see for your self how the Republicans ignore us Democrats. By the way, I heard that we now have on our local police force, of all things, a Democrat. I doubt if he will be able to stand the pressure but I'm pulling for him.

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The Forgotten Man



Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO
November 23, 1993
"Master Raynie Whitehead is the proud and happy owner of a case of scarlet fever. Fortunately the attack is a light species and the lad although as red as a boiled lobster is not sick at heart by any means."

"The ladies of the Southfield Presbyterian church will give an apron social at the residence of Fred Kirohof, Friday evening Nov. 24. A cordial invitation is extended to all."

"Pupils in school should never exchange pencils for the almost invariable practice of putting them in the mouth makes the danger of contagious diseases very great. In some schools where the practice is prevalent, pencils are disinfect- ed by the janitors daily."

25 YEARS AGO
November 23, 1923
"The first deer to be brought home by a local hunter this fall arrived in Birmingham Monday afternoon when V.L. Lockrow, of Oakland avenue, and W. W. McAlpine, of Martin street, returned from deer hunting at Atlanta, in Montgomery county."

"Many attractive features were displayed in the bazaar given by the Episcopalian church on North Woodward avenue, Wednesday afternoon from two to six, by the ladies of the church."

5 YEARS AGO
November 22, 1938
Birmingham families can look forward to a Thanksgiving feast that won't be too much of a strain on father's or mother's purse.

Supporters of the Maroon and Acorn teams will witness the 25th annual Turkey Day battle on regular schedule between Birmingham and Royal Oak on Thursday Nov. 24. The game will be played at Pierce Field in Birmingham and is scheduled to start promptly at 10:30 a. m.

A new radio has been purchased by the members of the Lions club as the grand prize at their annual school schedule between Birmingham and Royal Oak on Thursday Nov. 24. The game will be played at Pierce Field in Birmingham and is scheduled to start promptly at 10:30 a. m.

Professor—You've been with Mary—Yes, sir. Professor—Well, as a reward, I'll give you a beetle of the species Paro- toto- Grandiflora- Salifer-

Library's Tribute To J. B. Howarth

In the passing of John Bradshaw Howarth, the Board of Trustees of Baldwin Public Library has lost a faithful member and a conscientious officer. Mr. Howarth was elected a member of the Board of Trustees on March 6, 1924, he was elected Secretary of the Board of Trustees and served for the balance of his life.

His broad experience, good judgment, wise counsel, and practical manner proved valuable to the Board of Trustees at all times, and he won the respect of all with whom he worked during these many years of service.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Baldwin Public Library, the Board of Trustees respectfully records its appreciation of him by adopting the following: BE IT RESOLVED, That we on behalf of the Board of Trustees

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner



Try to keep your snapshots always simple and pleasing if you want to achieve the most effective results.

PHOTOGRAPHIC simplicity is, or should be, one of the aims of every photographer. It is the basis of the selection of a specific subject, and the presentation of that subject in the clearest and most direct manner possible. For example, let's say that you want to picture a soldier and his girl—just as in our illustration. The young couple will be your specific subject, but how much do you want to show in your picture? Do you want to show the full figures? Do you want to make a half-length shot? Or do you want to get just a head and shoulder view? Those are questions you should ask yourself each time you start to picture any person, or any group. In landscapes, or general scenes, selecting your specific subject should be handled in exactly the same way. If a portion of some landscape catches your eye, ask yourself what it is that appeals to you—how much of the general scene do you want to include in your specific picture? By doing that you automatically eliminate waste material, and simplify your composition tremendously. A good arrangement, of course, is usually the perfect answer to the problem of presenting your subject in the clearest and most direct manner possible. But it's not too sure of the rules of composition, just remember this. It is simply a pleasing arrangement, and the chances are that what is pleasing to your eye will usually be pleasing to others. John van Clandier