

# Editorial Page of The Birmingham Eclectic

A free, responsible and aggressive Press is democracy's first line of defense



By GENE ALLEMAN  
Like a postman who prefers a 10-mile hike for a holiday, a group of Michigan newspapermen journeyed recently to the Cassidy Lake "honor camp" of the state corrections commission...

It was just "one of those things" that make Michigan so interesting. First, the escape of Norman Mundt, a life-term inmate member of the Jackson state prison band which had been detailed to Cassidy Lake for the day...

Second, a significant experiment in modern penology whereby 83 inmates from the Jackson prison... and 47 others being about to receive parole because of their good behavior, have been accorded partial freedom at an attractive lake camp that is entirely without walls or armed guards.

Next was a group of entertainers, a group of several comedians, and a group of vocalists, gathered in the traditional military costumes of the original French zouaves... red jackets, bright blue knickerbockers, white blouses with white shawls, white stockings and white shoes.

Since last November 15, when the camp opened, Cassidy Lake has not experienced one fat fight. The honor system is supreme. Last spring the boys asked Lieutenant Parrish, whose military title comes from twelve years' service in the United States Army...

### Our Schools Serve Democracy

With the opening of the schools of Birmingham near, it might be well for parents and teachers to do a little thinking about the pupils that present a problem to both of them.

Children going to a school system should not be regarded as raw material to be subjected to certain definite processes in the expectation that the finished product can be certain or standardized. Factors of inheritance and environment combine to make each child a special subject requiring, more or less, individualized treatment.

Parents who expect a school and its teachers to take a rough specimen of untrained humanity and develop it into a polished human being are looking for a good deal. They must not expect the school to take the place of the home and the church. The guidance that a teacher can give to a pupil is valuable and necessary, but it should not replace entirely all function of parents.

Naturally, we are very proud of the Birmingham school system. Along with millions of other Americans, we thoroughly enjoy the common schools which offer educational opportunity to all children upon practically equal terms.

### Parents, Sons and War

It is a rather pathetic Miami Fla. where a young man, 23 years of age, and his parents have been arrested for violating the Selective Service act.

PERSONALLY, WE AGREE that the creation of play and recreation centers in communities is a much better type of war memorial than a big hunk of stone or granite. Don't you?

### "Tune In" On Truth

Booth Tarkington, well-known author, now 75 years old, expresses faith in man's mental contact with God and believes that such a contact will permit all men to struggle "up into the light."

The gist of the conversation seems to be that the Hoosier author believes in what fashionable people refer to as prayer—which is also a part of the magic of correct thinking.

### A Chaplain's Suggestion

There is considerable sense to the suggestion of Capt. James V. Claypool, former chaplain of the South Dakota and author of "God on a Battlewagon," who says that the churches should use returned service men as church or Sunday School teachers.

Quite frankly, we would prefer to risk the training of our sons to men with clean military or naval records than to some of the half-baked thinkers who, even now, merely submerge their passion and await a future opportunity to poison public thinking with their misinterpretation of principles.

As the POLITICAL CAMPAIGN gets hotter, don't be fooled by impractical promises made by any candidate. They are but human beings, not miracle workers.

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## Happenings of Long Ago

### 50 YEARS AGO

September 6, 1884  
"Scholarship"  
St. Sixt's school has a new advt this week.

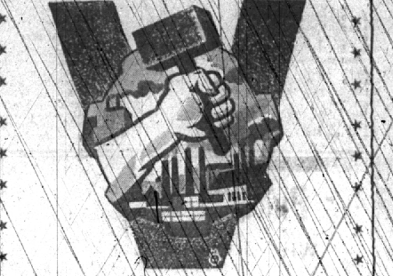
### 25 YEARS AGO

September 5, 1909  
"With enrollments in the schools of this district heavier Wednesday than on Tuesday, the opening day, the total enrollment reached 1,366 Wednesday evening as compared to 1,245 at the end of the first school month last year."

### 5 YEARS AGO

August 31, 1930  
"Gilbert L. Hays, 70 miles west of Birmingham, claimed the life of 16-year-old Lester Sutton, of Wayland street, Detroit, Thursday afternoon of last week."

## LABOR DAY



### Monday, Sept. 4th

We Pay Honor to Our Great American Industrial Army

The overwhelming might with which our forces have breached the defenses of socialism, was compounded from the gallantry of fighting men on the battle fronts, and the skill and loyalty of labor on the home front. Though nothing can match the heroic sacrifices of our soldiers who have faced the death-dealing fire of the enemy, neither is there anything that can be put into the hands of our fathers in the quantities they need, but the sweat and toil of men and women back home. This fitting that on this War Time Labor day, we pause to pay honor to our Industrial Army, who performed the job of the slacks as it took on its work gear for the fast moving pace of our brave soldiers in the field drive for a quick and complete victory.

## Bits of Birmingham

Announcement is made today of the purchase of the Ritz Hotel, 1000 North Woodward Avenue, by Josephine Chubb and Jack Ketter, who will open the place on Sept. 1. Every night they will entertain at an each day and be open until midnight.

### SALVAGE MEMO

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

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

SCRAP METALS, GLASS, RUBBER—Leave at curb on your last City collection day of the month. Copper engravers' plates and old keys may be left at the library.

NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, SCRAP PAPER—Pick up of these may be arranged for by calling the Salvage Desk, at the Municipal Building, Room 1230 between the hours of 8 and 5 o'clock Monday through Friday. Recycle city curb pickup first Friday of each month.

### RATIONING AT A GLANCE

Meats, Fats—Red stamps AS through ZS and AS through DS, good indefinitely.  
Processed Foods—Blue stamps AS through ZS and AS through FS, good indefinitely. Blue stamps GS through LS become good Sept. 1 and remain good indefinitely.  
Sugar stamps 30, 31 and 32, each good for five pounds indefinitely, and 33 good for five pounds after Sept. 1 and remains good indefinitely. Sugar stamp 40, good for five pounds of canning sugar through February next year.

### FREE FERRY RIDE

Men and women in the uniform of the U. S. armed services or the military services of our Allies are entitled to a free ferry ride on the Michigan State Highway Department ferries at the Straits of Mackinac, Commission Charles M. Ziegler announces.

## THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

Pictures like this one will help make up an interesting series of story-telling snapshots to send to those in uniform.  
HAS it ever occurred to you to make a series of your young son or daughter to send to Dad or big brother in the Service?  
Well, now is the time. Every mother, for example, has a certain daily routine for her child. Of course, that doesn't mean that there will be no variations—little Geraldine will see to that. Nevertheless it will be a simple matter to pick out the episodes that highlight her day.

### "A FRIENDLY BANK"

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## Pay By Check!

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 \$1.00. No minimum balance required.

### Revive Summer Weary Lawns—Use SCOTT'S LAWN SEED AND TURF BUILDER

Nature provides ideal growing conditions so give your lawn the Scott's Brevity treatment this fall. This brings back its health and sparkling color.

1 lb. - \$ .69	5 lbs. - \$3.25
3 lbs. - 2.00	10 lbs. - 6.25

DENSE SHADE—  
1 lb. - 79c 3 lbs. - \$2.30

Turf Builder - grass food supplies vital plant nutrients. Encourages thick, verdant growth. 50 lbs. - \$3.75 Feeds large lawn.

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FOR LADIES AS WELL AS MEN

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