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Golden Wedding Advice

In this day of increasing divorce, it is interesting to read a news story from Long Beach, California, telling of the three Borg sisters, Loretta, Ida and Lucy, who married in a triple ceremony fifty years ago.

The three couples got together for the first time in forty-five years recently to celebrate their triple golden wedding.

This item may be encouraging to some of the young couples who have recently undertaken the journey of life. If, at the end of fifty years they are fortunate enough to be together, enjoying mutual respect, esteem, and love, life will have presented them with one of its greatest gifts.

To attain this goal, however, it is necessary for husbands and wives to recognize the right of individuals to develop distinctive personalities and to refrain from petty encroachments that, in time, make life disagreeable, whether in the home or elsewhere.

Depression, Then Boom

While there is no way of ascertaining the correctness of the prediction made by economists, and the record shows that they are wrong about as often as anybody else, the public is usually interested in what a so-called expert thinks about future trends.

This leads to the views of General Leonard C. Ayres, Cleveland banker, who, in a recent address, declared that business is entering a primary post-war depression, followed by increasing unemployment, declining production and falling national incomes.

The economist does not consider the condition alarming and predicts that the national income will begin to rise as early as the middle of 1946. While reconversion may be retarded and production curtailed by labor strikes and price controls, the Cleveland man sees a boom of great intensity and of probably considerable duration in the nation.

He points out that the people have "shortages of everything except money" that many debts have been paid, that savings have accumulated, and that the public now has about four times as much actual and potential purchasing power as it possessed in 1929.

IT BEGINS TO APPEAR AS THOUGH the PLASTER is falling off some ceiling prices.

RURAL PROGRESS CARAVAN

The Michigan State College Rural Progress Caravan now touring southern peninsula counties is attracting capacity crowds. More than 2,000 farmers viewed the exhibition at Marshall and 1,500 at Jackson.

The caravan will be on display in the armory at Pontiac from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Tuesday, Feb. 12. It includes a wide variety of labor-saving devices and improved practices that farmers and some owners can use.

Or None At All

Medical Professor—What would you do in the case of a person eating poisonous mushrooms?

Student—Recommended a change of diet.

Planned Attack Upon U.S.

The people of the United States who in the years before Pearl Harbor, defended the Nazis and demanded that this country keep out of the conflict in Europe, should take note of a secret letter, uncovered at Nuremberg, which was written by a general at Hitler's press quarters on October 29, 1940.

"The Fuehrer is at present occupied with the question of occupation of Atlantic islands, with a view to prosecution of war against America at a later date. The deliberations on this subject are being embarked upon here."

This indicates very plainly that Hitler had marked the United States for a victim of the Nazi super-state, although obviously the attack upon this country was not scheduled to commence until after the conquest of Europe. While the German leader had his plan clearly in mind, it should not be overlooked that the possible success of his scheme was enhanced by the strange attitude of some Americans, who, without knowing, declared positively that the German plan of conquest did not envision an attack upon the United States.

Hitler was not the only Nazi who had something to say about the United States. At the trial, there has been produced the record of a secret speech by Hermann Goering, German Airmarshal, who, in 1938, declared:

"I am still missing entirely the bomber which flies with five tons of explosive to New York and back. I would be extremely happy to have such a bomber, so that I would at least be able to stop somewhat the mouths of the arrogant people over there."

PEACE WILL NOT BE KEPT BY MERE PSALMSINGING. It is fine to express love and tolerance to another nation—but equally wise to let that nation see the muscles of your national body. We have, particularly, Russia in mind. It is a big nation... and so is the grand U.S.A.

"MAN IS THE ONLY ANIMAL THAT CAN LAUGH," declare the experts. They really mean that man is definitely related to the hyena and/or the jackass?

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Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO

The Sunday services in St. James church have been changed from morning to afternoon. Commencing next Sunday until further notice, services will be held at 3:30 p. m., Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.

Mrs. Boyd's class will give a social at St. T. Boyd's on Friday evening, Jan. 23, 1906. The young men of the class will kindly furnish conveyances and all wishing to go, please be at the door of St. T. Boyd's at 7 o'clock p. m. Everybody cordially invited.

Miss Lottie Lawson of Clawson was nine years old last Monday and weighs 105 or more pounds. She is in the best of health, walks a mile and a half to school every day and back again at night. She enjoys a romping play as well as any of her playmates and mentally, morally and physically is the equal of any of those her age. Neither her father or mother are large.

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The social at the M. E. church last week Friday evening was a complete success in every particular. The attendance, perfectness, profit program and supper was heartily appreciated by all who attended and they were very numerous. The affair had in the time ring which was good enough for all.

20 YEARS AGO

William H. Smith, builder, a resident of Indian Village, located south of Birmingham, Va., announced that he has started the first ton of 80 homes which he intends to build in the southern section of this village.

Victor Peck of Birmingham, president of the Birmingham Y. M. C. A., announced that he has started the first ton of 80 homes which he intends to build in the southern section of this village.

Lawrence E. Colgrove, of Sanders-Colgrove, local realtor, was elected president of the Birmingham Real Estate Board at its annual meeting last week.

At the March village election the old Town Hall will be used for the first time as a voting booth for that district south of East and West Maple avenues, while another booth will be erected on the north side of the village, to take care of the rest of the village voters. Another booth will be erected for the next annual election, as the Town Hall may be removed to make way for plans for the new Baldwin Park library.

Comparative figures of the birth and death rate in Birmingham for the month of January during the year 1925 shows that a total of 96 babies were born, while 51 people died.

Perhaps one of the most hopeful signs that point to the great future of Birmingham is the news that the Western Union Telegraph Co. is seeking an office in Birmingham.

East's youngest professional violinist in the world, will give a recital in the Baldwin auditorium on Monday night. He made his first public appearance when he was only three years old. He is now six and during those three years has given numerous appearances in the largest theaters in the United States and Canada.

5 YEARS AGO

A committee of eight persons, formed by the Birmingham Musical Club, the other four representing Baldwin High School, are selecting a grand piano to be used in the new Baldwin Park library.

The \$10-an-evening fee for use of school gymnasium was reduced by the Board of Education early last Thursday morning as the final item of business in a long day's session of the board.

The most radical step ever taken by the City of Birmingham in its administration of the dog problem goes into effect this year, requiring immunization of all dogs before a license will be granted.

The final chapter in high school life for 56 Birmingham boys and girls will be written tonight when commencement exercises are held.

Bits of Birmingham

In Baldwin auditorium for the January class.

"Birmingham's first real mass departure of young men leaving for military training will take place next Tuesday morning at 5:10 o'clock when 13 selectees leave for Detroit aboard a Grand Trunk train."

School tax collections in Birmingham are now 75.62 per cent complete, or 6 per cent better than last year at this time. It was reported Wednesday by Miss Alice Upward, deputy city treasurer.

The city is having a tough time getting enough cold weather to develop skating rinks. Quanton Lake is rough because the early snow could not be removed before it melted.

Strictly Fresh

THE Navy has announced plans for maintaining a streamlined postwar fleet, with the strongest carrier force ever in the world. In the meantime plans are being made to atom bomb a retired pig to see whether it will do any good to have a Navy.

Southern congressmen threaten to abolish OPA if new cotton ceiling prices are enforced. They feel that the gin is getting a rummy deal.

There seems to be a difference of opinion about the current strike wave. Republicans and southern Democrats say it is inspired by Moscow, while union leaders argue that the inspiration comes from the Bureau of Internal Revenue and the grocery store.

One sees many unusual sights if

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

LOOKS like fast action, doesn't it? But this is one "action" shot that was deliberately posed.



ACTION wherever it may be can always be relied upon to attract and hold the eye. In big cities people stop to watch excavation work and building construction in the country strollers will pause to watch a farmer plow his field.

The photographer and new man to say to his subjects, "Let's try simulating the action of practically anything down with" and that, plus the snapshot exposure, was about all it took.

Photographing real action subjects is the camera, and the nearer to right angle, the view, the higher will be the shutter speed required. However 1/100 second is a good shutter speed for moderate action and 1/200 to 1/400 will usually be sufficient for snapping even fast action providing the subject isn't too close to the camera.

Try your action shots today. Pose them if you will catch them on a wing and a prayer, but get them on your snapshot album. You'll find that they make an exciting addition to your picture collection.

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