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Prosperity Doesn't Insure Peace

We are perfectly aware of the danger to the peace of the world that exists through human misery and insecurity...

There is something to be said for the thesis advanced, but it should not be overlooked that the great wars of the world are occasioned by people who enjoy, upon a relative scale, the greatest economic blessings of their age...

Sex Ratio About Even

Concern over the sex ratio of the population of the United States as determining prospects in the marriage market is without foundation, according to Dr. Hope T. Eldridge, analyst of the Bureau of the Census.

The moderate decrease in the proportion of males to females has "very little to do with the hunt for husbands, except in the imagination," declares the lady, who points out that there was an excess of 200,000 females as of July 1st, 1945.

Figures for the United States, relating to 1940, show that there were 3,700,000 more single males than single females among the population fifteen years old or older.

IN THE PRESENT GAME BEING PLAYED BY THE New Dealers too many of their fouls are declared home-runs by the "umpires" rigged to decide the rules of the game.

Landmark Of Freedom

More than five hundred years before the declaration of Independence, the knights and barons of England met King John on the banks of the Thames, about twenty miles from London, and after a conference on an island, the British monarch affixed his seal to a document recognizing the rights of free men.

The document is generally accepted as a great milestone in the acquisition of liberty by English-speaking people. It was a definite recognition by the king of rights which permitted him to trespass upon individual liberties with impunity and, consequently, it will deserve to be remembered by those who proclaim the virtues of liberty and independence.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN RECENTLY MADE A STATEMENT that he is against "monopoly." He declared: "I would rather see a thousand insurance companies, each with four millions of assets, than one with four billions."

THE WORLD FOOD FAMINE IS BUT ONE INEVITABLE aftermath of a World War. Man cannot expect to utilize most of his energies for the production of weapons to kill people and expect Mother Nature, unaided, to provide him with food.

A MOST IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF THE SCHOOLS is to teach youth, the history of its country's long struggle to win freedom for the individual. Adults who are not aware of historical facts are seldom able to measure up to citizen responsibilities.

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Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO June 18, 1896

"Strawberries last week were so plentiful that we certainly had for once had enough. Those sold by H. Leach were in our opinion the largest, sweetest and best strawberries we ever carried up and those raised by Will Davignon a close second."

"Through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Irving, the Tuesday Club enjoyed a rare treat Friday evening. The club have been wading through the elements of astronomy and have become very anxious to see some of the constellations. Mr. Irving mounted his telescope and through this Jupiter assumed dimensions almost as large as the sun to the naked eye and his four moons were plainly visible. What a pity this earth hasn't four moons! But then it's just as well as it is. Astronomical lovers are concerned and one moon then is sometimes a nuisance. The ladies are indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Irving for a number of astronomical facts as well as an evening of pleasant conversation."

"The first car run by electricity from Royal Oak to Birmingham came bowling along Sunday morning shortly after four o'clock on Monday afternoon last, the Strathairn High School motor."

"Don't forget that if you want to have a chat with a friend when you are in the library, you will find the Library hall open."

"Miss Edith Hamlin has now in successful operation a new restaurant and ice cream parlor, in all full running building, on the corner of 18th Street and Broadway, door opening on Pierce Street."

20 YEARS AGO June 17, 1926

"Commencement night, June 18, observed in the Baldwin auditorium, will witness the graduation of one of the largest (6 p. m.) seniors ever to have gone out from the Baldwin High School. There are 82 members in the class."

"Traffic through Birmingham has doubled in the last year, namely since the opening of Wider Woodward," and conditions in the city are not at all satisfactory, as stated by Chief of Police Andrews, in discussing the situation.

"In conjunction with a fitting program, plans for his new building, the corner stone of Christ Church Cranbrook will be laid on Monday, June 18, at 2:30 p. m."

"Representatives of the Southfield Improvement Association appeared before the Birmingham Village Commission at the regular meeting Monday night asking that some action be taken by the village to prevent what is being called excessive speeding on Southfield avenue within the village limits."

"Way back when this Wanderer began learning about things, and food in particular, grandfathers and grandmothers usually had green peas, new potatoes and young spring chickens as their Fourth of July dinner. A survey of some of the gardens and farms in the Birmingham region indicates this habit of eating green peas, new potatoes and young spring chickens is still in vogue."

5 YEARS AGO June 19, 1941

"Cranbrook School is having a hard time disposing of 100 old coats which were given to a man to dispose of, and he threw them away. The coats were given to a man to dispose of, and he threw them away. The coats were given to a man to dispose of, and he threw them away."

"Leads in the Birmingham water system which results in a loss of 50 per cent of the water pumped is a problem on which the City Administration is working. It was learned this week. The location of the leak is a mystery."

"The Rev. Charles H. Culligan, assistant rector of Christ Church, Cranbrook, sat under and within the fronds of a decorative palm tree on the platform in Baldwin High School auditorium Thursday evening of last week, where he delivered the invocation of the Commencement exercises. To sit absolutely still for an hour or two is hardly possible to any human and preachers are quite human. That's why, as the rector moved about from time to time during the service (and so did much of the audience), as one or more of the palm fronds would brush across his face or back of his neck. True, a case, in part, of not being too much tickled over being tickled."

STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Circuit Court of the County of Oakland, vs. JAY M. BENEFAID, Plaintiff, vs. VIANN BENEFAID, Defendant. ORDER OF APPOINTMENT. As a session of said Court held in the County of Oakland, Michigan, on the 6th day of May, A. D. 1946, the following was presented: Hon. George E. Harbick, Clerk of the Court.

In the above case, upon reading and consideration of the petition and exhibits thereto, the Court is satisfied that the Defendant, VIANN BENEFAID, is a person who is unable to manage her own affairs and that it is necessary to appoint a guardian for her. It is therefore ordered that the Defendant, VIANN BENEFAID, be and she is hereby appointed guardian of the person and estate of the Plaintiff, JAY M. BENEFAID, until further order of the Court.

It is further ordered that a copy hereof be served on said defendant at that the same be published in the State of Michigan, in accordance with the Statute in such case made and provided.

A TRUE COPY OF THE FOREGOING was read to and by the Court, and the same was signed and sealed by the Court on this 6th day of May, 1946.

ATTEST: GEORGE E. HARBICK, Clerk of the Court. LYNNE D. ALLEN, County Clerk.

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Just One Big Happy Family



Bits of Birmingham

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was hot. We were listening to the ball game when we suddenly heard Harry announce that the weather was so dark in Detroit (6 p. m.) they were calling off the game. We had hardly reached home when that electric and rain storm we had encountered up in the north country came racing in onto Birmingham. It was a real one, here, too. And Monday morning I was awakened by the storm's return for another visit here."

Miss Charlotte Squires, children's librarian at Baldwin Public Library, has resigned to accept a position with the Wayne County Library, the Library Board announced this week. Miss Squires has been popular with the children, this Wanderer hears, and has headed up many unusual and entertaining features in their behalf.

Police report that during the storm period of Sunday evening and again Monday morning there were many complaints of speeding automobiles on Birmingham streets. Only one was listed. James S. Rowland, Farmington, at 50 in a 30 mile zone. The storm at least did a little good by slowing up traffic," said Chief John P. Hackett.

One reason Birmingham gravel routes are picking and surly they will be ready when the national holiday rolls around. Potatoes also are displaying signs, and may yield some fairly good-sized new crops by the end of June. And of course there are lots of young chickens. Several places on the edge of this city have good-sized flocks. We bet many a Birmingham home enjoys

This old-time feast this Fourth of July. And talking of food, we just want to say, "Don't eat so much you cannot drive carefully. Let's help keep clear the traffic accident toll."

If your family's vacation happens to coincide with the following dates and you happen to be in the vicinity, you might be interested in the following Michigan festivals: Blue Water Festival at Port Huron, July 1-5; National Forest Festival at Marquette, July 5-8; and the Indian Powwow at Pontiac, July 7-13.

A highlight for Upper Michigan vacationists on the Fourth of July week end would be the annual riding championships to be held at Gladwin, Michigan, July 4-6 as part of the Hiawatha National Forest Festival. Birling, in the event you are not familiar with all types of sports, boasts the fastest and most continuous footwork of any competition in the world. Tricky and treacherous, it requires a wiry, foot-footed man to stay on top of a 15-foot wheeling "up" fast it draws a smooth sheet of water up over it.

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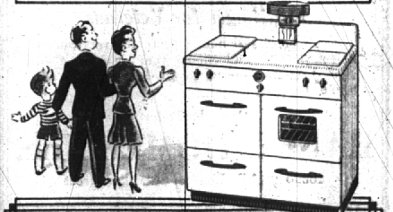
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THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

Picture taking within four or five feet of the subject will give interesting and revealing close-ups like this.

ONE of the most important picture-taking lessons all of us have to learn is the importance of close-ups. Close-ups, no lines out of ten, make more interesting pictures of people than long shots. First, because they show increased detail in features and expressions. And second, because all of us like big, pleasant snapshots of our friends and our families. That means, when it comes to taking pictures of our friends, we should always keep our camera close to the subject. It's much better, if the camera permits, to work at distances of four or five feet. And even if the lens won't focus that closely, it's still possible to crop and enlarge the most important section of medium distance shots—and thus, in effect, produce true-close-up snapshots.

Think of what that means. By cropping and enlarging the most important sections of our pictures—or by working at short distances with our cameras—we can easily make big, attractive snapshots of Kitty with her doll, as in our illustration today. Or we might catch Dad putting away, as he pulls the weeds from the garden, or Junior, grins staid and puzzled, as he tries to fix the wheel of his bike. Aside from working at short distances, the most important thing to remember about close-up photography is that you must be accurate. Don't guess at short distances. Measure them! If you can't estimate them closely, and then your snapshot will always be sharp and clear, and you'll get the interesting and revealing effects you're always wanting.