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Petrillo Doesn't Learn

Mr. James C. Petrillo, head of the American Federation of Musicians, has not learned much from the recent action of Congress. He announces that members of the Federation will not be permitted to work in television until an indefinite date in the future after the union has determined the effect of television upon present radio.

Judges Decide The Law

Sen. Styles Bridges, of New Hampshire, wants all future appointees to the Supreme Court to promise to refrain from political action and to refuse to lend their names to various movements of a public character.

While it is probably true that a majority of the members of the Court have made an earnest effort to attain this ideal, it cannot be denied that the personal, political and economic philosophies of the jurists are reflected in the decisions of the highest tribunal.

While there is no specific provision in law, giving the Supreme Court the right to set aside an act of Congress as unconstitutional, the power was early assumed by the Court and has been exercised so long as to be generally accepted.

The result is that the laws of Congress, just as the laws of various states, when seriously questioned, must pass the test of the jurists, who very often resort to the device of declaring laws unconstitutional because they are unreasonable, arbitrary or capricious.

Obviously, these words mean one thing to a man of one philosophy and another to an exponent of a different philosophy. Consequently, the validity of a law depends upon the personal predilections of a majority of the Court passing upon it.

Public Hearing will be held Monday, May 27, 1946, at 10:00 A.M. in the Boarding Room to consider the removal of the following trees: Pierce Street, Three—3' Elm and 2' Soft Maple; South of West Maple, Pierce Street immediately south of Main; West Maple Avenue, Three—2 1/2' Maple Trees on the South side of West Maple Avenue, immediately east of Henrietta.

RESTAURANT OPERATION SCHEDULE

- THE NORMANDY LUNCHEONS - DINNERS 1365 S. Woodward and 10-10 1/2 N. LEANOR. CORNING'S (L.S.) PATHE BLDG. BROOKS COFFEE CLUB FOR MEMBERS ONLY. FOX AND HOUNDS INN JOHN INGLESSEN, Prop. ROTUNDA INN

95 Per Cent Read The Bible

A scientific and exhaustive nationwide survey of the taste of the American reading public during the first six months of last year was made by the Book Manufacturers Institute and the results are extremely interesting. Encouraging is the report that ninety-five per cent of the people read the Bible, but discouraging is the observation that a large percentage read only a few verses in church on Sunday or report that they read it sometime in their life.

Why and how people read is also discussed, with the survey reporting fifty-eight per cent reading at home, sitting quietly and "smoking" twelve per cent being in bed, seven per cent listening to the radio, and four per cent at work.

Who Gets The Headlines?

Not long ago two newspaper writers were discussing a speech which both considered an excellent public utterance, asking why it did not receive a "better play" in the press.

The answer was supplied by one who said that while it was a good speech it didn't make the headlines because neither individuals nor nations were "strange-labeled."

In brief, the headlines go to the careless speaker, the rash speaker and the sensation-monger. This is a serious condemnation of present-day newspaper writing and editing.

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Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO "It seems so strange to see water works in a town of this size said a Detroitter who spent last Sunday here." The act of the village board in protecting its people from the theft of bicycles receives much praise.

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BITS OF B'HAM

(Continued from Page 1, Part 2) Saturday and Sunday out on the school owned land on West Lincoln. Just when the poor were to be scheduled it has not yet been decided. "It will depend on leadership, food and other factors," declared a Scouter today.

The noise of the late night and early morning and forenoon trains, so familiar to Birmingham folks, was noticeably missing for a few days last week, while the railroad workers were on strike.



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THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

"What is believed to be one of the most important ordinances ever proposed for adoption in Birmingham was tendered the village commission Monday night when Walter A. Pratt of Southfield avenue officially presented local officers with the proposed Zoning Ordinance. The document has given in process of formation by a special committee of Birmingham citizens ever proposed for adoption in Birmingham with its attendant building problems, caused the commission over a year ago to appoint a special zoning commission which has diligently worked on the proposed Zoning Ordinance."