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THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC

Appeals to "Business Brains"

We call attention to the statement of Mr. William A. Irwin, economist of the American Bankers Association, that the American business brains are devoted to a solution of its weaknesses.

This is in line with our repeated assertions that the best brains of capitalism today should seek to correct its abuses.

Continuing, however, the economist says that the weaknesses of our system center in the failure to remedy business depressions or unemployment, to make adequate provision for dependent aged and in the creation of huge monopolistic aggregations of corporate wealth and of labor.

We are quite sure that the economist is correct when he assumed that the same brains that have led the way to the production of wealth can likewise find the way and the means to solve the other problems.

Small Sum for Religion

In 1944, during the peak of war production, the American people, after paying taxes and living expenses, had something like \$67,000,000,000 with which to do as they pleased.

The figures should give cause for thought to all Americans and, we presume to say, to those who operate churches and other character-building agencies.

Heat Above the Earth?

It has been assumed that the temperature of the atmosphere above the earth, after a height of several miles, would show a constant temperature of about sixty-seven degrees below zero Fahrenheit.

The long-accepted theory is put into question by thermometers in rockets. The instruments recorded the heat up to seventy-five miles and disclosed at least two torrid zones.

Some new information for mankind. The effect of the discovery, in application to mundane affairs, will have to await the activity of scientists.

PEOPLE WHO KNOW AMERICA AGREE THAT this nation has no imperialistic desires to gain other earth areas for expansion purposes; people who know Russia know that she wants to conquer other lands for selfish reasons.

LONG IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT "THE LOVE OF money is the root of all evil." It's about time a branch of that branch of thought did much to leave a bad odor, too.

OPPORTUNITY IS ALWAYS KNOCKING AT THE door of the energetic, ambitious and willing worker; but too many workers want the door to open automatically.

MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT THIS: GOOD LAWS made by a Congress generally are not born of the love of wisdom and truth by so-called statesmen; indeed, most good laws are born of a Caesarian operation of trade and swap among the law-makers.

STRANGE HOW, WHEN YOU SWEAR IN A COURT room to "tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth . . ." the opposing lawyer objects.

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Happenings of Long Ago

55 YEARS AGO April 15, 1897

If the village of Birmingham does not show up bright, pleasant and gayly in books of our distinguished visitors it will not be because Mattie Baldwin has not been faithful to her duty, for if Mattie had her way, every street and alley would shine from cleanliness, the grass and flowers would be at their best and Birmingham a paradise.

The attention of our farmer friends is called to the statement in last week's paper that the high way law allows each taxpayer 25 cents per acre for each acre set out on the highway to the amount of one-fourth of his tax each year.

No "use kicking against the pricks," gentlemen, electric road must go.

Open today, M. Levinson's dry goods and gent's furnishing store, Maple Ave. case. Who says Birmingham is not the Broadway Here is a place where you find plenty of excitement and get the worth of your dollars in every time.

20 YEARS AGO April 14, 1927

Charles J. Stiles was elected president of the Birmingham Rotary club to succeed the Rev. R. M. Atkins in the election held at the annual meeting Monday noon.

Announcement has been made of the purchase of the Farmington Enterprise, the official newspaper of the community, by Birmingham man, Hyman Levinson.

A bright future awaits a Birmingham child today; an opportunity to become one of the great has been afforded to Broadway Earle, seventeen-year-old prodigy of this village.

Rev. Leonard L. Forsyth, Episcopal minister, has accepted the post of rector of St. James' Episcopal Church of Birmingham, to begin his work here June 1, according to an announcement by John C. Howarth, chief vestryman of the church.

When the constitution and by-laws were read and adopted by the Birmingham Rotary Annex at their meeting last week they became to their knowledge, the only organized club of that kind in the world.

5 YEARS AGO April 16, 1942

All units of the Red Cross will swing into action at 11:45 today when a "Bombing with a Difference" will be held in the auditorium at the corner of Lone Pine road and Academy street.

Mayor John E. Martz was re-elected to his seventh term as head of the City of Birmingham in the annual organization meeting held Monday.

Eight little girls, most of whom are in the fourth grade at Adams School, have formed a war relief society all of their own, and on Friday night, April 17, at 7:30 p. m., are giving their first public benefit performance at the Community House.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE: Default having been made in the performance of the conditions of the mortgage made by Roseland Park Realty & Investment Company, a Michigan corporation, to the Mortgage and Contract Company, a Michigan corporation, dated February 28, 1941, recorded March 2, 1941, in Liber 1697, pages 70-82, Oakland County, Michigan, Records, which mortgage was assigned to the Mortgage and Contract Company, a New York Life Insurance Company, on September 9, 1944, in Liber 1878, pages 51-52, Oakland County, Michigan, Records, which mortgage, there is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$10,000.00 (\$10,000.00) with interest thereon at the rate of 6% per annum and all lawful costs.

The two hundred twenty-one (221) and the south one-half of lot two hundred thirty-two (232) of McDevitt's Addition of the City of Berkeley, Michigan, situated in the southeast one-quarter (1/4) of the southeast one-quarter (1/4) of Section eleven (11), Town one (1) North Range eleven (11), East one (1) of Plat, map 2, Oakland County Records, situated in the City of Berkeley, Oakland County, Michigan.

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A. W. Berndt to Instruct Summer Classes at MSC

Baldwin High School's band and orchestra leader, Arnold Berndt, will be one of the few high school music instructors selected to teach at a special three-week summer session offering courses in music, drama and art, at Michigan State College.

Students at Baldwin will have the opportunity of taking the special three-week courses from June 22 to July 12, and may enroll upon the recommendation of their music teachers or through Ross Waggoner, principal at Baldwin High.

Last year for the first time the college offered a three-week course in school music. This year they have added courses in art and drama to the curriculum, according to Ralph W. Tenny, director

of the Institute of Short Courses.

May Appear Over Radio: High school music teachers will also be offered the courses to gain further training leading to a degree or renewal of a teacher's certificate. Regular college credit will be given the teachers for several of the short music courses offered.

The school music course is directed by Dr. William H. Sur, professor of music at the college. The band will be directed by Leonard Falcone, orchestra by Alexander Schuster, and the choir by David P. Maehle.

Students may also take courses in music theory, music literature, conducting or lator twirling. Some may have an opportunity to broadcast over WKAH, Michigan State College radio station.

In addition to the instructors from Michigan State College, several from Michigan State College will be in charge of the summer session.

Sweet is the scene where genial friendship plays The casual camp of interchanging praise.

Charles Keppel, 932 Forest, went out of his garage last Thursday and found his car rather mucky, but otherwise unharmed. Detective Bill Green went into action and discovered that a 14-year-old boy had entered the garage, taken the car keys and with several friends. Later the car was returned and the keys replaced. The boys were lectured.

Public Notice: Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held in the Municipal Building on Monday, April 14th, 1947, at 2 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of considering the removal of a tree located at the intersection of Adams and Michigan, more specifically described as 1008 Michigan.

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

Just like a frog, hands can tell a story of their owner. These, for example, bespeak quiet age and patient, workmanlike.

There's a certain fascination to photographs of hands, particularly of old hands. You'll find pictures in newspapers are greater than 1/25 of a second, and the model was careful not to move throughout the exposure. The possibility of such movement, however, may make it a good idea to use dash bulbs when you are able to get them.

Such a picture tells a story of quiet age of patient workmanlike. A baby's tiny fist, clenching a rattle, can tell a different story. One sharp showing a carpenter's hands, skillfully planing wood.

With all such pictures, shoot as close to your subject as your camera permits. It may be, if you use a box camera, that you will have to include much detail that might better be omitted. If this is the case, the best policy is to crop the finished print carefully. Remember that the hands themselves should tell the whole story. Cropping, leaving only the hands and the materials with which they are working, makes this story emphatic.

John van Guilder.

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