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More Caution, Fewer Accidents
Robert A. Gregg, III, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Gregg, Jr., of Beechwood drive, suffered a broken leg when struck by a bicycle as he was leaving the recent "Kite Day" activities at the Pierce Playground.

Bobbie, who was merely an interested spectator during the program, had started toward a playground drinking fountain when he crossed the path of a bicycle rider.

This is another example of the damage that bike riders can inflict unless their mind is constantly on where they are riding. In itself, a bike is a harmless appearing vehicle. Yet it can, and does, cause injuries, as in young Bobbie's case.

Parents, when they provide their youngsters with a new bike, should give their children a lecture along with the gift. The young ones should be warned to be extra cautious when riding in or near public gathering places such as parks, downtown areas, schools.

Motorists, too, suffer a great deal of nervous tension because of cyclists who pedal along travelled thoroughfares. Tendencies toward accidents increase whenever an extra passenger is carried. Bikes were made to transport one person, and it is thrown off balance when an added burden is carried.

Parents cannot stress too strongly nor too often upon their children the importance of carefully observing the proper safety precautions. Many careless and needless accidents can be avoided if this were really impressed on the minds of the bike-riding children.

A Second Annapolis
The establishment of a second Annapolis in West Coast seems probable as a result of the action of Congress in appropriating \$2,500,000 for the purchase of the institution.

High Navy officials consider that the present training school for officers is inadequate for the needs of an expanded Navy. Consequently a new school is being established for the purpose of giving refresher courses to officers, after their graduation from Annapolis. The West Coast school will not compete with the Eastern Academy but will supplement its instruction.

There is going to be a serious shortage of gas and fuel oil in the U.S. this coming winter; Michigan, too, will feel it very much. It is our guess that some form of rationing of both will be necessary so that no area will go cold.

Good American Doctrine

Charles Clayton Morrison, founder and editor of The Christian Century, a religious publication, urges Americans to resist the efforts of any church to obtain "an official connection with the Government or a financial connection with the public treasury."

This is sound advice, based on the teachings and theories of Thomas Jefferson, who decreed the separation of Church and State in Virginia and had much to do with establishing this policy in connection with the Federal Government.

The separation of church and state, complete and without equivocation, is a fundamental American doctrine. If it comes under direct attack, there is little doubt of the support that it will receive from the vast majority of the people of this country. Let us hope that there is no occasion to make a political issue out of the complete separation of church and state in this country.

Wheat and Coal

Secretary of Commerce W. Averell Harriman, who has just completed a survey of European economic problems, says that "they all boil down to wheat and coal."

This may be something of an oversimplification but no one can deny the importance of grain and fuel in the program of rehabilitation. Until the agriculture of Europe exceeds its pre-war production, there will be a demand for grain from other areas. The same can be said of the coal mines.

We have great sympathy for the teachers of today. Perhaps they have inherited the ignorance of the teachers of yesterday... who failed to acquaint the taxpayers with the full value of education.

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Happenings of Long Ago

FIFTY YEARS AGO August 20, 1897
Our fellow townsman and distinguished botanist, Sam Alexander, has been attending the sessions of the Botanical Section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science just held in Detroit. He has won high distinction among the scientists from all over the country for some of his interesting discoveries made in this vicinity.

Considerable speculation has been expressed as to who the teachers would be to occupy the two vacancies on the present staff. They are Miss Fanny S. Hay of Washington, C. who teaches in the high school, and Miss Angie Baker of Chicago, will preside in the secondary room.

The annual picnic of the Birmingham and E. Sunday School will be held Tuesday, Aug. 24, at Belle Isle. The excursionists will be conveyed to the Belle Isle Bridge by special trolleys starting from Birmingham at 8 a.m.

Once again "Victory Day" has rolled around and once again Birmingham dancers, old and young, are invited to join the celebration of Victory Day with a street dance under the stars on the court of Baldwin High School tonight, Thursday, at 9 p.m.

These dances are given as a homecoming to the service boys because these street dances have been a focal point of Birmingham summer season for many years. There will be lights, music, refreshments, ballroom and a festive spirit to make it a dance long remembered.

Plan Square Dances
Victor W. Beck and his Detroit orchestra will provide the music. Modern dancing will be interspersed with square dances to the delight of many of the dancers. Clarence Davy will be the caller, and entertainment in itself by virtue of his own particular style of singing and calling.

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Handreds of men are working at top speed to complete the huge Yellow Coach factory which is being erected on the Blooming Township, in an effort to meet the building deadline. The new factory will be one of the largest of its kind in Michigan, and is being erected at a cost of about \$8,000,000.

Fines totaling \$55 were paid by five men who appeared before Justice E. J. Moore this morning. All the men pleaded guilty to the charge of having taken small-size trout from Orchard Lake.

A police check on local traffic showed that about 100 cars per minute crossed the intersection of Woodward and Maple avenues Sunday. The check was made in an effort to formulate plans for traffic regulations which will insure greater safety for local motorists.

FIVE YEARS AGO August 20, 1942
Bloomfield Village officially became a recognized fire district a week ago when the Township Board approved a petition for such an area. It carried signatures representing more than 80 per cent of the population.

Just to prove to the Weather Man that he can't ruin their plans all the time, Orchard Lake Country Club will hold a second birthday party. Their first, planned as a barbecue, took the form of an indoor party to escape the rain. On Aug. 27 they will make their second attempt, this time with a Harvest Moon party.

George D. Clark, an official in a Detroit bank, announces that he is leaving that work to enter the ministry of the Episcopal church. Mr. Clark is well known here through his work in St. James Church and with the Village Players.

Rotarians had a most enjoyable trip last week when they visited one of the world's foremost centers of art creation—the studio of Carl Milles at Cranbrook. He is known throughout the world for his outstanding work in the field of sculpture.

City Manager D. C. Egbert he had purchased two cars for the police department, one for this year and the other for next year. He issued his statement, adding, "we will not be sure until the cars are actually here and being driven."

For that article you can't find anywhere else, try The Eccentric Want Ads.

You're Off the Track, Sherlock



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THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner



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SHOTS AROUND YOUR GARDEN

A FRIEND of mine stopped by the other day and asked me to take some pictures of his garden. He wanted an album of such shots as a present for his wife. For, as he admitted, "it's really her garden, I work in it mainly under protest."

I couldn't get away to take the pictures, but I loaned him a camera and told him how to get the pictures he wanted. "Try shooting," I told him, "in the early morning or late afternoon. Then the sun, striking the flowers at an angle, gives a more interesting pattern of highlights and shadows than when it's directly overhead. In fact, I also explained that pictures of flowers generally are most successful when individual blossoms, or small groups of blossoms, are singled out for attention. "You'll probably want one or two shots of the entire garden," I told him. "But try some other angles, too. Make some shots of one or two blossoms, snap a small corner of the garden, work people into your garden scenes when you're showing any overall view."

Using a focusing camera, my friend was able to make a number of close-ups. For these he selected one or two blossoms, placed a dark piece of cardboard behind them so that the foliage would stand out, and shot with a small lens aperture to insure a wide range of sharpness, picturing each detail clearly. For some of these shots, too, he used an old outdoor portrait trick—a piece of white cardboard, held on the side of the flower opposite the sun, reflected sunlight into the shadow side of the bloom for more even lighting.

Some of his shots showed his children picking flowers in the garden. Others showed a corner of the plot with a rose-covered arbor. Together, the pictures gave a rounded story—and one that should please his wife.

And, although the camera my friend used was one of the focusing type, the entire collection of shots might have been made with a box camera equipped with close-up attachments. Such an attachment, which slips over the lens of the camera, permits box-camera users to picture objects only two or three feet away. It permits making flower close-ups with the simplest types of cameras—or close-ups of people or other subjects.

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