

I have always believed that every man has a good streak which, if he has it, he will use to his profit. The better qualities, I never could subscribe to the notion that, because a person has a few negative habits or attitudes, such a person should be banished as worthless and unfit to deal with.

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A Dark Room Lament

As an amateur camera fan of many years experience, I note a few days ago that a clap in the East has invented a camera that will take and print a complete picture in one minute. As one who has spent many happy hours in a dark room, developing film and enlarging pictures, this new invention, "Red Cross Camera," never take the place of the traditional techniques of the darkroom where, with time and skill, one can obtain truly artistic results from the darkroom equipment.

An Anti-Socialistic Winter

Recent snow storms and cold weather in Great Britain have raised havoc with that Island's entire life. It seems that a sort of conspiracy between Mother Nature and anti-socialistic groups has come about, to the end that the Communist domination of the Old England away from democratic pressing, decided to hit the Atlantic where it hurts most?

Washington bureaucracy, according to report, has decided to allow the American people more sugar during 1947. Sugar, you know, comes largely from Cuban sugar cane, or sugar beets grown in the U.S.A. Representatives and bureaucrats have discovered that U. S. citizens are disgusted with Communist domination of the Old England away from democratic pressing, decided to hit the Atlantic where it hurts most?

Controlling the Communist

Under our form of constitution, we are free to think, speak and write as we wish, within the limits of the law. This freedom of expression is one of the basic principles of our government and State also to the legality of various political and social organizations. The Communist, Soviet ideology, is, of course, opposed to the American form of government. It would substitute the pattern of totalitarianism for self-government; it would destroy the resources which have fabricated into the items that people buy. So long as we allow freedom of expression, the Communist cannot be outlawed. However, one thing can be done, that is to set up and keep in operation the machinery of exposing Communists, wherever they may be. A Communist, man or woman, can be exposed as such then others are given warning of their danger. Keeping the public informed of Communist activities is one of the most important things that we can do to achieve, and exposing Communists within the State and Nation, has been the slogan against "boring from within."

Tax Valuations Too Low

One of the most serious problems facing many Michigan communities is the fact that in many cases assessed valuations are so low that they do not reflect the true value of property. This situation has led to a number of communities to raise enough local taxes to carry on needed services. The State and Nation, however, have not taken any steps to correct this situation.

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Winter's Icy Sculpturing

When an automatic shutoff valve failed to close on day last week, water took the opportunity to build an icy covering over much of the framework of a water tower on Verona Circle near Greenfield road in the Beverly Hills subdivision. The water, which had been at work that practically all of the ice still remains frozen on the tower.

Charles Murray Climaxes School Career by Winning Johnson Memorial Award

By Hugh Quinn

Honors are thick and fast this last week to Charles Murray, Birmingham athlete and honor student, who has chosen great-grandfather of the Washington Group, elected to the school's Who's Who, and Rebecca Hoffman Award established by him last year, and being chosen winner of the Johnson Memorial Award, the latter considered the most highly coveted honor that can be won by Birmingham students.

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Club Director Here's Some Dandy News—And We're Not A-Lion, Either

High School

Mrs. Carol Darling to Formulate New Club Program

Mrs. Carol Darling, for the past six years girls' counselor at Baldwin High School, this week was named director of high school club activities in a move to substitute school-approved clubs for fraternities and sororities, Ross A. Wagner, Baldwin principal, announced Tuesday morning.

Plan 'Y' Retreat for Christ Church Saturday, Mar. 1

The Nineteenth Annual Spring Retreat of the Detroit YMCA will be held at Christ Church, Detroit, from 3:30 to 9 p. m., Ed Kirk-

Maples Need Only One More Win for a Championship

By Bill Kiedge

With only one league game remaining on their schedule, a fast-moving Birmingham five assured victory by at least tie for first place in the Eastern Michigan League by sailing over Hazel Park by the score of 41-30 last Friday night on the Maples' own floor.

Dog Tag Deadline

Birmingham dog owners have until this Saturday noon, March 1, to obtain 1947 dog licenses for their family pets, or else face the prospect of a double fee after that date, City Clerk Irene Hanley pointed out this week. The clerk's office will be open till noon Saturday for the convenience of those who do not now have the new tags.

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Fire Destroys Red Cross Campaign Homes, Takes Four Victims

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Red Cross Campaign Starts Monday for \$8,492 City Quota

In conjunction with the nation-wide Red Cross campaign for 1947, Oakland County volunteer Red Cross solicitors will launch their campaign March 3, with official campaign work carrying on through the balance of the month, according to Mark Cross, chairman of the 1947 Oakland County Red Cross Fund Campaign. The quota for Oakland County has been set at \$109,282.

Moving Outside School District, Mrs. Lyle Resigns

Mrs. Norman Lyle, 1347 York-shire, resignation from the Birmingham Board of Education Tuesday night because Saturday she will be permanently dislocated, herself in certain cases on that board when she and her family move to their new home in the city limits.

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