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Inconsistent, Isn't It?

Despite the fact that they, like most people, are subject occasionally to the same mistakes and errors in judgment that beset the average human being in the performance of his work, our Birmingham city commissioners...

However, one of their recent decisions, in our opinion, shows how they do not always conform to an announced policy. It is in regard to their settlement of the storm sewer problem in the Quanton Lake Estates area.

Commissioners, in that instance, originally intended to put a storm sewer along West Maple, from Fairfax to the River Rouge, to relieve existing basement floodings during periods of heavy rainfall. This picture was changed in the final determination by adding a storm sewer along Pine street and including in the assessment area that portion of the city north of Pine and just below Raynald street.

Then, just last week, the commission by a four-to-two vote, abandoned the proposed paving of Chesterfield street, one of their reasons being that if the property owners along that street didn't want the improvement, there was no use in tying up a portion of the city's money in the project. The city, they say, already is at the point of having to issue bonds to pay the city's share of any bigger wave of public improvements.

Yet the commission, in the Quanton instance, approved a \$22,500 sewer for Pine street, a sewer which admittedly will not be used until storm laterals are extended north along the streets in the area. It undoubtedly will be some years before the laterals are put in. Yet the city's share of the cost will have been paid for something that will not be in use for some years.

No man should be foolish enough to criticize the manner in which women dress themselves. Whether the skirts be longer or shorter is a subject of no great moment; the real question for men to ponder is: are their socks being darned and their shirts ironed correctly . . . and on time!

Superintendent of Schools Dwight B. Ireland's recent article should be heeded, especially by those parents who consider the public schools only a place to deposit "Buddy" or "Janie" for certain hours of the day to keep them from getting underfoot around the house.

Old people, inclined to laugh at young people, might take a look at the world as they have made it.

We Thank You, Too

The week of October 26 through November 1 has been officially designated as "Girl Scout Week" and the 500 girl scouts in Birmingham are joining with a million other girls across the country in its celebration.

These youngsters and young women—they range in age from seven to seventeen—are taking this opportunity to say a formal "thank you" to the individual men and women and to the organizations, both community and national, who have helped and guided them in their girl scout activities. To the girl scouts, this "thank you" is a kind of summation up at the end of the thirty-fifth year of their existence as an organization. It is an expression of their appreciation to those adults who have given their support to the young women of our country.

It is an interesting commentary upon the thinking of our young people that they should want to say "thank you" when in reality we adults have just as much reason to thank them. These girls, with their bright smiles and their constant willingness to serve, are a source of inspiration to grown-ups everywhere. They represent the future of our country and, with their international membership, the future of the world. We have the privilege of helping prepare them for the task they face—a privilege which is also a pleasure.

Those women who serve as girl scout leaders, the men and women who either individually or through their community organizations serve as sponsors, consultants and advisors, all of us who have any contact with these youngsters, have an opportunity to recapture a bit of that wonderful feeling of just being young.

The girl scouts and Brownies of Birmingham need more older friends to volunteer as leaders and sponsors for the girls who are still waiting for a chance to join. You can earn the heartfelt gratitude of Birmingham's finest young citizens by offering to share with them your hobbies, your time or your club's sponsorship. And you'll be glad you did!

If you want to keep in touch with a friend borrow some of his money.

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SCIENTISTS are studying effects of the cosmic rays from outer space on heredity. One effect that seems to be overlooked is that too much of one might eliminate the other.

A St. Louis judge ruled it legal for a wife to rifle her husband's pockets while he sleeps. Apparently the only recourse is to keep your late hours at home.

This is the season when you sometimes wish for the weather you had when you were wishing for the weather you have.

An attorney named Hoover Tatt was elected president of the North Carolina Young Democrats. Everything considered, that chap missed his calling by not working among handicapped persons.

A chambermaid strike at a Philadelphia hotel left her unemployed. As far as guests were concerned, the issue was "You lay in your bed, now make it."

STATE OF MICH. 61-852. The Probate Court for the County of Oakland, Michigan, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the will of the late Mrs. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate, of said county, Michigan, who died on the 15th day of October, A. D. 1947.

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Handicap Race



Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO October 22, 1897. There is a lack of hitching posts in town. We consider it the duty of every store, church, etc., in town to have its own rod and use those in front of private houses. It forces one's guests to drive to another spot, and tempts them to tie horses to the trees, a ruinous practice, indeed.

20 YEARS AGO October 27, 1927. Birmingham's census answered an odd call Monday morning when Mrs. Banco Banford called and asked that they would please come and extinguish the fire in her refrigerator.

Thomas Roper, known to hundreds as "Uncle Tommy," celebrated his 100th birthday with an airplane ride Oct. 17. The pilot was Harry Brooks of Southfield, who was taken to the airport on a ride from the Ford airport. "It was wonderful. No ditches, no cops, no red lights, nothing but fresh air and scenery," the older reported.

Hunters in this vicinity are warned to secure copies of the new Michigan game laws before starting on their annual trips to the woods and fields. From deer and bear, right down through to rabbit and squirrel, the dates have been changed, and many an unwary mired will be caught on the wrong side of the law if he is not careful.

A large enrollment has been made for Mrs. Charles J. Shain's Tuesday morning classes in Wood Park. The class will start this coming Tuesday, at 10 o'clock.

5 YEARS AGO October 22, 1942. While walking through the canyon of the river outside in the Panama Canal Zone, Sgt. J. L. Smith started with a surprise copy of the Birmingham Eccentric on a man's cop. Inquiry showed him that the owner was a local boy. Through a survey of the home town papers, the two soldiers who are such close neighbors (Smith lives in Foxcroft) became acquainted.

George Singers of Park street dropped in the other day to tell us of another prank of mother nature. Near his house is a small crabapple tree, from which all the leaves have fallen, which has suddenly decided to bloom. He says the little crabapple looked as though they had been plucked from the tree by some prankster, but assured us they were real enough.

Earl Bisco's little pointer pup took it upon herself to settle the family debate as to whether or not she knew enough to hunt. She went out, and within half an hour returned home with a squirrel which someone had shot in the nearby woods.

Three Detroiters ran into Birmingham law last week when they were charged with hunting within the city limits. Each was fined when he appeared before Judge Forbes S. Harsall.

Movies of Poland, Italy to Be Shown by Correspondent. Cities, farms, industries and rebuilding of war damage in post-war Poland and Italy will be pictured in new motion pictures, filmed by himself this winter, by Julien Bryan, foreign correspondent and author of "Siege," for the World Adventure Series at the Capitol Theatre of Arts this coming week.

"Inside Poland—1947" will be Bryan's motion picture subject at 8:30 next Saturday evening, Oct. 25, and again at 8:30 Sunday evening, Oct. 26. His new pictures show Warsaw, Krakow and other cities of the newly acquired seaport of Gdansk, Zolopane and other cities; farms, industries and mines; living conditions in post-war Poland. At 8:30 next Sunday afternoon, Oct. 26, Bryan will appear on "Inside Italy—1947." His new motion pictures take the audience to Rome, Florence, Siena, Pisa and other cities; to the farming region near Cassino at harvest time; to factories and to Italian homes.

New Navy eight-inch turret guns, developed since V-J Day as part of the program for adapting rapid, automatic features to large guns, will fire approximately four times faster than any other gun of the same larger caliber.

Get Into The Family Album. THE old family album may be the lull of a good many worn-out jokes but the fact remains that there's no historian to compare with a wisely used camera.

Ask the average adult when he first really started making pictures and chances are his answer will be that he really got interested in photography when his children were born. All of which only goes to prove that you're missing a lot if you don't keep a full, pictorial family history. Here you arrange it—whether in one album or in a series of separate albums—is of secondary importance. The main thing to remember is to use your camera regularly to get different types of pictures of all the family. And that means of the family. One of my friends, an eager picture taker, confessed to me several months ago that among hundreds of snapshots he had of his family less than two dozen of his pictures included himself in the scene. So if you're the picture-taker in

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