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Let Them Speak Their Minds

Let's have a word in praise of prospective graduates, even now working their minds upon problems to be solved after the annual commencement.

While the race of human beings pokes fun at the youngsters, isn't there something to praise in the eagerness with which they attack the evils of the day and the hopefulness with which they plead their special causes?

So let all young people in Baldwin high school proceed with their study of "problems", and make known their "cures". Who knows what statesmen have been developed from schoolyard orators and what the world owes to the keen study of commencement day speakers?

For Public Purposes

Mrs. Catherine Nolen Bonifas, who died last month at her home in Escanaba, Michigan, deserves considerable attention.

The widow of a multi-millionaire lumberman, the lady left her fortune to the public and to charitable institutions. Among the bequests that are somewhat unusual is one for \$820,000 to the public schools of Escanaba, \$300,000 to the city and county for a new city hall-courthouse and \$150,000 to the Michigan Board of Education for a public school at Garden, Michigan, where she lived when she came to this country from Ireland, in 1888.

It is rather unusual for an individual to leave such sums for public purposes. The example can be recommended, without reservation, to other individuals who happen to possess fortunes beyond the reasonable needs of their relatives.

Henry A. Wallace, Third Party Presidential candidate, certainly gives of his talents and energies to the cause he is working for; if only he were to confine his ideology to the American tradition, he might get somewhere in politics. But so long as he slants his ideas with a reddish color, he'll not become a tremendous menace. (Assuming, of course, that America remains alert.)

It is reported that the "give-away" radio programs of this nation comprise money and prizes amounting to \$100,000 weekly. Your individual chance to get some of this is infinitesimal; but hope rises high in the average human breast, of course.

Poor Harry! A nice guy when he was Senator, too. In the hands of the fast-operating, politically minded clique that dominates him, he is like a forlorn waif, lost in a snowstorm.

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Danger in Water Spots

Summer brings us vacation days, with most of the people of the nation spending considerable time in the out-of-doors. Unfortunately, some of these outings result in tragedy that brings sorrow to happy families.

Many accidents are attributed to carelessness in the water. The surf attracts millions, with inevitable drownings as venturesome individuals go out too far. Inland lakes, ponds and rivers likewise claim their victims, with non-swimmers occasionally getting into deep water with fatal consequences.

Accidents take a terrible toll of life in the United States every year. It is well, perhaps, to caution everybody about the dangers that lurk in water, known as well as unknown. Parents who read this article might permit it to remind them to give a warning to their children, with emphasis upon the need of caution in the water.

No Doubt Secretary of the Treasury Snyder points out that the national debt has been reduced \$28,000,000,000 since 1946 but expresses doubt about the continuance of the policy.

The enormous expenditures now planned for preparation and for world rehabilitation, coupled with the reduction measure already passed, leave little room to believe that the government will operate without a deficit.

Every man, woman and child in Birmingham should have some kind of garden plot. There are lessons to be learned from Nature which are not available anywhere else.

In spite of Congress' recent generosity in lowering the income tax rate, most income taxpayers in Birmingham will still find it just as painful to pay the reduced taxes.

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People's Column

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We would appreciate some publicity from your newspaper regarding our drive, knowing the field your paper serves. If a small percentage of the folks who read your paper would send one dime our dreams would soon be a reality.

Grover F. Morrow, Radio Committee Chairman

To the Editor: June 1, 1948 We would like your paper to give us a little write-up about the Veteran's Radio Fund which officially opened May 31 at Briggs Stadium.

There is a veteran in my neighborhood that is hospitalized for a year? If so make him happy — send your contribution with his name to Veteran's Radio Fund, Briggs Stadium, Detroit. His name must be made as our need is so great so no hospitals, for we all know that a radio is a sick man's best friend. Mrs. Otto Milbrand

Happenings of Long Ago

5 YEARS AGO June 10, 1943

The summer recreational program will get under way here directly after the close of the public schools. An extensive musical program is scheduled, which will be under the direction of Arnold W. Berndt. The playgrounds and pool schedule will begin June 21.

With the addition of Merlyn Holmquist to the Birmingham Police force, the department reaches a total strength of 19. Holmquist, former employee of General Motors truck division, began his tour of duty last Monday night.

"It smells like smoke in our basement," said the voice over the phone that sent the smoke eaters hurrying to the Indian Craft Shop on West Maple the other day. Investigation proved that the smoke smell came from a shipment of merchandise just received from Mexico!

Robert N. Woodruff has been named president of the Village Players for the coming year. He succeeds William L. Schaffer.

A number of Birminghamers were thrilled recently when they recognized Lorraine Elliott as one of the inmates in the "Frisco, Frisco." Lorraine's family formerly lived on Emmons street.

Police are seeking the identity of the driver of the cream colored Buick which drove away after striking James Phillips, 12-year-old news boy Monday afternoon in the "Frisco" papers on Adams road when struck.

20 YEARS AGO June 14, 1928

Baldwinville was alarmed. The "Ark" had burned. The old wagon, which in Birmingham's horse-owner days was the horse owned by S. O. Wylie Bell, has become a part of life at Baldwin. It has been towed through the streets on every possible occasion, and finally is no more. The "Ark" burned Thursday at the rear of the school where it had been stored for the summer.

Police Chief James Anderson leaves Monday to spend two weeks at the annual conference of chiefs at Colorado Springs, Colo. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Anderson and their two children.

Officials in charge of the fund drive for the Community House announce that the total received to date is \$108,000. They express their sincere thanks to all for their splendid support.

Nearly 100 local Girl Scouts received merit badges at the court of merit ceremony in the Community House Friday evening.

The annual rally of the Birmingham Boy Scouts has been postponed until fall. Scoutmasters said that the step was taken because they do not feel that the troops have had enough experience in several fields to hold the affair at the usual spring date.

Members of the Birmingham

The Homestretch Sprint



'Tis Washington By The Duchess

When a senator is absent... He seeks permission and according to custom states the purpose. The phrase used in "absent on official business," embracing everything from a congressional junket to a fishing trip.

50 YEARS AGO June 10, 1898 Birmingham, the lowest village on the plains, will be increased in size next week by the auctioning of 68 lots in the Randall subdivision. Complete information regarding this sale will be given in our next issue.

John Stabler caught a pickered one day last week that weighed more than 10 pounds. Congratulations, John, but we wish you'd tell us where you went.

Someone hitched a horse to a tree in town last Saturday night, and someone just missed paying a five dollar fine.

Baldwin avenue is the name of one of the new streets, named after Edwin Baldwin, one of our old pioneers. We all know him as "Uncle Ed" and have many pleasant recollections of a genial gentleman.

The other day we heard a prominent citizen speak disparagingly of the sale of lots next week. Now this is wrong. If you can't speak well of any growth or development, don't speak at all, is what we say.

Girls and young ladies, there is no surer way to get your man than to prove to him that you are an excellent cook. A course in cooking lessons will be given in Birmingham Monday evening next Wednesday in the parlors of the M. E. Church. Be there at 2:30 p.m. and take the first step toward a happy home.

Pictures submitted for publication in The Eccentric may be returned at the editorial office NO LATER than Friday noon of the week preceding the issue in which the picture is to appear.

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

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Vacation Ahead REGARDLESS of how you spend your vacation—touring cross-country, fishing clear streams, or merely lying on a nearby beach—you'll want your camera with you. For part of the fun of any vacation is in recalling it after it's gone, remembering the view from a mountain trail, retelling the catch of a 3-pound trout, laughing again over a lobster cooked on the shore. And, if you want to share your experience, what better way is there than through snapshots? Far more effective than words, they can convey to other people a sense of the pleasure and enjoyment which you've experienced. So, when you take your vacation, try to take a complete picture story. Try the old movie technique—the long shot which shows the scene of an action; the medium distance shot which shows what the nature of the action is; and the closeup which shows an individual's feelings or reaction. For an example of this technique, let's take our fisherman. A long shot, which shows the brook and the trees, helps to set the scene. A second shot, taken at closer range, can show that he has a "bite". And a third shot, as he sets his catch, can show his feeling of pride and accomplishment. A simple, three-way story like this will take you through your vacation ahead. And the technique used for such a story can be varied for any situation. You can even employ a movie bit of trick using a moving picture of a road sign—Niagara Falls, 10 mi.—to lead off your picture story. The big thing to remember in picture stories is to keep them alive. Mix them up so they not only show where you've been, but show what you did, and how much you enjoyed it. That's where the long shot, the medium distance shot, and the close-up come into their own. And used in this way they help tell your story completely, convincingly. —John van Guilder

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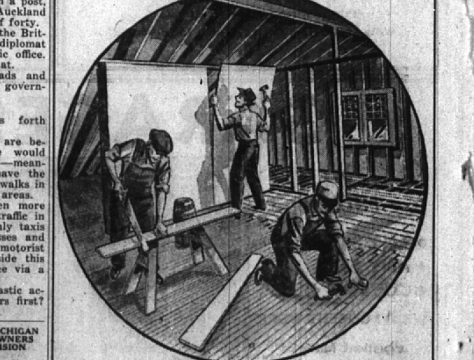
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