Predicts Flights to Moon

The opinion is expressed that inter-planetary flight, or flights to the moon, may be possible within the lifetime of those living.

What makes the item worthy of note is that it represents a survey among scientists, carried out by a foundation by Dr. G. Edward Pandray. He reports that the men questioned were not "fiction writers" but hard-headed technical men.

Over one-fourth of them said they expected "definite progress within ten years toward the development of rockets for inter-planetary flight."

The revelation came in connection with the dedication of an exhibit of the work in rocketry of the late Dr. Robert H. Goddard, pioneer in the field. Dr. Goddard, who died in 1945, worked on rocket propulsion for the Navy and earlier set forth the mathematical principles of rocket flight, which were copied by the Germans.

If you believe the city commission alone can solve all of Birmingham's problems, someone has misled you; if you believe the appointive city officials can find the answer to these matters, you are also on the wrong track; but if the city commission, the appointed city officials AND THE GREAT MAJORITY OF BIRMINGHAM RESIDENTS tackle the problem TOGETHER, they will come up with the answer to ANY problem.

General McArthur is a great soldier. We hope he remains in Japan long enough to get some form of working democracy started with the Nipponese. He shouldn't spoil his record by engaging in mere politics. Ditto for Eisenhower.

Tragedy that struck Vanport, Oregon, when the swollen Columbia river inundated a city of 19,000 people, again proved that the American Red Cross is always on the job to serve humanity. When you give to that grand organization, you are giving yourself to people you may never know—unless, in the hazards of earthly living, you, yourself, might be the recipient of Red Cross service.

Memorial Day for 1948 has passed into history. Human beings best serve the spirit of such a day by living the kind of life that warrants enduring peace. Peace is not a set of words written on paper by the representatives of government; it must be spawned from the heart and head—it is, fundamentally, born of the Good Inner Spirit of Man!

When one really gets down to basic facts, there are only two types of people in the world: me and the other people.

Light on a Dark Subject

Drivers who tell you they can drive best at night are either rare exceptions to the general rule, or they are simply talking through their hats—mostly the latter. Accident statistics do not bear them out; they indicate that it is not only harder, but more dangerous to drive at night. Three out of every five motor vehicle deaths happen after dark, and this in spite of fewer cars on the roads and a yearly average of fewer darkness than daylight hours.

Safety in night driving is entirely a question of visibility, and there are, therefore, only two ways by which night accidents can be reduced. One is to provide increased visibility wherever possible; the other is to acquire the habit of increased caution wherever visibility is below daylight standards.

If that seems over-stressing the obvious, it is only because drivers and pedestrians have allowed themselves to become over-confident. Twenty thousand night-time traffic deaths in a year cannot be laughed away.

The responsibility for adequate street lighting rests squarely with the community concerned. The cost is small compared with the saving in life and property.

Away from city limits, on roads which are not artificially lighted, responsibility rests with individual travelers. Automobile headlights giving the same visibility as normal daylight have not been invented, and motorists must make allowances accordingly. If a driver cannot stop within his headlight range, he may have the doubtful satisfaction of seeing what he is going to hit, only a split fraction of a second before he hits it. It may well be the last thing he will ever see.

One hundred years ago at Seneca Falls, N.Y., the first woman's rights congress was held. They've been right ever since.

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Happenings of Long Ago

FIFTY YEARS AGO
June 3, 1898

George Kendall of Detroit is occupying the position of cashier with the electric car line since our own George Hendrie donned the uniform of the army.

Our adventurers in Alaska have written us, telling of their recent experiences in an avalanche. They worked for hours freeing 20 men and women caught in the slide, and had just started back to camp when another took place. Of the original "community" of 75 people, more than half were killed.

Things became real lively at the Clements' blacksmith shop one day last week when Dr. L. F. Baldock tried to treat a horse which had been hurt in a runaway. The animal became infuriated about something and began to kick. He injured the Dr.'s ankle and kicked a window out of the shop.

Leslie Mark Hanna, 15-month old son of John Hanna had a narrow escape from tragic death Decoration Day afternoon. The baby had been playing near the curb in front of his home and strayed out on the street. A young man, driving a single rig, did not notice the little fellow until the front hoof of his horse struck Leslie over the right eye. He was treated by Dr. Wilson who said his injuries were not serious.

It comes to our attention that a local clergy reprimanded a little boy for matching pennies with a companion last week. The lad looked up and replied, "I ain't matching pennies, I'm just trying to."

A sawmill is on the ground near the depot and will soon be sawing.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
June 7, 1928

Simplicity will mark the dedication Sunday of the new First Church of Christ, Scientist, Sunday. The church has been in use since last July, but no formal dedication service has yet been held.

Mrs. Nancy Thomas, librarian, has announced that a children's reading club will be held there during the summer months. Diplomas will be issued to those who complete the prescribed course of reading, she said.

In an effort to keep the business district free for the use of shoppers, police are waging a war on those motorists who leave their cars on the main street while they are at work. Merchants have pointed out that so many cars left for long periods are driving shoppers out of town.

Two delegates are being chosen from the Birmingham Fire Department to attend the state convention being held at Port Huron June 11, 12 and 13.

A dog spoiled the dignity of the Decoration Day parade here last week, when it tagged along, sniffing the boots of one of the marchers at every step. The man reported to this office that it was only the reverence of the event that kept him from making the ky-yi very sorry.

Defective wiring was given as the cause of the fire which, last Thursday, threatened to destory the Lone Pine Inn. Only the prompt and efficient work of the fire department saved the beautiful inn, owned by George G. Booth.

FIVE YEARS AGO
June 3, 1943

Five children at Pierce School were cut by flying glass in the wind storm which struck Birmingham Tuesday afternoon. Widespread damage was reported throughout the city as trees were uprooted, wires torn down and roofs ripped by the force of the gale.

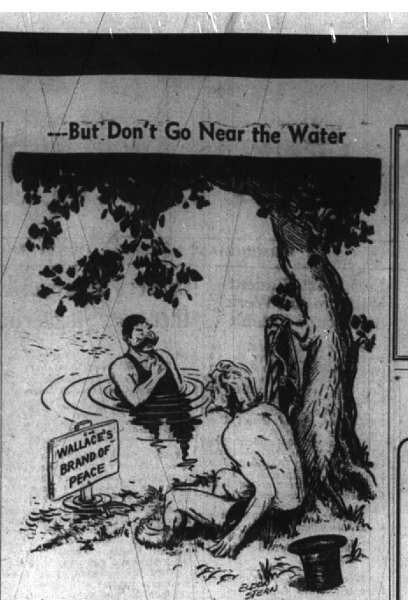
An amendment to the city charter, passed Monday night, permits the city to auction abandoned cars if not claimed within 45 days after being left on public property.

John H. Springman, principal of Pierce School was named president of the local Lions Club last Wednesday. He will assume office on July 1. Rolland F. Weber was elected vice-president.

Harold B. Kuder, local administrator of war jransportation, this week warned motorists that the element of human life has entered the automotive field. Drive carefully, he advised, stating that worn tires, brakes and the general run down condition of most cars had become a major hazard.

The Baldwin chapter of the National Honor Society elected Sue Burnside president at the election meeting last Thursday. She succeeds Frank Wangberg in that office.

Mrs. Hartman A. Lichtwardt, R. N., who is visiting this country from Iran will speak at a public meeting Wednesday, sponsored by the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church.



---But Don't Go Near the Water

'Tis Washington

By The Duchess

What's needed, maybe, is a "Voice of America" for Americans!

For, despite the preponderance of accurate press, radio and speech coverage, the average U. S. citizen seems amasingly, and even dangerously, uniformed on things international.

Radio quiz programs on current events prove that.

The "Voice of America" tells the outside world what the American version of a democracy is all about.

A "Voice of America" for Americans would be a surpassing sequel to the old Roosevelt fireside chats, which, in easy conversational phrases, gave at least the gist and principles underlying American policy.

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Is it butter?

That's what some Washington officials are asking as they unwrap a gift of a pound of "butter" and a pound of "oleo" packed in identical boxes.

Some say "Y" is the butter.

Others that "X" is the real thing.

But the widespread doubt proves oleo can be passed for butter. So says the butter lobby.

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The G-men must read, too . . .

Over in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, there's a small library where G-men must snoop through pages of books which seem perfectly innocent to the American reader.

A visitor gets an idea of the "clue" from the passages underlined in red ink.

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In a recent article in Coronet, several paragraphs were marked in an article "The Decline and Fall of the United States" by the famed news writers, the Alsop brothers.

Always cautious, the FBI warns not all the "red ink" is a "subversive" clue, often it's just important information.

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Even the most ardent Democrat chuckled.

The Roosevelt-hating New York Daily News, never one to forget a grudge, comments on the proposal before the House for authorization of a $3 bill, bearing on one side the portrait of Roosevelt and on the other a picture of the Hyde Park library.

The news recalls the old expression "as phony as a $3 bill" and sees the "ideal memorial" for "that man in the White House".

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Another diplomat departs . . .

One of the sad aspects of Washington life is that you just make a friend and then he's gone. Especially is this true of diplomats for the very nature of their jobs makes them forever transients.

Some come back.

But Lord Inverchapel, the British ambassador, is not likely to do so despite his saying "the American people are the nicest people I've ever lived among". For the 66-year-old career diplomat has served in a dozen countries and wants to go back to what he calls his farm.

He left with only one regret. He didn't see as much of the United States as he desired. And those who knew him well in Washington wish more Americans had met this tall, gaunt, plain spoken Britisher.

Gem-Cutting Class to Start at Cranbrook

A class in stone and gem cutting and polishing will be held at Cranbrook Institute of Science on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 10:00 o'clock starting June 23. The classes will continue through July and two meetings will be arranged for other than Wednesday evening to suit the convenience of the members. There will be eight instruction periods under the guidance of Floyd Bunt.

The class will be limited to 12 members. Decorative stones for cutting and polishing are available at cost. Each student is requested to supply his own water-proof apron.

Applications for this course are currently being taken at the Cranbrook Institute of Science.

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

When making close-up shots such as this, it's wise to compensate for parallax so your subject is centered on the film.

Using Your Viewfinder—Wisely

ONE of our readers has written to ask why he's been having trouble getting his subject centered on the negative when he shoots close up.

"I line up the picture in my camera's viewfinder carefully," he explains. "Yet when I get back my finished print, I find the subject isn't centered. In fact, I've figuratively 'scalped' a couple of sitters in recent weeks."

The answer to this problem, I'm sure, lies in the question of parallax. Parallax is a three-syllable word used to describe the fact that the fields of view of the camera lens and the viewfinder do not exactly coincide. This is because the viewfinder of a camera is generally placed to one side of the lens or above it.

This is true of any camera save those which give you your view through the taking lens—single lens reflex cameras or view cameras. However, many cameras have an adjustment to compensate for parallax. Such an adjustment permits you to alter the field of your viewfinder when you shoot at one distance or another.

But even without such a device, parallax need give you little trouble as long as you are conscious of it. In the first place, there's no need to worry about it at normal snapshot taking distance; it only bothers you when shooting at comparatively close range. And in the second place, it is possible for you yourself to compensate for parallax when working close up by moving your camera slightly.

For example, where your viewfinder is above the camera lens it is wise to aim your camera slightly higher than appears necessary if you're to get the view as it appears in the finder. Similarly, aim a little to the left or right of your viewfinder is positioned at the left or the right of the lens.

However, as we've said before, this need be done only for close-ups. And only change your aim a little. With practice you should discover quickly how easy it is to compensate for any parallax in this way.

—John van Guilder

People's Column

May 24, 1948

To the Editor:

As everyone is busy—no doubt—trying to combat the rising cost of living and especially of food, our own experience in this respect may be of interest to anyone whose time is limited.

For almost 20 years we have rushed from one chain store to another trying to find the best buys at reduced prices. As time went on, we realized we were not getting the best brands either, and that the cut prices on a few items invariably were counteracted by the high cost of other things.

As an experiment, this year we decided to pick out an independent grocer, thereby reducing our car costs and rest our calloused feet!

To make it brief, we have reduced food costs from five to ten dollars per week, are using better brands and are free at last from the crowds who jostle about on Saturdays in the chains in a frantic, futile search for "good buys".

This is not an advertisement—simply an that has worked an economy for us by patronizing the independent, small businessman, all of whom form the backbone of American democracy.

M.K.

No. 65,614

STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 10th day of May, A. D. 1948.

Present: Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Belle Heughaber, Deceased.

Louise Wilkinson, Executrix of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.

It is Ordered, that two months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, that the 2nd day of August, 1948, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate.

OLIVER H. KIRK, Attorney-at-Law, Wabeek Building, Royal Oak, Michigan.

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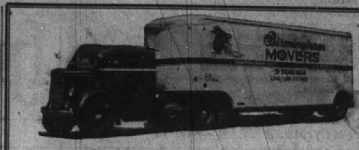

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