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## Inventors Create!

One thing that seems wrong with the entire approach of Government to the question of creative achievement in science and industry is the apparent belief that money lavishly appropriated provides incentive. The particular and peculiar climate for its generation is an ambitious, inspired diligence in the individuals subjected to its featherbedding influence. Experience teaches the contrary—not only our experience in America, but every experience of mankind in which planners have set out to purchase or compel achievement in disregard of the fundamental characteristics of the human animal.

The inventive and creative function, like love and affection, requires a particular climate for its generation. Nothing inherent in the planners' philosophy or in a planner-controlled operation of any kind is conducive to the development of that tough creative and productive muscle which has built America and, repeatedly, has saved her from destruction at the hands of nations commanded by master planners.

The utter cunning of master planners which already has touched our present system, was in evidence since long before most children in high school today were born. This becomes apparent when you note the rarity with which any corporation, or association of corporations, declines to yield with a minimum of resistance to the consent-decree technique of the planners.

## U. S. Population Growing

Nine years ago the population of the United States was 131,669,275 persons. Officials of the Bureau of the Census expect that the count to be taken in 1950 will show more than 150,000,000 residents in the continental area. The 19,000,000-increase, which is expected, will be the largest in the history of the country. The next largest growth occurred between 1920 and 1930 when 17,000,000 people were added to the number of residents. Incidentally, the count next year is expected to show a female majority in the United States for the first time.

The count of heads will cost the United States about \$70,000,000. Something like 150,000 canvassers will work for a month or two and an additional 10,000 experts will be needed to operate the complex machines which correlate the information obtained by those who visit the homes in the nation.

We admit the women have it on men when it comes to dressing with good sense these hot summer days.

Children probably would do much better if they didn't have the example of adults to follow.

The greatest threat to democracy in these United States is the unwholesome tactics of organized, pressuring minorities.

## Happenings of Long Ago

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
August 25, 1899  
The Rev. J. Maxwell selected a text that seemed very appropriate for Birmingham and vicinity Sunday afternoon when he preached on "These walls with-out water." With drought all around us, and a very limited supply in the village, it could not have been more timely.

**TO RENT—** To school children, stalls for four horses and a stout shed to put buggies under. See John Hanna for details.

Ed McKinney, the well-known Royal Oak Miller and son of Mrs. W. O. McKinney, was married to Margaret Bassett of Southfield were married Wednesday evening by the Rev. J. Maxwell at R. O. McKinney immediately set up housekeeping in that fair village.

Fred Chatfield of Fort Sheridan, Ill., 1947 with his bride, wife, at this place. Mr. Chatfield expects to leave for San Francisco soon.

**FIVE YEARS AGO**  
Aug. 31, 1944  
City Clerk Irene Hanley reports that more than 200 absentee ballots have been mailed to military personnel from Birmingham serving overseas, stationed at camps in this country. According to her report to the city commission, Monday evening, several hundred more will be mailed from here.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
August 29, 1929  
O. J. Tuttle here was named to succeed James Anderson, resigned as head of the Birmingham police department. The announcement

## Ending Tribal Happiness

We are always intrigued by explorers—they always come home with stories of discoveries, adding a bit to the total of the world's knowledge. One explorer not too long ago announced his discovery of a primitive village in Africa "where perfect happiness exists." He remained a week in the village, "where no white man had been seen before, and never noticed a sign of anger—only laughter and general happiness!"

Think of what the visit of this explorer will mean to the happy life of the native people. As news of their "happiness" gets around among civilized people, more and more white men will visit them and, gradually, the blessings of civilization will demoralize the happy tribe. The aborigines may learn of white men's miracles, of their troubles and, even, of their moralities!

It happens a pity for a tribe to develop its happiness and then have an inquisitive stranger, representing a foreign power, intrude upon them and perhaps introduce some of the "vices" of educated and civilized men.

## Basic Study Is Human Nature

There are many Birmingham residents who have resolved to improve their minds by reading intelligently-written books, in the hope that they will become better equipped to understand the many issues that crowd upon them as they try to keep pace with this modern world.

This impulse is good and should be acted upon, but, very often, in our search for the new, we have a tendency to overlook the value of the old.

For this reason, we wish remind our readers that, under all modern issues however expressed, human nature asserts its better nature as it did in past ages. There are the basic study for us is human nature and the solution for modern troubles is improved human beings.

Maybe the reason adults haven't solved the problem of juvenile delinquency is simply because they look at the problem with adult minds—and therefore don't understand it. If they don't understand, how can they solve?

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was made by James Parry, city manager, Parry said that Tuttle, member of the city council, had Detroit police for some years, and held the rank of lieutenant.

Guy Jensen, member of the local board of education, is one of the highest paid men in the Oakland Hills, his family club, having made his first money in the automobile business and fellow-player were E. W. Fritz and H. D. Ingletritz.

Excavation for the addition to Barnum school was started today by the Chisqu Brothers, Birmingham, when the general contract price is \$253,000.

Daniel Bennett, local Civil War veteran, died Tuesday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. E. Bennett, in a road, Mr. Bennett had been in poor health for some time. He was a member of the G.A.R. Fairbanks Post of Detroit.

Birmingham has a reduction in gas rates. This was made known this week by the State fire and insurance commission, who said the entire southern section of Oklahoma county will be benefited by the decision of the consumer's consumer's power company.

Sept. 6 and 7 have been saved as Free Pick-up days for Bloomington. Good news is that you can visit every home at that time. Requests are also made for clothing and discarded toys, especially the

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## People's Column

The Eccentric welcomes letters for this column. All letters must be signed and accompanied by a return address. Confidential spots request. Letters must be kept to 500 words.

To the Editor:  
The request of quite a few people I write concerning facts and observations of things taking place in our village.

With sincere thanks to my Creator for my fourth escape from that termed "death" I shall deal tonight the cowardly impressions of our village, also my own.

Having lived in the golden age of this great land, prior to its betrayal by those termed "Americans," I find great satisfaction in my attitude for many years.

The only man in the state with enough courage to oppose the last war with patriotism deeper than that of a flag in one hand, a dollar bill in the other and destroying our own going to make overtime employment. It is in my hands we have others say I was right.

Most people grow and belly-ache about our corrupted government. It has cost over \$200,000,000 to prove and gather evidence concerning the cowardice, crookedness and corruption of our government.

People are taught that evil is geographic, that our Nation is right irrespective to how evil the native people. Russia, Germany or Japan. Most men today will sell their grandmothers for a dollar.

Some of the poison virus is seeping into Birmingham. The political blights of corrupt Washington and Lansing are seen.

Some of the complication that characterized this village is gone. The harassed, jaded faces of the summer, the greed and hypocrisy existent despite the plethora of politicians, bankers, preachers, and blights of corrupt Washington and Lansing are seen.

It is a city of convenience and recognized by outsiders as having the most money and most credit rating of most any community.

Now comes the plan to saddle a Million Dollar mortgage on everyone to buy and condemn three acres. With an industrial business section it would appear that if the merchants had any guts they would not buy and condemn split the costs. That would be the fair and honorable procedure.

Today money is made from planned confusion. This would not permit a culture ring of certain real estate dealers and attorneys to make excellent business from those who would like to live where they purchased. The start of this was the city condemnation feature that the suckers innocently voted for.

It is time to watch closely every member of our council. Fine fellows as individuals but like Pilate they disclaim responsibility when gathered in conclave. It is the new American technique. People love to be robbed today. There is that dear little old liver 'off-street parking' commission that is laboring if the Lord's vineyard for 10 long months with no pay.

Now—the three best income producers in Birmingham are the churches, the liquor business and the real estate industry. Each is tax-free. Figure out how much of the liquor tax money stays in Birmingham.

Birthdays, anniversaries, guests, parties, are all new—all except the city editor about them.

## Beautiful Things

By BEATRICE McDONALD  
The loveliness of quiet memories  
Come back across the years to me tonight  
Beautiful things, things I had counted lost,  
Things that along the years I treasured most.

Tonight they are as vivid as the dawn,  
As clear, as silver-bright as moon and stars,  
As glorious 'til the sun at close of day!  
Beautiful things live on and on for aye!

## Sittin' Pretty



homes to benefit the business people of Birmingham and the convenience of their customers. The greatest benefit, everyone admits, is to business, yet hardly a foot of vacant land belongs to business, that will come under the condemnation proceedings.

Naturally, they would not want parcel No. 3, the one that there is little concern over for these years for parking their cellophane, poor coming mashing, loud mouled yodels who pay \$1.20 every night for a five foot square space to amply those around them.

With these few thoughts and wishing that I had the command to speak more to the point, and thanking the many who sent me tokens of good will, who phoned and inquired and appreciating the sincere and trust-worthy citizens in our village, I remain,  
FENTON R. MATTHEWS,  
252 Bloor.

## Claude Mosher Tells of Recreation Work in Mt. Helix, Calif.

According to San Diego, La Mesa and El Cajon papers, Claude Mosher, a former Birmingham business man, is pretty busy these days. Mosher is president of the recreation club which has a drive section of Mt. Helix, which has just completed a pretty large job.

Entirely through their own efforts and with their own hands, the residents of that section have erected a large clubhouse on the grounds in their attempt to give the younger set something to do and a means of keeping out of mischief.

The affair turned into a regular old-fashioned barn raising, from the description Mosher sent on the younger set members gathered 'round to enjoy themselves and glad over their work.

## THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

Has your home-town attracted new industries since V-J Day? Are you a town with an industry impressed with this fact. Industrial decentralization—this \$20 billion industry is being set up in little business—is putting new payrolls and pep into many Michigan small towns of less than 10,000 population.

Even Henry Ford, Jr. has conceded that the River Rouge plant, soon to be the stage for another plant, will employ an estimated 200,000 men. What it's cranked up for do both the manufacturer and the worker. How the remaining trend in industry into small cities and towns.

A "Michigan Mirror" survey offers these spots in Michigan: Michigan small towns which have attracted new industries since the war: Gladstone—\$88,000 branch plant of the Coleman Canning Company; Coleman, Wisconsin. From 150 to 200 persons will be employed during season.

**Campfire Pictures**  
A match of flashlight while you're in your camp. This way you can check your camera's shutter to be sure that the whole group is in your picture. It's simple. Again, it generally helps to try to pick a camera angle so the light from your flash attachment will strike the faces of your subjects from about the same angle as the flashlight. This will help to make your pictures natural and realistic. And it can be done by shooting with the face of your camera and subjects and a bit to one side. Or, if you are using a hand Flasher not attached to your camera, you can trip the shutter with one hand while holding the flash in position with the other.

Exposure for campfire flash shots need not be too critical; recommended exposures for other types of flash shots, based on lamp-to-subject distance, generally can be used successfully for campfire. Flashlight with two or more thick-plates of a common pocket bank-battery. This will reduce the flash intensity sufficiently to retain the nighttime, freilight feeling which you wish, in your finished print.

John van Gulder

## "Any Way You Slice It"

BY HAL P. BURGER

Another bit of good fortune which I encountered on my recent vacation in the Chaboyan area, was that which took me on a visit to "The Cabin," the magnificent private resort, dreamed up and grandly built by Eugene L. Gaudin, founder of Maxson Advertising Agency, on the shores of Black Lake, near Onaway.

The countryside around the resort is magnificent just the way God made it. He was generous in bestowing beauty upon Presque Isle County and any man with less imagination than Lou Maxson would not have attempted to improve on the surroundings as they were. One with less of that stuff called money wouldn't have gotten far in the undertaking either.

"The Cabin." Seldom in my career have I ever seen a name for anything fall so short in its description. The main building of the resort would not be the average country club, but like a corn crib and the building referred to as the "play house," is a wonderfully well equipped recreation building that looks like a naturalist's version of the Fort Rotunda and is as functional as the University of Michigan Men's Union.

Most of the other buildings are super, and Lou's own lodge is the acme in a dream of a vacationland retreat. The beach has facilities unheard of at Onaway Island. One may step from the cool fresh directly onto the white sand shore of one of the North's most beautiful lakes. There are extra fine tennis courts, pronounced "best" by some of America's outstanding players like Don Budge and Pauline Betz, and a ball field that Neil Wagon would like to walk around on in his bare feet.

The winding drives through the thick woods on the 1,800 acre estate are lined with flowers which Maxson's gardeners have planted. The grounds in front of the main lodge also have decorated plants flourishing under the big trees and in typical north wood's soil (that you wouldn't think would raise a dust). They were planted under Maxson's direction and instructions. As Ralph Hotchkiss of Birmingham, a Maxson executive who showed us through the lovely resort, said: "Mr. Maxson has a green thumb, everything he plants here seems to thrive."

All over the premises Lou has had installed outdoor picnic areas enclosed in tiered slabs of northern Michigan limestone and tuff equipped with outdoor seating, tables, and spit, etc. The streams that meander through the premises are dammed up here and there to provide more beauty and splendor.

A visit into the village of Onaway and gabfests with some of its citizens will convince you that Maxson is the apple of the community's eye. Just how he happens to be idolized by nearly everyone, especially the old timers in the community, is a long story. Maxson is generally concerned with a man being a "right guy" to the folks in his home town after leaving in favor of the big city and acquiring plenty of facilities with which to be a "right guy."

I wouldn't recognize Lou Maxson if I met him face to face. I have never met him and perhaps I never will, but I feel mighty friendly toward him because of what folks think of him in his home town. Also for what he has done to further beautify an already beautiful spot on Black Lake. He has collaborated splendidly with nature to fashion one of the most remarkable areas I have seen or hope to see.

## The Michigan Mirror

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By Gene Allen

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partments. Payroll for 30 persons. St. Ignace—Saled Power Corporation with 200 employees make piston rings. Division of Muskegon plant. Also, Michigan Mogul Corporation, also with 200 workers, a division of a Detroit plant.

Harrisville—A group of businessmen of Harrisville formed the Industrial Development association and bought five acres of land within city limits. Building was leased to Erb & Marshall of Port Huron, makers of "Kenwood" winter garments. About 200 women are employed; 50 women will be at work by Jan. 1.

Sturgis—The Sturgis Industries furnish employment for 270 persons and \$12,150 weekly payroll. Gray-Fire Company plumbing equipment; Sturgis Company, rest-room equipment; Sturgis Carton Company, employ 200 persons.

Newberry—Atlas Plywood Company, employ 120; Flint River Fuel & Lumber Co., employ 40. Both are branch firms.

Bangor—Here is one of the top Michigan small towns in point of industrial progress. Listen to this: Six new industries furnish employment for approximately 500 persons; 150 new homes built during past 18 months. Municipal owned baseball, softball, football park rebuilt and lighted. Village debt free. Six new business buildings in past two years.

The firms: Standard Oil Products, and parts manufacturer, branch of Chicago firm; Du-Wel Metal products from Chicago to 1947; 200 employees. Bangor Plastics, branch of Benton Harbor firm; Howard Engineering Co., from Okla. Standard Products Company, feder branch of Chicago main factory.

Six year town not attracting new industry, we recommend you visit Bangor and see for yourself! The "Michigan Mirror" has industrial progress in Michigan small towns.

Other illustrations will appear in the "Michigan Mirror" here next week.

**Have You Met?**  
Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Mason formerly of Highland Park and now of 731 Eton road? Mr. Mason is with the Murray Corporation.

**Clear**—Clear Manufacturing Company, hosiery industry which makes carburetor parts for Ford Motor Company. Payroll for 200 persons.

**Cedar Springs**—The "Red Bluff" town has a refinery, Flannell Town has moved here, Grand Rapids and which moved first grade wooden blocks, and toy de-