

### Research Team Wins Mary S. Pope Award

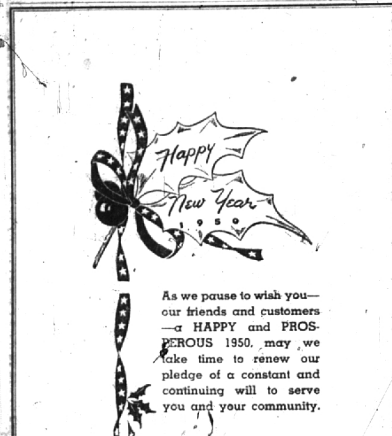
The Cranbrook Institute of Science has announced that Doctors Jens Clausen, David D. Keck and William M. Hissey have been awarded the Mary Soper Pope medal.

The doctors, working as a team at the university laboratory in Stanford, Calif., have been successful in developing new grasses for planting on dry and depleted western range lands. The results of their joint studies over a period of two decades are reported to include an increased knowledge of the principles and mechanism of evolution, and have led to results of economic importance.

The medals were awarded by John Pope, son of Mary Soper Pope, who is assistant director of the Freer gallery in Washington. The Pope medal is awarded annually without limitation as to field of botany. The winner last year was William Vogt for his work in conservation.

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### Program

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The Barnum indoor program will be restricted to seventh grade pupils only. Fourth, fifth and sixth grades are welcomed to participate at the nearest of the other schools. Pupils from Holy Names will have the choice of participating at Adams, Quanton or Pierce.

#### Basketball Clinics at Baldwin

The Baldwin gymnasium will be scheduled for basketball clinics, tournaments and playing demonstrations. Activities in all school gymnasiums will start at 8:45 a.m. and close at 10:45 a.m. Although all activities are designed primarily to be recreational in nature, as many educational objectives as possible will be met through the conducting of mass and individual instruction by experienced leaders.

The weather permitting, Quanton Lake will be made available for all those who prefer to take their exercise out of doors.

### Still Seek a Bed

Two weeks ago The Eccentric published a plea for a bed to be used by an elderly lady who has recently undergone the amputation of one of her legs. We have had several offers, but in every case the bed was too large for the small bedroom. We ask again—Does anyone have a comfortable single or three-quarter bed which they would contribute to her comfort? The Eccentric truck will call and deliver.

### This and That

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techniques of gadget and commodity improvement. They have the centuries of the past.

#### Is He Really Free?

But in the realm of mankind's basic integrity of character, do you think he has made progress? Do you think he is freer from the temptations of evil, from the sense of dependence upon others (including the State) for his security?

#### Is Man Less Selfish?

Is man less selfish—really less selfish—than he was 50 years ago? If he better fitted, mentally and spiritually, to do unto others as he would have others to do unto him?

It mankind, since the turn of this century, developing itself along avenues that lead to the enhancement of eternal values of character that lie at the very foundation of enduring peace and human freedom?

#### Some Reach High Road

We live "in an age of terrific indictments and feeble solutions." That always has been, on a world-wide basis, mankind's dilemma.

Let, even amidst such confusion, some folks obtain a fair amount of the atmosphere of the highway of the High Road.

That Road awaits all who have the will to travel it.

It always will be there... yet most of mankind, a thousand years hence, will be travelling the "Low Road."

In one life, 50 years is, indeed, a long time; pretty much of an average life. But in the whole time of mankind... what has been and is to be... 50 years is but a swing of the clock's pendulum.

#### The Wheat And The Chaff

Does this piece sound less than optimism? I really don't mean it to.

All I would do would be to study this tremendous first half of the Twentieth Century as it should be studied, namely: by sifting apart the harvest's wheat and chaff.

#### City Buys New Truck

Purchase of a new load packer for use by the DPW in collecting rubbish from the business area has been approved by the city commission. Commissioners accepted the \$6,055.67 bid of E. R. Milumal ever for some of those who live through it.

### Home Lighting Contest Winners Are Announced

With the entire Birmingham area twinkling with Christmas lights, it took judges two and a half days to determine winners in the Birmingham Kiwanis-Detroit Edison outdoor home lighting contest.

Dr. and Mrs. Stanley P. Jenson, 494 Hawthorne road, were judged to have the most beautiful home decorations. The judges also awarded a \$50 prize to two medieval figures were represented dragging home a yule log, while high up on the house a Santa in silhouette was shown descending a chimney.

#### Most Original Decorations

Prize winner of \$35 for the most original home decorations was Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. McInnis, 708 Shirley drive, who had on their front lawn a huge Santa looking at the decorations.

#### After Cash Only

Furthermore, the person seemed to be seeking only cash, for valuable silverware and cameras were not touched.

#### Leave a Light Burning

"It was a perfect setup for robbery," Moxley said. "To begin with, the area is not heavily populated. The entire group of houses was dark, and it was most obvious to anyone that he would be unattended. He simply went from house to house, apparently just after dark."

#### 1 in 5 Homes Decorated

It was estimated by the judges that one home in every five in the Birmingham area had some form of Christmas lighting. In many of the newer homes, picture windows became part of the decorations, the inside Christmas trees blending into the outside decorations.

#### News and society copy must be in The Eccentric editorial office by 5 o'clock each Tuesday afternoon. Deadlines for society club news is noon each Monday.

### Firemen Busy on Gas Leak Reports Over Holiday Weekend

Fire Chief V. W. Griffith said yesterday that his department had received 10 calls on gas leaks in Birmingham over the three-day weekend. Six of the calls were found to be actual leaks, mainly from service lines from the main.

#### Minor Accidents, Home Robberies Mark Weekend

A flurry of very low property damage accidents and a series of house entries kept the Birmingham police department on its toes throughout the three days.

#### Greater Benefits for City Employees Sought by Board

The city retirement board, at a meeting last Thursday, started an investigation into the matter of obtaining increased death benefits for survivors of city employees.

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### New Main

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"We do everything possible to make gas distribution safer," he said. "Leak surveys are being carried on constantly. The Health Tree service covers every foot of our mains to detect gas leaks by their effect on vegetation."

#### Fire Chief Vern W. Griffith said the next step in making the local gas system safe was the replacement of old service connections.

#### Corroded Joints Dangerous

"These connections where pipe is joined and the joints are old and rusty are dangerous," Griffith commented.

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You'll find the telephone numbers in your telephone directory, but here they are, in case you want to make a special note of them, or in case you wish to do a clip-out and save this message:

If a serious gas leak should develop in your house, or if it appears that gas is leaking in from outside, play it safe. Open the doors and windows if possible, but in any case get out of the house quickly. Gas under control is a good servant; gas out of control can be dangerous.

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