

Material wealth has its place, but it is not the answer for the refugee of quiet peace, of tranquility, of sanctuary with contentment. These refugees are not the busy and hasty of making money, of gaining power... they are developed within one's self only.

Postmaster Renews Seniority Contract With Postal Clerks

HOBBY and THAT

"The Best Lead Plans of Mice and Men..."

In spite of America's great evidence of international generosity, with consequent drain upon the resources of this country, it is evident that at least one London "hobby" is unappreciative of this fact. It seems to me that this policeman's lack of co-operation should be called to the attention not only of Scotland Yard but of the British Parliament and the United Nations.

How can this laudatorial "hobby" ever expect to see his native land regain her economic independence, her former high standard of living, if he fails to do everything in his power to eliminate waste and destruction when and where he finds it?

One day last week, while directing busy traffic in a London intersection, a tiny mouse stopped at his feet, and looked up, plaintively, into the "hobby's" face. He saw whizzing vehicles and pedestrians' feet—with attendant menace to very life and existence of the little rodent. So what did the "hobby" do? ... he merely held out all hands, called all traffic to stop, and escorted Sir Mouse to the other side of the street.

It is not necessary for the federal government to make us a socialist nation; stippling and leveling will disagree with Uncle Sam as syphon from its private business enough of its profits from the economy.

There probably are but a few politicians connected with the federal government who will disagree with the Hoover Commission's program for the re-organization of the nation's over-lapping bureaus and agencies.

Under the U.S.A. system, the national average return for work is about 10 hours per week in dollars. Under the British system, it is 10 hours per week in pounds.

What this country needs more than a five-cent beer is a dollar that is worth something like a good dollar.

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It is designed to acquaint students with the intimate knowledge of municipal affairs, students will be elected by their classmates to fill the various city positions.

Acting Postmaster Bernard Fowler is shown signing a contract renewing with Local 1303 of the National Association of Postal Clerks which establishes the principle of seniority rights and privileges in filling local postal clerk vacancies.

B. Village Gets 10 Per Cent Boost in Sewage Charges

Sewage rates for residents of Bloomfield Village will be raised about 10 per cent to bring them into line with local charges.

Mayor Milton F. Mallender Monday night raised the question whether Michigan law did not provide that municipalities must charge double rates for certain types of services extended to outlying areas.

Lathrup Rebels as Street Names Undergo Changes

"Lillian Diederich... though he doesn't live here any more... We rubbed our red-rimmed, over-strained peepers and his name, another gander at our new street sign."

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Mankind's Reactions to the Coming of Springtime

The First Day of Spring was a lovely day, with promise of the lovely things to come.

Of course, everything which spring brings us is not lovely. There are times wherein many of us almost wish this one season of the year could be skipped.

For instance, there is Spring Fever. This "disease" has never been known to be the best of our knowledge, but it certainly is no respecter of persons.

It strikes so suddenly, too, you get the ice storm, feeling no worse than you did all winter or all summer, and what happens? You sit on the side of the bed, yawning and stretching.

Clothes and Cleaning Friend Wife suddenly becomes bored with life, and not finding it convenient to change husband and family for new models, decides to "do the house."

With the house all fixed up to suit her, she goes to her closet. Off she goes to the store, dressed in comfortable, comfortable clothes.

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City Churches Plan Traditional Tre Ore Services Good Friday

The Rev. Harold E. Towne has appointed committees to arrange the annual Union Good Friday Service of the Birmingham Council of Churches to be held here at the First Baptist Church.

Arrangements, music and physical education will be in charge of the Rev. Robert E. Lawrance who is also assisting Dr. W. Glen Harris in the selecting of speakers.

Zeigler Says the State is Interested in 5-Mile Development

Quonset Hut Contract Up Next Jan. 1

Occupants of Birmingham's two Quonset Villages this week were given notice that the city intends to remove the 13 units as soon as possible after Jan. 1, 1950.

City Preparing to Take Down Units After 1st of Year

City Manager Donald C. Egbert informed the commission that in the next two weeks he would meet with Federal Public Housing Authority (FPHA) officials to discuss the matter.

At Monday night's city commission meeting, commissioners agreed that since the local housing situation has begun to relax, there is no longer a need for the projects beyond the January 1 contract termination date.

Veterans Condemn 'Vote-Only-for-1' Type of Campaigns

"It's a new abuse of the right to vote," said Bruce L. Petty, vice-president of the Birmingham Veterans' Organization in a statement for the organization.

More and more residents, in recent weeks, have been calling city offices to learn when the huts would be removed.

Couple Injured As Auto Strikes Tree

Kenneth Waterhouse, 27, of Rochester, a patient at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, suffering severe head injuries received a 24-hour stay in the hospital when his car struck a tree at the intersection of Oak and Woodward.

3 Public Buildings Are Too Smoky

Baldwin high school, the Wa-beck Bldg. and the First Baptist Church have been reported to the city as permitting too much smoke to pour forth from their chimneys.

Driver Flees After Maple Avenue Crash

Arthur Barber, Walter Lake, driver for the Greyhound line, reported to local police that his car was struck by a hit-run driver on Maple avenue.

About 2,000 Persons Expected to Vote at Monday's Election

About 25 per cent of the registered voters in Birmingham are expected to visit the polling places next Monday, which would result in about 100 less persons voting than those who showed up for the biennial state election in 1947.

That year 2,157 Birmingham residents voted, compared to 1,428 in 1945. City Clerk Irene Hanley states that approximately 8,000 are registered.

Two factors could result in a larger voting percentage here: 1) If Republicans determined to run out in large numbers to re-elect their GOP state officials and prevent a possible Democratic vote from capturing inspiring Republican terms, as nearly happened in November.

It is generally agreed hereabouts that Mayor Milton F. Mallender will be re-elected to the commission easily, and that the race is between Martin and O'Garra.

"This is a disgrace in a community where any political development has usually been the fruit of factions, both sincere and interested in good citizenship."

"BVO has only one purpose in exposing this practice. It is to see VETERANS, Page 2"

Only Remote Probability, He States

Present Policy is to By-Pass Cities If At All Possible

By George Wm. Averill

It is only a remote probability that Maple Avenue through downtown Birmingham will ever carry an excessive east-west traffic volume.

Does the highway department have any future plans in the back of its head regarding the 15 mile road, Zeigler was asked.

Purely Conjecture

In the event the state needed an east-west trunkline in this area, what is the probability that it would be a question put to him?

"This speculation over what interest the state has or may have in the 15 mile road is purely conjecture," Zeigler said.

Zeigler made a statement in Farmington after he spoke at a meeting of more than 100 Farmington township residents.

The meeting was sponsored by the North Farmington District Civic Association for the purpose of having the highway commissioner report on the state of the road which will be improved.

Zeigler explained the problem the state highway department has regarding maintenance and improvement of state trunklines, and what the county road commission must pay off.

Oakland County is one of two counties in the state which still have the county road commission must pay off.

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George Booth is Hospital Patient

Officials at Harper Hospital, Detroit, Tuesday described the condition of George V. Booth, 85, as "not good."

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