

The Threat of "Bigness" we mean the Truman "Fair Deal" administration claims that mere economic bigness is detrimental to a free competitive economy...

Why this inconsistency? The answer is easy: Votes! In the old days government really was more tolerant of "bigness" in business...

Incidentally, why the A & P, which was the pioneer in the field of cheaper food prices, should be a target for those opposed to monopoly...

Short Crop Off the Grand Banks of Icebergs is the world's newest water trade route. It is also the iceberg danger zone.

This year the Coast Guard Patrol reports fewer icebergs than usual and that the 1948 season was the shortest and mildest on record.

The icebergs that sometimes menace shipping come from the vast inland masses of Greenland, where huge glaciers slip into the water...

Medical science admits that the day may come when man will live to reach ages from 120 to 150 years. No immediate expectancy, however, is envisioned for the immediate future.

Feeling Prudish and Foolish, 15 U.S. British Newswomen Take Finnish Bath

AULANKO, Finland - I have just survived a Finnish bath - a national institution, called sauna.

Not to have taken a sauna-bath would have given our group of British and American newswomen a black mark.

Our intrepidation grew as our Finnish hostesses spoke of hot stones, heating with branches, all at a temperature of growing intensity to nearly boiling.

Neatly we avoided going "to sauna" in private homes in Helsinki, our headquarters, but this weekend at this finest summer resort in the country a sauna was "on the schedule," so it became a "must."

Nothing Else Necessary We were told to bring along nothing but a bathing cap. Certainly nothing else was necessary during the sauna.

Your Home Is 25 Times More Dangerous

While the Noronic tragedy is still fresh in the memory of the people of this area, a statement which the Michigan Department of Health made yesterday should be special food for thought during National Fire Prevention Week, October 9 to 15.

"You are 25 times as apt to die from fire in your own home as from fire in all other places combined," the department said. "A total of 289 Michigan people died from burns, fire or explosions in Michigan last year, 278 of them in their own homes."

"First cause of fatal dwelling fires is the misuse of petroleum products, such as kerosene or gasoline, for kindling. Overheated or faulty cooking or heating equipment, overloaded circuits or poor wiring, forgotten electric irons, carelessly put out cigarettes, smoking in bed, rusted out stove pipes, cleaning fluid, kindling wood near the ash can, cardboard or wooden containers for ashes, and matches left where children can reach them, are other important causes."

We suggest you consider these items a check list for Fire Prevention Week. Then consider another thing: nearly half of the people who died from fires in Michigan homes last year were children under 14 years of age. Do not leave your young children alone at home, even for a few minutes.

It will surprise some Americans to learn that the world's largest civil land-plane is a British product, which recently took to the air for the first time.

Back of the Brabazon-1 is the ambition of British companies to lead the world in civil aircraft. The plane, and its successors, are being built to carry 100 passengers across the Atlantic on a non-stop journey.

There are too many political leaders who would rather be smart than right.

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And arms. Without the whick the heat would be unbearable. The car was great surprise, we were able to take it better and enjoy it to a degree.

After we took all the damp heat and more to the sauna, we ran out of the sauna and dove into the sea to cool off.

All the Finns went back into the sauna. For them, the process is repeated several times. As a finale, an attendant stretched what was left of us on a scrubbed wooden slab and with homogenous soap proceeded to give us a bath certainly not needed.

Meanwhile the Headache Gets Worse

George Wright is proud of the fact that he has a pear tree in full bloom. Quite a sight it is, too, although George says it seems a little out of season to him.

Gathering hickory nuts add all other kinds seems to be the order of the day and the farmer who wants a few for his own family this winter has to be on the quick to get them in order to save his crop.

Six feet square of new shingles on the kitchen roof. Waiting on the fire that caught North's home is all the damage caused by the fire that caught from the chimney and set off the fire alarm and frightened the whole village last week.

We see that an Oklahoma court has sentenced a man to five years for trying to pass a counterfeit nickel. It seems to take some people a long time to remember that those things are not for sale.

If the party who took the dinner pail from the corner of Wilber's street on Monday morning with Mr. Berry's breakfast, will please return the pail and check they were so welcome to the eatables. If not returned before the next issue your name will be published with the following one for you are known.

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Due to the nature of this week's column, I would suggest that all men become busily engaged in doing something else besides reading it, because it doesn't concern you in the least. That is, of course, unless you are an Indian Chief, because the topic concerns feathers in hats; where to, and where not to wear them.

A couple of weeks ago I went out to Ann Arbor to see the Michigan-Michigan State football game, and by golly I did, but I had my troubles. Just before the kickoff a gorgeous lady walked into our section and occupied the seat in front of me. The scent of Chanel 5 immediately replaced the crisp fragrance of the bright autumn afternoon and her raiment suggested a night at the opera.

Perhaps the two teams garnered their inspiration to play such a bruising battle that they did from this lady, 'cause she was dressed fit to kill. And the crowning feature of all her handsome attire was a tall and terrible feather that sprouted in a ramose sort of way from the top of her chapeau.

After I had finished admiring the feather in a profane manner, I proceeded to make the most of a bad situation and settled down to watching the bands march out on the field. Now, I am quite sure they come out onto the field through the players ramp on the east side of the stadium, but I would have sworn they were marching out of the woods this time.

I had adjusted my head to by-pass the feather when I heard a mighty roar go up, signifying that the teams were running out on the field. Just then the feather leaned forward to say something to the person side of it and once more I got a distorted view of the proceedings on the field, which at this time was the Michigan team led by Captain Watter in his number 11 jersey. Through the feather I'd have sworn it was one thousand, one hundred and eleven. I complained to my companion: "ye gods, has that Oosterbaan gone nuts, how does he expect anyone to remember numbers like that." "Like what?" he asked me, and right away I know what's wrong: it's that darn feather again.

The game finally got started and with much neck craning and head twisting (my own, but I was tempted) I managed to see most of the plays. Every now and then, however, the feather got between me and the scrimmage and the deception was terrific.

I also put on my polotoid glasses, not hoping for much, and it was only a matter of seconds before I substituted my previous belief that they would only filter out light rays and not feathers.

After the game I read in the newspapers that it was a brutal display of contact football with viciousness marking the attitudes and action of the participants. At first I was in a mood to write a letter to the fashion editor complaining about feathers in ladies hats and recommending that business become the prescribed head cover for feminine football fans, but now I take a different attitude.

I think all ladies should wear tall feathers in their hats when attending football games. Because, if the play on the field becomes too rough, and especially if there is bloodshed, we men who only think we are tough, will have something to help filter out the bad parts.

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

Good, sharp, well-exposed pictures like this are easy to make with almost any camera. Know your equipment and how to use it best for top-flight results at all times.

Knowing Your New Camera

ONE of the standard clichés you hear when good photographers get together is that "unless you can get a good picture with a slightly fixed-focus camera, you won't get good pictures with an expensive and elaborate one."

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

To the Editor: It is quite possible that the proposed high school which appears so desirable at this time may turn out to be a major disaster to education in Birmingham.

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Internationally Speaking

The industrialization of Brazil is still in its infancy... making slow but visible progress. One of the outstanding projects is the creation of power stations in the Sao Francisco river aggregating 900,000 kilowatts.

The first stage has been started and might be finished in 1953 with the installation of equipment to generate 120,000 kilowatt and the completion of the main transmission lines to the coast.

At the falls of Paulo Afonso two thousand workers are constructing a dam and French contractors are building the French bridge over the river. The generating equipment is a contract of 12 million dollars and is being allocated at present.

The United States, Canada, and European firms have already manifested their interest in the scheme, the financing of which is assured with American help.

After The Day

Open the window. Let the night come in. To soothe my weariness and bring me calm. Let the moonbeams slant across my evening pain.

5 Years Ago

Fred Flicker, 268 Harmon, celebrated his 80th birthday Tuesday by reporting for work, as usual, as a plant protection man at the Highland Park plant of the Ford Motor company.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Moerzel celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their home in Southington Sunday. A luncheon was served for the occasion, the table being decorated with white and silver ribbons and a huge centerpiece of fall flowers.

Announcement is made of the appointment of Miss Sara L. Jordan of Detroit, Ga., to succeed Mrs. Clara Diekmann as technician of the village health laboratory. The announcement was made by Dr. A. W. Newitt, village health officer.

The Oct. 6 paper collection set a record here. Vance Day, who is in charge of the driver after that about 36 tons of paper were picked up. The paper, he said, was loaded into box cars and shipped to Grand Rapids to be made into cartons for military use.

Lewis Wilcox, Royal Oak, was fined \$10 and ordered to pay for damages to the other driver after the two cars were involved in an accident at Woodward and Hazel Tuesday night. Wilcox was a former resident of the White Tower restaurant and is well known in Birmingham. He replaces Edgar Carlson, recently resigned.

The social studies class of Baldwin high school has purchased a new motor car to take them to the world and a brief summary of the past week's events.

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