

Churchill Urges Unity Winston Churchill in addressing the people of Strasbourg...

The war prime minister of Great Britain called attention to the long religious, dynastic and nationalistic...

"Are we to sink, after all our victories and sufferings, into final chaos, into ideological wars thrust upon us by barbarous and wicked oligarchies..."

This is the question that confronts the free peoples of the world. It stems, not from the agitated emotions of people...

Army Surrenders Fleet Not many people know that the Army operated more ships at sea during World War II...

We call attention to the fact that the Army owns 15 ocean-going vessels, including 66 passenger transports, 58 cargo transports and five tankers...

The average American reads of the tremendous expenses connected with the transportation forces abroad, but there is sometimes confusion as to the reasons for such expense.

The size of the Army fleet, which is largely used for the support of our forces abroad, gives some indication of the magnitude of the task assumed by the Army.

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Are We to Have Another "Dust Bowl"? Most, but not all, of our readers will remember the "dust bowl" that bankrupted many farmers in the Great Plains during the 1930's...

World War II and there has been a notable increase in cultivated land in some states, particularly those in which wind erosion is often critical, including Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, New Mexico and Texas.

Therefore, it is no surprise that the Soil Conservation Service estimates that 12,100,000 acres of land in the Great Plains area should be taken out of cultivation...

This is the estimate of Fred Sykes, of the SCS, who did not mention the threat of "creating another dust bowl," but recommended that marginal land, unable to produce crops at a profit, should be put back to grass or permanent cover.

This seems to be sound advice but just how the individual farmer in the area is to be persuaded to shift into grass and build up a live-stock economy is the problem.

Birmingham has received commendation from the National Safety Council for its excellent traffic record during 1948. That's grand!... but why rest upon such honors when the menace of future accidents is always present?

The fiscal problem before our republic is this: how long can we finance the world before we go broke?

People who do the most smiling have the most friends. How many friends have you passed out lately?

It certainly is easy to start an argument—but a hundred times harder to stop it.

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Finnish Government Walks a Tightrope to Preserve Nation's Independence HELSINKI, Finland (AP)—The Finnish government is walking a tightrope to preserve its independence...

Don't Change Matters Keenly-conscious the strike incident is a sharp test of Finland's post-war independence of her big Soviet neighbor...

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Happenings of Long Ago

50 Years Ago SEPT. 8, 1899 The far-famed Michell Co. of Detroit have enrolled on the advertising list of the Eccentric...

Mrs. Hiram Hood celebrated her 75th birthday anniversary last Saturday. About 200 friends were present and all enjoyed themselves...

Tuesday evening last week Mrs. Theron Smith entertained the Flamingo Club at a watermelon party. The event was most enjoyable...

The new school board met and organized Tuesday afternoon. All new members have qualified and the officers for the coming year are: George Mitchell, director...

Frank German of Franklin, Mich. playing ball at Waterford Monday was struck in the jaw by a foul ball which was painfully received...

20 Years Ago SEPTEMBER 12, 1929 Miss Mable Roy has been named president of the Birmingham Scholarship fund...

The Bloomsfield township park was officially opened today, although only about 200 persons were present...

Conduits for the new traffic light system on Woodward avenue to be installed this week. The cables are expected to arrive within a few days...

Dr. A. W. Newitt, health officer, says Birmingham war is pure and there is no need to boil it. The statement was made after a resident had sample test made which reportedly showed impurities in the water...

Melvin C. Hart, principal of Baldwin high school, reports that rollments are still increasing in local schools. There are 100 more students attending these schools than during the past year...

5 Years Ago SEPTEMBER 14, 1944 Don Gillis, sports writer for a Detroit paper assures Birmingham folks their gardens will suffer little from pheasant invasions. He reports that while driving through here the other night they killed a fox, and found it had recently laid on baby pheasants.

After approximately 22 years of an "epidemic" of petty thefts from automobiles parked in the city, ranging from watches and bill-folds to head lights and bumpers, police are reporting such thefts. All motorists are asked to aid in curbing these by at least locking cars before leaving them.

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Indian Summer Snow FIVE PER CENT INFLUENCE MEN INVESTIGATION People's Column The Eccentric welcomes letters for this column. All letters must be signed, but signatures will be kept confidential. Letters must be limited to 100 words.

And when I take time off to ponder a bit over the comforts and satisfactions I receive in one way and another for the money I spend, I just have to conclude the very greatest values are had from Michigan Bell, Detroit Edison, Consumers Power, General Motors, Standard Oil companies and similar collectors of capital which are falsely alleged to be laying a heavy and wicked hand on me—sort of enslaving me so that they create a crisis in my life do I have to get along without their products for a moment or two.

On the other hand, the growing "Welfare State" is supposed to be made through buying up and storing or destroying potatoes, and butter so that I get much less for much more of my money.

So I find it very difficult to hold my peace because of the bigness of free enterprise in this country. I suspect the unhappy people of England, now pretty largely "welfare" but basted, are hoping some further aid will be had shortly as a result of the current talk of going on in this country—aid from a system they possess just recently for security from credit to the grave, now leaving them with less security than for centuries. And dependent on the still partly free enterprise countries of the United States and Canada.

The trouble it seems to me, pretty clearly indicates that when a man or woman is killed or then seriously injured on the way to being destroyed, and unfortunately so many government can produce work with slogans and promising so much for all for nothing; somewhere along the line, there must be rewards worth while in sight. And for years this hope has been steadily lessened.

JOHN E. MARTIN 310 Southfield Road Have You Met? The new family from Larchmont, N. Y., are Mr. and Mrs. E. Fisher and daughter, Joan. Mr. Fisher is with the local Cadillac Motor Sales Company.

The YMCA committee, according to John Lewis, executive secretary, is busy mapping its fall and winter program. Several groups are being formed among the various schools, with additional classes and teams being organized for adult groups.

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner Good timing and familiarity with his equipment enabled George Diaz to make this prize shot at 1/200 second at f/4.5 with his Crown Graphic.

IDEAS FOR BETTER ACTION PHOTOGRAPHS II We've all noticed as we walk or drive along a busy road that the nearer a speeding car is to us, the faster it seems to move. As it appears in the distance it does not seem to be going nearly so fast. When it passes us, then as it goes away it seems to move slower, even though we know its speed is actually the same.

Thus a baseball player running for home plate might be photographed head-on as he leaves third base with a shutter speed of 1/75 sec. When he is within twenty-five feet of the camera it would take 1/200 sec. to stop him. And if your camera was set up midway between third and home and twenty-five feet from the base line, it would take an exposure of almost 1/1000 to make a sharp picture as he flashed by.

There are charts available which will suggest proper shutter speeds for different types of motion. But these still leave up to the photographer the problem of estimating how fast the subject is moving. With a little practice, you will find you can estimate shutter speeds and proper camera positions quite accurately. That is the best method since often there isn't time to refer to a chart when you are out shooting.

If you should decide a chart would be a help at the start, be sure you get one that is calculated for the focal length of the lens you are using. You will find them in many photo handbooks.

Next week we will talk about some tricks of optics intended to the owners of cameras with only slow shutter speeds.

Other Michigan small town reports in capsule form: Montague—Chamber of Commerce...

"Any Way You Slice It"

By HAL P. BURGER

Today's column is aimed at the recreation minded citizen who likes to wrestle with complex problems like those asked by the radio quiz masters on some of the numerous give-away programs.

As is the usual case, the question is relatively simple, but not everyone will be able to come up with the exact answer in time to qualify for the grand prize (in this case) is a shiny new movie slug with the winner's name handsomely cast in capital letters of Cheltenham indies. The other contestants will be awarded scratch pads on which to doodle while fans in other communities are watching night softball games on hot summer evenings.

Here is the question: How far can you get out in front of a parade before you aren't even in it? Not a hard question, is it? Birmingham has a summer recreation project that is supposed to be one of the best in the metropolitan area, but so many people will be there the least bit interested in softball. If it wasn't for Ed Kirbert and the YMCA, Birmingham probably would be over for softball facilities that are now:

The main deficiency in the whole set-up is the lack of a lighted field. The city playoffs were completed last week in a series of four-and-a-half and five-inning ball games because the daylight hours between the time the players get off work and the time it gets dark are too short for a regulation game.

Some folks still believe that there are not enough people who benefit from the softball program to extend it from its present plight status. But there are so many interested in this program as in any other out recreation project.

There are six teams now operating in Ed Kirbert's league. Each team has a personnel list about 15 which makes the whole participants 90 in number. All of these players have families who are interested in their ball playing. Husbands, sons and brothers make up the teams. Wives, dads, mothers, sisters and brothers share in their summer recreation, too. Many people who cannot participate in the recreation program actively can still watch the ball games, and the ball games are about the only thing that can classify for spectator interest.

At present there are four ball diamonds in use by recreation program. None of them are adequate for first class softball play. They are fine for the neighborhood gangs to scrub around on, but the good ball players should have something better.

One lighted field would expand the interest greatly. Birmingham would undoubtedly have a good grade of class B softball with a probable eight teams in operation. Backers would feel much more willing to support teams under the lights. The girls of the community might even get a chance to organize teams and have a league.

There are plenty of men in town who are interested enough to operate an efficient league. Ed Kirbert has done a remarkable job with limited facilities and conditions. He has done a better with the aid of a lighted field. Follows like Morys Germain, Bill Roberts, Floyd Wedge, Sonny Bedard and others are just waiting for the opportunity to produce a better softball league for Birmingham. How about lights for next summer so they can cut loose?

Michigan Mirror INTERPRETING THE NEWS By Gene Allexan

Everyone knows—except the city union organizer—that the machine shop may eventually employ 40.

Further, worker's dollar goes further. This is why a lower hourly wage rate is being offered in the big town. The worker usually has more distance to travel to and from work; he finds rents to be lower. He can purchase a home in the country. The cost of the worker's bill will be less. Foodstuffs are more reasonably priced, too.

It has been the experience of many of us that the cost of living is higher in a Michigan small town. Of this is the concluding report. Believing lost a new industry in Michigan small towns, Baldwin's new industry to make bases and crates for Gibson re-actors. The plant is being built in Baldwin. When completed, it will employ 1,000 workers. The plant is being built in Baldwin. When completed, it will employ 1,000 workers.

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