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Respect Pedestrians' Rights

Every driver of a motor vehicle has a tender regard for the rights of the pedes-trian when he happens to be the pedes

pens to be the pedes-trian. On such occasions, they are in a position to understand that approxi-mately 65 per cent of all persons injured or killed in automobile accidents are pedestrians.

After a narrow escape from some driver, they are then willing to believe that a pedestrian is entitled to safety and that whether he is in the right or wrong, the driver should protect him.

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We hope that every automobile driver
in Birmingham will make up his or her
mind to drive carefully, having regard
for the presence of children in the streets,
the location of schools and playgrounds
and the natural tendency of children to
ignore danger of which they are not fully

Let's all give a thought to the children particularly. They furnish one-third of the fatalities that result from automobile accidents. They are entitled to safety and drivers must give it to them

No Democracy
In India
dia overlooks the fact that the population is nine-tenths illiterate and thoroughly unfamiliar with any of the democratic processes that give voice to the people's control of their government. ernment.

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In addition, the natives of India have violent religious differences, something like a dozen principal languages, many conflicts of caste and vested interests that are powerful.

The easy assumption of many Americans that, once the people of India acquire control of their country by ousting the British, a wonderful democracy will shine its light over the downtrodden masses of that area is absurd.

The next guess that India will be a powerful factor in the conflict that might develop between nations is likewise

powerful factor in the conflict that might develop between nations is likewise ahead of time. Until the people of India establish themselves and their government secure-ly in their region of the earth, they will not hanker after adventures in world control.

Scientists it tells us that the earth may be close to 2,500,000,000 years of age and that there may exist in the outer universe, huge suns that are so far away that light, traveling at the rate of 185,000 miles a second, takes more than a billion years to reach the earth. If these facts jar you, let us state that they are some 20 years old so far as gen-Science is awesome

eral publicity is concerned. While accepted on the basis of modern science, the theory may be modified it is develops, as some claim, that light, supposed to travel in a straight line indefinitely, may be limited after all by what is termed a ed universe.

These theoretical facts may not be rel-These theoretical facts may not be reliahed and the scientists may be regarded as careless fellows who give ear to unbaked theories. Nevertheless, they are practical boys who study what lies before them and come up with answers based on available facts and present logic.

In time it may develop that present acts are not the whole truth and that resent intelligence is far from perfect.

Just the same, it is much better for man to seek the explanation for his universe, including himself, in terms of reaverse, including nimself, in terms of rea-son than in the mythological stories that have come down through the centuries of ignorance and superstition that clouded the thinking of mankind.

What Explains
Success?
An idea seems to be spreading throughout the land that men and women achieve success through the operation of government rather than by their own patient persistence in honest endeavor.

Young men and women especially should not be misled in this respect. They should realize that worthwhile success in life is achieved almost exclusively through personal endeavor.

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After all is said and done, the vast majority of business successes owe their growth to one or more rare individuals who give to the enterprise a contribution that includes not only physical effort, but superior intelligence and the wisdom that arises from the intangible thing that we call "character."

Last week a deisel railroad engine in Wisconsin, after being detached from the rest of the train by an accident with a truck, rolled down a slight grade for a distance of 17 miles—moved only by gravity. Any day now we expect to see a testimonial about it in the national advertising of the company which furnished the ball bearings for this engine.

Even in the thickest fog, how the bat-tleship USS Missouri ever got stuck on that Chesapeake Bay mud flat is beyond us. We taxpayers, who provided the money to buy the sonar, radar, etc., etc., with which to equip the "Big Mo", are very interested in why this equipment apparently can't even detect a mud bank.

President Truman's continual remark that "there still isn't any national emerthat "there still isn't any national emergency" regarding the coal strike situation, should provide the nation with a new pastime: trying to determine just WHAT and WHEN is a "national emergency."? Might even put canasta temporarily in the background.

It appears that one sure way to get all the delinquent taxes and special assess-ments paid up in Birmingham would be to spread the rumor that uranium is be-lieved to be under the city. When it actu-ally was discovered some weeks ago in the Upper Peninsula, we notice that overnight all past due taxes and assessments flooded local township and municipal

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Happenings of Long Ago

JANUARY, 26, 1900
The sudden breaking of a lam chimney while he was cleaning is why Charlie Reynold's is wearing one hand ornamented wit strips of linen.

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George W. Gilhert, superintendent of the U. S. Railway Mail service was in Harmon, Southfield, Beddow and Birmingham one day last week for the purpose of making a better service between these places.

4. Sunday

While on her way to Sunday school last Sabbath Flossie Staley lost her testament between the church and her home. Anybody finding it please return it to the little lady as it was a present to her and is highly prized.

The Library society has a number of magazines, pamphlets, etc., in their possession which have been made available for clubs and school students. Nearly 1,000 subjects have been made available for clubs and the second students of the second students are supported to the second students of the second students are supported to the second students of the second students are supported to the second students of the second students are supported to the second students of the second students are supported to the second students of the second students o

Mrs. Irs Chatfold has received an unusual bed apread from her son Fred, who is in the army at Manila. The spread is made of heavy black fannel and is trim-med with a sort of tinsel mate-rial. Its four sides are decorated most beautifully with tinsel fringe.

20 Years Age
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Nigg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Mingham today. While she and a
group of companions were playing near the river the other day,
Mary Neff fell through the ice.
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pole.

Eric Wahlstein of Troy township was seriously injured Saturation of Troy township was seriously injured Saturation of Crooks road. The driver of the car, M. E. Snyder escaped injury although the vehicle was completely demolished. Wahlstein's condition is said to be "critical".

For the first time in its history, Baldwin high school will have twins among the members of the graduating class. Margaret and Gertrude Coryell have posed no problems for teachers and comproblems for teachers and compense of the control of the co

Noble Gravlin was buried yes-terday. Mr. Gravlin, 68, proved himself somewhat of a hero at his death, by stopping the north bound Pontiac trolley just a mo-ment before he died of a heart attack. Gravlin had been on the line for 30 years and helped to construct it.

Donald Joy of Hastings has begun his duties as director of athletics at Adams junior high school. Joy was graduated from the Ypsilanti normal college in 1929. He succeeds Elmer Wiseman who will direct athletics at the Flint YMCA.

SYears Ago
FERRUARY I, 1945
The annual sale of tax delinquent lands in Oakland county is to be held at the county building in Pontiac on Feb. 15. The state land office board announces that some 800 parcels of such land will be offered for sale in the county at this time. The sale will continue until all are sold.

Have those bindles at the curb early. Feb. 2 has been designated as paper pickup day for Birming-ham. Mark Dance of the depart-ment of public works said, "We hope to have a bundle of paper from every house in the city. The country needs it and we know Birmingham will come through."

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Tuesday evening. The local boys
played fast, clean ball and except
for their obvious youth, might
have passed for a professional
team anywhere with their mastery
of the game,

The annual Father and Son banquet of the First Baptist church will be held Monday eve-hing in the dining room. The pro-gram will include short talks and movies. Reservations must be made prior to Sunday night.

Internationally Speaking

By Eugene Hesz

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Many of us have become aware,
since the end of the war, how
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"Any Way You Slice It"

HAL P. BUERGE



Since becoming a parent, seven and a half years age, I have had numerous occasions to feel ashamed of my off-apring when they acted their worst before company or broke up their own birthday party by putting on a disgraceful demonstration of temper. Sometimes they have even thrown tantrusm in public places, such as department stores. Oh, yes, kids are like that, They behave 90 per cent of the time, perhaps, but the 10 pgr cent of badness comes out when you'd like them to be little angels.

Right at this moment I am ready to forgive my oldest daughter, Jan, for every time she made me unhappy, because last Monday morning she went through a tonsil and adenoid operation without even so much as whimpering once. Sure, she wanted to cry a couple of times during the procedure, especially when we finally had to walk out on her, leaving her in the hospital room the night before the operation. We kissed her goodbye and the tears (ame to the surface, but I tiptoed back to the doorway to take a check peek after standing out in the hall for a few minutes and she had struck up a conversation with another little girl who was in the same fix. I knew then that they would help each other stick it out.

Tonsils and adenoids are troublesome things. As I get it the tonsils are a glandular body in the throat that traps poisons in an infant's system. Adenoids are tonsil growths in the back and upper part of the throat that affect the breathing of children and causes them to take the line of least resistance which is opening the mouth and gulping air in that way. According to medical men, tonsils become of no particular use as a child matures and if they become infected or infested with adenoids they might better be removed.

When a child gets to the point where he breathes through his mouth constantly and can't pronounce the word adenoid with all syllables sounding clearly and correctly, you know it is time for a checkup. That's what happened to fan. When she first found out she would have to have them out, about three weeks ago, it didn't seem to bother her much, but as the appointed day arrived she finally had to turn on the braveness.

Late Sunday afternoon we started for the hospital after saying goodbye to little sisters, Susie and Betsy. Tears had to be choked back a bit at that ceremony and they weren't all Jan's either. I was amazed at the concern for each other that was displayed between the little sisters. Sometimes they fight until I think they will destroy/each other, but on this occasion they showed exceptional goodwill for one another.

Jan took her dolly with her and when she was put to hed in the children's ward the doll was also dressed in a nighty and rejired with her. Somewhere along the line the doll was put in a close and lang out too sick to think about her welfare. Consequently, when we came home from the hospital Tuesday dolly was left behind. The first read tears came when she discovered her absence. She forgot her sore throat for the moment and actually shouled to her mother who was in another room at the time of discovery. After a hurired call to the hospital, assurance was made that the doll was sale and sound and would be well cared for until she could be picked up. Then the last crisis was over and Jan has been on the upgrade ever since.

The only real break I got out of Jan's tonsillectomy came at dimner on Tüesday evening. It was my birthday and for once I got more than my share of the birthday cake. I got to eat Jan's piece, she didn't feel quite up to it. She started out by saving she was gojng to get even with me by eating two helpings of ice cream, but I noticed one dish of the cold substance seemed to be enough. After eating that, she was ready to go back to bed and let me eat cake.

Wastrel

By BEATRICE McDONALD

I'm wearing the oldest dress I've got. It's worn and patched and faded, But it's quite all right, because I must Brew and bake and sweep and dust. I like old faded dresses. They seem Like the lingering fragment of some dream Shoes I despise that are old and shabby, All misshapen and scuffed and flabby.

They look like "something the cat brought in" I dump them into the rubbish bin For whether I'm gay as a meadow lark, Or wallowing hopelessly in the dark And murky depths of the inkiest blues, I go traipsing around in my Sunday shoes



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Van Damme.

D. L. Clanahan, farm crops extension / specialist at Michigan State College, has searched American records of high yields on unirrigated land and can find no previous claim of such heavy production.

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The growing dairy industry in Michigan, which now produces nearly one-third of the total agricultural income, was represented by a dairy anack bar presided over by the 1049 dairy queen, Miss high school student. Approximately 140,400 farmers in Michigan have one million cows daily producing milk supplies for use as a health-giving beverage, butter, cheese and other dairy products.

Last December 19 a four-year-old Holstein cow, "Minnow Creek Eden Repeat", completed one year lactation period during which for the produced by the condition of Milk. This set a new national record for volume of milk production, and it gave to Michigan another championship honor in the field of agriculture. If all of the butter fat produced by this one butter fat produced by this one ter, it would have totaled 1,520 bounds! This production, the achievement of F. K. Merkley of Flint, is equivalent to that of the preduction of six average cows.

Member newspapers of the Michigan Press Association, Inc., most of which are in small towns and rural areas, take great pride in the 1949 achievement of 170; 000 farms which produced more than \$600,000,000 of ngricultural products.

In volume this record exceeded previous yields, but in value, due

Churches hereby registers its hearty approval of the building plans of the Birmingham YMCA. Under the capable and energine leadership of its executive secre-tive of the control of the control YMCA has rendered outstanding

ened and supplemented the work of the churches.

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President
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when a child. My grandmother
was Mrs. Mortimer Smith who
lived on East Maple and built the
first brick house in Oakland Counwitte child born at Fort Dearborn. All this I heard as a child,
and I hope to some day gentact
the facts of that early time.
You will be interested to learn.

rr-reaching is kindness.

MRS. J. A. VAN DEN BERG

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STRICTLY FRESH

MASSACHUSETTS educator Α A says colleges are turning out too many "half-baked" degree-holders. This is going to make a lot of people hot under the collar,

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Having failed fit helie efforts to repeal the Taft-Hartley law, labout in the next election to try to repeal Senator Taft.

Predictions for the auto industry: Dealers will not fare quite so well this year as last; the car buyer will be king. Pedestrians, as squad, will be run down.

Lots of small buyinessum are.

Lots of small businessmen are finding tougher going these days. Particularly noticeable is a pinch in men's shoes.

THE AMERICAN WAY



Who does he think he's fooling?