

Willingness to work, to have a bit of one's earnings, to develop self-reliance, to face life with self-confidence... these were the heritage of a past that may be brought away in a single, stiff, generation.

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THIS and THAT

Imprisoned In Our Own Worlds

Interested, as most of us are, in our own little worlds, it becomes comparatively easy for the impact of the confused times in which we live to make us despairing of mankind's ability to create and sustain a better life.

When one investigates the reason for this seeming despair, it is not true that at the base of it lies the negative quality of selfishness.

We do not mean vicious or malicious selfishness; perhaps self-centeredness is a better word. We are interested in gaining security, health, and happiness for ourselves, our immediate families—with too little thought and concern of and for others.

IF THIS BE TRUE, then we live in an environment of billions of "our own little worlds," unkindly that we thus set in motion chains and frictions that eventually result in war.

How can each of us contribute something to improve the lot of mankind? In the best of the ethics and ideals that have been given to mankind over long centuries.

Each religion offers its adherent plans to follow to build a "good" world. In some of their writings and in some of their lives, have shown us how to effect the practical brotherhood of man.

St. Francis of Assisi gave the world a secure hand-hold on Heaven when he wrote:

"LORD, MAKE ME the instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred may I bring love; where there is malice may I bring pardon; where there is discord may I bring harmony; where there is error may I bring truth; where there is doubt may I bring faith; where there is despair may I bring hope; where there is darkness may I bring Your light; where there is sadness may I bring joy."

Oh, Master, may I seek not so much to be comforted as to comfort; not to understand as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in giving our lives that we find them; it is in forgiving that we shall be forgiven.

YES, IF ONE can remove himself more and more from his own "little world" and shine out into his part in improving the lot of mankind.

We were the great sun to build around itself an enclosure, thus to conserve its cosmic power, it longer would be able to shine other planets. Indeed, like the flame of a completely shrouded candle, it would go out.

Isn't that what St. Francis of Assisi is telling us in his inspiring words?

Detroit Driver Draws \$75 Fine, Jail Term on DWIL Charge

James Lawson of Detroit was fined \$75 and sentenced to 10 days in the county jail on a charge of driving under the influence of liquor. He appeared before Bloomfield Hills Justice Alva Richardson last Thursday.

After Lawson was arrested July 1 by Bloomfield Hills police, it was discovered that he was driving a car stolen in Florida with license plates stolen in Louisiana.

'Lovers' Lane' To Be Closed at Aug. 7 Hearing

A local "lovers' lane" is to be denied couples seeking seclusion after a hearing August 7. City commissioners set that date for the closing of Salisbury lane.

City Manager Donald C. Egan said immediately after the hearing the city will put a ditch at the lane entrance to prevent its future use.

Neighbors have complained to the city that the secluded spot has been used for drinking and parties, some of them necessitating action by the police.

No Fish Story!

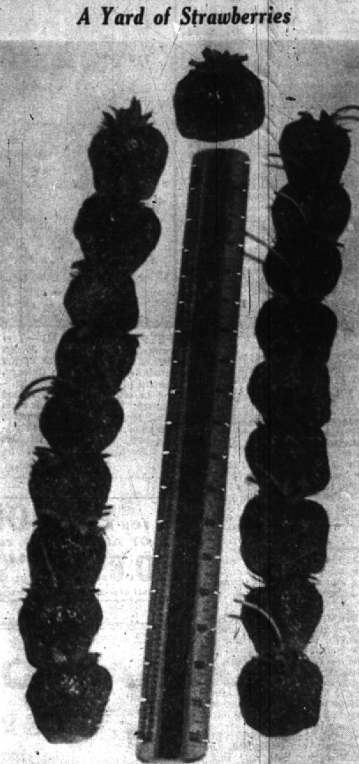
Here's a smart guy—he sold his unwanted household items in THE ECCENTRIC. That extra cash sure helped with his vacation expenses!

C of C Directors Resume Meetings September 11

There will be no meeting of the Chamber of Commerce's board of directors during August. Manager Charles Mortensen disclosed this week.

"Too many on vacations," he explained. The next board meeting will be Sept. 11.

All wishes of inner spirit confirmed. ROYAL MATRESS COMPANY. Dial 9—ask for Executive G-19.



19 BERRIES—JUST ENOUGH TO FILL A QUART Lined up alongside an 18-inch ruler

Marsden Wilson of Washington (Mich.) is not a man who limits himself to one talent.

Besides being the principal of two schools, Bloomfield and Franklin Village, Wilson also manages to grow headliner strawberries.

Three weeks ago, when the first picking was in order, the berries ran 10 to 12 to the quart. Second crop berries ran a little smaller, 15 to the quart.

MANY A HOUSEWIFE, gazing at a basket of marble-sized fruit, will sigh with envy as she thinks of the few hills that confront Mrs. Wilson when she prepares shortcake or jam.

At the Wilson home, however, these few fellows are going into the deep freeze. Mrs. Wilson has only to hull the berries, quarter them and tuck them away for a quick frost treatment.

Wilson reported that about 25 quarts had already been treated this way, to await the winter months.

\$600 Check Found on Sidewalk; Only Child's Play

A \$600 check cashed drawn on the Fidelity National Bank was found Saturday afternoon on a sidewalk in the Birmingham shopping district.

State and federal outlines were presented, along with plans for defense measures. Representatives were asked to cooperate by forming their activities along similar lines, in order that the entire process would follow one pattern.

Hamel added that Birmingham would be organized as closely to the state pattern as possible and that meetings would be planned for the very near future.

"WE WANT to select a place to meet and have the ground plans laid at once so there will be no confusion should we be needed suddenly," he said.

"I shall want to confer with Mayor Booth before making any positive statement as to the defense activities in Birmingham, but the public may rest assured that they will be informed of all actions which we may take."

Alea Couple Flees Korean War Zone

Detroit Edison officials have received a telegram at the Detroit office stating that Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Madison and family have gotten safely out of Seoul, Korea, and are now in Japan.

The Madisons, formerly of 18732 San Jose boulevard, have been in Korea since early spring, along with their four children. Madison was on a two-year leave of absence from his company to help establish an electric power plant in Korea.

Second Exam Set for New Postmaster

Applications Due In Capitol July 25, Civil Service Says

Another open competitive examination to fill the position of Birmingham postmaster has been announced by the U. S. Civil Service Commission.

The Civil Service Commission must be in the Washington office by July 25.

This is the second time in two years that this examination has been held in Birmingham. The city has been without an official postmaster since Joseph A. Byrne resigned in August 1946.

Bernard C. Fowler was appointed acting postmaster after Byrne's resignation and has been head of Birmingham's postal facilities up to the present time.

"IN THE FIRST examination, for which the closing receipt of applications was September, 1948, only three applicants were appointed. Their names were certified to the Post Office department.

"However, because of the withdrawal. This left only two eligibles which the post office department would consider for filling the vacancy. Under the law an appointing officer is entitled to a certificate of three names.

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APPLICANTS FOR the position of Birmingham postmaster will be in the delivery area of the Birmingham office or residents of the city for at least the past year.

Full information and application forms may be obtained from the secretary of the Birmingham civil service board at the local post office or directly from the U. S. civil service commission, Washington, D. C.

Sept. 15 Deadline Set for Removal of Last Quonset

The five remaining quonset huts on Cranbrook road are to be dismantled by Sept. 15, according to a schedule worked out by veterans and City Commissioners Dean Beier and Chad M. Ritchie.

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Then they drop sly hints that a certain howl-wearing politician from Lansing may give their campsite an official inspection sometime during the week they're roughing it.

An advance guard has already scouted (no pun) the island, scoutmaster Robert Doyle and John Mohr visited it three weeks ago and came back with 40 colored slides, a campsite plan, a map of the island and water samples.

It promises to be a busy week for the scouts, a baseball diamond, rifle and archery ranges are set up. There will be three hours of scoutcraft a day plus the hiking and swimming the boys can squeeze in.

TWO FISHING BOATS will ferry the scouts out to the island, several miles from the nearest land, and pick them up again a week later.

But touch with civilization won't be completely lost. The troop has borrowed two walkie-talkies from the Air Force and will use them to keep in contact with State Police and the Coast Guard.

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MacDonald's Farm Has Nothing on B'ham When It Comes to Ducks

By ALICE E. MORGAN and ALICE GRANT-WATTERS

We have decided that Birmingham is, truly, a very ducky country. Some of the ducks are tame ducks and some of the ducks are wild ducks and just about now we are wild, too.

Eventually, Mama Duck came forth with some little ducks, but there was something smelly in Denmark. Some were one breed, some another.

Now we find ourselves with the Lyman J. Craig, Jr., family on Fairview. Their children, family in Peter and his has brought eight wild duck eggs home.

Rep. Estes Calls First Meeting of State Gas Study Committee



TROOP B-1 OFFICIALS, MEMBERS LOAD EQUIPMENT FOR NORTHERN TRIP. 16 boys are set for a week's vacation away from civilization

Deserted Island Is Destination of Scouts on 'Operation Timber'

By AL SELBY

Are flying disks, North Koreans and hydrogen bombs getting under your skin? Feel like throwing in the towel and heading for some far-away desert island?

"Then you should be in 'Operation Timber'."

"Timber" is Birmingham Scout Troop B-1's code name for their week's stay on 760 forested acres in St. Martin's Bay, eight miles north of Mackinac Island, starting July 16.

Sixteen excited young men have been predicting their adventures on island sketched buddies for quite some time.

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Too Much Gov't Stifles Initiative, Fred Alger Charges

This nation is on the road to the poorhouse if the present federal administration does not halt its financial extravaganzas, Secretary of State Fred M. Alger, Jr., charged in a talk at the Monday noon luncheon of the Birmingham Rotary club.

"President Truman, in three years up to Sept. 30, 1949, spent \$191,081,204,191. Even Franklin D. Roosevelt, who was known to be no miser with government monies, spent only \$67,618,746,001 all during the first eight years he was in office," Alger pointed out.

"If the present government is interested in government savings it is only running for your local school board."

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