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Take It Easy!

Many local residents will be taking to the highways this weekend for the July Fourth holiday.

We hope you all have a marvelous freedom to catch all the fish you are after, get the sunburn you want or have enough time to visit with most of the relatives.

However, we don't want to have to print your obituary notice as the last chapter of your holiday.

The most accident-free drivers say they drive with the idea that all other motorists border on the idiotic. The best drivers give the road to the other fellow, if it comes to a showdown of nerves...

Don't take chances—come back alive. Don't make us write your obituary next week.

Losing Your Freedom

The easiest way to lose your personal freedom is to allow public officials to pass laws that are some phase of your economic, social, or political liberties.

When a State or federal law is passed on such matters, that law becomes part of the method of political centralization, or collectivism. It simply means that another strand in the rope of bureaucracy is wound about you.

The only way to stop such action is to vote for men and women who oppose centralization, or collectivism, and who also espouse the cause of settling problems on that unit of government level closest to home.

When candidates for federal office shout that they favor more subsidies for the farmer, special privileges for some segment of our business economy, some financial aid for the public schools, more and more centralized controls affecting our social structure...

The same thing is true regarding candidates for state offices, from governor down.

For, Dear Voter, always remember that public officials who promise you something in the way of material rewards get the money from you, the taxpayers. It is your money they talk about and use to further their own selfish political ambitions.

Politicians do not earn the billions of dollars they give away. These dollars are taken from your own purses in the form of taxes.

Politicians do not create wealth. As a matter of historical fact, they more often than not despoil it.

Depends Upon People

World peace, we are told, cannot be based upon the sovereign equality of nations but must rest upon a world-wide legal order, standing above nations, and possessing the power to create law and enforce it upon individuals.

We think this would be an ideal setup, provided the super-government would learn what has not been appreciated in the United States, that the rights of individuals must not be snuffed out in an effort to produce a uniform pattern of conduct.

At the present time, however, we see no prospect that the nations, including the United States, are ready to abrogate their sovereignty.

The trend of popular opinion, it seems, is the other way. There is danger of a new outbreak of nationalism, with the people of each country judging every proposal by what they get out of it.

We do not know when the ideal super-state will arrive.

Some day it will come into being but it will not be possible until the majority of the people of the world grow wisely tolerant of dissidents.

The peace of the world depends more upon the willingness of peoples to live and let live than upon the type of governments that exist.

From Our Point of View

Because Russia operates almost on a slave labor basis in the production of its industrial and agricultural commodities (plus the fact that she is said to have millions of alien captives at work), Russia can spend vast sums on her military establishment—thus keeping other nations fearful, and spending much of their dough on defense measures. In the meantime Russia is able to take over much of the lands near her borders. Perhaps, then, she really doesn't want a war with the west, and will only make it appear that she is tough...

The blood of a person 80 years old has traveled about 5,000,000 miles. Nothing, except maybe a sailor, ever traveled so far and saw so little.

German youth now under the influence of Communism are acting about as did the youth that Hitler was able to regiment. How much should youth be blamed for its willingness to follow its leaders? Generally speaking, youth hasn't yet learned all the values of life, especially in a land where regimentation has been accepted for many, many years. Even American youth, following the example of its adults, can't be blamed for everything it does. All of which only proves that youth generally follows the footsteps of its elders.

Auto makers are beginning to think about building smaller cars that the average American can better afford. But, whenever did Americans limit themselves to buying cars they could afford?

National lotteries are still held in many countries, providing an outlet for their gambling instincts—and at the same time it is true that officialdom in these countries is not lily-white honest, either. The idea of allowing such lotteries in the United States is an excellent way to help bring about other forms of gambling, such as illegal. Gambling is gambling... just as liquor is liquor...

A senator reports military experts plan an alternate capital in case Washington is atom-bombed. The senator says he would like to see the proposals brought forward in a concrete form.

The ionosphere, explain the scientists, is a layer of electrically charged atoms, sphere high above the earth that reflects radio waves and... Well, let's just say it's over our heads.

Explosible atomic materials, such as isotopes and uranium ores, may now be shipped by mail. This certainly should encourage the parcel post boys to speed up deliveries.

We think we can explain the waning popularity of those give-away radio shows: people are getting tired of hearing about those wonderful items the other people always get.

So They Say...

Stuart Symington, chairman, National Security Resources Board: "Today it would seem we are already in a great struggle, a struggle for the minds of men."

Robert A. Taft, U. S. Senator from Ohio: "If we go out to put modern invasion airplanes in every country surrounding Russia, then we have become an aggressor."

Omar N. Bradley, General, U. S. Army: "We can disrupt and break up the Soviet design. We can create order out of chaos."

Louis Johnson, Secretary of Defense: "We may stumble into the accident of war, but war is not on the horizon at the moment."

Statement, British Labor Party: "Many European governments have not yet shown either the will or the ability to plan their own economies."

Harold R. Stassen, University President: "Government cannot guarantee jobs unless it takes over business and provides jobs."

Coverly Fisher, business executive: "Without coordination, you are likely to get chaotic conditions in the welfare field."

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.



50 YEARS AGO

June 29, 1900 Another event which can come to Birmingham and be worth a dozen Dollars of July is the annual Supervisors' Picnic. Why doesn't our village wake up and go after these things? Must we always sit and watch the golden opportunities pass to places not as good as Birmingham just because they are ambitious?

Judge A. C. Baldwin and wife, Pontiac, were calling on friends in town a few days hence. In 1840 Mr. Baldwin delivered the Fourth of July oration in Birmingham. This is his first visit here since that historic date.

F. W. Sherman is not advertising any more. He is so busy tending to his soda fountain, trade, delicious delicacies, that he has no time to write copy for himself.

James McClure, a graduate of the class of 1900, has secured a position at Harper's hospital in Detroit, where after a few months' trial he will go to Grace hospital in that same city and after many more months of hard work will become a full-fledged professional nurse.

John White of Fenton was in town Sunday last calling on old friends who had a good job at Fenton as section foreman. Dr. G. H. & M. R. at that place, he tells us that since leaving Birmingham he has taken up to himself a most charming wife.

20 YEARS AGO

Penrose Wallaston, son of Mrs. Jeanne Wallaston of Watkins street has received his appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. White student at Baldwin high school the youth took part in many activities, including Scouting, and has received his Eagle award.

For the fourth time since it has been in operation the new Derby well is out of commission. It was learned last night, Commissioner Maurice Lowman announced that the pump motor had been removed and sent to Howell for repairs.

Lighting in the northeast section of the city has out of order for some time Sunday and Monday from Detroit Edison repaired damages due to the severe electrical storm. Company officials were notified to give an accurate estimate of the damage. Firemen were called to Quaker road when homes were struck by lightning.

The offices of the First Presbyterian church were ransacked by thieves early Sunday morning according to a report filed at the Birmingham police department. Church officials said apparently nothing had been taken, however.

May was expensive for fishermen. The 17 who violated state fishing laws paid a total of \$608 to the state for the season. Three for fishing on closed streams and for rest for taking and keeping fish under the legal length.

5 YEARS AGO

Unless the federal government decided to release oil for use on gravel roads within the next 30 or 60 days, Birmingham motorists would be able to do any of the needed.

IN ORDER to throw some light on the backward structure of French economy I only wish to give a few figures. Just prior to the outbreak of World War II the productivity in coal mining measured by output per man-shift was in the U. S. A. 4.2 ton, in Russia 0.7 ton, and in France only 0.7 ton.

Another set of figures may indicate the unusual shift in the value of the French franc since the end of the last war. Wages are at present about 10 times as high as before the war, but the cost of living is 40 times as high.

These few indicators may demonstrate or at least point in the direction of the basic difficulties of French economy.

Small Girl Singing

Last year her toes just barely touched the ground. So that she couldn't start herself awswinging. Somebody had to come and push, but she was little last year. Now she's almost three. Especially when the wind comes riding by. Now she can dry the aprons and rubbers when Mother is busy. She can count to ten. And print her name and age. Time goes swinging. Taking its reckoning of a small girl singing.

ONE THING OR ANOTHER

If it can be called unusual, then the only unusual thing I noticed about Thursday afternoon was that it was sunny and hot. Sunday afternoon it was the same, but warmer and hotter. The intervening days I had expected to be more the usual, except that the wind was to be attending the 1950 Summer Outing of the Michigan Press Association at the Somport Park Hotel, Harbor Springs.

It started as MBA members gathered on the hotel grounds for a beach barbecue. Off to the south and the west, across Lake Traverse Bay, the heavens put on their electric show and there, astonishing comments from the crowd. A real storm was in prospect.

LOOKING AHEAD

Dear Pop: My age are growing up. We want to ask some questions about our country.

THE WAY WE'VE got things fixed now you can grow cotton, raise your potatoes, hens or deer—anything!—and our wonderful government will pay you handsome profits. If you have to do it to keep your job shut and be an obedient farmer you can't get any help from the Government.

YOU CAN BECOME a wage earner and get a minimum, or contract wage enforced by the Government, an old age pension which is paid periodically free, and a raise periodically.

AND THAT magnificent private enterprise system which educate and grand-parents built—we've had it modernized in a Pennsylvania Avenue machine shop, fixed up good.

THE GOVERNMENT supervision it has got the country straggled at the seams with greenback dollars worth at least 50¢ on the dollar.

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MICHIGAN MIRROR

MENTAL HOSPITAL SERVICE TO BE TRIMMED

From now until November election day Michigan hospitalization government will be somewhat of a farce. The governor's efficient chief executive, Paul Wesley, is preparing a constant line of attacks to run down Republican claims and prove about the Williams campaign for re-election.

After vetoing the \$130,380 Louis A. Kunguz salary from the civil service budget, Governor G. Menen Williams staged a friendly rescue act for the civil service.

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Operations and payrolls of Michigan's net health services are to be trimmed after July 1, according to Charles F. Wager, state mental health director.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS to remedy so-called waste of public funds in welfare administration were permitted by Governor Williams to become law without his signature.

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These same people just have a home so they will have some place to receive their bills each month.

I hope people will slow down before some anti-hysteria bill is forced up by Congress. If passed, would have an adverse effect on any good baseball game.

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The pleasure ship will hit there at 11 o'clock when the wife and I went into Harbor Springs to do a little souvenir shopping.

ON THE STREETS were quite a number of white yachting caps with various types of gold braid decorations. "Indoors only," I mentioned to my wife. "I've learned how to load up with diesel oil trucked from the States."

LOOKING AHEAD

WHAT'S THE SCORE, POP?

get regular checks direct from Government agencies, and we're improving that step by step.

IT WILL BE exciting, for instance, devoting a way to pay off the national debt. These wonderful services we are getting have been bought at a price of \$1.1 million when we look over in 1915. We've made well. It's \$2.5 million now. We're increasing it by \$5 billion a year.

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People's Column

Arrives at Camp Lee for 6 Weeks Training

FORT LEE, Va.—Cadet James E. Woulson of 713 Glenary, Birmingham, Mich., and who is a student at Cornell University, has arrived here to attend the ROTC summer camp.

Cadet Woulson joined 395 cadets from 32 colleges and is currently undergoing six weeks of officers' training. He has been schooled in the fundamentals of the Quartermaster Corps.

Upon graduation from Cornell University Cadet Woulson will be eligible for commission as second lieutenant in the United States Reserve Corps and for consideration for a regular army commission in the Quartermaster Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dorrough of 3222 Beaumont road and their children Jerry, Don and Mary. The Dorroughs came here from Western Springs, Ill., to be in a C.P.A. with Fort Motor.

Lamps make oilspits, and candles make snuffing. It is only the light of heaven that shines pure and leaves no stain.

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