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A Blessing in Disguise?

Now that the atomic bomb menaces all civilization, the need for decentralizing population centers and industry is being stressed. For many years sociologists have criticized the development of great cities...

Freedom Suffers

The political two-party system in the United States is deteriorating into a system that bodes no good for the future of the nation. What each party needs is more men and women who are willing to attack wrongs, and defend only the right.

A Leader's Power

You often wonder just why a single man holding some position of public leadership, can lead millions of people into either good or evil, or some place between?

Such a leader, elected or appointed through the processes of a democracy, is like the captain of a great liner, in whose care the passengers are during a voyage.

Maintains Respect

A short while ago you read many stories about the grounding of the big battleship Missouri, which ran aground of shoal water at Hampton Roads, Virginia.

That is good for the service, naturally. It keeps the boys on their military toes. It maintains necessary respect, dignity and discipline.

From Our Point of View

Ex-haberdasher Harry most desperately is trying to retain his political skin. Now does he want the Republicans to do the anything off-color on him. Harry is keenly aware of the need for pulchritudinous political adornment.

Because more college graduates are leaving academic life for work this year, more and more of them are going to have to start at lower levels in industry than ever before, a survey reveals.

Secretary of State Acheson and some of his top aides are worried because many Americans do not give evidence of their deep concern over the "cold war" with Russia.

By the way... what is happening to President Truman's personal buddy and military aide, Maj-Gen. Harry Vaughan?

Leon Keyserling is chairman of President Truman's Council of Economic Advisors. So far as we know, he has never made or met a payroll.

General Omar Bradley, military Chief of Staff, urges Congress to continue the draft law, since Communist aggression today is greater than ever.

The limit of an individual's income is determined largely by the amount of wealth or service that individual can produce. In a country still rich in natural resources, in inventive and productive ability, the standard of living for all is dependent upon what is produced.

Fairness and equity must be ruled when two or more persons are considering the settlement of a problem. When either side of an argument has an unfair advantage, a satisfactory solution seldom is arrived at.

So They Say . . .

Liaquat Ali Kahn, Prime Minister of Pakistan: "If some of the countries, important countries, were not in the United Nations, the object of this organization would be frustrated." Shigeru Yoshida, Premier of Japan: "The United States has virtually entered into a relationship of peace with Japan." Ralph E. Flanders, U. S. Senator from Vermont: "It (investigation of State Department) is affecting unfavorably the morale of able and conscientious public servants and is causing astonishment and uncertainty in our relations abroad." Fred M. Vinson, Chief Justice, U. S. Supreme Court: "A subpoena is a sterile document if its orders may be flouted with impunity." Albert Thomas, Member of Congress from Texas: "It is the time to put into action all the words we have heard about a desire to economize." Gerald Ehrlich, teacher: "No teacher can afford to be a walking text book."



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 MAY 26, 1900 FOR RENT—A nice eight-room home in Birmingham, \$10 per month.

5 Years Ago MAY 31, 1945 The Girl Scouts of the city will hold their annual penny drive on June 2.

The Peace Congress is in session at the Hague and the citizens of Birmingham will be privileged to witness a representation of this congress at the Junior Exhibition on next Friday evening.

Liman Hood "returned soldier" has his head all bandaged up and looks like the San Juan hero of the 19th regular. Said he may be had the damage done since he returned while watching the wheels go round at the power house.

Last Friday was a day of great demonstration in Detroit for it marked the return of the 31st regiment to that city, all draped in flags. Throng made the journey from this fair village to bid the returning soldier by a hearty welcome.

The stockholders of the Southfield milkhouse will sell at public auction in front of the town hall Saturday, the milkhouse, vats, weigh can, skimmers, chutes, stove, scales and a quantity of milk coolers.

A special baccalaureate service will be held at Christ Church Cranbrook for the combined classes of Kingswood Cranbrook and Bloomfield Hills high schools.

Local anglers are anxiously awaiting the day when they start fishing on the inland lakes. According to our grape vine here are several from the vicinity who plan to be at the water's edge, top watch in hand, waiting for the fatal minute to arrive.

A pet and hobby show will be held June 13 and 14 at the Community House, open to boys in the 12th through 15th grades of the public schools here.

A woman and three men faced Justice Friday when a case involving the sale and use of liquor last week. The woman paid \$25 for 23 1/2 ounce bottles of the men paid fines of \$210 for drunken and disorderly conduct.

In accordance with the custom established several years ago, the Birmingham banking institutions will close Wednesday at noon.

Internationally Speaking

By Eugene Hess, Instructor, Univ. of Detroit. This correspondent has always defended the fact that American business must conquer its part of the international markets, partly for economic, partly for political reasons.

COME TRING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

FAILURE AFTER 2 YEARS OF TRYING. Some Birmingham residents deplore the new stores and buildings which have come to Birmingham since the war. Others welcome the addition.

LOOKING AHEAD By George S. Benson

SOCIALISM OR WHAT? One-fourth of the American people, the survey concludes, consider the compulsory social security taxes socialist; 81 per cent favor them.

MICHIGAN MIRROR

EXCELLENT VACATION SEASON FORECAST. Michigan's tourist industry, second only to California and New York, is headed for an excellent season in 1950.

People's Column

The Eccentric welcomes letters for publication. All signatures will be kept confidential unless otherwise stated. Michigan's tourist industry, second only to California and New York, is headed for an excellent season in 1950.

