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Criminals Invade Business' Field

The Senate Crime Committee, pushing an inquiry into organized crime, reports that organized criminals are moving rapidly into legitimate fields.

At first blush this looks like a good

thing, that the criminals are giving up their activities and going into a new field where they may work like other Ameri-

cans.
Actually, however, this is not the truth.
The criminals are boldly transferging
their nefarious methods into "respect-able" business which they will corrupt
with their methods, which include
bribery corruption and intimidation.
The Senate committee, headed by Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennesse, says

ator Estes Kefauver of Tennesee, these organized criminals have wedged themselves in transportation companies and public utilities.

tensive black markets in scarce com-modities or otherwise disturb the nation's All honest business men should be on

All honest business men should be on the lookout for the tactics 'that such criminals will use in their effort to horn in on leghthate business. No honest man, whether in business or out of it, will resort to bribery in con-nection with the purchase of scarce goods or connect himself with the traffic of the black market. Business men are thoughtless who in

ack market.

Business men are thoughtless who, in the pressure of competition and the need for scare commodities to make profits turn to gangster methods in dealing with their competitors

They bribe others for special favors.

They bribe others for special favors, scarcely realizing that they are dealing with criminals rather than business men. They move warily to buy "influence" to gain advantages, but understanding that in so doing, they are playing the game of organized gangsters and, in fact, becoming a partner in such activities.

Money Not All-Powerful

While the more than two hundred millions of dollars in the Henry Ford Foundation Fund are capable of doing tremendous good for the human family, to expect this expended money to bright to a badly shaken world is beyond the realm of practicality. yound the realm of practicality. Money, in and of itself, seldom accom-

plishes the most that it is nature being what it is money, plus many other big

nature being what it is.

If that money, plus many other big and small philanthropies, were accompanied by the voice and conscience of same Great Person, there might be more hope for a better world.

But such voices no donger exist upon our earth ... there is too much babble and chatter to allow Greatness to be heard, let alone followed.

Flying the Wounded Home

The Army reports that the men wounded in Kores, who are being returned to this country for hospitalization, "are coming back in better shape than in World War II."

The Air Force reports that in August

The Air Force reports that in August 1.378 patients were flown from Japan and Korea to this country. These included battle casualties as well as other injured and ill persons.

C-97's that are being used for transport carry fifty patients and attendant nurses and, because of greater flying range, take a shorter route across the Pacific. On the average, the big planes take 37 hours to reach the west coast.

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The airplane has become a mighty weapon of "warfare but in this instance, at least, it serves the cause of humanity. It would be impossible to imagine the reaction of solidiers a generation ago to the suggestion that, in the future, men wounded in battle would be carried through the air for thousands of miles for hospitalization.

Keep On Howling, Praising

Remembery, when World War II broke out, how the Roosevelt New Dealers howled about criticism from those who opposed their way of doing things?

That same caff is going up again . . . all in the name of "solidarity and patriotism". To be sure, every one of us in the United States faces the danger of another great war.

That's danger from beyond our borders. In the meantime, we also have

ders. In the meantime, we also have danger within our borders . . . always have . . and a vigorous two-party system have ... and a vigorous two-party is the best way to retain the procesself-government.

So let's howl and/or praise when we want to, regardless of what political party we belong to!

From Our Point of View

In spite of the danger of Russian invasion and possible conquest, Western Europe and England appear unconcerned about setting up necessary defenses. They are quite willing to J'let Uncle Sam do it." All of which is possiavely foolish. Western Europe and England, after centuries of warring, are like tired old men. "Ypung America", per se, then must save its elders . . . to prevent death and pestilence from stalking the earth. Nations, like the individuals who compose them, are as the Psalmist declared: ". in the morning it play are like grass which groweth up. In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down and withereth."

Little Harry almost daily proves his Little Harry almost daily proves his inability to handle the tremendous job he accidentally inherited. Certainly God must have a tender place in His heart for the American people—how else could they survive when for so many years bungling and predatory politicians have been in control of our federal government?

ernment?

A Detroit simall manufacturing concern recently was awarded \$33,000 damages against a union that illegally staged a strike in its plant. This is the first time such an award has been made in Michigan. Perhaps it will encourage other employers to do likewise—since a contract ought to be binding upon both parties, which too often labor proves itsn't. (No doubt that case will be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court which, of cogrise, might reverse the Michigan Supreme Court's decision. If it does, naturally "political philosophy" won't have a thing to do with it.) have a thing to do with it.)

"Pat" Van Wagóner, Birmingham Democrat and former Governor of Mich-Democrat and former Governor of Michagan, went to the recent "Democratic" (?) convention in Grand Rapids, but didn't stay for the program. Evidently he, too, couldn't stomach the idea of having his party taken over by the CIO.

Overcome by the victory of their foot-ball team over the University of Michi-gan, a number of Michigan State College students were arrested for their rowdyism. Well, some students will be dents, and others will resort to uncon-trolled athletics.

Birmingham and vicinity has tradi-Birmingham and vicinity has tradi-tionally voted overwhelmingly Republi-can for more than a half century. Local Republicans, interested in getting out a large vote of their party Nov. 7, are or-galighty themselves to do this. That is good for citizenship purposes. Even the Democrats could de well for self-gov-ernment by doing likewise.

So They Say . . .

Charles F. Brannan, Secretary of Agri-

culture:
"It may yet be necessary to support
the price of hogs despite the lack of a
workable method for doing so."

Jackson Martindell, management offi-

cial:
"We have been afraid to take the risks our forefathers took—and took for granted."

Harold W. Dodds, president, Princeton

University:

"I suggest that the United Nations turn its attention to the rapid accomplishment of complete disarmament, not merely to the abolition of A-bombs and H-hombs."

Albert J. Fitzgerald, president, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Work-ers of America: "We must not have blind adherence to every solitary thing Harry Truman pro-



Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric
The Items That Make Up The Historical Background

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contains and the ladder proke, pre-cipitating him to the ground.

Dick Bennett, a contable from
Rochester, Stewart Leonard and
a strange young man were closeted in a room back of T.
Gobb's afore for quite a while
the stranger was searched and found
to have on him several articles
owned by Mr. Leonard.

Charlie Gift, a member of the
Th Michigan Cavalry, will act
a return of this regiment to be
held at Battle Creek in the near
future. Of course William Hawthorn, also a survivor, will be
present, too.

William Hust, who lives about

William Huat, who lives about two miles south of this place, lost four valuable cows Thursday afternoon. The bovines were being driven from the pasture and while crossing the D. & P. tracks were run down by a heavily loaded gravel car.

The Misses Tille E. Walker and Emeline Mitchell are sojourning in Ingham county, the happy guests of Miss Walker's parents who live near Fowlerville.

20 years age
OCTOBER 16, 1930
Construction on the new Grand
Trusk passenger station on Eton
road will be started about Nov. 1,
according to officials. The building will cost about \$100,000 and
the will cost about \$100,000 and
and the construction.

Dr. William Lloyd Kemp has been named to succeed Dr. A. W. Newitt as head of the city's health department. A graduate of the University of Michigan, Dr. Kemp has been a resident of Birmingham for four years. He interned at the Henry Ford hospital in Detroit.

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We have been exposed to all kinds of taxes for years and the minute has been established it the new Derby well, according jer of all the tax diseases. It's H. H. Corson, city engineer. per minute has been established rat the new Derby well, according le to H. H. Corson, city engineer, so This was not as high a capacity si as hoped for, officials consider the well satisfactory and state it has wexcellent pressure.

Mrs. William Lynch has been employed as part time welfare worker by the village and will work out of the Community House. Mrs. Lynch is a graduate of the Diwersity of Michigan and has handle welfare the work of the work of

Expressions of optimism as the result of increased real estate sales, have been voiced by local firms. The meeting of the Real Estate board, held at the Community House, reported much liveller buying at present than in the past.

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OCTOBER 18, 1945

Mrs. E. E. Keller of Quarton
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brought fresh flowers which she, herself, provides.

Class hours at Baldwin high school will advance one half hour beginning Monday, Oct. 29, it has been announced. This will bring the opening of school to 8:25 each morning, with the aft-ernoon closing at 3:27.

Two local firemen have returned from the wars and are back at their jobs. Jack Moore has been chief of the army-navy fire department in Casablanca, while George Scott served as instructor at Pensacola, Fla.

F. E. Quisenberry, chairman of the local retail merchants associa-tion has announced the organiza-tion ready to swing into action on the big Victory drive scheduled for the fall.

The Rev. Walter H. Young will interaction on the Property of the Christ Church Cranbrook. He was graduated from Bowdoin collection and the Christ Church Cranbrook. He was graduated from Bowdoin collection in many activities and earned in many activities and earned better Upsilon.

People's Column

The Eccentric welcomes letters for this column. All letters must be signed, but signatures will be kept confidential upon request. Letters must be limited to 500 words.

ause taxes are going up, but will soon.

The sound of two words when used together will give me a financial body rash and spalpitation of economy's heart. The words are RETROACTIVE TAXES.

something like currents silver.

Tax conditions gould be a lot worse. Hasn't Uncle Sam been withholding taxes from the people for years?

EUFIN WEAVER

Hills Man Accepts Eastern School Post

Wallace Cushing Peters of Bloomfield Hills has been added Homes and the Bloomfield Hills has been added to the Homes at Avon, Conn. The amouncement was made this week by Donald W. Pierpont, provost of the school has a BAA from Peters, who sky, will head the student of the Homes and the Homes and

That Being the Case

By BEATRICE McDONALD

Now if I were a kitten.

A lary kitten-cat,
With mught to do but prowl and snooze
And act exactly as I choose
I wouldn't buy myself a gown.
I'd never wear a hat
Nor go to meetings in the town,
Not if, instead of being me,
I was a bitten-cat. I were a kitten-cat.
I'd stretch my nasty spiteful claws
Sheathed in my little velvet paws
And snarl and bite and spit, and the
Calm down and be real sweet again.

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

AIR VIEW OF BIRMINGHAM IS IMPRESSIVE-

private plane, try and get him or provided plane, try and get him or to take you on a flight over Birmingham and the surrounding area soon.

The experience will be quite thrilling from several standardonts.
Last Thursday afternoom Bob Samson of Bloomfield Hills, head so the several standard to the several standard the several standard to th

If you've got a friend with a Bob's firm is the architects on the Pierce school district, and the exprivate plane, try and get him or job, and they want to keep prog-fer to take you on a flight over ress photographs.

Birmingham and the surrounding area soon.

I MADE IT a noint to look over

By George S. Benson

-EXPOSING 'THE BIG LIE'-

LOOKING AHEAD

A monose, communist speakers near the common formunist lip service to the cause of freedom reminds me of the recent radio speech of the recent radio speech of the common formunism of the Crasade for Freedom. He labeled world Communism and Communist propaganda as "The Big Lie."

THE MADISON SQUARE Gar-en Communist raily was called, coording to the Daily Worker, o fight for individual freedom as at forth in the American Bill of

to fight for individual freedom asset forth in the American Bill of Rights.

The newspaper said speakers included "Elizabeth Gurley Flyan, member of the Committee Gus Hell, Communist Party secretary; loward Johnson, New York State Communist Party Educational Decetor; Leon Wolfsy, youth-leader," and others. red impassioned allegiance to the American Bill of Rights and loudly proclaimed Communism." "fight for individual freedom."

A FRIEND OF MINE can give eloquent reply to this New York Communist rally and its "fight for freedom." He is a Chinese gentleman whom I've known since

dom of speaking, printing or moving about.

"THERE, ONE IS compelled to say that the Communist povernment is good but that the National government is bad; that the Russians are our friends and the Russians are our friends and the Russians of Confucieus are mere feudalism while the teachings of Marx. Lenin and Stalin are proper doctrine."

The Daily Worker on my dees the teachings of Marx. Lenin and Stalin are proper doctrine."

The Daily Worker on my dees the Madison Square Garden rally the Madison Square Garden rally the Madison Square Garden rally alwaying the Bill of Rights when Benjamin J. Davis, Communist Tenctionary, said: that the our "Tonight we puty confident in the knowledge that it will fulfill its destiny in helping to mobilize the people into a mighty condition for peace and freedom and in lishment of socialism."

My friend in Hong Kong, can be presented to the communist China, one is compelled to say that religion is mere amperative truth, that man comes from the lower creation and was not created by God; that God could not have made man because there is no "Should one speak contrary to their anti-God, anti-American doc-

The Communist Daily Worker light from the friends of the Mdilying on my deak as this column is on Square Garden speakers is written earries a headine story about the Communists' Madison Square Garden apakers is written earries a headine story about the Communists' Madison Square Garden relations and the Communist of the Bill of Rights."

"I am glad to tell you that I was managed to get out of China and am now in Hong Kong. Thus I the money away from the mercent of the recent radio speech of of the recent radio speech of General Eisenhower on the occasion of the Communist lips service to the cause of freedom reminds me of the recent radio speech of General Eisenhower on the occasion of the communist lips service to the cause of freedom reminds me of the recent radio speech of General Eisenhower on the occasion of the communist lips service to the cause of freedom reminds me of the recent radio speech of General Eisenhower on the occasion of the community of the

chants until they likewise are now very poer.

"SHOULD A MAN be fortunate enough to have 10 picules of rice regardless of how large his family may be, he would in-lindwidual merchants are compelled to buy quantities of government bonds in excess of their entire worth. The people are so committed suicide."

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poverty and despair for an experiment inner bureaucracy of the Party.
This is the truth about Communism's "fight for individual freedom" imprisonment or death for speaking contrary to the doctrine. This is the truth about "The Big Lie."

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MICHIGAN MIRROR

By Gene Alleman

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tructive atom research." It will be dinanced through contribution.

The usual outward post-convention little has begun in convention little has begun in rents are moving swiftly as the fall war of nerves rapidly is drawing to a climas. The cratic calm has been maintained while G.O.P. ranks are perking up their easy to the precision of the convention of

As football news blots up page one and a frosty tang fills the air, Michigan residents are brought abruptly back to reality by being reminded that now is the time to get those overseas Christmas pack-ages off to that GI son or boy-friend.

ges off to that of reind.

It is a fall reminiscent of those onely ones spent by millions of rives and relatives during World Var II, with hundreds of Michian men being recalled to service ach month.

ach month.

And optimistic though the
frant may look, defense (and
offense) plans are going shead
in the state. A simple, ironclad priority system has been
imposed on industry. A "DO"
rating will give military contracts let by armed forces or
the atomic energy commission the "iele." the atomic energy commis-sion the right of way in any plant.

plant.

But war production is expensive, chiganites, now are getting a ste of another income tax boost, man making \$40 per week will y some \$5 a week as against 10 before the increase. But seithholding tax jump also seen by some as another text the inflationary whit. The im-

le lower brackets.

Announcing that pay scales for 'state employes are 20 percent lower than comparable scales for city and county, employes in metropolitan areas. Gov. Williams has asked a boost in civil service rates. The present situation investably breeds discontent

County to Blacktop 14 Mile Road West Of Orchard Lake

A one-mile stretch on 14 Mile road, from Orchard Lake road to Farmington road, was blacktopped this week, according to Robert O. Felt of the Oakland country road commission.

commission.
Future plans call for the road to be blacktopped for three miles from Farmington road to meet the paving at Haggerty road, but it is not known whether this portion will be completed this year. Felt said,

with the project is finished, 14 Mile road will be completely black-Mile road will be completely black-walled Lake, that of Lake road to Walled Lake. The present unpaved portion between Farmington and Haggerty roads will first have to be graded. When it will be paved will depend the project of the project

Photographic interpretation was responsible for 90 per cent of World War II enemy information for the Navy

governor said.
A cheering note: While Michigan cities shudder at thought of some control of the control of the

they take on the issue. For this reason, few have taken a stand."

Legis lative research on ployment compensation law, has been postponed until after the election—probably unverselved to the standard of the standard president of the president of the standard probably will reMichigan probably will reMichigan probably will re-

f each individual employe.

Michigan probably will receive upwards of \$400,000 for conservation work—the Pittman-Robinson funds desporting arms and ammunition. Some of the meney will go into two upstate widding, M.S.C. experts see the next five cars as the best opportunity of the control of

Less than 4,000 handi-capped workers in Michigan now are out of work. Five years ago the number was above 15,000.

By George ceordo

Ticklers

or nater:

'Too hot to handle' is the label
st Michigan political candidates
putting on the butter-yellow
o situation in the state which
minates in the voters' decision

"Lady, would you believe it? Even the price has gone up!"