

Let Our Leaders Go To War

United States Senators are supposed to be men, and women of considerable ability, sagacity, stability, etc., etc. Actually, plenty of them are not.

For example, recently four of them

From Our Point of View

Pontiac's Director of Public Safety has petitioned the Circuit Court for a 23-man grand jury to investigate alleged violations of law in that area of Oakland County. Some observers hold that law enforcement in Pontiac isn't as good as it ought to be.

It was nice of President Truman to send his military aide, Maj.-Gen. Harry Vaughan, to meet MacArthur when the latter arrived in Washington recently. It removed from Vaughan the temptation to play "Pendergast politics"—for there were too many people around for him to pass out any deep freezes or discuss "five per cent."

Now that spring has blown its warmer breath on the local scene, the garden and the lawn will sprout their usual quantity of various weeds. But the fond gardener will willingly (?) spend sufficient time to destroy them, so that his yard and garden will be as beautiful as possible.

The federal government takes more of everybody's income than all other units of government together. They do it by man-made (not moral) law. What they do with it ought to interest each of us. But try to find out where a lot of it goes, and you'll try in vain.

So They Say . . .

Bernard M. Baruch, industrialist: "To put off action on universal training would increase the risk of war."

Rockwell Kent, illustrator: "There is not one person out of ten thousand who can give a clear definition of Communism."

Harry S. Truman: "A well-informed, prosperous people will not be taken in by crackpot political theories."

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER

Officials in Cleveland have announced a surgical insurance plan which any family can adapt to its particular needs. Just future self. Burglars recently swiped a side of bacon from a delicatessen icebox. Police are attempting to locate the bacon and eggs. If gambling spreads any further into college basketball, you soon may be hearing this: "Get your program, and get the gamblers' quarters from the gamblers without a program!"

were on Blair Moody's "Meet Your Congress" radio program. When they finished their half-hour discussion, MacArthur-and-the-Far-East-Problem, they engaged in something close to fistfights. At least three of the four Senators are reported to have done some "punching". They were Humphreys, Lehman, and Capehart. Taft wasn't an aggressor, although he tried to "referee" the match.

SO HERE ARE THREE of 96 very important American public officials who, in the heat of argument, "lost their tempers" and almost enacted "a little Korea" of their own. We only mention this to point out that dignified titles do not change essential human nature.

We also wonder what would happen, in efforts to prevent international conflicts, if somehow the masses were able to require their leaders (when war seemed imminent) due to the inability of leaders of the involved governments to solve the difficulties to take up weapons and engage in combat. At least fewer people would be killed.

An Unlawful Strike

Symptomatic of the unrest and instability of these times is the strike of Detroit's DSR drivers last week. The union leaders had given previous assurance to Detroit that, while authorized to call a strike, they then were not considering doing it.

Yet only hours later they did call the strike, paralyzing transportation, keeping scores of thousands from their jobs. And all this, in spite of a Michigan law which forbids public employees to strike against the unit of government that employs them.

This is created "an economic war", with, apparently, no holds barred. Force, instead of intelligence, is resorted to by the union. War is only applied force, too.

Unfair Representation

In a system of representative government, it is presumed that equality shall exist. But it doesn't, even in the United States. On the federal level, the House of Representatives comes closer to equality—with still much room for improvement.

But in the Senate each State, regardless of population, has two Senators. (This was a compromise placed in our U.S. Constitution. Thus, in the Upper House, equality does not exist, making for hypocrisy insofar as the ideal of representative government goes.

While we sympathize with Alaska and Hawaii in their desire to attain Statehood, we must point out that if they are accepted as new States, this Senatorial inequality will be greater. Alaska, with less than half the population of our own Oakland County, would get two U.S. Senators, while Michigan, with six and a half million people, has but two elected men in the Upper House.

Your Cheaper Dollar

Assuming that you took out a \$10,000 life insurance policy prior to 1940, do you know what that same policy is worth today? Just \$5,900. This is due, of course, to the cheapening of your dollar through inflation.

Already (especially if your policy is all or nearly paid up) the more valuable dollars you paid in prior to 1940 are pretty cheap. If you depend upon annuities or pensions, you are suffering through inflation.

Do you know whom to blame for most of this mess? It is none other than the boys and girls who, for nearly 20 years, have been running your federal government.

If you want cheaper and cheaper dollars, the best way to assure this is to keep the New Deal—Fair Deal government in power.

REMARKS AT RANDOM

like the early historians missed the boat. A Cleveland woman gave birth to a 17 pound 5/16 ounce baby girl. Is that what is called starting life in a big way? John Paul Jones, from Sevierville, Tenn., was turned down by the Navy, because of flat feet. Guess he'll have to sit this one out, for even in the best of conditions, what other service would want a man with that name? A Cleveland woman obtained a divorce on the ground that her husband was often talked to by the devil. What's she kidding about? She's mighty lucky he didn't trade her in! Our observation is that too many people try to stop John Fitch operating a steamboat before Robert Fulton did. Looks

The Mountain Climber



BILLION BUDGET

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.

90 YEARS AGO April 25, 1904 The trustees of the M. E. Church have decided to sell the old M. E. parsonage and war to the highest bidder. Come and look them over.

After the trials and tribulations of house-cleaning are passed off of the piano very well, indeed, and the highest bidder. Come and look them over.

"Those Dreadful Twins" at Franklin was a big success, Tuesday evening, last, and several from "this place attended. Miss Lema Bartram filled the position at Waterloo, where they have been engaged to play baseball in the Canadian association. Six teams compose this league. May success attend our Birmingham boys.

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Frank Young has the contract to hire all young boys who want to earn money tending herds as soon as they are ready which will be known in time. He wants all who want to work to call and register their names at once.

20 YEARS AGO April 30, 1931 Clarence Vliet, superintendent of school, has announced 14 members of the local staff will be dropped this year. The cut, according to Vliet, was made necessary by \$168,000 outstanding delinquent taxes.

Leo A. Donovan, managing editor of the Birmingham Eccentric since November, 1930, has resigned his position, to accept work in New York City. He will be succeeded by Alex Tenney, former correspondent from Tonawanda, a Sayre, Pa., paper.

Vandals forced their way into two residences being constructed on Washington road and tore out \$1,300 worth of fixtures Sunday. W. C. Scott, building contractor.

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

"CITY SERVICE" is a phrase most of us take for granted and the only time we have much to say about it is when something goes wrong and then we have a field day.

We, in Birmingham, are really very fortunate in the services our city offers us, in spite of all the griping and grouching we do about it.

Two services which hold pretty prominent places in our minds and which, thank heavens, we usually have little to do with are the police and fire departments. Because they do function so smoothly and efficiently is one of the reasons that we, as individuals, call upon them so seldom.

OUR POLICE department works 24 hours a day, quietly, without fuss, to keep our city as safe as possible. While we huddle around heating units, they patrol the streets. While we snuggle deep in our beds they patrol the streets and porches they patrol the streets. They are there the minute we need them.

The same with our firemen. They are constantly on call should disaster strike your home or mine, but that is not all. They are responsible for our constant and adequate water supply and must know—no suppose—that trucks and equipment are ready in the instant someone calls for Water.

The "glamor boys" are not the only ones to offer us excellent service; however.

THERE ARE also men who remove rubbish and garbage from our homes. They perform their duty in the heat of our summer, be exceedingly unpleasant in contributing to our well-being and comfort.

REcreation Meeting The Birmingham recreation board held its monthly meeting Thursday evening, April 19. Only routine business was discussed, according to Chairman William Pitt Allen.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

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

To the Editor: I am one of those who attended the board of education meeting Tuesday evening, April 17, at Hill school and am still baffled by the illogical proceedings there.

The minutes of the preceding board meeting were read and disclosed a vote of three for, and two against a list of teachers to receive contracts for next year. Mr. (Lloyd) Cooper's name was not on the list, yet he received a letter from Dr. (Dwight B.) Ireland saying all members of the board agreed with him in his reasons for not including his name.

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istent enough to stop any petition bearing their names. The use of petitions is not new to the students, either, nor have they been labeled "mob action" or "pressure" before. Finally, the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States guarantees "the right of people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government."

When Dr. Ireland attempted to explain for Mr. (Ross) Wagner his reason for relinquishing the chair as president of the Eastern Michigan League meeting at which action was taken on a letter, concerning Cooper, it shows both of them must be ignorant of parliamentary law or deliberately trying to deceive people on their part in it.

ACCORDING TO parliamentary law, the presiding officer does not take part in any discussion, and if he wishes to discuss a question he vacates the chair. My petition, dear editor: withhold my name as I have children in school.

WONDERING

BOYS, BOYS, BOYS!

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