

Soon the Bells Will Toll

When local school bells ring out Sept. 4 heralding the start of another school year, to the ears of most school children it will sound like a dirge.

To them it will signify the passing of active summer vacations... hours of leisure spent playing ball, outings at nearby lakes, and similar pleasurable pursuits.

From Our Point of View

So much "mud" has been tracked into the high offices of the federal government, including the White House, that the floors, carpets and rugs resemble (in major public thought) a pig sty. The only way to clean up the places is to use the vacuum cleaner of intelligent yoting in 1952. By chasing out the pigs, the federal household can be made and kept cleaner.

It won't be too many weeks from now when the frost'll be on the pumpkin, and the first warnings of Old Man Winter's arrival are thus announced. The trees will take on their colorful autumnal bits of the spectrum... school will start... the kids will go back to their books... and then snow will descend and home fires will burn and snow shovels will give you exercise.

Deciding to do away with a growing traffic hazard, the city in the next few months will undertake a program to clear intersections of shrubbery and other growth, thereby giving motorists greater safety in being able to observe approaching traffic. Life is full enough of thrills, let alone having to wonder who you are suddenly going to collide with at the next corner.

We assume the city commission will turn down the idea of extending Park street from Hamilton to E. Maple, now that the city's traffic consultants, the AAA, and property owners most affected recommend against it. Several commissioners are known to have viewed the project with misgivings for some time. We hope the commission, when it sells the \$16,000 worth of potential Park st. extension right-of-way it purchased several months ago, will use some of the proceeds to buy overhead traffic signals for Maple-Woodward and Oakland-Woodward. It would certainly make it much easier for motorists to know whether to stop or go without having to look around light poles or into neon advertising signs.

So They Say . . .

Thomas E. Dewey, Governor of New York, in Formosa:

"The American people have a bond of friendship for the Chinese people which no Communist can break."

Edward M. Almond, retiring Commander, U. S. Tenth Corps in Korea:

"There is a bond of comradeship born in battle that is unique and a thing apart from all other human relations."

Leon Rosser Land, Unitarian minister:

"A virtue of the free enterprise system is the ability to produce, but it concentrates too much power in the hands of a few."

Bernice Milburn, mental hygiene consultant:

"Family freedoms and democratic living in American families have produced an astonishingly sound and intelligent group of young citizens."

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

—WILL THEY CLAIM THIS, TOO?

While recent armistice negotiations were bogging down around the Kaesong conference table, a U. S. major was capturing the enemy outside the conference building with a "picture-a-minute" camera.

He was Major Arthur Walker, chief photographic officer in the Far East.

The Communists apparently have never seen such a camera before and were completely fascinated. They grabbed the camera like hot cakes as they came from the camera, say press dispatches.

When this news got back to Moscow, I expect to read the claim that Russia invented this 30-second process back in 1888.

After all, haven't they invented planes, radios, TV, washing machines, light bulbs, the wheel, salt, gravity, etc., etc.?

Some of these days the medical profession is going to get worried at the head of the list of real "illnesses".

Ahead are the dreaded class periods, study halls, and homework.

Only exception may be a comparatively few five-year-olds who view with excitement, although perhaps coupled with fearful anticipation, their entrance into kindergarten.

BUT AS THE WEEKS go by, dread will be replaced by resignation, and resignation by anticipation as the school year wanes and another vacation time approaches.

Adults, looking at Sept. 4, begin to breathe easier in the knowledge that for the next nine months the house and yard will be a little quieter during the week, anyway.

Too, these mothers and fathers can't help but hope their sons and daughters will absorb a little more wisdom and knowledge than last year as these fun-loving, school-despising youngsters are promoted up the ladder of formal education.

Only Strong Are Free!

There is no greater cause to engage the forces and talents of a man than the struggle to win and retain freedom. No good and honest condition in mankind's long life could have been achieved without some measure of freedom.

One need not shed tears over the plight of people who fight to be free... even though at times they wear chains, or are executed by tyrants. They are the brave and the free! Rather should our pity go to those who, concerned chiefly with their carnal and selfish needs, are willing to be tethered by their masters (whether such masters be dictators or tyrants garbed in the clothing of democracy) just so they can eat, drink and be merry.

Valiance is not the heritage of the pig sty. Freedom is God's bequest to His children... and He willingly provides strength to those who fight for it!

Money Can't Buy Love

The United States certainly is the best spot in which to acquire food, clothing, shelter and added luxuries—all the way from a state of mere existence to multi-millions. (Although in these times the tax collector gets most of your dough above a modest income.)

Even Frank Sinatra, the publicized songster, has found a way to cop coin over and above what he needs. Frankie, however, hasn't done so well romantically. His rise to stardom in Hollywood brought him into contact with various assortments of femininity... to such an extent that no longer does he love his own wife, so he seeks a Reno divorce as a prelude to marriage with movie actress Ava Gardner.

Sinatra's case is eloquent proof that personal happiness doesn't come with monetary returns.

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A much healthier process is to show concern over the problem, thus expressing a positive attitude.

Worry takes one in endless circles.

Concern focuses attention in a diligent and thorough search for the answer, which always is there but sometimes takes a while to discover.

Men have a great deal of fun, privately and publicly, with women. But the girls have at least three things in their favor:

- 1) They don't spend \$1 worth of shotgun shells to shoot a 50¢ rabbit.
- 2) They don't give the waitress a \$1 tip because she smiles at them; and
- 3) They don't pay \$25 to hire a boat to get where the fish are not.

When is our city commission going to pass an ordinance fine non-voters?

Let's see now, when do the stars

Hold That Line



Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned from Old Files of The Birmingham Post-Herald and The Birmingham Times of the Birmingham of Today.

50 YEARS AGO
August 23, 1901

After nearly two years absence and traveling two-thirds of the way around the world, Miss Lulu Durkee is home again with her mother from the Philippines. She arrived at midnight Monday night and her many friends who have forgotten her are greeting her again.

Our potato crop is a failure and apples and other fruits are scarce. Only plentiful late rains can begin to save our corn, oats and beans.

Howard King and Guy Blair are home from Ontario where they have been playing ball this season. The boys both did well and are in great demand just at present among baseball teams throughout this part of the state.

Ferris M. Smith, son of Congressman Samuel W. Smith of this district is lieutenant in the National Guards at Washington, D. C., and is claimed to be the youngest man who ever received such a commission. He is in his 19th year.

A number of village people have been journeying to Pontiac to see the kangaroo rat which had our county seat in a turmoil last week. The strange animal arrived in a bunch of bananas which was delivered to E. V. Allisons.

20 YEARS AGO
August 27, 1931

School Superintendent Clarence Villet spikes rumors of lack of funds by saying all Birmingham schools will open as scheduled on Sept. 4. An expected enrollment of 5,000 pupils was reported by him. He added all buildings had been repaired during the summer.

Birmingham welcomed the caravan sponsored by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom last week. The group is making a cross-country tour carrying petitions issued by President Herbert Hoover, entailing all the cause of Peace and Freedom.

A 16-6 case settled the Kurth Realtors team in the top spot for the city's softball title. They defeated the firemen in the final game of the season Thursday when more than 400 were present.

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

MODERN EDUCATION

It's almost time for school to start. This means open season for the objectors.

Teachers are subject to carping. They get them listening to people who object to the methods they use in planting the Three R's in Junior's head.

These objectors hop with glee on the changing text books. They march through a third grade reader and decide all the colored pictures will draw Junior's attention from his lessons. His teachers shake their heads.

They point out that if you tell Junior there is a pagoda in China that one used to call him as the Einstein theory. If you show him a picture as you tell him the new, and strange word, he will know. He gets his education in double doses.

FOR THIS REASON, today's books carry dozens of pictures to aid plain plugging. To a youngster who has had an illustrated subject made easier, these will be easier, too. He can go at them with a mind that is freer, not worn out with a former tussle with the rule.

Parents who are in the objector class should think back on their school days. They should really hum through them. Before they look at Junior's books, not just express themselves too loudly about "new fangled ideas" they should look around their homes. After all, candles give light, but most of us use electricity!

While actual proof cannot be obtained yet, so far as adults are concerned, the teachers are also "victims" of the old methods.

Standings Still Remain The Same In Bass Tournament

The standings still remain the same in the large-mouth black bass tournament sponsored by Craig's Sporting Goods store with a little over a month remaining in the contest.

Harry Allen, 3305 Quorton road, still holds down first place with his five and one-quarter pound catch, while Robert R. Filkins, 440 Lakeside drive, remains second with a four and one-half pound bass caught at Cooley Lake.

With a catch of a four and one-quarter pound bass, C. P. Kalosay, 1991 Birmingham boulevard, remains in third place thus far in the contest.

According to Leo Renault, who is in charge of the contest, the tournament is progressing slowly lately because of the many people on their vacations at the present time.

The contest, which runs until Sept. 25, requires no entry fee. All those interested must register at the Craig store. First prize in the tournament is a trophy, a fishing reel goes to the second place winner, while a choice of two lures is in store for the person in third place at the close of the contest.

Photos must be submitted by noon each Friday to insure publication the following Thursday.

Birmingham Federal

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HOOT'S SOUP SUPREME!

OXTAIL SOUP	
2 oxtails	1/2 cup onion
2 cups brown stock (made with soup bones)	1/2 cup celery (small pieces)
2 links smoked Polish sausage	1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup turnips	1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
	1 tsp. lemon juice

Cut oxtails in small pieces, wash, drain, sprinkle with salt and pepper, dredge with flour, and fry in butter for 10 minutes. Add to stock, simmer in deep well cooker for 2 or 3 hours or until tender. Strain soup. Remove meat from bone and add to soup. Peel sausage, cut in 2-inch lengths, add to soup; add vegetables and simmer until vegetables are tender. Add seasonings. Serves 6 to 12.

Come in and see THE "RANGE OF THE STARS" ...of course, it's ELECTRIC!