

# UF Project Is 'Applied Christianity'

For many, many years we have emphasized our belief that a great share of society's best work is done on a volunteer basis. When the need for some project is properly presented to average human beings, usually that project wins many supporters. Every community our land reveals evidence of this, including Birmingham.

For example, take the recent United Foundation Torch Drive held in Detroit and metropolitan areas. That campaign was successful because, first, it was a worthy cause; second, it attracted enough volunteer workers, plus able leadership, to put it over.

PERHAPS THE OUTSTANDING success was right here in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, and Franklin areas. Given a quota to meet, scores of local and nearby men and women pitched in to do the job of raising money to finance 150 various humanitarian agencies during the next year.

Not only did this area meet its quota, but exceeded it!

We take off our editorial hat to those who participated in this 1951 UF campaign. The time they gave to it was a fine investment in the business of bettering human relationships. The money contributed to it will go to help and rehabilitate many people who, otherwise, would indeed find this a cold and impersonal world.

Again it is proof that much of the best work done for humanity is carried out on a volunteer basis—the type of basis that finds its inspiration in a program of applied Christianity.

## Congress Cannot Be Efficient

Assuming that a majority of the present United States Congress really wants to economize, the ability to do so is, as results prove, practically impossible.

Chief reason is that members of Congress have too much to do. So many activities are included in the federal government's current schedule that no member can be posted sufficiently and wisely on every item he votes on to know exactly what he is doing.

Congress operates on a committee basis, each committee having its chairman and bi-partisan members. These committees are supposed to investigate all the details on a given subject, then come up with a recommendation to the entire membership of the House and the Senate.

IF YOU WERE NOT a member of certain committees you would not have enough knowledge of that committee's specific item to vote intelligently on it. You depend upon the committee's report, and it may recommend, unanimously, the adoption of its findings, plus approval of a bill to place it in the law.

The report may not have the endorsement of the entire committee, so you react to the majority and minority report in two ways: first, you may agree with it because a majority of your own political party approves it, or you may disagree because the minority opposition committee report was made by members of your own party.

Also, of course, you may be independent in your thinking, believe you know how to vote, and then act outside your own party's pattern of action.

AS A MEMBER OF Congress your Washington office is besieged with callers, who require your attention. You

## ONE THING OR ANOTHER

NEVER LET THEM HUNT AGAIN

Is there an honest-to-goodness hunter in the crowd that would prohibit from hunting again those persons who "accidentally" shot a deer or rabbit while seeking wild game?

A hunting license only permits you to bag wild animals. It does not include "accidents" where a human being is killed or injured. No deer, or rabbit, or duck or pheasant is so valuable that it must be brought down at all costs. This went on for a few nights when an even more amazing happening took place.

FARMERS WALKING home the "back 40," boys innocently play a nasty little game with those who are on their way to bring the cows in for milking—these are typical of those who have been victims of some wild-eyed, trigger-happy, "got-to-come-home-with-some-thing-to-eat" hunter who shoots first, looks afterward.

Speedy too often is the result. If it is a rabbit, or a pheasant, or a poor sports would never net another hunting license, so help me!

This Owl Wanted His Pound of Flesh Birmingham's anti-startling owl has been released—but not fast

have to come back to your home state often to make speeches, and these chores remove you from the Senate floor, or from needed investigative labors.

In brief, you live in a state of constant confusion, of too much legislative and political activity to do a good job. In the meantime the clever politicians, aided and abetted by the executive and bureaucratic branches of government, "slip it over on you." That's how federal controls and taxes increase and State Socialism takes over.

## From Our Point of View

We still believe that Secretary of State Dean Acheson is a stuffed shirt filled with arrogance, vanity, and the impractical academic mind. He has baffled President Truman, because the latter is not possessed of a mind large enough to grasp world problems, and so he must depend upon an Acheson to guide him through the duplicity and double-crossing of international politics . . . and to think that 160,000,000 Americans must find their lives balanced on the morally illegal scales of such leaders!

You are entitled to your own opinion about Wisconsin's U. S. Senator Joe McCarthy. Most certainly he has stirred up Congress, plus numerous other elected and appointed high public officials. We hold no brief for some of McCarthy's methods, either . . . but in most situations the only difference between Joe and some of his human targets is that the latter are willing to sweep official governmental dirty work under the carpet, while Joe uses a theater to settle dust all over the premises.

## So They Say . . .

Henry M. Jackson, Member of Congress, from Washington: "Fortunately, we have a commanding lead over the Soviet in the atomic arms race."

Paul R. Porter, U. S. Special representative in Europe: "No bureaucracy has enough self-control to keep from getting heavy at the waist-line."

Eric Johnston, Economic Stabilization director: "The national survival means containing the Red armies of communism and their invisible ally—inflation."

Report, issued by American Federation of Teachers: "Teachers' take-home pay was actually less in 1950-51 than it was in 1938-39."

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## By George Wm. Averill

NEVER LET THEM HUNT AGAIN

Taken to the swampy area around Hubbard Lake, the owl was set free. A year of captivity and excellent care, however, had made him dissatisfied with the usual wild owl diet—he had developed a taste for horsemeat while being confined.

Farmers began finding their horses with sores on their backs, and was amazed to see the ex-Birmingham owl herding a flock of his friends in to the feast. This went on for a few nights when an even more amazing happening took place.

AS THE FARMERS sat quietly behind some nearby bushes, the hunter reminds of local stearlings returned to the farm. The owl quickly removed the shoes from his friends to pitch quota.

The daily newspaper reporter stopped taking notes, looked up at his head and read a minute.

Dick Baldwin, manager of Wm. Hamilton's Bell chapel, tossed his head and read a minute.

Noted for telling this story of long, Baldwin stopped laughing long enough to remark, "Well,

almost got it by you. Guess I shouldn't have mentioned the quilt pitching."

It's Hotter and It's Colder Below the Equator In the summer I hear people say, "Boy, will it be glad when fall and winter comes and it cools off." Then, come that wished-for fall and winter, and these same persons complain. "Golly, summer can't arrive too early to suit me."

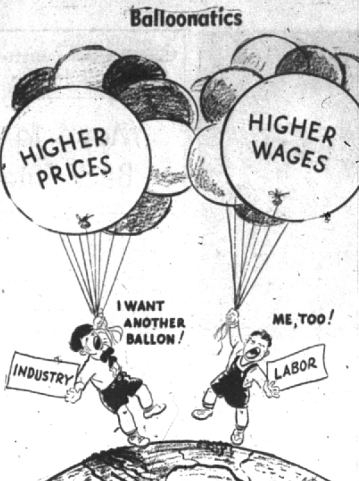
They don't say it, but they also probably wish they could spend the U. S. winter season down in South America somewhere.

Which leads me to this astronomical fact:

The summers in South America are better than the similar season in the northern hemisphere. Their winters also are colder.

DURING OUR December, the earth is about one and a half million miles closer to the sun than average. The earth also is moving a little faster in its orbit, which tends to shorten our winter season . . . by about six days from that of the southern hemisphere.

But all of this is relative, of course. Weather experts say that if U. S. winter temperatures are eight degrees colder, the thick ice sheet would return to our continental area.



## Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned from Old Files of The Eclectic—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

50 YEARS AGO December 6, 1901 Some people think the greatest surprise to Birmingham would be to surprise our street lamps with a bath.

The Briggs-Hupp wedding in St. Joseph's Episcopal church in Detroit last week was a most brilliant affair and largely attended. A number of Birminghamers were among the invited guests.

Some vandals, of late, been riding through the park, and on the lawns on Southfield avenue, breaking down fences and wires. A few arrests are quite likely to follow.

Mrs. Eugene Smith celebrated her wedding anniversary one day last week and was surprised by numerous gifts sent to her by friends—especially the one from the far South for which she sends thanks.

Our school house addition is going up fast, says Superintendent Carter's watchful, solicitous and energetic eye. The brick work will be finished, we think, in another week. The great long joints of Southern pine have at last arrived in place. The new entrance arch opening is a beauty of brick and cut stone and we certainly have no fault to find with its appearance.

20 YEARS AGO December 10, 1931 L. E. Colgrove, local real estate dealer, is at his home, "Parade," recovering from injuries received when the car he was driving skidded into a telephone pole Friday morning. He returned to his home after emergency treatment at St. Joseph hospital.

Birmingham motorists will be able to use the 122 license plates at local police headquarters beginning Dec. 15. Arrangements have been made through the Police Benevolent association for receiving applications which will be sent on to the state bureau.

Julius F. Wenzel, 551 Hanna, has been elected president of the Boy Scout district committee.

## HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

THE LIGHTER TOUCH Meetings, such as the inflation panel discussion sponsored by the League of Women Voters last week, have their lighter side, in spite of the seriousness of the subject.

A ripple of laughter was heard during the audience participation part of that program when a question was put to Fred Beckman, former representative.

Beckman was asked if farmers could be induced to reduce their subsidies.

His reply was back on the serious side, of course, when he played in solving the problem of pulling away from the practice and that none had really wanted it.

CHUCKLES CAME frequently to the audience through the efficiency of "times" Alan Joslyn. Several speakers were caught with Joslyn called time on them. One or two did go on to finish the sentence he had started, but others smartly stopped—right where they were.

Another light touch was the incident in which the influence of public opinion works through politicians. This was especially true of the conversation between two "state representatives" who had discussed their by-gone hunting trips when they gave in to public pressure for hunting bans in Southern Michigan.

A slight flare-up between Dr. Morgan Thomas, political science expert, and John Sagan, economist, over the question of increased taxes brought laughter and applause (for Sagan) who, apparently in agreement with "public pressure" was not in favor of more taxation than we have today.

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## New Southfield Twp. Fire Halls Near Completion

Southfield township's two new fire halls are in the final stages of completion, according to Supervisor William Roeder.

The supervisor stated, "The Nine Mile-Prosper structure is now over 95% finished and it should be ready for occupancy in another week. The 13 Mile road fire hall is about 90% completed. Upon completion of these buildings, Southfield township will have three fire halls. The structure at 10 Mile near Northwestern was built two years ago.

## To Take Bids for Filling Troy Pond

Bids will be taken at the Troy township board meeting Monday, Dec. 10, for filling with dirt, the pond adjacent to the township hall.

The board is also considering the purchase of a portable iron lung for the No. One fire department in Big Beaver. Fire Chief E. M. Schroeder has been asked to report to the group concerning this matter.

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