

New "Closed Door" Policy

ONE THING OR ANOTHER

By George Wm. Averill

REMARKS AT RANDOM

California Business Man Misses the Boat

A business man in Los Angeles, Calif., has given up a "thriving business" and the "mad scramble for the Almighty Dollar" to enter the ministry.

do things "which were not Christian" in order to stay in business. We do not suggest that, in every case, a business man of honor, integrity and high principle will have the biggest economic enterprise of his kind.



Our own personal research department shows that very few men buy new shirts in November. It is because they are waiting to replace the snow shovel when it comes to digging communities out of snow drifts.

A recent headline said: "EXERCISE CAN AID TAUT LIPS." Okay, now, follow Ubang's lip routine. "Pucker your lips to resemble 'B e a t a w a' (Boston) and 'B o r s e r t o n' (Borchester)."

WE DO NOT FOLLOW the gentleman's conclusion that he was "forced" to

From Our Point of View

A few weeks ago, City Commissioner Milton F. Mallerder, in a commission discussion of local dog ordinance enforcement at night, commented: "How can you catch a black dog at night?"

The closest resemblance to that old saying about "an irresistible force meeting an immovable body" is Communist Russia and her satellites vs. the free nations.

Inflation is the deadly enemy of the living. It feeds upon human weakness, whether it be demands for higher wages, easier credit, or the empty promises of self-seeking politicians.

Some of our political and economic leaders foresee a 500 billion dollar national debt if this war continues. That's a lot of money... but not too much to pay for freedom from the slavery of communism.

Generally speaking, politicians are not all dumb. Many of them who are not do have various weaknesses, though. They lack the courage to face up to a situation... if in so doing they may lose the next election.

So They Say . . .

Liaquat Ali Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan: "The peace of the world today depends on peace in Asia."

Alan Hubbel, professor, University of Denver: "Good English is not a matter of old rules but appropriateness to subject and situation."

Sam Rayburn, Speaker, House of Representatives: "The United States of America cannot wrap two oceans around it, and stay secure, safe and free."

Leo Spitzer, professor: "The American graduate rarely finds the opportunity to enjoy the sober sweetness of a life devoted entirely to scholarship."

NOBODY HAS YET asserted that an individual attempting to live a Christian life will amass the biggest fortune in his community.

Nevertheless, men of character, attempting to apply Christian principles to life, have to face this question repeatedly. It is to their credit that many of them answer the problem by willingly supporting their principles rather than yielding them for pecuniary profits.

Are You a PTA Member?

Now that Birmingham schools are about to embark upon their second semester's work, it might be a good idea to ask the parents in this school district whether they know the teachers of their children and the officials who operate our schools.

If they don't, it might be worthwhile to mention the importance of the Parent-Teachers Association, a group closely identified with the work of the particular schools. This organization can be a potent force in building public support for American education.

We do not hesitate to advise parents of pupils attending both public and parochial schools to join the PTA, to attend its meetings and to cooperate with other parents in keeping informed about the school systems, as well as persuading the public to give liberal financial support to build the best possible school systems.

College Gives Up Football

The action of St. Mary's College, on the West Coast, in quitting football and baseball "for the duration of the national emergency," highlights the problem facing many colleges in connection with football.

The head coach says that the move will be permanent. Admitting that football cost the institution \$150,000 last season, which represents "a terrible financial problem."

The same observation applies to many educational institutions throughout the land. Sooner or later, unless checked by reasonable and intelligent measures, football will become the major activity of many colleges.

Buys Water; Wells Spout Oil

Citizens of Cabot, Arkansas, are buying drinking water because the city's water well started to spout oil.

Every home has gas or oil flowing from the kitchen and bathroom taps, according to an Associated Press dispatch, which reports the mayor as being "irritated" because "every time we drill for water, we get gas or oil."

The city, it seems, has dug five wells in five years but all of them start pumping gas or oil, sooner or later. While gas and oil are of considerable value, the experience of Cabot illustrates the fact that water, despite its abundance, has great value also.

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Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric - The Items That Made Up The Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

50 YEARS AGO February 1, 1901 There will be a memorial service at the St. James Episcopal church in this village on Sunday, Feb. 10, in memory of the late Queen Victoria of England. All are invited to be present.

At the shooting match given Saturday last, Robbie Purdy won the gold medal and surprised everyone by breaking the blue rocks. Should he win it twice more in succession it will become his own personal property.

On Saturday last Casius Crawford purchased the property on the corner of Brown and Pierce streets, formerly owned by George Purdy. The sale was made by Frank Young and the purchase price was \$1,800. We understand Mr. Crawford and his family will occupy it.

About time you were thinking of buying, renting or selling that farm or other real estate. The first of April will soon be here. Better go and tell Whitehead at the Exchange what you have in mind and let him help you out.

Just 48 friends of John Myers and Charles Allen, in three slight five buggies and two foot helped them celebrate a joint surprise party last Monday honoring the fact that both have birthdays on that date.

20 YEARS AGO February 8, 1901

George R. Averill was named president of the Michigan Press association when more than 200 editors of community newspapers met at the state meeting. Several prominent speakers appeared before the group, said to be the largest of its kind ever held in Michigan.

A budget of \$22,850 was approved by the Bloomfield Hills village council last night. Of this \$38,000 will be raised by taxation with an additional \$24,800 expected from the various departments. William Story, village clerk, was assigned the duties of fire commissioner, also.

A tentative estimate of \$3,000 damage was made after the ransacking of W. J. Hanson on

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: Mrs. Marlett's lengthy letter regarding the library was most interesting, but is the library run for residents of Berkeley or taxpayers of Birmingham? The library is the noisiest place in town at 3:30 every afternoon and any serious reader or thinker would want to give up and go home in disgust like I did.

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LETTER FROM A VETERAN

Surveys have been made which show that the various phases of the Harding College National Education Program are reaching a combined audience of about 25,000,000 people every year.

A heartening compensation for those of us who work in directing the program is that we are beginning to put their minds to work on the national issues which once again are being discussed.

Nothing gives me greater encouragement than a letter from someone who is sincerely struggling with these national problems, or who has arrived at a personal conviction and is willing to back up that conviction with high moral courage.

Such a letter recently came to my desk. Whatever you may think of the writer's expressed convictions, the fact that he is actually grappling with the problems of our country and of high moral quality of his citizenship, ought to be a strengthening to the chief reason I'm passing it along.

"THIS MORNING, while working about the house," he wrote, "I heard your radio program about the Lebanon Immigrant who found opportunity and

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happiness in this country, and I decided to write to you concerning my views on this economic struggle which is approaching.

"I am a school teacher and coach, having a very modest income. Recently we teachers received a communication on which several questions were asked to answer.

"One question asked whether we would like to have a substantial increase in salary. An amount was mentioned that would make any teacher in this state. I have opposed to this increase in salary, we were asked to register our opposition.

"THE STATE Legislature was to convene soon and the survey going throughout the state to all teachers was to accumulate their opinions on the matter and seek to justify a request for additional funds. The fear is that teachers will again begin to leave for war work in war industries.

"The point now, of my letter is to suggest that we should somewhere, some place, the reality of the U. S. should face reality. Spending continues we are apt to end up as the Roman Empire, which such a civilization, ruined economically.

MICHIGAN MIRROR

-CENT GAST TAX HIKE FORESEEN

Michigan defense orders have soared past the \$2,000,000,000 mark. But the contract work issued from the army ordinance tank-automotive center.

Michigan draft boards are feeling the press again. With 4,218 men deferred for service in March, the boards are groping for eligible men while Health workers of 15 other states that our army cannot be kept up to strength by present draft methods.

School teachers will get short deferrals in the selective service system. This would apply to those instructors who are "momentarily irreplaceable." With the present teacher shortage that applies to most of the occupation.

Michigan's "Lassie" show has a Michigan. He bought it himself. Despite action again this year, Washington officials reiterated to the first citizen, Williams settled on a home near the capital. His former car, the Eccentric is listed for sale. It had retailed for \$275 per month.

The long-discussed Mackinac Straits bridge may be dropped again. Legislators, most of whom are pessimistic about the project, now are dragging possible material shortages out of the bag to kill the issue. And they all gasp at the cost.

Michigan has 32,162 persons on federal civilian payrolls. It may be frightening to realize so many are dependent on federal payrolls, but California has six times as many federal employees. The state has 15,190 employees listed.

The conservation department again will ask for discretionary power over Michigan's deer herd. Efforts in the past have failed. Will the legislature give up authority over the Department this year?

Michigan is receiving recognition for pioneering with its mobile health trailer units. Health workers of 15 other states as well as the federal security administration, the conservation department and the United Nations health headquarters are asking for copies of the plan.

Due to increased volume of state tax collections, many shared with cities and municipalities, Michigan public school teacher salaries are expected to rise to fourth place in the nation.

Dr. Lee M. Thurston superintendent of public instruction fears that trend toward increasing reliance of localities upon state-collected funds for their support is lessening the local sense of possession-and, consequently, the sense of responsibility toward the community institutions.

The superintendent who advocates more community colleges to bring at least junior colleges within reach of students living in areas remote from the existing colleges and universities.

This year is expected to be a good one for Michigan farm production. Even with ceilings, prices will be high, economists said. Farmers can expect a good net income. But farm labor will be scarce and prices for food and high wages in war plants will drain labor resources in agriculture.

The Little Month

By BEATRICE McDONALD

Now the wind is really setting a pace. For the drifted snow and a few dry leaves. Scooping the sootied dirt out of the caves, And meeting the cumulous clouds to a race.

L. C. Allman Heads Association Again

L. C. Allman/Hupp Cross road, executive vice-president of Fruehauf Trailer company, Detroit, has been selected to serve a second term as president of the Truck-Trailer Manufacturers association, whose main offices are in Washington.

Winter grows lean in the littlest one

Of the months, but the wind is frenzied and wild, Capricious and biting and easily rid. Though the sway of the winter is pretty near done. Slowly the cold season jogs on its way. Now in the changeable small month to bring. Many a sunny and heart-warming day. Boding the early approach of the spring.