

From Our Point of View

While waiting for Lansing and Washington to come up with more concrete civil defense suggestions, we think it might be advisable for Birmingham CD authorities to immediately plan counter measures for a caterpillar attack such as has swamped the Kalamazoo and So areas.

A "lame duck" is a politician who already is a cooked goose.

Our army estimates that total enemy casualties in the Korean "police action" now reach nearly 1,200,000. That's a lot of human beings to lose in any international fight—but with over 400 millions in China, what does a million or two or a hundred amount to; anyway... is what the Soviet and Chinese Red leaders think.

President Truman sent a message to the American Baptist convention held in Buffalo last week, and pleaded for "spiritual strength" as a bulwark of defense for the nation.

Rita Hayworth, who married Aly Khan, and now seeks to divorce him, wants \$3,000,000 in settlement, and she to retain the baby. Well, Rita never got that much for any single movie, did she? ... but, with inflation and everything nowadays, can she be blamed for upping her figure?

Birmingham's continuous rapid growth suggests that the investment of some of its tax money, annually, be specified for development of our local park and recreational program.

More and more, as Birmingham grows, the local traffic problem will increase. Already, in certain areas, bottlenecks occur during portions of each day. More accidents, too, are occurring, most of them due to failure of motorists to observe STOP signs at intersections; speeding also accounts for accidents.

Good luck to Birmingham's new basketball coach, John Petrakier, when he comes to this community from Pontiac in the fall. Petrakis is well qualified for his job here, it is reported. He likes kids and they like him.

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

Most golfers talk a better game than they play. This, of course, does not apply to those 142 professionals and amateurs who competed last week in the 51st National Open at Oakland Hills.

Turning Into a Politician

Senator Blair Moody, addressing the Detroit Bar Association recently, told the legal lights (most of whom are Republicans) that "Republicans who control big business are as much a menace as communism... and that the Reuther brothers, John L. Lewis and William Green have been the only spokesmen who did not place selfish interests above the interests of the nation."

The above quotes are from the Detroit Times. If Moody has been quoted correctly, he is fast becoming a political demagogue and will, we venture to say, necessarily lose some of the effectiveness for good that he otherwise might achieve as a United States Senator from Michigan.

(Apparently, Blair, you are inclined to travel the route of the Trumanesque rabble-rouser in an effort to win votes in 1952. For goodness sake, don't get so excited in your first months on the political road!)

What Illogical Reasoning!

Defending the nation's casualties in Korea, President Truman recently told a Highway Safety Conference that the war loss compares favorably with the highway fatality rate... "and I sometimes wonder why I'm not also blamed for the latter, too," he is reported to have said.

What astirne thinking! What has his office to do with highway accidents and fatalities, anyway? He might as well have sought to mention annual fatalities listed from many other causes, none of which can be controlled by government.

Planets Go Their Ways
It is always refreshing, when the world is tormented with the troubles of mankind, to reflect upon the skies through which the planets move their accustomed ways, unmindful of the sorrows that afflict human beings.

So They Say...
Robert S. McCracken, preacher: "It is fashionable to be tolerant now as it was to be puritanical a hundred years ago."

Henry Knox Sherrill, Protestant bishop: "The deep, underlying cause for all our difficulty is that, take it by and large, men everywhere have lost the life of the Spirit."

Foy D. Kohler, director, Voice of America: "A Russian political and social revolution is absolutely inevitable."

Leslie D. R. Hallett, preacher: "Few clergymen today would condemn a man for fishing on Sunday if he first consecrated the day by attending a service."

Charles E. Wilson, Defense Mobilizer: "Beef has become a symbol of the whole price control program."

Earl Warren, Governor of California: "Never before has greater danger been as imminent or as constant for every man, woman and child in America."

or the Open was Maria Peregrin, a writer for El Gaffer magazine. She followed the play of Roberto DeViviano, the Buenos Aires wonder boy.

Overhead near the 8th green: "I don't see what's so hard about being a good golfer. All you've got to do is hold the club properly and send it through the correct motion. Why, it's the same as running an adding machine—if you don't but the numbers, you don't get the right answer!"

Probably the hardest working individuals at the Open were the police officers who directed traffic at various points along W. Maple.



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.

50 YEARS AGO
June 21, 1901
This is pretty good fishing. Will Stephens and Bert Grawlin took 25 minnows to the lake one day last week and returned with 12 pickers and two bass. The weight of the catch was over 40 pounds.

5 YEARS AGO
June 27, 1946
Five teams have already indicated a desire to become members of the proposed city softball league for a summer series here. Hugh Loveland said today that efforts were being made to restore this game to popularity in Birmingham.

One of the beautiful places in Birmingham is the Dr. E. Mather home on Woodward Ave. The house and other buildings have been newly painted while the yard is a mass of beautiful flowers. Visitors to Birmingham all admire this beauty.

Look out for fun at Franklin July 4th. There will be horse races, foot races, ball games and among the attractions, the big events are sponsored by the K. O. F. M. and I. O. O. F. forces and will have plenty of fun for all the children. The day will conclude with a dance at Birmingham.

Two young women came upon the body of a boy lying in the ditch the other night and while one ran for help the other tried to help the boy. Imagine her chagrin when he roundly spoke out against her for revealing his position in a close game of hide-and-go-seek.

29 YEARS AGO
June 16, 1917
A two-mile "Parade of Progress" is planned for the opening of the new city of Birmingham. This outstanding consumer service will provide area service between Pontiac and Detroit.

Four persons were killed and four others were hurt last week in a motorcycle accident. The victims were caused when drivers failed to heed stop lights at intersections.

Twelve unidentified Birmingham men have contributed \$12,300 for the YMCA camp at Lake Linn. The money will be used to improve the campsite at Moon Lake.

Two local service clubs have elected officers within the past week. E. W. Osborne will direct Exchange club activities for the coming year while the Lions club will be under the guidance of Raymond H. Peck.

CONGRATULATIONS, Father Birmingham, on your campaign to clean up vacant lots around town. There are a number of them that crowd anything but pleasant views. Apparently too many city eyes go on the theory that if "Hun-ty" comes in, the money will be bagged if it'll do his job right. Maybe with the city setting the "example" of a good job, you will attitude will be changed. Let's hope so!

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OF COURSE, with the talk of the pool, a lot of people will come up with other ideas as to what the City Fathers should do in recreation-wise. There's the hope has been in the past of lot of minds for some time, for example, the group that we know of as the "City Fathers" who range for target shooting and numbers. Beyond any question, a number of other new ideas will circulate around before too long.

Some of us go on to further education, others will begin the job competition at one time. Some have their eyes groping. Some will face comparative ease others will have to grope. Some will be helped or hindered for everything they get.

WE, the adults who have already passed this stage, cannot do a great deal for them when all is said and done. We can only wish them the best of luck and stand by to reach out a helping hand if they should need it.

THE GREATEST thing we can do for them, it seems to us, is to keep faith with them and ourselves. We can work toward a common goal, their aim and ours—a better community, a better state, a better nation and a better world.

THE NATIONAL Open has

Oberlin College Honors Memory Of Lyle Norman

Julian S. Fowler, librarian at Oberlin college, Oberlin, Ohio, has notified Mrs. Norman J. Lyle, 2075 East Maple, that books of the Norman J. Lyle, Jr., Memorial Collection are being received at the library.

Mrs. Lyle has received a copy of the memorial bookplate, written and prepared by President Emeritus Ernest H. Wilkins, a friend of Mr. Lyle's, which reads: "Norman Lyle, Jr., of the Class of 1942, Editor of the 'Review' in his senior year, volunteered in the service of his country as a lieutenant in the Air Force and died honorably in Alaska, and met his death there in 1944."

"THE BOOKS that bear this inscription are given by his family and friends in the hope that Oberlin students may, by reading them, be led to think about some of the great problems about which he thought, and to strive in whatever ways may for them be possible or necessary, for the maintenance and the perfecting of American democracy, and for the achievement of a peaceful world."

Books in the memorial collection in the field of the growth of American political thought. Librarian Fowler has said he believes the collection will ultimately reach 100 volumes and those dealing specifically with political science or government.

Architect to Join Firm in Alaska
Fred Farrar, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Dickson, 3911 Chestnut, left June 14 for Fairbanks, Alaska, to become associated with an architectural firm there.

Farrar was a practicing architect in Birmingham with the firm Muehlman and Farrar for 20 years before going into the Air Force in 1940. Among the buildings designed by his company are the Community House, Orchard Lake country club and the Baptist church.

During his career here he was awarded the gold medal of the American Institute of Architects, Michigan chapter.

His Air Force service took him into the Pacific area, India and China. After the war he was stationed for two years with MacArthur's headquarters in Tokyo.

To Depart for Overseas Duty
Leaving Saturday, June 23, for European duty with the Air Force will be Richard Reynolds of Highland Park. He has been stationed at Selfridge Field.

His wife, the former Betty Jane Gill of 768 Emmens street, Reynolds previously served in the Navy.

William Spence was installed president of the Birmingham Lion Club Wednesday at their noon meeting. Pins were presented to 26 members who have had perfect attendance records for the past year.

Lee B. Durham, 32410 Westchester, will take office July 1 as president of the Michigan Educational Association, including some 30,000 state educators. Durham's great faith and trust in today's youth are people make him ideal for the position.

Kiwanis Club Plans Annual Family Picnic At Dodge State Park
The Kiwanis club's June 26 meeting will be a not luck picnic for members and their families from 6 to 9 p.m. at Dodge State park in Beverly Hills.

Chairman of the event are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones, rector; Mrs. and Mrs. William Fryer; Mrs. and Mrs. Paul Stecker; children's programs; Dr. and Mrs. James H. Cook; Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Savaev, entertainment and music; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chiswick, donations for the Baptist Children's home.

The Claretos ask that members bring with them some new longer use aid out-grow clothes to the picnic to be taken to the children at the home in the near future.

When Blue Cross and Blue Shield were made available to me, I signed up first thing I held off myself. Figure I didn't need the protection—we're pretty healthy in our family—and I'd save the few cents a day it costs.

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hospital bills—and Blue Shield paid for most of the medical and surgical treatment. Joe's case opened my eyes... I signed up my whole family at the next enrollment period. It doesn't pay to pass up that kind of protection!"

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