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HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

WOTTA LIFE!

At a recent meeting of the city commission, the name "Birmingham" faded into the past and this fair city was re-christened "Utopia".

If it all came about when the problems which had become a part of Birmingham were solved—overnight.

The holes in the streets were filled and leveled off. The uneven sidewalks were mended and smoothed. Motorists stopped honking their horns when the light caught someone not in motion and double-parking was only a memory.

No longer would a driver think

of stopping on a crosswalk and everyone would drive a mile out of his way to avoid splashing his fellowman.

NONE OF THE little boys shout and push each other any more and no two little girls would want to play with the same doll at the same time.

Nor do the youngsters shout comments at whichever playmate happens to be in disfavor at the moment, simply because all live in complete harmony.

The dog catcher's out at large since the dogs do not run at jobs any more. They are kept tied or in their yards. Those that are not are so perfectly trained that they would not think of setting foot on a neighbor's lawn or garden.

Reading at the library is like being on a desert island—there isn't a sound save a whisper of a page being turned now and then.

THE FOLKS across the street turn their radio off real early or have the volume control turned down. Slumber is never disturbed any more by any kind of a noise.

The battle of the starlings has ended since the pests were all chased away. There's no more scrapping about in the sky and they should be hosed away or shot—they have vanished.

In winter all the walks are shoveled promptly and in the summer the weeds just never get a chance to grow. There are no papers left to blow around the streets and the whole blamed town is ship shape.

Gosh! Isn't it wonderful! Not a thing anyone could wish for that could improve the town. No noise, no dirt, no bumps, no holes. Just no nothing.

Heck! It isn't even home any more, 'cause what's life without a few things to get sore about now and then? Six like having winter without Christmas.

Happy New Year! Eccentric Begins 74th Year Today

HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE!

With this issue The Eccentric begins the long hike down the trail of its 74th year.

Just think—nearly three quarters of a century of recording the news of you, your neighbors and your points, perhaps.

Those early editions have little resemblance to the paper which was delivered to your home today. There were six or eight pages. The front page was chiefly advertising and news items from various services, seldom one of local interest.

During those times our columns have recorded the impact of several wars on the young men of Birmingham. They have told of the boom times and bad times; of sorrow and joy; of success and failure.

THEY HAVE become permanent records of the transition from a few store-board sidewalks and mud streets to the community we know today.

They have listed the events which have accompanied the swing to an entire new way of life.

They have seen the coming of factories and their passing as time relegated them into a field of usefulness.

Each year has seen these changes come to Birmingham, perhaps none greater than the one just past. Historically, it might well be called "The Year of the big growth" for the entire community surged forward at an unprecedented rate.

AS WE SET our feet firmly on the rung marked "74" in Time's ladder, we look upward toward that bearing the label "75".

Once again we renew our pledge to ourselves to serve our paper and our readers to the best of our abilities. We are facing a blank page, which, this time next year, will carry on it the imprint of a whole year of living.

Examination Slated For Hills Mail Carrier Vacancy

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to fill a rural mail carrier vacancy at the Bloomfield Hills post office.

Post master John J. Redmond said applications may be obtained from the Bloomfield Hills post office. Applications must be received by the commission before April 5, 1951.

Redmond said that the examination will be open to citizens who actually reside in the area served by the particular route.

Soap Box Derby Entries Ready

Local boys who plan to enter the 1951 Soap Box Derby have been urged by Birmingham Chairman George McCann to soon start work on their cars.

McCann stated that boys between the ages of 11 and 15 are eligible to enter "the biggest amateur racing event in the world."

Cars are limited as to width, height and road clearance and wheels must be of standard size.

McCann said the boys can pick up rules for the race and entry blanks by contacting him at the North Chevrolet, Inc. salesroom, 1000 South Woodward.

News copy submitted early necessarily is given preference over late items. So the "Early Bird" usually gets the space.

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Again this year... it's high honors for Ford! In the most important economy trial for American stock model cars... the famous annual Mobilgas Economy Run... A Ford 100-h.p. V-8 equipped with Overdrive took first place competing against all cars in its price class, making 54.587 ton-miles per gallon* and 25.994 miles per gallon. And its companion in quality, the new Ford SIX with Overdrive, was right up there with the winner. In fact, both cars averaged better than 25.9 miles per gallon.

Traditional Ford economy, for the second straight year, has been proved in open competition. Proved on the tough 840-mile grind from Los Angeles to the Grand Canyon... a course that included city traffic, below-sea-level desert heat, and 7,000-foot mountain passes. Ford's Automatic Mileage Maker, standard equipment on all Ford V-8's and SIXES, contributed to this great achievement by squeezing the last mile out of every drop of gasoline.

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*The A.A.A. Contest Board determines the winner by a "ton-mile per gallon" formula to insure equal chance for all cars in each class regardless of size and weight. Ton-miles per gallon equals the car weight (including passengers) in tons, multiplied by number of miles traveled, divided by number of gallons of gasoline consumed.

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