

## The British Pull Out of Iran

The British decision to withdraw from the Abadan Oil Refinery, under pressure from the government of Iran, was made with the knowledge that the United States had no intention of backing the use of force to protect the property.

Without passing judgment upon the conflicting arguments in connection with the unilateral confiscation of foreign property, we point out the fact that unless foreign investments in backward countries are safe, there will be no inducement for capitalists to risk their money in the economic development of these backward regions.

We do not attempt to defend the British policy in Iran in connection with their billion-dollar investment. The British probably drove a hard bargain with the Iranians when they entered into a contractual agreement with a previous Iranian government.

BY THE SAME TOKEN, nobody can defend the action of the present Iranian government in confiscating the property of other nationals without deference to proceedings in the International Court of Justice.

Just what the effect of the British withdrawal will be remains to be seen. Nobody believes the Iranians can run the industry efficiently, while there is some doubt whether they can operate the huge plant at all.

The net result could mean less oil for the world, less work for some Iranians. What advantage the Russians will get will try to get in Iran is another big question mark.

### More Michigan Taxes

Next year you are going to be asked to pay more Michigan State taxes. The State is expected to wind up its fiscal year June 30 with a deficit somewhere between fifty and seventy-five millions of dollars. Cost of State government is soaring.

Gov. Williams want a corporation tax to make up the deficiency. Republican members of the Legislature know that additional sales taxes won't help much, because only 20 cents of the sales tax dollar gets into the State general fund.

MAYBE THEY WILL GO for the corporation tax—since 1952 is an election year and a corporation tax is of the "hidden type", not a direct and obvious impact upon the public's purse. Maybe a State income tax will be suggested. In any event, you may expect it to be a tax upon your own earnings, however it is collected.

### Crime Attracts Youth

The rise of vice and crime in the United States during recent years presents an alarming situation to all law-abiding people.

According to a recent FBI report, prostitution, commercialized vice, disorderly conduct, vagrancy, etc., among minor girls had increased 12.6 per cent in 1950 over 1949. The FBI also declares that more persons 23 years old were arrested in 1951 than any other age group.

Isn't this cause for considerable concern? Aside from the tragedy to those arrested and the cost of law enforcement to the public, there always is the attendant heartache that falls to parents and relatives of those who break the law.

CERTAINLY, IF ONE WAY to combat youthful crime is to provide youth

with healthful recreation, then every dollar expended in that direction is good insurance against youngsters going wrong.

Which is our chief reason for arguing that the recreation program of every American community should be supported, and generously, by the public.

### From Our Point of View

The federal government is now enforcing a law that requires all people who handle bets to buy a license stamp, costing fifty dollars. Well, we're willing to bet all comers that spring will come next year, followed by summer, fall and another winter; and we do not have, nor will be buy, one of the license stamps.

Did you, as a Michigander, get a terrific thrill when MSC defeated famous Notre Dame by the one-sided score of 35-0? No doubt you did—regardless of many other considerations. Those boys from the once mere "low college" proved that from obscurity one can rise to national greatness. And ND's great coach, Frank Leahy, also proved himself a sportsman by admitting that MSC, on Nov. 10, 1951, exemplified gridiron perfection.

We now and then read about people who are swindled out of money, and we feel sorry for them. Well, Dear Reader, do you know that you, as an American citizen, are being swindled out of part of the taxes you pay to support "politics in government"? You most certainly are! Every unnecessary dollar collected from you via taxes is fraudulently obtained. How to stop being so swindled? Vote for more honest men and women; respond to the old slogan: "Throw the rascals out!"

### So They Say . . .

Lawrence M. Watson, Major, U. S. Air Force: "We've got to conserve our Thunderjets so that in case of war, we won't be caught short."

Gordon Dean, chairman, Atomic Energy Commission: "I think in the next decade, you will probably have a plane in the air, the power for which comes from a reactor."

Harry S. Truman, to Senator Robert A. Taft, of Ohio: "I see you have thrown your hat into the ring and I suppose you will have all the fun that goes with that sort of a decision."

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## ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO TRY IT

When it comes to recipes, I wouldn't know what the end result would be of mixing all the ingredients—using the recipe that starts with a title. And even that doesn't tell much in a number of instances, I have discovered.

Like most men, I merely taste the result—and give my verdict. But I might warn you that the following recipe I have never tried. If you try it, you are taking your own chances.

HERE IT IS, as given me by Mrs. Nora M. Stinson, 1324 Humphrey, who says it originated in the Eastern U. S.

Line a pie plate with regular pie crust. Then mix well:

- 1 1/2 cups of sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 1 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

To this add 1 1/2 cups of hot water. When this comes to a boil, add 1 tablespoon of butter and remove from stove. Put 12 soda crackers, carefully broken (not crumbled) in the lined pie plate. Pour the liquid over the crackers, put on top crust and bake at 400 degrees for 20 minutes. Then turn down heat to 350 degrees until brown (about 15 minutes).

"I tried one of these on some

relatives and I got the finest compliments on my 'apple pie,' Mrs. Stinson explained. "They were astonished to find out how I made it."

That tragic accident near Bald Mountain which killed four teenagers and orphaned 11 children in Leonard, Mich., caused me to reflect on the advantages of public liability auto insurance.

It also makes me wonder how many parents, whose children have care of the oven, have taken out the proper insurance on their son's or daughter's car. For it must be borne in mind that an auto dealer with all his senses about him will not sell a car to a minor, because that minor can repudiate the contract when he reaches 21.

Community drives to prevent holiday fires at Christmas are conducted by local safety councils and other civic groups in many cities.

One of the most effective in the holiday fire prevention campaign started by the Concord, New Hampshire, Safety Council.

Before Christmas, the council supplies green warning tags to every Christmas tree dealer who is asked to place a tag on every tree he sells.



## 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**  
November 22, 1901  
Mrs. Waldo, mother of Prof. Waldo, who has been visiting at the home of her son's family, last week departed to return to her own abode in the eastern state of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Electa Keyes is away for a week or so and during her absence she will attend the wedding of her niece Miss Ada Blanch Walton and Mr. Archie D. Thomas.

Roy Blakelee, one of the rising young businessmen of this place, has contracted for advertising space in our paper. We draw your attention to his brand new adv't in this issue.

Miss Winnifred Jenks is very successfully managing a district school on the town line in the Hendrix district. She is a natural born teacher and we predict for her a brilliant and satisfactory career.

Master Freddie Goodwin, aged twelve years, is one of the most industrious little fellows that we have in Birmingham. He worked in the sugar beets until school opened this term, earned \$27.00 and opened a bank account.

The leaving of their freight with the freight agent is not pleasing to many businessmen along the line. They want their packages left at their doors as in the past. If we were the freight company we would do everything we could please them and keep them happy.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
November 25, 1931  
The Rev. Dr. S. S. Marquis hit public enemy in an address at his church, Christ Church Cranbrook, Sunday. He told his listeners that political and social reform should begin at home and urged them to legislate in their own community, to make the world a better place.

The First National bank will begin mailing Christmas club checks in the very near future. A bank spokesman said the total savings the year would amount to some \$33,000—\$23,000 from that bank and \$10,000 from the Birmingham Savings Bank.

## HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

**TURKEY TALK**

Dear Public: It's Thanksgiving again. A lot of my relatives have been getting it in the neck because they were unfortunate enough to be turkeys. Speaking of necks, you humans have been giving it to us in the neck for a long, long time now, yet most of you howl to high heaven if someone happens to serve you the neck on Thanksgiving Day.

OF COURSE, we know that turkeys are the traditional fare for Thanksgiving Day. Some of you ancestors with their old muzzles lacerated in the dim, dark ages, yet just as soon as they got it in the neck? Well, it is, and the next time you are served that portion just remember that you humans a lot more than it hurts you.

Now I've made it my business to investigate this history stuff and I've run up against a snag. They tell me that back in those days, most of you folks of old world pigeons so vast that the sun was darkened when they flew past, just as now, but that Pilgrim Fathers have to publicize the giving day.

DO YOU EVER see him with a sack full of pigeons? No. Do

Ten Birmingham boys and two adult leaders will attend the annual State Older Boys' conference in Ann Arbor beginning Thursday. The three-day affair will draw more than 1,500 Michigan boys from 16 to 20 years of age.

An expected 3,000 grid fans will be on hand Thursday when Baldwin meets Royal Oak in their 13th annual Turkey Day game. The kick-off is slated for 10 a. m. and the entire proceeds of the game will go for charity.

Birmingham is entering the field to try to get lower phone rates in the area. They are urging raters to seek lower toll rates for Detroit and Pontiac call, also.

**5 YEARS AGO**  
November 28, 1946  
Coal strikes are dimming the light for the second time. The lack of fuel has sharply reduced electrical power and merchants are asked to cooperate by dimming store lighting at night to help conserve waning coal supplies.

Quentin Bruford, former Baldwin athlete, clinaxed a spectacular career on the cinder paths Monday when he defeated 147 runners to cap the NCAAA barrier title. Bruford was running under the colors of Ohio Wesleyan University.

Details of the annual Christmas party for Birmingham kids have been outlined by local merchants. The event will include a special program of music and visit from Santa Claus, and a gift for every boy and girl attending at the Birmingham theater.

Northwestern Coach Lines have petitioned city commissioners for a franchise to operate a bus line within the city of Birmingham. A study is planned to determine whether Birmingham needs or wants such a service.

C. C. Nolis, pinocle player for more than 20 years, had the shock of his life Sunday by picking up a hand to find 1,770 points. This is the second highest hand obtainable in the game.

My wife just looked over my shoulder and told me to stop talking trash. She said I ought to admit, right here and now, that all summer long I strutted around the farm, bragging that Thanksgiving would be M. F. day.

Why, I had those poor chickens hanging their heads in shame. As a witness of fact, I did so much strutting and much bragging I didn't get enough to eat, my wife says. And that just sure, now, that Thanksgiving Day has passed me by.

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## Social Security May Affect Some Self-Employed

Persons who work for themselves may need a social security account number when they file their 1951 income tax return, Rex A. Atwood, manager of the Pontiac social security office, said this week.

Atwood pointed out that the 1950 amendments extended old-age and survivors insurance coverage to all self-employed persons except farmers and members of certain professional groups, such as doctors, lawyers, architects, engineers, public accountants and funeral directors.

HOWEVER, THE manager emphasized that even farm operators, or persons self-employed in the excluded professions are affected if, in addition to their regular work,

they engage in a self-employment enterprise covered by the law. An example was given of a doctor who operates a drugstore, or a lawyer who is self-employed as an insurance broker.

Atwood stated, "If persons are covered by the law, they have to pay social security tax when they file their federal income tax return for 1951, unless the net earnings derived from the trade or business are less than \$400 for the taxable year."

"PAYMENT OF THE tax is mandatory if they meet the requirements; however, only the first \$3600 of the net earnings will be taxed. Tax rate for 1951 is 2 1/2% for self-employed persons, and the tax must be paid in full when the 1951 tax return is filed."

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