

TV Can Expose Political Hacks

If the United States gets enough thoughtful television watchers, as the days go on, perhaps this new audiovisual type of communication may transform the pattern of American politics.

From Our Point of View

From time to time American newspapermen discuss the problem of handling various columnists, some of whose writings they highly disagree with. The usual answer is: "We publish all sides of news and editorial comments, so why not publish stuff written by those we disagree with, even though in some cases we suspect that more than one columnist definitely slants or mis-represents his subject matter?" Well, that's hardly the kind of answer that serves the public interest. What good editor, knowing that one of his reporters "slants or mis-represents", would print his stuff, or even keep him on the payroll? Too many newspapers print columnists' stuff merely for circulation purposes . . . and they know it, too!

General Ike, certainly has the political "experts" guessing. We hope he has the Russians guessing even more.

It has been suggested that, when it comes to making mistakes, one try to make only new ones.

If, by nomination time next year, President Truman were furnished proof that public opinion has turned to love and applaud him, we'll wager that he would not accept the Democratic nomination to succeed himself. On the other hand, if he continues to be kicked around, you can be sure that he will be a candidate. If there's anything he doesn't like, it's to be not liked . . . so he'll put up a fight to be liked, you see.

So They Say . . .

Robert M. Hutchins, associate Director, Ford Foundation: "All peoples want peace."

Mose Pijade, member Yugoslav Politburo: "The Soviet leaders are desperate men, and one does not know what to expect from desperate men."

U. S. Commerce Department: "Americans averaged an income of \$1,436 for each man, woman and child in 1950."

Henry M. Jackson, Member of Congress from Washington: "It is just plainly indisputable that the Soviets are in the atomic weapons business on a big scale."

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

EVERY DRIVER COULD USE ONE

Here is something that, in my opinion, every motorist would do well to paste in the lower left-hand corner of his or her windshield as a constant reminder:

A DRIVER'S PRAYER
By Catherine Clark

Dear Lord, — before I take my place Today behind the wheel, Please let me come with humble heart. Before Thy throne to kneel— And pray that I am fit to drive Each busy thoroughfare, And that I keep a watchful eye. Let some small child be here, And keep me thinking constantly About the Golden Rule. When driving past the playground grounds Or by some busy school, Then, when I stop to give someone His right to cross the street, Let me—my brother's keeper— And spare a life that's sweet. Please make me feel this cur I drive. You gave me to enjoy, And that it's purpose is to serve. And that—but not to covet. (Copyright 1951—Used by permission) Mrs. Clark lives in Oklahoma

Maybe They Don't Want Us to Get There



Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric— The Items They Made Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

50 YEARS AGO

September 20, 1901

Business places in town were closed yesterday afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. by special order of the council, during the hours of the funeral of President McKinley, victim of an assassin's bullet. The president died last week in Buffalo, N. Y.

Miss Winnie VanEvery and Miss Oleana Doty attended a party given by Miss Myra Coleman at her home near Farmington, Tuesday evening last in honor of two young gentlemen who are visiting her.

The annual reunion of the surviving members of the late John and Mary Ann Fall was held at the home of G. Simpson September 11 when 41 descendants gathered. Next year they will meet at 37 1/2nd street in Detroit.

Smith Swain's office was blown open one night last week at Highland station by burglars. They earned \$35.

A flock of 14 quail crossed Woodlawn on Sunday last in a flock of chickens. They were beauties and Mitchell has his eye on 'em.

20 YEARS AGO

September 24, 1931

Commuter trains on the Grand Trunk lines through Birmingham, in the past several days, due to the opening of school and the Legion convention in Detroit. Our local commuters report standing room only and that limited to the very thin.

Baldwin gridders will tackle St. Anthony's in their opener Friday. Robinson said both teams were pretty evenly matched and that because neither had a fast game, he did not expect a fast game.

The order to close Sunday schools and public schools in the village has been rescinded by the board.

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

IT'S FALL
We got our first whiff of burning leaves last evening and it brought to mind the fact that fall is upon us.

The pungent smoke drifted on a gentle breeze. The air was crisp and sharp. High overhead it out shined the waning daylight. Somewhere a dog barked and a boy yelled. We heard the scratch of nails and the rattle of tires as Lassie hustled home.

All around town there's a flurry of raking and lawn repair. Grass seed by the ton is being sown now, ready for nice lawns first thing next spring.

Fall flowers are a riot of color and vegetable patches are beginning to show the summer's war. Empty patches appear where the early vegetables have been pulled out. Tomatoes make splashes of red among the deep green leaves.

FAMILIES' SEEM
The "fall" class limit, somehow, as the "fall" "work" begins. Maybe it's because kids have the rustle of their leaves and honfines. Maybe it's the fore-runner of the long winter evenings when reading, studying or watching TV.

Dad and the kids spend Saturdays around the yard, raking, trimming, planting. They work together taking down screens and in the basement painting storm sashes.

They dismantle the bed bath and cover what's left. Furniture remains out during the winter. The rest they lug to garage or basement, the kids working the little before the winter.

Maybe it's a sense of self-preservation, handed down through the years of civilization. From the days when man was little more than an animal.

MOTHER IS BUSY in the house, storing summer items and getting out fall and winter clothes. The summer dresses and slits covers are changed. The home begins to shed its airy look and take on an atmosphere of deeper staidity and comfort.

Have You Met . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Bird? They are the newcomers at 2227 1/2 Verona Circle. They have two daughters, Peggy and Mrs. R. E. Meyersand. Mr. Bird is factory manager at Hydro Mfg. Co., East Outer Drive, Detroit.

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