

He's Hard to Charm



About Only Thing Lacking Is Collapsible Wings

The introduction of new models by the major automobile companies once again poses the consumer with temptations to trade in the old flivver on a souped-up model. In general, the 1953 model cars do not represent radical changes although there are some exceptions.

clear to us, although it is presumed that he can do everything a little smoother than with less power. It also follows that he can do it faster—if the engine is tuned to such power—than in less powerful automobiles.

JUST WHAT A DRIVER can do with 200 horsepower, for instance, is as yet not

Curbing Congress Spending Power

Representative Ralph W. Gwinn of New York made a speech some time ago which should be read and remembered by every American—and acted upon by Congress and the states.

new amendment to the Constitution which provides that all taxes levied and collected for non-military expenditures "shall not exceed five per cent of the national income for the nearest preceding calendar year for which figures are available."

MR. GWINN then endorsed a proposed

Just Wishful Thinking

Would you like to surrender the sovereignty of your country into something now labelled "Atlantic Union"? A system of federated States, consisting of the nations of the free world (thus opposing Communism) is envisioned by certain Americans as the "solution" of our international problems.

the United Nations... proof that, as yet, you can't mix basic sovereignties any more than you can mix oil and water.

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Colorful Harold E. Stassen, who long has eyed the Presidency, has been selected by President-elect Eisenhower to head up this nation's Mutual Security Agency.

Mamie, is the number of unexpected guests that the General will bring home to meals now and then," quoth Bess. "I never could tell how many to prepare for Harry had so many cronies, you know."

So far, President-elect Eisenhower's designations for cabinet and other important administration posts reveals that he wants only high-class men and women to assist in handling the federal government's executive problems.

TV actors and actresses who belong to the Guild demand so much for their original efforts when a commercial is prepared, plus so much extra for each successive showing of the same.

Wonder if something like this wasn't exchanged between Mrs. Truman and Mrs. Eisenhower recently when the latter was shown through the White House by the lady who, January 20, will return to the quiet of Independence, Mo.: "One of the situations you will have to get used to,

During every Michigan deer hunting season, you read that quite a few hunters lost their lives from heart difficulties.

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The long tradition in this country for the holding of one-session school days is costing the taxpayers plenty extra, of course.

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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 December 12, 1902 The Girls of the Episcopal church will hold a fair in the basement of the church.

Waite Bros. and Robertson invite Birmingham people to their Pontiac store to see a display of copper ware in their window.

C. Dickinson Dickinson, the happy purchaser of W. C. Jenks' beautiful home on Woodward avenue north, has christened the place "Elm Crest," a beautiful and appropriate name for the complete establishment.

The prize offered last spring by the Detroit Sugar company to the owner of an acre of land which yielded the largest crop has been brought to Birmingham by George Purdy. His Southfield holdings easily won.

An old love story, which was begun near 50 years ago, was brought to a culmination in Pine Run, Genesee county, last week when John Kryst of Nebraska married Mrs. Eliza Scudder. Mr. Kryst is 70 and his bride five years his junior.

30 YEARS AGO December 8, 1922 Village Attorney Gasfill presented a form for the new Weights and Measures ordinance to commissioners Monday evening.

As a result of a petition signed by residents of Eco City, The Detroit United Railway has agreed to arrange for a new car stop between 15 Mile road and Stanley road on Woodward.

A record run was made by the

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

ONCE UPON A time there was a little robin whose mother was very cautious. The time she spent, telling him about small boys with slings and air rifles, about the dangers of sitting on electric lines and about cats took up a good share of his younger days.

Finally he left the nest, fully convinced that he could cope with boys, power lines or cats. He managed pretty well until one day in early August. By that time he was a cocky little beggar, the hero of the whole colony.

ONCE UPON A time there was a motorist who thought the police were pretty stuffy. Too he laughed at all their warnings about "getting the feel of the road," driving more slowly in winter and being especially alert.

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

If it hasn't been straightened out by Jan. 30, when the new GOP administration takes over, one of the first things new Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield will have to do is find out what has slowed down the nation's first class mail service.

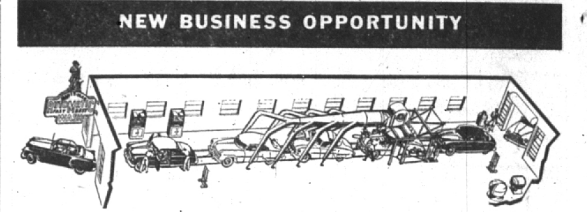
After opening the box, the first thing we saw was a white slip of paper upon which was printed this message: "We think you will like these chocolates, they are British and we are proud of them. We are proud, too, of the way they are helping both our countries to build a peaceful world."

I've just received a copy of the state treasurer's report for the past fiscal year. It includes a list of over 200 village and city banks in which, as of June 30, was deposited a total of \$18,600,887.86.

The Eccentric's special writer, Ruth Silbar, has a story in this week's issue (on page one of section three) concerning the 12,000 record collection of Clement Penrose of Waddington road. I decided to figure out how long it would have to sit if I spent a 40-hour week listening to the entire collection. It would take 30 weeks, or seven months.

I can't figure out why a chef is placed in front of most customers, this flavoring is completely smothered by the customer's lavish use of salt, pepper, catsup, sugar, lemon, or any one of a number of other food flavor squelchers.

Dearborn primarily is noted for its Ford Motor Co. Rouge plant. But what has kept this city in the news more than Ford is the antics of its headline-hunting mayor, Orville Hubbard.



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