

Tell Your College Youth—

Do you have a son and/or daughter in college? Do you want him and/or her to become intelligent and aroused defenders of the political and economic systems that have made the United States great? Do you want your boy and/or girl to learn how to combat this national drift toward Socialism?

Then get in touch with the newly formed Intercollegiate Society of Individuals, 1136 Eighteenth street, N.W., Washington 6, D.C. This society seeks to get to collegiate youth certain facts and figures, certain inspirational and enlightening written information that will make young people valiant defenders of the American ideas and ideals of freedom.

THE SOCIETY WAS STARTED because, it feels, too little "old-fashioned" information is made to youth in colleges and universities these days—since too many of the faculty group in institutions of higher learning are themselves collectivist minded.

We think the society has struck on a good and practical method of bringing to young people (tomorrow's leaders) some of the fundamental truths that, alone, can keep any nation free.

Accepting W. Germany

On paper, acceptance of West Germany into NATO, thus restoring sovereignty to the former Nazi state, looks and sounds like a good thing for human freedom.

It is presumed that this action will make Western Europe stronger—and better able to hold off the march and conquest of that area by Soviet Russia. Of course, the NATO nations whose ministers signed the document in Bonn, Germany, must now depend upon their respective law-making groups to approve it before it becomes something other than a piece of paper.

AFTER THAT, TOO, if something happens to require NATO to stand off Russia, the action still is a piece of paper unless (unlike the United Nations' weak representation in Korea) all the nations get in and pitch against the Soviets.

But let us hope the addition of West Germany to NATO does what is expected of this action.

Devil Never Is Good

Most of the men and women who have served the federal government in its varied areas of public service have been honest, willing to work, and as patriotic as Americans in other vocations in private life.

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER

The scene was the May 19 budget adoption meeting of the city commission.

The leading players were the city commissioners, supported by an audience which pretty well filled the commission room.

After a few audience comments regarding the proposed city budget, a woman in the group suggested that the city commission should give the public more time to study tentative budgets before they were adopted.

City Commissioner Frank Rising then made the following comment: "I think the lady is right—but I don't know what we can do about it, though."

"WHEN THESE public matters come up, lots of people seem to get interested at the last minute. We do our best to get the information to the people well ahead of the time it is to be discussed.

"I've heard it said and read that the information on the proposed fire station was not gotten out far enough ahead of time. At least twice inside the city commission discussed it well ahead of time. It was properly published.

dishonest men and women in government, too, regardless of what part of the service they are engaged in. Even the military segments of the nation's payroll are infested with dishonest men, regardless of rank.

Indeed, while petty larceny is generally confined to the lower echelons, some of the military brass really can cost the taxpayers plenty. This may be through neglect, incompetence, graft or corruption. Good or evil human behavior makes itself evident wherever it exists. Nothing is sacrosanct to the devil.

From Our Point of View

So John Dewey, dean of American philosophers, long attached to Columbia University, has passed on to his eternal reward. Prof. Dewey lived 92 years on this earth, under his present name; his thinking did much to change educational patterns in the United States. He is presumed to have paved the way for progressive education to take the place of the "three R's". At least it can be said that he upset traditional teaching methods . . . and we'll let history determine whether his impact upon education was excellent, good, bad, poor or worse.

Many evil leaders on this earth have died ignominiously at the hands of alien or domestic enemies. Within this past decade two evil leaders, Hitler and Mussolini have met foul deaths. Can it be that Joseph Stalin, reputed to be responsible for the death and slavery of millions of human beings, will slip off this mortal coil without paying the price? Or will not it be in accordance with the Biblical dictum: "For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again?"

Let's admit that the New-Fair Deal has enacted certain legislation of value to the majority of Americans . . . yet those achievements alone could not have kept them in office for nearly 20 years. What actually kept them in was their ability "to tax and tax spend, elect and elect", as the late Harry Hopkins put it. In 20 years, with billions and billions of dollars to spend, any so-minded political party could have stayed in. The public will suffer long, and long, before getting mad; and most people refuse to condemn the existence of mud until some of it gets on them.

Do you read those horoscopes being printed in many of the daily newspapers of the country? Honestly, to us they are but mixtures of dates and personal things to do and not to do. Many of the suggestions are mere adaptations of copy book maxims—and, of course, there's nothing wrong in that but the column's caption.

So They Say . . .

Charles F. Cahill, president, American Newspaper Publishers Association: "Service to others is impossible without education and achievement."

Report, American Assembly: "If the battle of the dollar is lost, democracy will scarcely survive."

By George Wm. Averill

"LAST-MINUTE" INTEREST

"Yet when it came time to vote on it, people said, 'Gee, why didn't you let us know about it?'"

"It's really discouraging."

"THE CITY BUDGET" is presented, the press tells you about it, we ask you to attend the budget hearing—but still lots of budgeteers they didn't have time to really study it.

"Maybe there is a better way to do it. Maybe more hearings on all things is what is needed. But what puzzles me is why the people seem to get interested in these things at the last minute."

The subject was taken over by a couple of other commissioners and audience members, but Rising ended the discussion with the following suggestion: "I believe a average citizen who hasn't much time to spend on these things could, over a year's time, learn enough about city matters to be watchdogs for the community."

"WHY CAN'T YOU people take the budget and watch how we spend the money as the year goes by? Put down on paper when and

All That Meat and No Potatoes



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 13, 1902

Prof. E. F. Waldo and his family will be guests of the junior class of Birmingham high school at a farewell party Wednesday evening at the school. A short program of music and recitations will be followed by a social hour and refreshments.

Mrs. Hendricks and Webb of Town Line are about over their rheumatic troubles. Webb has a new moving machine and was in the Pontiac parade.

Nearly every lawn in town is well kept and neatly mown, but some people forget the fringe of grass between the sidewalk and the street. It spoils the whole effect.

A desirable boy is wanted to deliver papers and no one using cigarettes need apply. Also one set of boxing gloves are for sale. Interested parties of either of these offers may apply to Howard G. Carter.

It's better to patronize the milk man than keep your own cow. This, several people have learned, is especially true when you allow said cow to graze on the neighbor's bushes or roam the village streets.

20 YEARS AGO

July 18, 1922

With census figures completed records show 3,096 children of her own registered in Birmingham, Ala. This represents an increase of 90 youngsters during the past year, school officials said this week.

During the three-day cooking Community House, under the sponsorship of The Eccentric, 1,275 area women were enrolled. Miss Gladys Phillips, General Foods home economist conducted the classes.

The 1922 tax rates for Bloomfield Hills will be \$8.74 per thousand and assessed valuation it was decided by commissioners Friday night. The rate last year was \$7.02, the increase being caused by a reduction in the amount of anticipated revenue.

H. W. Rainey, 424 West Maple, has been named one of the judges in the speed department of the Michigan state fair and exposition. John L. McNamara, fair secretary, made the announcement, saying the fair would be Sept. 4-10 this year.

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5 YEARS AGO

June 19, 1947

The several Birmingham boys and girls who were at the Community House youth center during the motion picture filming by the school of education for the University of Michigan last week have decided that the life of a screen star is not difficult. The group reports having a wonderful time during the filming.

Birmingham's recreational program will get underway Monday morning under the general direction of Frank Whitney. A wide variety of activities have been planned for the summer, with sports, handicraft and entertainment for all.

July 14 has been set for a public hearing on the installation of storm sewers for the Quanton Lakes estates, according to city commissioners.

In recognition of his contributions to the fields of religion and education, Amherst college has awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree to the Rev. Charles H. Cadigan of Christ Church Cranbrook. He was in residence at Amherst for 10 years.

The Salvation Army will open a fund drive in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills this week in an effort to raise \$3,500. Charles J. Shain will head the local committee.

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

"BROAD STRIPES . . ."

"Rank bright . . ."

As we near the annual observance of Flag Day, one of the nicest stories we have heard in a long time concerns a Birmingham lady and her flag.

The flag she has is 15 feet long and has been her proud possession for many years. She displays it from ropes strung between her house and a nearby tree and only last month was inspired by it to write a poem which appears in the People's Column, just before Memorial Day.

Her flag has a story, too, which makes it even dearer to her.

ORIGINALLY, it flew proudly from the tall staff atop the Penobscot building in Detroit.

"My sister picked there," the present owner tells us, "and when a new discovery, for public affairs, was purchased, the flag I have was given to her. When she died her years ago it went to my son, but he has left it here for me to use."

To this lady the flag means a lot. To her, like the cross on a church spire, it is not just a piece of material, but a symbol of something fine and big and good.

THIS LADY sees in her flag the most of her life. She has died protecting it. She sees the years of struggle behind it. The constant threat to which she has made to keep it flying proud and where before her eyes every time she looks at it.

She's not a young lady, but her voice snaps when she speaks of the honor to which this symbol of greatness is subjected by thoughtless people.

"It shouldn't be used to advertise the opening of a new store or gas station or anything, she says. "It makes me angry when I see it treated like that."

No, to her the flag stands for something far greater than any commercial enterprise.

Perhaps we should all take time to visit with her. The meaning of the American flag and what it stands for seems to be woefully slipping away. We no longer seem

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