

'Lest We Do Forget'

Always remember, Dear Reader, Voter, and Taxpayer, that these political candidates who currently are counting you for your approval, are now "on their best behavior."
Some of them are thoroughly honest, quite able, and willing to serve you in public office for the mere virtue of the service.

Others are less honest, able, and view public office with enough selfishness to make them mediocre public servants.
A number of them (you will have to pick them out) are reasonably stupid, very mediocre in mind and character, who just want jobs, plus opportunities to join the mob that exists to fool the people, to extract as much taxes as they can get away with, and who endeavor to see that some of this dough gets into the pockets of their own choosing.

OF COURSE, THERE ALSO are the do-gooders who don't know where they are going, but are rejoicing to be on the way.
We write these lines only to remind you that this is a political year; and that to most candidates "politics is the art of the possible, not the science of the ideal"—so please study their statements, their records, and be fair in discounting some of their promises.

You see, Dear Reader, Voter, and Taxpayer, even the most honest, able and virtuous of public officials cannot be Perfect Public Servants; they being human, and the rest of us being what we, too, are.

It's Like Narcotics
No decent American ever will question the judgment of our lawmakers in outlawing the importation and public distribution of narcotics to our people.

Nor will they argue against the use of every legitimate means to capture and prosecute secret peddlers of this terrible stuff.
They know that narcotics could, if unrestrained, become a most dangerous enemy of freedom.

Well, isn't the ideology of Communism, as practiced and preached by Russia, as dangerous to our freedom as narcotics? But are we really handling this most dangerous of enemies as it should be handled? Hardly, in our opinion.

They Are Scared
Not all members of the Democratic party, now in office, are crooked and dishonest. We can be thankful that only a comparatively few of them are. But these few, most of them in high places, are fighting for their very freedom as they oppose a Republican victory this fall.

From Our Point of View

Since mankind as yet is considerably the barbarian, wanting as much as it can get with the least amount of effort, within mankind still exists the pattern of the tyrant. Among many of this earth's nations today the tyrants have risen to take over. Within the framework of our own so-called processes of self-government little and big tyrants have emerged.

There are approximately 25,000 different kinds of fish, say the experts. Now will you believe a fisherman when he says "it got away"?
To assume that Soviet Russia, so long as its present rulers are in power, ever will desire peace or abide by rules laid down for the establishment of peace, is like assuming that the devil has developed a thirst for holy water.

So Inggrid Bergman's legitimate daughter by her first marriage doesn't love her mother enough to leave Los Angeles and go to Italy to see her. Well, all things considered, we don't blame the youngster. After all, her doctor daddy has proved to be her best friend.

The best way to help a stranger catch his check is to turn him over to your nearest banks. Let the banks take the risks—for, after all, they carry insurance to protect them against bad check artists. Any banker will agree with this, too.

So They Say . . .

Gordon E. Dunn, Chief, Chicago Weather Bureau:
"We hope, at some future date, to eliminate 'possible' and 'probable' from forecasts."

Lemuel C. Shepherd, General, Marine Corps Commandant:
"There is a frequent feeling here at home that Korea is a smart war . . . I believe Korea stands up as an example of the most bitter and brutal of all."

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER
By George Wm. Averill

After he visited The Eccentric's newspaper plant, saw a bit of the town and surrounding area before he left, I asked Philip Newman, Mario P. Chanco to write me a short letter including some of his comments on The Eccentric, our community, and America in general.
City Hall reporter and feature writer for the Manila Daily Bulletin and managing editor of the Manila newspaper trade journal, Chanco is in this country on a three-month visit under the U.S. educational exchange program.
Last Thursday morning his letter came in the mail, and I believe you may be interested in it.
"Since my arrival in the United States early in May, a number of headlines have asked me what I think of the country. This invariably makes the same stock reply that, having seen so little of it, I am unable to vouchsafe an opinion.
"Other times I say cautiously, 'It's a big country.'
"THEY THEN I think of the woman who, after seeing the Empire State Building, remarked: 'It's beautiful. But is it necessary?' Then I try to ask the wait-

Five Star Review



Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO
June 27, 1902
Prof. Will McKee of Illinois is among his many Birmingham friends once more. Everybody is glad to see Prof. Will and all are more than pleased to know of his continued prosperity.
Miss Joan McLaughlin of Boston boulevard, Detroit, passed a few days the guest of Miss Mitchell. This bright Detroit Miss surely enjoys the beauties of Birmingham and country life.
Alonso Ferguson of Geneva Co., a brother of Geo. Ferguson, has been making a week's visit among friends and relatives. Mrs. Clariss Alger and Mrs. Polly Stanley have enjoyed this visit which has been a very pleasant affair all the way around.

5 YEARS AGO
Gov. Kim Sigler has announced the appointment of Ernest H. Baldwin, 532 Lakeside, to the Metropolitan Area Regional Planning commission. Baldwin, an engineer, will work with public officials on the solution of numerous problems.
Bloomfield Twp. police are still investigating the \$10,000 jewelry robbery which occurred sometime during the evening of June 27 at the home of E. Keller, Wing Lake road. One suspect has already been questioned and returned.

20 YEARS AGO
Birmingham looks forward to its traditional quiet and peaceful celebration of July 4 next Monday. A simple flag-raising ceremony by the American Legion and other organizations will bring the life will mark the day.
Police Chief John Hackett is reminding residents to stop the delivery of milk and papers, close and lock all doors and windows and secure all neighbors to check premises from time to time as safety measures against vandals and thefts from their homes.
R. J. Corryell, after 22 years of community service, has announced his retirement July 4 from the township board. Corryell, 71, says he feels it is time he stepped down to give younger, more active men an opportunity to serve.

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE
BY ALICE E. MORGAN

Best wishes to the 201 boys and girls who received their diplomas from Birmingham high school last week. To all appearances, the future is facing a pretty bright horizon—but hasn't it always been?
No class has ever gone from school or college into an age that did not have a pretty good sized stack of problems to toss at them. From the scholastic records of these young people, they seem quite well prepared to carry on—and maybe do a better job than we adults have been doing.

Best wishes, also to the Birmingham paid fire department, which is on the eve of its 25th anniversary. For a quarter of a century these men have been standing by a strong wall of protection between the citizenry and disaster.
Another bundle of best wishes go to Yvonne Way Merrill, who has spearheaded the drive for the establishment of a Girls' Town for Michigan.
Through the Federation of Women's clubs she has worked hard to provide this service for Michigan girls, and has at last secured the dream which has come true. The community will provide opportunities and accommodations similar to the now famous Boys' Town.

LEGAL NOTICES
Over it. Kibb, Attorney at Law, We-Phone 8-1519
STATE OF MICHIGAN, The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. In the Matter of the Estate of William B. Deceased.
Notice of said court held at said court in the City of Pontiac, in said County of Oakland, on June 26, A. D. 1952.
Judge of Probate.
Notice is hereby given that it is hereby ordered that the time and place for hearing claims against the estate shall be the 8th day of September, 1952.
All creditors or claimants against the above estate are hereby notified to present to prove their claims at said hearing, and with the filing of the written claim therewith, with this court and with the Secretary of the estate under oath, containing sufficient detail reasonably to inform the majority of the sure and amount of the claim.
ARTHUR J. BURKE, Judge of Probate. 11-1-15



LT. WILLIAM G. CARLISLE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Carlisle, 452 Suffield, reported for active duty Saturday, June 21, with the United States Army at Fort Knox, Ky. Carlisle recently received his bachelor of arts degree from Norwich University, Northfield, Vt.

Edgar W. Jolly Heads Det. Zone

Appointment of Edgar W. Jolly, 1225 Bates, as Detroit zone manager of GMC Truck and Coach Division was announced this week. Jolly, a graduate of Michigan State College, joined GMC Truck and Coach division a year ago as manager of the Pontiac retail store. Previous to that he was with Buick Motor division in Chicago and also with Harry Ferguson, Inc.

Italian War Child Adopted By Cook Family

The financial adoption of a nine-year-old Italian girl by the M. Ray Cook family of 688 Kenneway was revealed this week. Through the Foster Parents' Plan for War Children, Inc. the Cook family arranged the "adoption."
The girl, Rosaria Casvasino, lost her father during the war and under this plan the Cook family will help feed and clothe her for one year.

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