

# Mere Change of Parties Won't Do It

Many Americans criticize and cry out against the terrible conditions of our own nation and the whole family of nations on this earth. Many will get red in the face as they argue against the ability of a mere handful of New-Fair Deal politicians to take this country, in 20 years, down the long and dangerous road from national security, stability, character, etc., to the chaos that now appears to engulf this nation.

How can these critics change, in part, the state of affairs?

One way, of course, is to vote out the "ins" and vote in the "outs."

IN OTHER WORDS, elect the Republicans, or enough of them to control the federal government, and kick out the Democrats.

Such an objective can, without Herculean effort, be attained. But to restore to this nation most of its former worthwhile values is not so easily done... indeed, it cannot be done completely by any political party.

That is, not unless the attitudes of the average man and woman are changed.

Will the farmers give up their subsidy by returning their checks from the federal treasury?

WILL BENEFICIARIES of special privilege, whether they be capitalists or union leaders, willingly refuse to accept future unwarranted favors?

Will all those others who receive checks from the federal treasury, whether they be unnecessary job-holders or others, raise the red-blooded cry of: "We don't want any more of your money, Uncle Sam! We just want the right to work. We don't want to take care of ourselves. We don't want any more of your paternalism!"

Do you expect these desired things to happen? Of course you don't.

If this be so, then how can politicians, who must cater to voters, change the entire pattern of the national government's current policies?

The case, for the moment, appears fairly hopeless of correction.

## Filled With Fears

Insofar as real and practical leadership goes, Michigan Republicans are without such a political guide. Our Legislature, facing a deficit for the past two years, has done little to meet the problem.

True, it has tried to tighten up certain parts of the sales tax law, and it has talked

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## ONE THING OR ANOTHER

THERE'S A GREATER COST FOR LIVING

By George Wm. Averill

Gathering the news of the Birmingham area requires me to attend a number of discussions, talks, and speeches made to local organizations. Some of these speeches are beyond standard, most of them average or a bit better, and a few are outstanding. Most of these "outstanding" talks, as I recall, were not unusual when it came to subject matter. Practically all of them were extraordinary because of the new, fresh and clear approach the speaker took toward a subject which has been discussed many times and could easily bore the audience.

SUCH WERE the remarks made by Dr. Benedict Glazer, rabbi of Temple Beth-El, Detroit, before 100 persons attending a Feb. 20 Red Cross campaign "kick-off dinner" at Christ Church Cranbrook. His subject: "The High Cost of Living." As Dr. Glazer explained it, "Not the high cost of living, but the high cost of LIVING. I make no attempt to quote his remarks direct, but merely want to get across to you the meat of his comments and the manner in which he presented his subject. Here, in indirect quotes, is the substance of Dr. Glazer's remarks:

THE COST of living today is high. We usually think of this cost

of living as being the economic cost, and naturally are troubled by it. People think of it in terms of depreciation on the material things they own. But there's another way to consider high living costs. Every person is born with a deal of it "fixed." This is our heredity, our environment, our attitudes. Some people are born with only a little of this capital but they continue to add to it in their lives. Other persons are born with a great deal of this capital, but soon dissipate it because of the pressures around them.

MORE IMPORTANT than the city, school, state and federal taxes we pay are the "taxes" we pay because we are human beings. If we enjoy nothing, we risk nothing. If all are taxed by life's joys, sorrows, misfortunes, etc., this is the "normal tax" we pay for living. Doctors quite often tell their patients to quit "overtaxing" themselves. They want to straighten themselves out mentally and physically. Beyond that kind of taxes are above and beyond the economic ones. These are the "surprises" for just being alive.

Some people come close to self-destruction by permitting themselves to become taxed to death.

SOME OF THESE surprises are those we pay as good neighbors and citizens. Certain people give much and beyond their normally expected service to the community. They take the time from what they might WANT to do to do what they feel they SHOULD do.

The depreciation of the human personality and character must be guarded against. Today we are selling out our national character. This makes all the difference in the world between a good, healthy nation and a poor, flabby one. People consider stocks, bonds, savings, etc., as their "reserve for contingencies," emergencies, disasters, that cannot be taken away from us—hope, faith, courage when all added up determines the strength of the nation.

A GREAT AND dedicated heart also is needed if one is to avoid losing the woman's troubles break him. The road to mental health is to lose oneself in the service of others. Establish good personal relationships with your families and friends. Sports stars, when the going gets tough, get their second wind by continuing the race, oftentimes winning. Then don't you stop when you are spiritually tired—that is the time to get your second wind, then keep on going and reach your goal.

## More Than Meets the Eye



## Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Blasted from Old Files of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background of The Birmingham Of Today.

### 50 YEARS AGO

March 7, 1902

Persons wishing to read at the public library on Saturday will find two late numbers of the Youth's Companion, one last week's Christian Work and recent copies of The Southern Field.

Ira Reed will next month, resign his position at the Village Waterworks. At this writing there are only 29 candidates in sight. We see 19 disappointed men and 19 hopes blasted.

Miss Lou McDeugal was the happy victim of a genuine surprise last Friday evening when about 16 of the Birmingham young people planned a pedro party, serving refreshments and enjoying a very pleasant social time.

Considerable changes are taking place in our midst. Will Newman has left the Watkins farm and moved into one of Mr. Hamlin's houses on Southfield avenue. Guy Watkins is now foreman of the Watkins farm and L. H. Tolles is his first lieutenant.

James H. Lynch of Pontiac will speak a toast to "The Irish American" at the St. Patrick banquet to be given by the Ladies Literary club of this place.

### 20 YEARS AGO

March 10, 1932

Enlarged quarters were taken over Monday by the First National bank here when the bookkeeping department was moved into offices on the second floor. Elmer C. Huston, president, said the growth in the firm during the past year had made expansion mandatory.

Lack of funds has brought about a delay in the wider Woodward paving project through Birmingham. C. M. Ziegler, deputy state highway commissioner, said yesterday that there was little likelihood that the work could be started this year.

Birmingham has graduated from the horse and buggy age and has lifted its six-mile-per-hour speed limit. Village commissioners repealed the old law Monday evening.

ning stating that in view of the constantly increasing motor population it had become necessary.

Slow tax payments are precipitating a school crisis in Birmingham. Officials said today that, unless more tax monies are received promptly the issuance of scrip will become mandatory in addition, the system is faced with the threat of cutting classes to half-day sessions.

Hundred pound sacks of coke have been secured by the Goodfellows club for distribution to needy families in the area. Fire Chief V. W. Griffith said distribution would be made through the local fire department.

### 5 YEARS AGO

March 13, 1947

Birmingham police will begin a dog census in Birmingham next Monday to determine the number of unlicensed pets in the city. Owners will have an additional 10 days in which to secure tags before warrants are issued.

City Attorney Forbes S. Haasell has been instructed by city officials to start condemnation proceedings to close the Maple-Willets alley. Several attempts to negotiate with owners have failed.

Police are investigating another larceny of building material from a local construction site. A Detroit contractor reported window casings and other material taken from two of his jobs. Thefts of this nature have been frequent during the past few months.

Harris Machus has announced his withdrawal from the city commission race. Machus explained that due to business demands of this nature he did not feel he should accept at this time.

In an effort to provide more space for motorists turning onto Oakland from Woodward, police will move to ban parking on the south side of Oakland. City commission action was taken favoring this move at Monday's meeting.

## HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY AUICE E. MORGAN

### PASSING THOUGHTS

The pure fantasy of spring hats is depending upon us once more. It's the time of the year when women, according to their husbands, lose all sense of color, balance and what-have-you, to buy these creations which "give them a lift after a cold, dreary winter." We know one husband who says the only reason his wife has the courage to buy the spring hats she does is because she only has to look at them for a few minutes at a time!

A small boy's opinion of dog licenses was reported to us the other night. Without comment we pass it on. "The man put Jack on the table a tuck him wit a needle. Then he went and wired him wit a label."

Interesting to note how much more terrible a half inch of snow seems this time of year than a six inch fall could possibly be around Christmas.

Watched a very dignified lady walk down east Maple the other afternoon, dragging behind her a little wheeled cart. It was waddled and quacked quite like the real thing. The little three-year-old, supposed to be accompanied with the "animal," had stopped at the curb to watch the motorcycle cop write a ticket.

Watched a news-caster order lunch the other day. Suppose at that age she ate the same things, but instead of cheese sandwich, malted chocolate milk and a banana split... As a convertible passed us on Adams road the other day, the driver spotted a car parked by the side of the street which was identical to the radar car

of the Birmingham police department. The driver slammed on his brakes as we nearly rammed him, and drove on down the street at a very moderate pace. Curious, we took a good look at the black car and found that the object in the rear window was only a press camera, not the radar. That little black box certainly is making an impression on drivers, though.


Well, now that we have license plates on all our cars and tags on all our dogs, the only thing we have to cry about is license tax. We're feeling mighty proud of ourselves this year—sent our returns in last month. It's wonderful feeling to watch that March 15 deadline roar nearer and nearer and not have to worry about it.

With two Methodist churches (First Methodist on West Maple and Embury on 14 Mile) nearing completion and the education building of Redeemer Lutheran coming into the final stages, plans for the new Presbyterian church on West Maple are going forward. It's a nice feeling, isn't it, to live in a community where the churches keep pace with the rest of the town? In so many places, one finds new homes, new stores, new schools, and the churches utterly inadequate to serve the needs of the community.

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