

Assuming an attitude of gloom because some phase of your life has for the moment become saddled is not to be a signifier for it to be broken. It is like darkening a room that ought to be filled with sunlight. Cheerfulness chases away gloom.

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Cranbrook Foundation Observance on Tuesday

OUR PRESENT PRISON LAW SHOULD WORK BETTER
You are reading much, these days, about "politicians" being the cause of the rioting at Michigan's present Prison. It is a commission (instead of one Correctional Commissioner) form of control, and it is to be met with a considerable amount of expense.

Cranbrook Foundation is 25 years old.
The Jubilee celebration will be held Tuesday, Oct. 21, with day-long exhibitions and convocations following a remembrance service to the foundation's founders, Mr. and Mrs. George G. Booth.

YET, UNDER THIS Commission system, for many years various scandals were in evidence and the prisons had degenerated into miserable institutions.
I know something about this, for in 1947-'48 many of you may remember I served as a member of the former Gov. Kim Sigler's executive secretary.

At the afternoon assemblage which will open the anniversary ceremonies, Charles E. Wilson, president of the Cranbrook Foundation, will speak as a friend and neighbor of the six institutions included in the Cranbrook observance.

INSTEAD OF the old policy-making Commission, the present law includes an advisory Public Commission, appointed by the Governor. This, the real control lies in the Governor's office, and is made manifest through the Commission (Commissioner and hence through the wardens).

These attending will then go to the Cranbrook Institute, a part of the Cranbrook Foundation, where a remembrance service will be held at the portrait plaque of the founders.

Every Governor, for years, has sought more direct control of the State agencies, simply to always hold more responsible for the conduct of the government than any other official. Although Sigler, a Republican, was responsible for the creation of the present Democracy now in that office, has not shown any desire to change.

At the service, Lee A. White, director of public relations of the Cranbrook Foundation, will preside. The Rev. Robert L. DeWitt, Rector of Christ Church, will preside at the luncheon.

Armed Forces Personnel Ballots Are Explained
In view of the many requests for information on absentee ballots for service men, Miss Irene Hanley, city clerk, has issued the following statement:

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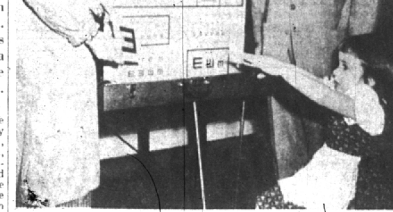
Grand Champion MOVERS
of the Birmingham area are the ECCENTRIC WANT ADS
All points of the compass are covered locally by The Eccentric and thousands of readers make sure your message will go over.

By the time the founders had created Brookside school, Christ Church and Cranbrook school, they were aware that they were using facilities which they might not live to see realized, since they were then in a spirit of voluntary cooperation.

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MEETING HOUSE activities led directly to the establishment of Brookside school for young children, a school type first to be subsequently the dedication of an entire property, now 300 acres.

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BIRMINGHAM'S Junior League will close its vision screening program for pre-school children on Oct. 31. With the help of Little Horriet Rhodes, Mrs. J. K. Esler is shown demonstrating the work for Dr. Robert J. Mason, Mason, with other city physicians, has lauded the group's work, pointing out many cases of eye weakness have been spotted which otherwise would have gone unnoticed until the child was in school.

252 Forch Drive Is Under Way—Goal: \$146,398

Hundreds of volunteer workers have launched the 1952 United Foundation Forch Drive in an intensive campaign to raise \$146,398 in the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin area.

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"OUR QUOTA this year is seven percent higher for this area than in 1951," Hill said. "This means an all-out effort, beginning today, to meet and even exceed the increased needs of agencies depending on us for help. As our population soars, our community needs multiply."

TOP-LEVEL coordinators of Forch Drive activity among industrial firms, retail stores, professional groups and churches are also attending the luncheon. They included William Breese, Jr., president of Great Lakes Tractor & Supply, sponsor of the luncheon.

Teen-agers' Recreation
Lt. Henry Timm of the Birmingham police department will meet with recreation board members Monday evening to discuss needs and recreational facilities for teenagers in the city.

Shopping Center Attacked

Harried Bloomfield township officials will prepare themselves for what promises to be an all-out battle at a future meeting when the township board is to take formal action on a rezoning petition concerning the southeast corner of the former Mercer farm.

Board members and zoning board members were besieged at a special meeting Monday night by both Bloomfield township and Birmingham residents who opposed the rezoning of a 30-acre parcel of land at the northwest corner of Lincoln and Cranbrook from residential to business.

LOUIS SAVAGE, representative of the Cranbrook company, and Thomas Hewlett of Oakwell, Hewlett and Luckenbach, architects for the development, explained the reasons behind the site. The firm owns and intends to develop 400 acres of land bounded by Lincoln, Maple, Cranbrook and Laber, according to Savage.

Crash Kills One, Injures Three
Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Spiller-Granger Funeral Home, 22 of 3151 Helena, Troy township, who was killed in a two-car collision at East Long Lake and Livernois Sunday.

Shopping Service Survey Planned For Birmingham
Through the joint efforts of the Birmingham chamber of commerce business committee and the University of Michigan's Bureau of Business Research, a better service survey will be made of local stores and shops near the future Charles Mortenson, C. of C. secretary, said questionnaires would be distributed to the schools within the next week or 10 days.

Ideas for Machine Voting Date Back to Thomas Edison
For hundreds of thousands of voters who cast their ballots in the November 4 presidential election, the use of a voting machine will be an entirely new experience.

Guard's Hinder Street Maintenance, City Hints
Property owners, especially in newly developed areas, are being urged by Birmingham city engineers to sidewalk any stones, broken concrete blocks and other obstacles that might be in the way of their homes to protect seeded areas.

THIS IS BEING financed by a \$3,100,000 bond issue which was paid for the construction of the new Birmingham high school, Cranbrook road, Torrey elementary school and additions to Franklin and Walnut Lake schools.