

How to Shackle Education

Meeting in convention in Miami, 7,000 American educators voted in approval of a plan to have the federal government pay 10 per cent of the cost of all local educational programs throughout the United States.

As you observe how our leading educators are willing to depend upon the whims of federal bureaucracy for part of their support—and the 10 per cent will be the entering wedge for more and more of such financial support.

What will eventually be more and more federal control over education, which is a definite departure from original thinking in this nation. Our founding fathers,

you recall, were firmly convinced that democracy could survive only when the processes of government were kept as close to your homes as possible.

SO INSTEAD OF FIGHTING for less federal controls, off-set by strengthening more local support in every school district, the educators allow themselves to be attracted, like moths, to the flame of the Federal coffers—and thus we witness the scorching death of an educational policy that ought to be kept free from far-off political controls.

Ah, folks, how many sins are committed in the name of education!

Bureaucracy in Government

Next time you hear someone damning the seal or alleged shortcomings of American business, and demanding more government interference with the free enterprise system as the cure, it would be well to remember a recent statement by Secretary of Commerce Clegg, who observed that, for more than 20 years, private enterprise has

been "burdened by government, punished by government and then blamed by government for not performing as many miracles as it could have, had it been free."

It's an old trick to certain politicians to throw monkey wrenches into the wheels of progress and then blame everyone but themselves for the results.

International Deceits

Within every nation on earth there is much going on that is wrong. Private citizens create various problems, many of which get into the courts; men and women commit fornications and land in prison.

performed in the spirit of "good intentions" . . . but so often only lip service is given after international agreements or treaties are signed.

Indeed, it is historically true that international diplomacy too often is the handmaiden of deceit, double-dealing, and duplicity. In other words, human beings still reveal the barbarism of their primitive ancestry.

Victims of 'Creeping Socialism'

Just as we believe that this Administration will attempt to check what has accurately been termed "creeping socialism." This trend has been especially noticeable in the electric power field, where billions of the taxpayers' money has been spent for socialized electric plants and transmission lines—the eventual goal being a political monopoly of this all-important service.

THIS WAS RECENTLY STRESSED by a leading labor leader—President D. W. Tracy of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, A.F. of L. He said: "Pressure in this country toward public ownership continue, with varying degrees of strength at different times. Those who believe in the free enterprise system cannot afford to relax—they must continue the day-to-day job of supporting the system."

Freedom is not guaranteed. It must be nurtured and defended if it is to survive. That goes for political freedom, religious freedom and economic freedom. All are part of the same philosophy—all will stand or fall together.

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Over the Fourth of July holiday weekend 300,000 Detroiters visited Belle Isle. They left behind them 25 tons of waste paper, garbage and other forms of rubbish. Littering up the landscape is an old and careless American custom.

When all is said and done, Harry S. Truman is "of the home, earthy," and possessed of normal humanitarian impulses. As a private citizen, (no longer required to make double-talk as when he was a politician), Mr. Truman recently said this about President Eisenhower: "He's a great family man, a great American, a great Christian, a great individual. I really like him." That's one of the finest statements you ever made, Sir!

If all the reports alleging that "wide-spread loafing and feather-bedding" were rampant at the Kaiser Motors plant in Willow Run are correct, then both management and labor leaders have darkened the records of the Detroit industrial area. In the first place, management should never have tolerated such conditions—even though the government airplane contract it held operated on a cost-plus basis. Labor leaders, too, should have aided management in maintaining an efficient working force. Nonprivate business can remain alive very long if both management and labor do not co-operate in getting an honest day's work for an honest day's wages.

It is estimated that the U. S. 1953 crop of red-top cherries will reach 204 million pounds. Does this mean that some ice cream manufacturers will add several cherries to each gallon they sell?

Some politicians develop the voice of the siren, holding out a brand new Utopia for every new year. But as history records, the voices of the sirens have ship-wrecked many a sailor . . . so citizens had better beware!

According to U.S. Dept. of Agriculture specialists, 1953 will bring so many potatoes to the market that the price of spuds will go down quite a bit from normal. The farmers won't like this lowered return to them . . . and they don't like the federal controls that go with price support, either. Maybe they should plant fewer potatoes . . . but what else? . . . that is the perpetual question in these days of an artificially operated economy.

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Sure Need Help!



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
July 17, 1903
A monster cement plant at Cass Lake is coming to the front. It will cost \$200,000 and give work to 600 men. The promoters congratulate themselves on having plenty of marl but not a word is said as to clay.

Wilson D. Harbison of Birmingham, who graduated from the Michigan Agricultural college last month, had the distinction of receiving his degree in company with the largest senior class ever graduated at the state school.

On July 26, the executive board of the Birmingham Community House will stage a fête on the estate of Mrs. T. Hendrix in Bloomfield Hills. The proceeds of this affair will go to the maintenance of the Community House for the coming year.

15 YEARS AGO
July 11, 1938
In his monthly report to City Manager Donald C. Ebert, Fire Chief Vernon W. Griffith reported that his department responded to 12 silent alarms during the month of June. The estimated loss of buildings due to fire hit a new low with a sum of \$38.

30 YEARS AGO
July 13, 1923
On Friday and Saturday, July 20 and 21, the 75th anniversary of the first Equal Rights meeting held in 1848 will be celebrated at Seneca Falls, New York. A delegate from Birmingham will probably attend.

H. Kenneth Bingham, son of Commodore A. Bingham and son-in-law of the late J. Edgar Hoover, has accepted a position for the summer with the DiGiorgio Fruit corporation in Minneapolis. He will act in the capacity of assistant to the manager.

At the commission meeting Monday evening, authorization was made for the construction of two lateral sanitary sewers, one in Henrietta street and the other in Walkers and Wallace streets.

Postmaster Joseph A. Byrne, accompanied by his wife, left Birmingham last Sunday to tour Alaska. They will drive to Victoria, British Columbia and then embark on a steamer for the United States' most northern territory.

On June 27, 1938, the Michigan Public Utilities Commission ordered the Michigan Bell Telephone company to reduce its intra-state toll message rates to the same rate level charged and established for interstate telephone calls.

Mrs. Louis J. Giffels of Kenosaw road, will entertain a group of children at a swimming party and picnic Friday, at the Pine Lake Country club for her son, Peter, the occasion being his ninth birthday anniversary.

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

We've seen an outstanding amount of courtesy and consideration for others on our Birmingham streets lately. Even though the act does not concern the onlooker, it leaves that person with a rather happy feeling, doesn't it?

One incident happened on Woodward the other day when traffic man, tottery and obviously unable to see very well, was standing in front of a store, looking anxiously up and down the street.

A young lady approached him and spoke briefly. Turning, she entered the store, bought an ice cream cone for the little girl with her and left the last contentedly licking it while she went across the street with the man.

IT MEANT our crossings, for he traveled one street to the west and another to the north. When she passed him, she was wearing a wide smile and laughed outright when the little girl said, "That was nice of you, Mommy."

Other incidents have happened which have meant someone actually went out of his or her way to help someone.

The man who got out of his car to open a store door for a lady carrying good a few packages. The boy who left his ball game to help a blind man cross the street. The line on a steam threatened. The gentleman who paused in his errand to help a lady open the trunk of her car and put some large boxes in it.

TRAFFIC CONVICTIONS have been numerous too. On one recent trip around town, we saw the same cab driver stop on three different occasions, to let a pedestrian cross in front of him.

While driving to work the other morning, another driver not only gave the right of way to make a turn, but held back two others who seemed to have no intention of giving in.

Cars have been seen to stop at corners permitting mothers and

ONE THING OR ANOTHER

By George Wm. Averill

When the next heat wave comes around and you feel like you are being baked in an oven and the heat isn't going to be worse—you may be entirely right.

Many tropical areas never find the temperatures as high as are recorded in parts of the United States where normally comfortable weather is enjoyed.

The world's heat records have been set in deserts where humidity—a large factor in making heat difficult to put up with—usually is low.

According to government records, Bombay, India had a maximum of 100 degrees in a 51-year period. Cairo, Egypt's, top was 113 in 34 years. In the Panama Canal Zone, two stations reportedly had a high of 97 during 20 years.

BATAVIA, in the East Indies, had an extreme of 96 in 62 years. Brazil has nothing over 108 in its records.

Nevertheless, all these temperatures have been exceeded in the northern part of the U. S. where residents are much less accustomed to hot weather. Too, humidity often is high even though it is not as great as that found in the tropics.

So what to do to make life a bit more enjoyable during these warm spells? Authorities seem to agree on these precautions:

Drink plenty of cool water (not ice water). Eat simple foods in moderation. Take daily exercise. Get an adequate amount of salt into the body. Avoid strong drinks. Get plenty of sleep and take a bath every day.

Most important, they say, is keep busy enough so you don't worry about the weather.

Many Birmingham motorists will sympathize with City Commissioner V. B. Watkins' attempts to straighten out the Woodward-Willets-Oakland intersection.

He favors relocating Willets to the extent of cutting through a flower shop and possibly the old Kroger store on Woodward now being remodelled by Jacobson's, Inc. for a home furnishings store.

That's one way of accomplishing Watkins' objective. There may be others.

It would be encouraging to local motorists for the city to determine definitely whether the realignment can or can't be made. And if it can, whether it will be made.

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