

A Baby's Cry Halts Onrush Of Deadly Bulldozer

Strange, indeed, and often miraculous, are some of the ways of life. Up in that tornado-stricken area north of Flint, where more than 100 people were killed June 8, a 27-year-old mother spent all night trying to find her five-week-old son who disappeared when the tornado wrecked their home.

in such manner as not to crush the little body.

JUST A BABY CRYING, and an alert man whose bulldozer in less than a minute had he kept it going—would have crushed the baby, perhaps killed it! Surely there was a moment when that mythological Greek sister of the Fates—Atropos with the scissors—decided not to cut the life thread of the tiny baby.

So, many years hence when this infant, grown to manhood, reviews his early past, he can attribute his existence to the feeble cry of an infant that was heard by an alert and kindly man who responded well to the call of emergency.

Tragedy Strikes!—We Become Good Samaritans

Tragedy accompanying the recent tornado disasters in Michigan brought into active being a good deal of the magnificence of human beings. North of Flint, where the tornado struck with greatest effect, resulting in the death of more than 100 men and women, boys and girls, plus millions of dollars worth of property damage, brought forth a maximum of aid from many sources—personal help as well as financial.

others . . . but seldom do we make sacrifices approaching anything like heroic stature. . . . But let a tragedy take place in the lives of neighbors, and the average person gives vent to his best inner urges and impulses.

Yes, indeed, deep within most people (though normally suppressed from day-to-day) glow the embers of our better selves, just waiting to burst into warm, blaze when the suitable occasion arises to change us into the very best of Good Samaritans!

Boys' State Program Is Good Citizenship

Beginning today and lasting through June 25, more than 1,000 Michigan high school boys, their ages averaging 17 years, are meeting in East Lansing, on the Michigan State College campus, to engage in the practical virtues of government.

ing free self-government work. It certainly deserves the hearty approval of everybody who seeks to preserve and improve the benefits of "The American Way of Life."

Many prominent experienced adults participate as counselors in this "Boys' State" program.

Although it lasts but eight days, it does hold opportunities for practical learning for the youth that attend it. Perhaps some day the state's high schools may decide to incorporate in their courses something of the agenda included in this "Boys' State" program . . . for most assuredly close observers of the public apathy toward the problems of our form of government realize that the best way to have adults measure up to their citizenship responsibilities is to subject them, early in life, to freedom's need for constant nourishment.

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

See where Sonja Henie, the famous skater, claims she was looted of \$30,000 worth of furs and jewelry in a London hotel. Also some cash . . . just \$340 of this stuff. Well, as the saying goes: "Come easy, go easy."

vitriolic in his keen search for "devils," hates rackets in every form. And when they involve organized labor leaders of certain types, he goes after them like a cold after his quarry. Clare, an able lawyer by trade, often has been opposed at election time in his district . . . but his home folks, knowing of Mr. Hoffman's relentless fighting capacities, always send him back to Washington, D.C.

Twenty-nine nations are competing to have one of their beautiful women named "Miss Universe of 1953." The competition is to be staged in Long Beach, California. Commentary: once again mankind proves that it is still deeply concerned about the flesh-pots.

A truckload of hams, worth \$10,000, disappeared in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan recently . . . and as yet it is not learned if it was overtaken by those four hungry escapees from Marquette prison.

A Chicago woman is suing her policeman-husband for divorce, charging that he has lots of money and 300 suits . . . plus, of course, the one she has started against him.

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Politics Make Strange Bedfellows!



Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Gathered From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

50 YEARS AGO

June 12, 1903 Mrs. M. L. Noble started for her new home near Nashville, Mich., Wednesday of this week. She was accompanied by Mrs. Lydia Musgrave who saw her safely to her new residence.

The Horace Randall place has been purchased by Charles H. Jacobs of Detroit. This will not make any difference with the family of J. P. Jacobs who will continue to occupy the premises.

Whitehead is too busy to revise the real estate column this week, but says he has found 18 acres in the southern part of town at a price so low it will be sold before the next issue. Ask the man.

Mr. McKimber found an automobile lamp in front of his house. From its looks it had been broken from a passing auto, and the owner probably means the loss is a beauty and must be quite valuable.

Dr. F. W. Young on the Exchange farm added other improvements this week in the way of swimming place. Mr. Young and family get all the comfort there is from farm life.

30 YEARS AGO

June 15, 1923 Under the direction of Guy Lyman, local citizen, a series of swimming races will take place at Quanton Lake June 23 beginning at 4 p.m. Besides races for boys, and what should be the best of a special contest between Mr. Lyman and Edward Bissell.

A large shipment of new books has been received by Baldwin public library, guaranteed to please readers of all types. There are books in fiction and non-fiction by the world's most noted writers now available for perusal.

A check for \$500 will be presented at the commencement program tonight for use in the Birmingham scholarship fund. The cup.

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

Nothing, in our experience, more sharply points out man's helplessness than a tornado such as that which struck Birmingham shortly after the dinner hour on June 8.

In the short time you have, you consider so many things. The precautions you must take to protect yourself and your family. You wonder, briefly, about valuables and what should be done with them. The cold fact strikes you that they are probably as safe where they are as any place to which you could move them.

Suddenly you find you have really come to your home. You see the familiar walls and furnishings as perhaps you have not seen them since the day you proudly walked in, grinning and saying, "This is ours!"

Through your mind flashes a picture of what it may look like in a very few minutes and the cold fact chokes at your heart. You struggle to hold the feeling from others and maintain a certain cheeriness as you extend the safety features of the basement.

NEVER BEFORE has that part of your home looked so dreary, felt so chilly and been so terrifyingly small. You struggle, again, to hide your inner feelings and to show the family that you hope is the safest part.

An unusual event occurred recently in Haddam, Connecticut. Tax Collector Edward Weiss announced that he wanted his salary reduced.

THE TOWN collector receives a \$3,500 salary, plus a percentage of collections. Because collections are reaching a record his salary is also moving upward.

Dr. Elmer Perman, head surgeon of a large Stockholm hospital, says the male sex is much weaker than the female.

George Pullin of the Birmingham Dairy has reached an agreement with the Harry Wattles farm owners whereby he will now be able to have "Class A" Jersey milk for his regular patrons.

Of the original class of 12 which graduated from high school here in 1912, all but three attended the class reunion Friday evening.

Police Chief John Hackett today warned parents that they will be held responsible for youngsters found using freerackers in the city.

Charles S. Kinnison, John Rosso and William Dax, three elected to seats on the Birmingham board of education last week.

Dr. J. P. Wood, Birmingham osteopath physician, has been elected a delegate from Michigan's Osteopathic Association of Physicians to the 42nd annual conference of the American society.

Speaking before the Rotary club Monday noon, Warden John J. Ryan of the federal detention home at Milan, told members that to prevent criminal parents about training children in infancy.

Yesterday Birmingham Lions, Rotary and exchange clubs played the first of three golf matches at Sunnybrook, winding up the day with a dinner. The tournament winner will be awarded a silver cup.

ONE THING OR ANOTHER

By George Wm. Averill

States is part of the answer to this shortage, the council argues. This would improve today's situation, in which less than half of those capable of acquiring a college degree enter college at all.

AND, AS FOR the specialists with doctor's degrees, for each doctor's degree awarded in this country, there are 25 students who are reaching an intellectual ability to achieve the degree but who do not.

Although a doctor's degree is not desirable for most people, and though I am not sure whether more than one degree for each twenty-five capable students is needed, it must be admitted that there is little excuse for a shortage of scientists and engineers in a country as wealthy, and as well-equipped educationally, as this one.

Dr. Perman advises the average male to let his wife run the house and wash the dishes. Men, he says, should relax when they come home from work and should take as many naps as possible.

It may seem hard for many Americans to believe but the National Manpower Council said recently that a shortage of scientists and engineers in the United States has had serious consequences on the national defense program.

IT CHARGED that the shortage of trained men in the fields mentioned had cost this country valuable time in strengthening its defenses since the outbreak of the war in Korea.

The report also declared that the shortages were being evidenced in the production of inferior equipment in some cases. Radar equipment was cited as one of the failings in this category. The report also listed a shortage of teachers and physicians in some classifications.

An extended program of support for higher education in the United

Highway deaths in the United States continue at the rate of over five hundred a week. Permanent injuries and non-fatal casualties are exacting a toll of more than a thousand each week. The pace of these deaths and injuries is expected to increase with the summer vacation season.

In fact, highway officials expect record number of tourists to take to the roads this year, and there are some predictions that deaths on the highways in the United States in 1953 will set a new all-time record. The fact that highway deaths increase during summer months proves that many vacationists become wreck-victims—since the weather during the summer months is superior to that in winter.

If you are planning a vacation this year which will include automobile travel, keep in mind the tragic fact that in the three summer months the highways will exact a toll of some seven to ten thousand persons.

People say they will do anything for money—many of them should try working for it.

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