

Due for a Change



Too Much Grindstone Dust Can Obscure World Around Us

In these controversial times, people have certain obligations as citizens of the most powerful country in the world, which must be met if the electorate is to be able to act intelligently.

found in editorials, editorial columns, or in the words of commentators. From these sources, one gets opinion, although quite often, news as well.

Beavers Do Give A Dam!

From Canada comes word that the beavers in Ontario are outsmarting the appliances and gadgets of modern civilization in a battle to preserve their dams on various rivers in the area.

THE SEARCH FOR THE FACTS should not be confined to national or international issues, but should also include local issues, in which much misinformation is usually involved.

Victory Over Red Tape

The General Services Administration recently announced it had devised a system requiring U. S. agencies to make only six copies of Government purchase orders.

hours, and each time seem to build back a bigger, higher and better dam. To outwit the beavers, the foresters have resorted to dynamite.

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

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Ex-King Farouk's collection of various works of art, taken away from him when he was kicked off his Egyptian throne, soon will be offered at an international auction.

CONSIDERING THE MILLIONS of purchase transactions the government makes each year, one does not have to figure very far to realize that millions of dollars will be saved by the new system, if it is universally adopted.

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the sons of the soil allow the government to tell them how much to sow and reap. This is, of course, a controlled agricultural economy.

Efforts to bring about a United States of Europe are again being revived. No doubt it will be as difficult to accomplish as it would be to have our own 48 States forger their individual identities and submit to only one centralized federal government.

So They Say . . .

Daniel A. Reed, member of Congress, New York, and chairman House Ways and Means Committee: "A comprehensive tax revision bill will be the first order of this committee next session."

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 September 4, 1903 Someone ransacked the home of Frank Schlaack one day last week but were frightened away before securing much of value.

35 YEARS AGO September 8, 1918 Voting machines will be used for the first time in a primary ballot in Birmingham on Sept. 13.

30 YEARS AGO September 7, 1923 With the Red Cross aiming at \$5,000,000, Oakland county residents have been asked to contribute \$5,000 toward that amount.

Charles A. Bingham has accepted the post of exclusive representative of the Integrity Mutual Casualty company of Chicago.

Ellsworth C. Plumstead, well known to audiences of half a century ago, died at his home here last night. The 74 year old actor had been a resident of Birmingham since 1903.

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE BY ALICE E. MORGAN

The state fair is in full swing. Labor Day is past, school is in full session, summer visitors have returned home, and things are settling back to normal.

HER RECREATIONAL facilities are somewhat limited, too. There are only a couple of dozen activities at the Community House for her to choose from.

BESIDES WORSHIP services there are many "groups" and their activities. Sales, shows, suppers, charitable work, mission work, campaigns for the benefit of the physical aspects of the church.

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

No column this week. Been hoping that that long promised cold air center from Canada would hit this area the middle of next week.

but to weddings and funerals. I have given up persecuting myself with a tight collar and a rope-like tie around my neck, and any semblance of a coat or jacket.

THAT'S WHY there's no column this week. Been too blasted hot. The past two weeks has been the first time I recollect that by turning on a fan, you get nothing but a blast of hot air.

THAT IS MY next step, too—if the boss ever gives in that far. Me—I'd rather be a cooler, agreeable, pleasant individual in the summertime, than a hot, perspiring, disagreeable, grouchy fashion plate.

FOR THE PAST five summers, come Memorial Day, I have been wearing short-sleeved, open-necked shirts everywhere

TO A SHOPPER, salesman, or customer who has to go in and out of many of these so-called air-conditioned places, it's like jumping from the frying pan into an icebox, then back into the fire.

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