

Be Sure to Attend 'County Govt. Fair'

Once again we take off our editorial hat to the members of the Birmingham League of Women Voters for their current activities in staging what they call "Oakland County Government Fair", to be held at the local high school next Saturday, Sept. 19.

Basically, the ladies seek to bring to a large audience the story, in word, graph and picture, of the various operations of a county government, so that all who attend will get a clearer and more intimate idea of just what goes on in the county's various important offices.

A Most Tolerant Man

The recent passing of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Fred M. Vinson brought forth many eulogies, both from Democrats and Republicans. President Eisenhower attended the funeral, as did ex-President Truman.

Atlantic Air Trade Competition Keen

From travel bureaus comes word that the competition among airlines, in their bid for a larger portion of the Atlantic trade, is becoming unusually keen. Not only American companies, but many foreign companies, are involved in this competition.

The latest innovation has been by K. L. M.—Royal Dutch Airlines. K. L. M. is putting thirteen new aircraft into the trans-Atlantic trade, each equipped with some of the newest gadgets to make air-crossings of the Atlantic more comfortable.

From The Eccentric's Point of View ...

Alarmed by the tremendous decrease in warm water pan fish in southwestern Michigan, resort owners and businessmen have formed an organization to "see what can be done about improving conditions." They hope to prevail upon the State Conservation Dept. to come up with correct answers to the problem.

To obtain some free, cheap publicity, a Detroit barber twice has jumped from a parachute—hoping these stunts will help to land him in the office of Mayor of Detroit. Once he landed in the Detroit river, while his second attempt drifted him over to Windsor, where he was slightly injured when he connected with terra firma.

It cannot be said often enough: The Kremlin-dominated Soviet intends to try to conquer and control ALL human beings. The only way to stop them is by FORCE, either from within or without, or a combination of both.

School districts in the southern portion of Oakland County, including Birmingham, continue to face the real problem of providing class-room facilities for an ever-increasing student enrollment. School officials find it difficult to plan very far into the future, due to the unparalleled population growth in the entire area.

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Help Wanted: A Worker



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 11, 1888 A. A. Rust described as Franklin's "most prominent citizen," passed away at his home Monday after an illness of six weeks.

One day last week A. Whitehead was bustling man in his real estate department, having closed three deals. One was for three acres on Woodward and Willow to Mr. Peterson who will start a greenhouse.

School began under most auspicious circumstances Monday of this week with a large attendance in every department and everything points to a prosperous, progressive, successful year under the guidance of Prof. J. B. Field and his qualified teachers.

The official board of the Methodist Episcopal church has extended to Bro. M. H. Bartram by a unanimous vote an earnest invitation to remain with them another year. His resignation is seconded by the entire congregation.

On a recent trip to Washington and other parts of interest Mr. and Mrs. Bert Peabody were so impressed with the beauties of Niagara Falls that they had two prints made of them. Now on display with Whitehead & Mitchell, the beautiful pictures will become the property of Birmingham high school.

30 YEARS AGO

September 14, 1908 Gov. Grosbeck has ordered immediate action on the winter Woodward street, making it a 200 foot right-of-way and 80 foot pavement will become a reality.

Total school enrollment so far this year has reached 1,193. Superintendent W. H. Wainwright, of the Birmingham high school has 290 enrolled with the next highest attendance of 343 at Hill school.

A perfect holiday was ending as the sun slipped behind the western horizon. The street was quiet. Youngsters, tired from their hard play, were resting while mothers prepared dinner.

Fathers were working around the lawns, reading the afternoon papers or just enjoying the "vacation" which the labor day weekend had given them.

The sound of a car, traveling a bit fast, was nothing to cause any excitement, but the sudden shrill cries of a puppy brought neighbors pouring from their houses.

Pepper's only a little guy and he lay like a small bunch of black and white rags in the middle of the street, his yelps shrill and protesting. His lanky little body twitched with pain and his still puppy-blue eyes were bewildered.

THE YOUNG MAN had stopped his car and was standing beside the pup, telling the gathering neighbors that he hadn't seen a little fellow in time to stop. He was upset and loathe to touch the dog, although he did it for Pepper to his owner's porch.

Youngsters stood around, looking scared, and some of their mothers had them had been playing with Pepper and his little mistress. Some had even run the dog, just as the puppy had done.

Parents looked at the pup, looked at the child and heard the driver's explanation, "He just came from behind the other car and I couldn't stop."

THE PARENTS all had the same thought: It could have been one of the children instead of Pepper.

Pepper's little mistress was taking a late nap and had no idea of her small companion's accident. Her daddy and mother had a neighbor stay with her while they took the puppy to a doctor.

Their faces were strained, too.

50 YEARS AGO

September 11, 1888 C. Gable of the Gable Bakery company of Lenox, Mich. announced his intention of erecting a bakery in Eco City on the Woodward block between Grand and Smith. He said today ground would be broken within the next few days.

A fake hosiery salesman was arrested here this week after the suspicions of a local housewife were aroused. Wanted in several counties, he demanded half of the purchase price, and never making delivery of the hose.

Miss Maud Inberwood, English teacher in Birmingham high school for several years, died Sept. 4 at Grand Haven. She has been teaching Latin and German at Grand Haven for a number of years and was held in high esteem there, as in Birmingham.

When the cookbook being prepared for Birmingham ladies by The Eccentric appears it will bear the title, "Eccentric Home," Mrs. Veri Kline of Holland avenue won the title contest.

Tuesday was a bad day for the Louis Hascall real estate office. It hadn't had enough to have his car, parked at the rear of the building, catch fire, so thieves had to create a number of disturbances by robbing the office safe.

Several Birmingham homes were the subjects of a recent article in "The American Home," dedicated to furthering beautiful homes throughout the country.

Clarence V. Chamberlin, first American flyer to carry a passenger on a trans-Atlantic flight will speak at the Exchange club meeting Tuesday, relating his experiences on the trip and other stories of flying.

Mrs. Gordon L. Bailey of Hamilton avenue won national recognition last week when she was elected president of the Eight and Forty, fun society within the National American Legion auxiliary.

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

They couldn't sell themselves any satisfaction by saying it was only a pup—because to them it was their child, and they had loved it even before it had the little lady, herself.

AT THE HOSPITAL Pepper's injuries were not considered serious, but he remained there, with the parents facing the fate of telling his little mistress where the pet had gone—and why.

It's true the little dog had no business in the street; children should not play in the streets either. It happens, though, and drivers should be alert to these possibilities.

It might as easily have been one of the many youngsters in the neighborhood. It might have been an elderly person, trying to cross the street a few paces, living in mid-block will walk to the corner to visit a neighbor directly across the street.

DRIVERS TRAVELING residential areas do not go on the assumption that because it is residential it can be used as a semi-highway. They can't.

These are the areas where pedestrians are more apt to cross in mid-block than any other. These are the areas where the little fellows are, excited and uncautions in their play. These are the areas where cars are leaving driveways many times a day.

Driving through our side streets it would pay all of us to remember how Pepper ended the Labor Day holiday—remember, too, it might have been his tiny owner.

Are you thinking of buying a new home? Then get the "Buy-Sale-House" columns on the Classified Ad Page of this week's Eccentric.

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

Before Birmingham city officials get into detailed discussions on how to relieve the load on the sewage disposal plant, they would like to find out how to measure the exact amount of sewage now coming from illegal drains in Bloomfield township. These figures, they are convinced, would provide a sound basis on which to determine the township's participation in the cost of any eventual additions to the plant.

They are to appear Oct. 30 before the Michigan water resources commission to explain what they've done to date on a solution to their respective problems. The state's deadline for an end to the pollution is Dec. 31, 1954.

You can usually tell who expects a rebate on their income tax. They are the ones who file early.

If you want your wife to be attractive for you, then you must expect she will be attractive to other men, too.

One must expect good taste to be more expensive—there's not as much of it as there is mediocrity.

An inspection of the minutes of city commission meetings occasionally will show a certain commissioner "not voting" on a particular matter. It's not because he just doesn't feel like voting—he believes he personally is involved in the matter under consideration to the extent that his vote on the decision might be considered by some persons to be prejudiced toward the way he voted.

Most recent example of this happened last week, when Commissioner James Allen declined to vote on one resolution. The commission was discussing whether to spend \$150 on landscaping in front of 1108 W. Maple. The commitment was made in connection with the relocation of the W. Maple bridge and new approaches, which required purchase of some private rights-of-way.

The city now has been approached to spend the money on landscaping another piece of property, or give the \$150 to the second party to the contract.

Commissioners agreed to the proposal, provided the approval was obtained from the new property owner at 1108 W. Maple. The commission was polled.

When City Clerk Irene Hanley got to Allen, he smiled and announced: "Not voting—I'm the new owner."

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