

FBI Would Keep Commies Above the Ground

Federal Bureau of Investigation Director J. Edgar Hoover recently made an interesting report on F.B.I. counter-espionage activities. His main point, which will answer some American doubts on security, was that the F.B.I. is primarily concerned with identifying persons engaged in espionage and controlling their activities rather than taking them into immediate custody.

Mr. Hoover revealed that this objective was considered in the best interest of the United States as a long-term policy. The Hoover statement is said to be in line with past Government policy in this field. Many counter-intelligence officials have assured Administration leaders and members of Congress, recently, that patience is always a virtue in the field of counter-espionage.

EVERY AMERICAN SHOULD MAKE an effort to understand the nation's problems in the field of counter-espionage. While it may be true that there are known

Communists, or Communist sympathizers, continuing to enjoy freedom and filling their jobs in this country, and such cases may be publicized, there are very few such cases not constantly under the surveillance of the F.B.I.

Thus, the fear—sometimes created by headlines—that a freely operating Communist, or Communist-informer, is a mortal threat to the security of the country, is not always an accurate appraisal.

The F.B.I. believes that the best interests of the country are served by identifying spies and spy-rings and closely observing their operations—and even controlling their operations.

IT IS APPARENT that if this condition can be maintained, it is a far preferable situation than the one which would be created by an arrest of all known agents, which would only result in the placing of a similar number of new agents—all yet to be discovered and tracked—by foreign countries.

TV, Comic Books and Delinquency

The television industry is now offering the nation's children four times as many crime shows as it did as late as 1951. This represents an alarming rise in the amount of crime and violence depicted on television screens.

The National Association for better radio and television, which recently made this report, says tests of TV programs show that of sixty hours and ten minutes show time monitored during a week's study, twenty-six hours and ten minutes of this time was found to be "objectionable."

ONLY EIGHTEEN and a half hours were rated excellent or good for children's viewing, and fifteen and a half hours were rated as fair or poor for children's viewing.

The Association also found that the

TV fare in the field of "Westerns," represented a "sordid distortion of the historical development of the Old West," and also contained too much brutality, crime and murder.

In line with recent drives to clean up comic books, the Association is making an effort to clean up the rotten shows which are viewed daily by millions of American youngsters.

THE INCREASING RATE of juvenile disorder, recklessness and destruction of property can be traced, at least partially, to the trash today's children get in many comic books and on their TV screens.

Responsible citizens should object to both—and where necessary—organize groups to clean up an unwholesome situation.

Book of Books' Sets Forth Human Behaviorism

There are many readers of The Eccentric who constantly resolve to improve their minds by reading intelligently-written books, in the hope that they will become equipped to understand the many issues that crowd upon them as they try to keep pace with this modern world.

This impulse is good and should be acted upon, but very often, in our search for the new we have a tendency to overlook the value of the old.

For this reason, we would remind our readers that, under all modern issues, however expressed, human nature asserts

itself much the same as it did in past ages. THEREFORE, THE BASIC study for us is human nature and the solution for modern troubles is improved human beings.

By the general consent of almost all of mankind, the Bible has long been recognized as prominent in the field of human nature, possessing the fundamental guides to improving human beings.

It might be a good idea, then, for all of us to give a little more diligent study to the great truths that are set out in the Book of Books.

The Girl Scouts' Handbook

The Girl Scout movement in the United States has, beyond question of doubt, performed a wonderful service over the years. Hundreds of thousands of American femininity have benefited by the program given them in girlhood. The same is true of the Boy Scouts.

Efforts on the part of the Illinois branch of the American Legion to eliminate from the Girl Scout Handbook eulogistic refer-

ences to the "One World" ideology, plus support of the United Nations Organization, have raised criticism from the Savannah American Legion Post. (It was in Savannah, Georgia, that the Girl Scout movement first began in the U.S.A.)

Have you read the latest Girl Scout Handbook? It does laud those subjects criticized by the Illinois Legionnaires.

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Schools, schools, and more public schools is the ever-present slogan of Birmingham and nearby school districts. The tremendous influx of hundreds of new families, with their children, necessitates an almost uninterrupted building program in which to house these future Americans.

When you can stop your automobile at a traffic intersection while the light is red, remain there quietly until it has turned from red to amber and then

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The Backbone of the Nation



HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

Congratulations, Martha Bubs! The winner of the 1954 Apprenticeship at Will-O-Way has been turning in a smooth, masterful performance as the college senior at Good Hope college, in the current "Goodbye, My Fancy". Working with several professionals, Martha has been holding her own in a very capable manner.

We couldn't help but think, as we watched her, of the younger crowd which is the subject of so much publicity these days as the press and police wage war against them. So many of us are prone to say "those young punks" or other complimentary remarks—using them as blanket statements covering practically everyone under the age of 30.

IT SEEMS unfair and unreasonable. It's like saying all persons of a certain color are bad, simply because one of their countrymen made headlines as a killer. We could the people of, say Spain, classify the entire population of the United States as "no good" because some of its citizens are guilty of heinous crimes? The majority of our people are honest, conservative and straight-forward. Only a small group among us are behind those plans for bank robberies, kidnapings and murders.

AS CITIZENS of this country, any one of us would be angry to visit foreign shores and find we were classified as "crooks". Our personal dignity would be hurt, our integrity questioned and indignation and wrath would be our reaction. Justifiably, too.

But this is what we, as adults, do to the thousands of boys and girls, young men and women, who are living decent useful lives. We see three or four couples walking down the street, laughing about every day living with their past.

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Cleared From Old Files of The Eccentric—The Items Made Up The Historical Background of The Birmingham of Today.

50 YEARS AGO

August 19, 1904

"Reports from a surveyors which have been filed in the county clerk's office show that in 1904 there were 129 more acres than deaths in the county. In the year 618 births were reported in the county and of this number more than half were male children. The reports show a falling off in the number of children born to American parents, while the number of foreign parentage is increasing. This is especially true in the southern portion of the county which borders on Wayne county, where there are many Germans and Polish farmers."

"Not long ago Will T. Strong's daughter, of near Big Beaver, got up a surprise party for her father in honor of his fifty-second birthday anniversary. A goodly number of nearby neighbors gathered in and made merry. Refreshments were served."

Miss Lizzie Hammond, of Caledonia, Mich., and Mrs. H. Hutton of Onaway, Mich., are happy guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Selby."

"Mrs. N. S. Schuyler after a 14 years absence is visiting her old Birmingham friends. The good lady's home is in Rochester, N.Y., and she has changed hardly at all during her absence. She notes the great many improvements in our village."

30 YEARS AGO

August 15, 1924

Last Saturday, for the first time in history, Franklin's main street for several blocks were bordered on either side with parking license plaques from numerous states were represented on the machines which arrived all morning and in the early part of the afternoon to witness the Reunion and 100th Anniversary of the founding of Franklin.

Professor Vandenberg of the University of Michigan is a guest this week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Main of Pierce street.

The Brown Street Dairy, at 811 Brown street, which specializes in baby milk and class "A" Jersey milk, tuberculin tested, opened early this week.

Effective today, the new village ordinance prohibiting the making of bonfires, pile burning, rubbish, waste paper, etc., within the fire limits, is affixed to Birmingham's official books.

During the past week two local young women have taken charge of the business place and are making a marked success. They are Miss Dorothy Speer, who now runs the grocery store on West Maple avenue which did belong to "Billy", and Miss Rhea Gardener, in full charge of her father's furniture store on East Maple avenue.

15 YEARS AGO

August 17, 1939

In a report submitted by Franklin A. Whiteley, director of recreation during the summer months, figures showed a total of 11,000 persons participated in the various activities of the department.

Belief in the curative qualities of Birmingham's flowing well, located on West Maple avenue, at Baldwin avenue, is widespread in this area, according to city manager Donald C. Egbert, who reports that people come from many miles to fill large bottles and jugs with the water.

Mrs. Walter S. Fisher of Kennewas avenue and her daughter, Nancy, returned Monday from a week in New York City where they attended the World's Fair.

Cranbrook Institute of Science is richer by one honored local lizard this week, and it all is because of little nine-year-old Richard Adams of 1320 Dorchester road.

ONE THING OR ANOTHER

By George Wm. Averill

Other than the firemen themselves, perhaps the three men in Birmingham who know more about firefighting than the rest of us are James Spencer, John Ball and Charles Kass.

These three have spent much of the past nine weeks investigating firefighting methods especially in relation to the June 14 blaze which killed a Birmingham mother and her two sons.

How to sift feeling from fact, sentiment from science has been their big pre-occupation.

And even they admit they can occasionally fall victim to impressions, feelings, and assumptions.

Like the time Ball and Kass went to the fire station to ask some questions, get some data.

The question arose: "How many nipples on a fire hydrant?"

Said Kass, "Why, I think there is just one."

"No, I think there are two," declared Ball.

Suggested the fireman: "Let's go outside to the corner and look."

There were three.

According to Michigan's accident statistics for the past five years, safest place you could have lived in was Kennewas county, which is at the tip of the point of land projecting into Lake Superior from the Upper Peninsula.

Only one traffic death has occurred there since 1919, while Oakland county during the same time has had 575.

Promoted to Cpl.

JAPAN—Marine Cpl. Robert L. Sanderson has been promoted to his present rank while serving with the 9th Marine regiment, 3rd Marine division, at Camp Shirodai, Okinawa. He is the son of Mrs. Catherine R. Sanderson, 572 Harmon.

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1 large sponge cake, uniced
2 1/2 cups whipping cream
2 tablespoons sugar
3/4 cup milk
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup vanilla
1/2 cup almond extract
1/2 cup sifted almonds
1/2 cup crushed brittle
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup vanilla
1/2 cup almond extract

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