World Support For New Calendar Is On Increase

Considerable support has been voiced in the United Nations in favor of the adoption of a new world calendar. The new calendar would make every season of the year the same number of days—ninety-one days and thirteen weeks.

Moreover, the four quarters would be identical in that the first month of the quarter would contain thirty-one days and the second and third months would contain thirty days. February would always include thirty days.

To solve the problem of Leap year, and other adjustments, the calendar would provide for a new day—World's Day—which would follow December 30th every year. Another World's Day would be held every Leap Year, and would follow June 30th every Leap Year.

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THE NEW CALENDAR is arranged so that each month contains twenty-six week days. Four of the months contain five Sundays, but the week-days remain the same in all of the months. Each New Year would begin on Sunday, January 1st and each working year would begin on Monday, January 2nd.

Every quarter would begin on Sunday and would end on Saturday, and World's Day, which followed December 30th every year, would be a world holiday.

India proposed in the December meeting of the Economic and Social Council of the U. N. that the question of the new calendar be put on the agenda for consideration. By a vote of 12-2, the proposal was accepted, the only two nations voting against it being the United States and Great Britain.

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ALTHOUGH THERE were abstentions in this voting, in addition to the two negative votes, there is reason to believe that a majority of nations at the U.N. is in favor of the Indian proposal. The primary reason for this sentiment is the fact that the moon makes its circuit around the earth in twenty-nine and one-half days, while the earth makes a complete circuit of its orbit in about three hundred sixty-five and one-fourth days.

The new calendar would also allow dates, such as Easter, to be stabilized. The effort to reform the calendar has been actively pushed for the past fifteen or twenty years, and was supported by fourteen nations when the League of Nations submitted the question to all governments in 1937.

We are in favor of calendar reform, believing it would achieve what must eventually be achieved in the way of calendar computation. Although there may be disadvantages and even objections, and although the present calendar has been good enough for many generations, that does not mean that the present calendar cannot be improved or that it is not the duty and obligation of this generation to improve it.

"So Many Paths, So Many Creeds . . ."

It is presumed, in human society, that the best minds in every land are seeking Truth and Righteousness. Yet how many trails have been blazed through mankind's original forests of ignorance and superstition to today, as the numerous religious denominations have sprung up for spiritual leadership.

Over in Chicago 1,800 Christian church delegates, from 61 countries, representing 161 church groups, have held a World Conference; their object is to decrease the number of denominations. Perhaps, adding all things up, their task is even greater than the international regulation of the atomic and hydrogen bomb.

Indeed, if they become better able to Christianize human beings, they will have solved the bomb problem—for war only can be spawned when human society fails to measure up to its Divine origin!

Chance for Reward Results in High Standards

Here are two current and significant statements:

"Traditionally, our government has sought to create and maintain a democracy of opportunity in which individuals have the general freedom and the specific opportunities to work, to spend, to save, and to invest, and the incentive to pursue these opportunities to the fullest extent. This concept of the role of government has not been made obsolete by the events of the last few decades."

"If our economy continues to provide incentives for people to produce, to invent, to invest, and to devise better ways of providing the increased goods and services our growing population will require, a 70 per cent increase in real per capita income may be anticipated by 1975."

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THE LEAD QUOTATION is from America's first citizen, President Eisenhower. The second is from an economic study made by a manufacturers' association.

It is noteworthy that in both cases emphasis is laid on investment. The incredible wealth of material things we enjoy has been made possible because millions of individuals have put a part of their savings in the securities of enterprises in which they have faith. That wealth increases as more people of moderate means do the same thing.

It's not a coincidence that socialists and communists and all the advocates of totalitarian government spend much of their energy denouncing such institutions as the stock exchange.

For investment, which the exchanges make possible for everyone, is the heart and soul of the free enterprise system. And if that system ever collapses, all the other freedoms will die with it.

Asleep, Mankind Makes No Trouble

When human beings are asleep, it goes without saying that they can do no harm. Since it is only from people who are awake that mankind's troubles originate, isn't it too bad that, by legislation, laws cannot be passed requiring certain segments or all of this earth's population to remain asleep . . . especially when some of them begin to brew trouble?

For example, if the men in the Kremlin could be put to sleep for, say, a couple of centuries, wouldn't this earth be filled with less trouble?

Wonder why the United Nations boys and girls haven't thought of this!

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Regrettable tragedy came to five local and nearby boys and girls when their automobile left the road and struck a tree on the Rochester highway, a quarter of a mile north of East Maple. It occurred at three o'clock in the morning, following a party given for one of the victims. This tragedy ought to make an indelible impression upon all of us, suggesting that the driver of a motor car, to be safe, must always be in complete control of the "flying bullet" whose wheel he sits behind. From apparent security to accident or death can be but the matter of a few seconds . . . what a tragedy not only for the victims but equally for their loved ones left behind.

One's conscience is defined as that deep inner quality in human beings that argues against doing anything, or saying anything, that is harmful to the society in which one lives. No price is high enough to pay for the suppression of the good urges of conscience—yet some people place a very cheap price tag on this divine quality.

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So They Say . . .

Styles R. Bridges, U. S. Senator from New Hampshire:

"Advances in scientific research have placed in the hands of man the power to bring total destruction on this planet."

Reception Committee

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

The moon was bright the other evening and we lay in bed listening to the evening symphony provided by countless hordes of unseen insects. They certainly were not in accord with the old expression "out of sight, out of mind", for their shrillings made a veritable cushion of sound against the normal city night-tones.

Trucks on distant throughways were held to a powerful hum rather than their usual muted roar. Passing cars swept past the house with far less noise than is usualy apparent in their passing.

Now and then the chorus seemed to fade while some nearby soloist took up the refrain with joyous abandon. The piping "voice" would swell forth after a few plaintive peeps, as though a shy singer had found a sympathetic audience, let his fear roll away, and gave himself over to the sound of his own voice.

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AFTER A moment or two the tempo of his song would slow and the volume fade as the full throated chorus took over the passage and set the night to ringing again.

We lay there for an hour or more listening to the unseen musicians, wondering at their size, remembering they were actually voiceless creatures.

Only one other earthly chorus can vie with these mid-summer singers in the hypnotic quality of their song. These are the pipers which each year send out their gay and lilting melody to a welcome dance for spring. Every marsh and swamp, ditch and water hole then becomes the stage for the thousand-voiced chorus.

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THE SOUNDS took us back a long time in memories. Back to when bedtime, during the summer, was a sad affair because a hint of daylight still clung to the sky.

We remembered the summer nights we had spent in our room under the eaves, listening to these same choruses, fascinated by the songs they sang.

Their myriad voices helped take the sting out of going to bed so early. There, with the soft wind blowing in from the meadow, often scented with freshly cut grass, these same night sounds gave us hours of company.

We picked out favorite "singers" and would listen for them each evening. How much was imagination, how much was fact, we do not know, but we felt there were tunes, regular musical scores, and were sure we could recognize many of the passages.

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OFTEN WE lay there, staring out through the branches of the big old willow tree, swearing to ourselves that someday we would write this music. It may have been our lack of talent, and probably was, but somehow no matter how far into the treble reaches of the piano we let our fingers wander, we were never able to capture the lilting, haunting melody.

Today we wonder if, perhaps, our ability was not tempered by a kindly God Who, in His infinite wisdom has decreed that there are some fields too delicate, too exclusive for mankind.

Whatever the reason, our lack of talent or the exclusiveness of the night's musicians, to the best of our knowledge the little pipers and the winged ones have had no plagiarism on their scores.

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
August 26, 1904

In compiling this week's Happenings of "50 years ago" we have discovered we have no issue for Aug. 26, 1904, in our bound copy file. We have looked backwards and forwards, have checked dates, numbers and whole numbers and come up with a total of only 51 issues for our twenty-eighth publication year. Whether the staff went fishing or just plain declared a holiday that week, we have no way of determining here in 1954. Anyway, things get back on schedule in next week's column.

30 YEARS AGO
August 22, 1924

For the third time the Hunters' Breeders' Cup, presented by Dr. Fred T. Murphy, will be offered tomorrow, Saturday, at the Annual Breeders show at the Bloomfield Open Hunt club, for the best three-year-old. Ribbons will be the only other premiums offered by the show.

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A report by the treasurer at the second annual meeting of the Student Loan committee, Monday evening, showed funds amounting to $3,289 outstanding and to the credit of the funds in the banks. At the close of the last fiscal year the balance to the credit of the fund barely exceeded $650.

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With one exception the officers acting on the school board for the past year were re-elected to hold the same positions for the coming year at the regular meeting of the board Monday evening, R. J. Coryell, who has held the position of school board representative on the Scholarship Fund Board for the past year, was supplanted by Fred V. Quarton, who was elected for the coming year, to take up the work immediately.

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Twe years of street fairs have firmly convinced the women of St. James Parish that fair days are rain days, making it advisable to hold this years fair, for the most part indoors. The entire lower floor of the church will be turned over to various committees Sept. 13 for the display of almost unlimited amounts of fancywork and all of the perishable merchandise.

15 YEARS AGO
August 24, 1939

At nine o'clock this morning, August 24, a portion of the Birmingham sewage was turned into the new $165,000 disposal plant, under erection for nearly a year west of Cranbrook and 14-Mile roads. This marks the actual beginning of operations to remove practically every vestige of pollution which, for many years, has been poured into the river rouge.

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In the third and final round of the golf tournament between the Rotary, Exchange and Lions club, held a week ago Wednesday at the Sunybrook Golf club, the Rotarians captured the cup for the 1939 contest with a 3-round total of 1293 points, as against 1132 for the Exchangites, the runners-up.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Wiley, moved Saturday from Randall court to their new home on Hamilton road.

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A crowd estimated at close to 200 turned out Saturday evening for the annual summer festival at St. Hugo of the Hills church despite steady rain during the day which fortunately enough cleared up about 9 o'clock in the evening.

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With the light of a score of flickering candles forming a beautiful background in the Pilgrim Chapel of the North Woodward Congregational church, Sylvia Callender daughter of Judge Sherman D. Callender of Edison avenue, spoke her vows Saturday evening to James Berry Bragaw son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bragaw of Lone Pine Court, Bloomfield Hills.

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER

By George Wm. Averill

Newspaper readers perhaps are more familiar with the "typos" which occasionally occur in the papers they read—those transposed letters which give an unusual turn to the thought being expressed.

However, some of these unusual thought expressions stem from the reporter himself—when he must be thinking about a pay raise instead of the sentence he is writing.

Like what happened here:

Concert note in the Fedwood Falls (Minn.) Gazette: "Only in his third number was there a hint of exhibitionism. Played entirely on the G string, it was a difficult and entertaining feat."

From the Vermont Standard: "Mrs. Sarah Putnam is poorly this spring—her face is much missed in church, it being always there when she is able to be present."

Quote from the Raton (N. Mex.) Daily Range: "I've gotten myself into the financial position so that I know my children will be taken care of until they are able to take care of myself."

Accident report in the Huntington (W. Va.) Herald-Dispatch: "Miss Smith is a patient in a hospital with a crushed pelvis and fractures of both forelegs."

Sports story in the New York Daily Mirror: "An interesting note was injected into the proceedings as a photographer asked one of the rookie pitchers to pose for a pitcher."

Modern communication as mentioned in the White Plains (N.Y.) Reporter Dispatch: "He kept in touch with his office by warlike talkie."

How the Albany (Ore.) Democrat-Herald reported a timber fete: "Albany Jaycees will feet their bosses and kick off the Timber Carnival season in a duel purpose meeting . . ."

Chicago Daily News: "One of the most striking of the visiting beauties was Mrs. Blank, who appeared at one of the many hotel parties wearing a veil and pearl choker."

Dallas (Tex.) Morning News: "Arrested for drug possession, Mary Smith flew into a rage and kicked a hole in the plywood door of Capt. John Jones."

Story about new police uniforms in the Centralia (Ill.) Evening Sentinel: "The police chief said most officers have ordered an extra pair of trousers to be ready for any emergency."

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Then there are the typographical mistakes which occasionally come off the linotype machines and are undetected until they are published:

Houston (Tex.) Press: "A battling blonde waitress who was raised on 'corn and beans' fought off six offers in a kicking, scratching and biting attempt to ride the paddy wagon . . ."

Las Cruces (N. Mex.) Sun-News: "An angry, tired band of mutinous prisoners staged a bloody battle over what to do with 11 prison guards they hold as hostesses."

Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial Appeal: "Three bold bandits robbed a dress designer of $114,000 in gams."

New York Times: "John Doe was indicted by a special grand jury on 15 counts of conspiracy, gambling and taking bats."

El Paso (Tex.) Herald-Post: "Charging that Smith was persuaded while intoxicated to take part in dice dames."

Weather report in the Los Angeles Daily News: "Los Angeles runoff problem was demonstrated in January when more than seven inches of rain within one weep put vast, lowlying areas under water."

Give Tentative Nod To Parking Drive

Tentative approval, subject to final scrutiny by the Birmingham plan board, was given business property owners at Chesterfield and W. Maple to construct an access highway parking space to accommodate 12 automobiles. The parking area will be dedicated to the city.

It will be 28 feet in depth, and efforts will be made to have it completed this fall.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY:

JOHN G. CAMPBELL, Lathrup Village city councilman: "I believe that the Dutch elm disease will destroy all of the city's elms within five years and suggest that residents plant other types of trees between existing elms now. When Mother Nature brings a disease such as this, it is pretty hard to fight off. We should assure ourselves of shade trees when our elms are gone."

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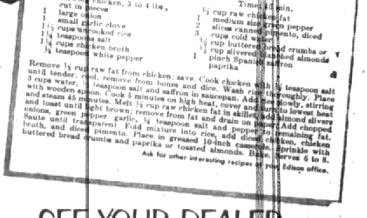
Though Mrs. Robert Eddy is very active in numerous clubs, she loves to work around her very modern home. In fact, she, her husband, and daughter Cathy have done a large part of the landscaping. And, after a day's work in the yard, what could be more inviting than a casserole of piping hot chicken and yellow rice . . . right out of her electric oven.



CHICKEN AND YELLOW RICE EN CASSEROLE

Temp. 350° F.
Time 2½ min.

1 stewing chicken, 3 to 4 lbs., cut in pieces
1 large onion
1 small garlic clove
1½ cups uncooked rice
2½ teaspoons salt
1¾ cups chicken broth
¼ teaspoon white pepper
½ cup raw chicken fat
1 medium size green pepper sliced
3 cups cold water
½ cup butter or fat
1 cup slivered blanched almonds
1 pinch Spanish saffron
paprika

Remove ½ cup raw fat from chicken; save. Cook chicken with 1½ teaspoon salt until tender; cool; remove from bones and dice. Wash rice thoroughly. Place 3 cups water, 2 teaspoon salt and saffron in saucepan. Add rice slowly, stirring with wooden spoon. Cook 5 minutes on high heat, cover and turn to lowest heat and steam 45 minutes. Melt ½ cup raw chicken fat in skillet. Add slivered almonds and toast until light brown; remove from fat and drain on paper. Add chopped onions, green pepper, garlic, ½ teaspoon salt and pepper to remaining fat. Saute until transparent. Fold mixture into rice, add diced chicken, chicken broth, and diced pimento. Place in greased 10-inch casserole. Sprinkle with buttered bread crumbs and paprika or toasted almonds. Bake. Serves 6 to 8.

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