

Basically, There's No Mystery About Government's Operation

Under our American system of government, the man who, in the federal setup, has the greater over-all grasp of the manner in which this unit impacts upon the people, is the President.

So it becomes necessary, annually in each unit, for the "head man" to make a speech to the Legislative branch, setting forth his suggestions for new or amended legislation to be taken up by it during a new session.

Which is why, recently, President Eisenhower called into his office for three days various members of Congress, to discuss the various subjects under consideration.

THERE IS NOTHING MYSTERIOUS about such a proceeding. The very same thing happens within most businesses annually, when plans are considered for the coming year's activities.

Is Ike Embracing 'Welfare State'?

For a man whose campaign in 1952 was based upon opposition to the nation's drift toward statism and socialism, it is somewhat shocking to read a sentence from a recent speech by President Eisenhower.

That sentence related to the principles he proposes to guide the next session of Congress. It was: "Present a domestic program that will give our people a guarantee that they can depend on the Administration to protect the security, the welfare and the economic stability of each individual citizen."

If you ponder this sentence, it must cause you to wonder how, why and who influenced the President to agree to the meaning contained within it.

A Sweet Story About Sue

Sue White is a pretty girl from Big Springs, Texas. Her father is a cotton farmer in Big Springs.

But things haven't gone so well for Mr. White this year. A drought hit the Texas cotton crop and the White's fortunes sagged accordingly.

Sue quit college because of the poor state of things around Big Spring, but she didn't stop raising top steers. She took one she had bought for less than two hundred dollars to Chicago, for the stock show, the other day.

Her beef steer did all right too, winning first place over all the others entered. That gave her the top steer in all North America, according to many estimates, and also gave her \$1,000 prize money.

units of government, operated by human beings are not separate in nature (although they are in degree) in the pattern of their manifold activities.

There is, however, this difference between the way in which large units of government and private large business operate: the pattern of politics gets mixed up in government, and government gets its financial support from taxes.

IT IS THIS CONFUSION of "politics" that often makes government so costly. The political group that is in office quite often is hindered by colleagues who represent the minor political party.

President Eisenhower, like many of his predecessors in the White House, is finding out this fact about the federal government.

Governors of the various States, too, are confronted with the same problems. But this is "the American way" - expensive though it is, it is the best system of government yet devised by mankind, and worth preserving.

Welfare State.

TO PROPOSE THAT his Administration will guarantee to protect the security, the welfare and the economic stability of each individual citizen" of these United States is to place the State in a position to step in and, through taxation and controls, continue the ideology of the New and Fair Deals.

But perhaps the President mis-spoke his basic thoughts in that sentence. Perhaps he will, later, explain just what he meant by it.

Or do you suppose that some of his close political advisers, fearful of election losses in 1954, got him to make that statement for the sake of assuring the maximum of Republican victories next fall?

WHEN THEY TOLD HER she had won first place, Sue broke down and cried like a pretty girl oughta—and the top stock show official, Jess Andrews tried to comfort her.

Amid sobs, Sue said she might be able to go back to college now that she had won top prize in the stock show. And she was sure to get more money than that, out of the sale, and any other benefits which might result.

So things are looking up for Sue White, a girl who doesn't seem to know what the word defeat means.

Our hat is off to her. It is great to see things like this happen in the USA, still the land of opportunity for all those who would persevere.

A Critical Audience



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 JANUARY 15, 1904 "One of Franklin's thrifty housewives always plans to clean house when her husband has his spring attacks of chills and fever. She says "he has to shake anyway and he might as well have hold of a carpet at the time."

"A man who donated the use of his home for a church social found after the mob had gone home that his piano had been damaged, his staturary broken, his china demolished, his wall paper ruined and a valuable watch taken from the bedpost where it usually hung. Now the man refuses to pay his pew rent and says it doesn't pay to be sociable."

"The oil industry in Birmingham continues on the boom. Our local company the Wolverine & Buckeye Oil Co., who are operating near Lima, O., has declared a monthly dividend of 20 cents a share payable January 12 to stockholders of record of that date out of its earnings for the month of December."

"Henry Spicer has sold his farm in Southfield to his son Visgar for \$6,000 and now is no longer a horny handed son of toil, but a candidate for membership in the Sons of Rest."

"A fish story from Holly says: Simonson told about a fisherman's small drain, when the lake froze over the only place at which the fish could come in to get air was in a small space of water at the mouth of this drain. They have been here a week and villagers have taken over 100 bushels from the hole in the last week."

30 YEARS AGO JANUARY 11, 1924 An established place in the program of the winter sports enthusiasts is held by the annual Winter Sports Day carnival, which, this year, will be held at Haddell's pond, about four miles North of Birmingham on Woodward avenue, Sunday afternoon, Jan. 20.

In the presence of the Village and township officials, and a few local citizens, George A. Dondero, lawyer and former mayor of Royal Oak, Monday night made a short

talk in favor of changing Birmingham from village to city form of government.

Activities of the Birmingham Police department during 1923 were of much larger scope than ever before in the history of the Village, according to the annual report filed with the village manager this week by James Anderson, chief. Fines and costs totaling \$11,991.12 were collected for infractions of the law during the 12 months just passed.

To resume his studies in Olivet college and his work at his small parish, Wesley G. Nicholson left Saturday after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Nicholson of Greenwood avenue.

Lawrence P. Smith of 213 Vinewood avenue, 31 years old, was made president of the \$27,000,000 Central Savings Bank of Detroit.

15 YEARS AGO JANUARY 12, 1939 Held at the Public Library, has \$357.71 to spend for increasing its reading material and improving some of its equipment, which represents the first and second quarterly payment of the State Aid grant awarded by the State Board for libraries from the general Library Fund.

Total receipts for the year amounted to \$67,270.81 at the Birmingham Post Office during 1938, according to the annual report compiled by Postmaster Joseph A. Byrne.

Two cars crashed through a fence and plunged down a ten foot embankment into the River Rouge Monday at 5:45 p.m. at the intersection of Woodward avenue and Ravine road in one of Birmingham's most spectacular accidents, but one in which the injuries of the five people involved were only minor.

An investigation is being carried on to determine the cause of the last two fires out of three which occurred on Monday afternoon in the same house, at 824 Wimbledon drive, owned by William L. Shaffner and occupied by Leigh Ford and his family. All of the blazes occurred in the basement of the building.

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

To Birmingham residents, January has three things—cold, wintry weather, southern vacations and THE MARCH OF DIMES.

Millions of children, the National Foundation says, will receive this immediate aid designed to protect them from the dangers of polio.

Do many of us look at these facts, heave a sigh of relief, and settle back thinking we are safe, little as we are?

Frankly, it's about like a commanding officer leading his troops into battle. He comes across a few small scouting parties sent out by the enemy and overcomes them.

MEANWHILE, his foe has rallied his forces together again, reorganized its scattered army and launches its own attack.

segment of the foe. We have, through gamma globulin, lessened the paralytic features of the disease—if gamma globulin is administered in time, if the potential victim is in an age category which responds to gamma globulin, if gamma globulin is available.

Without the money from citizens all over the country, without the blood they donate at Red Cross blood banks, gamma globulin will not be available! The forward stride of hard-working scientists will be halted and this phase of the battle lost.

Money is the only ammunition which will permit those same scientists to remain on the firing line, improving their present knowledge of vaccines. Money is the only ammunition which will back the manufacturing of the vaccine.

AMMUNITION is of little use without an army. The army, in this case, is not only those who make the donation, but the hundreds of men and women and children, who give of their time and effort to raise funds, to buy and outfit the battle plans and direct their successful operation.

Added to all of these are the doctors, nurses, hospital attendants and volunteers working with patients to get their share of the ammunition. However, with the disease wind out, their task is lightened, the need for them made less.

ONE THING OR ANOTHER

By George Wm. Averill,

All these proposals to legalize bingo in Michigan, particularly for charitable and veterans organizations, to my way of thinking is merely enlarging the field of gambling for which you won't get thrown in jail if you do it.

Pretty soon I expect to see a movement to legalize penny slot machines (one-centers being harmless to the community, but the quarter, half or one-dollar machines, of course, are machines of the devil).

People keep track of their friends in different ways as the years go by—the newlyweds keep scanning the news columns for engagements, weddings and births, while their parents keep an eye on the obituary columns.

One of the underlying reasons Birmingham city commissioners revoked five local cab licenses (they since have restored two) was to show both local cab companies that the city means business when it insists vehicles shall be maintained in better-than-average operating condition, rather than get in such a state the police department must recommend they be ruled off city streets.

Contrast in the handling of newborn infants—the "sack-of-potatoes", hip-carrying method of experienced hospital nurses, and the Dresden china handling of the new parents.

Strict enforcement of Birmingham recently-amended dog ordinance could mean that as far as this city is concerned, dogs will become a rarity. That, or comprised exclusively of the co-called "lap" or "house" breeds.

Have You Met . . . Robert L. and Henrietta H. Cortright? They moved to 2366 Northlawn from Detroit with their two children, Ruth, age 17, and Helen, age 13, a senior and freshman, respectively, at Birmingham high school.

Wives' club at Wayne. As a hobby they are interested in photography.

He is 1954 president of the Art Center Kiwanis in Detroit and Mrs. Cortright is the immediate past president of the Faculty space.

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From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Two Denver youngsters, both "courting" the same girl, made a small wager. If one of them pushed, with his nose, a walnut a mile from his home to the girl's house, the other promised not to see the girl for two weeks. The peanut was pushed, but the girl wasn't home—she was down at the library with the other boy, helping him on his homework.

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So They Say . . .

Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of Agriculture: "There is no magic formula that will set everything right."

Winston Churchill, winner of 1953 Nobel Prize in Literature: "Broadly speaking, the short words are the best; and the old word the best of all."

Mazie F. Rappaport, welfare worker: "The teacher can be and is the most important person next to the family to a child."

Large advertisement for 'wonderful AUTOMATIC BED COVERING' featuring an image of a bed and descriptive text.