

'Murderer' Is Real Synonym For Policies of Communism

Americans are a people who mentally and spiritually are opposed to playing the part of an aggressor nation. Our citizens are against a national policy that would cause our country to begin a war against another nation... as did Hitler, Mussolini, and the Kremlin.

The United States wants to live in a peaceful world. That is why, as a self-governing people, we believe we must await the attack of an enemy before we gird up our loins to declare war. This policy, of course, keeps us on the defensive, which is the most difficult of the two positions we could be in.

INHERENTLY, THEN, we don't want to start a war against another nation. We know that war means the destruction of whole populations, the wiping-out of tremendous resources of material wealth.

We know that those who begin a war do not have peace within their hearts. Our kind of society seeks to make people civilized. We support education, the churches. We seek to improve our spiritual selves by learning about idealism, by trying to apply this idealism to our individual lives.

College Faculty Salaries Low

The drift of the country's "best minds" from campus to commerce is a problem with which the Council for Financial Aid to Education is now attempting to deal. In a recent survey the Council discovered that top-ranking professors in American colleges earn an average beginning salary of \$5,554.

The Council also found that the median of the highest salaries paid in the largest private colleges studied in a survey was \$6,000. Moreover, investigation shows that salary increases for college faculty members have not kept pace with the rise in living costs in the last ten or fifteen years.

AN EXAMPLE OF THIS is best stated by the report of the Council on conditions at a large Eastern university. In 1940 the average salary in the liberal arts and engineering schools was \$4,000.

Hitler Cut Out Free Speech and Press

If you have any doubts as to the need for free speech and free press as prime defenses of your liberties, ponder how Hitler took over Germany. A report recently given out by our State Dept., and quoting former German Ambassador William E. Dodd, explains how Hitler, in two years, "cast an alluring spell over the Germans to blot out memories of defeat in World War I."

"With absolute control of the press, radio, films and theater, a systematic campaign of propaganda was inaugurated to break down the resistance of 'doubting

In a word, America is dedicated to the pattern of decency, of brotherhood... of Love.

TODAY WE LIVE IN a world in which Soviet Russia, Godless, lacking in national decency, seeks to enslave the entire population of this earth. It has no ideals in high places. Its leaders never hesitate to imprison or slay millions of its own and other human beings.

If Russia could invade our land it would try to kill as many of us as possible. It would send millions of us into slave labor camps. It would demolish our cities and villages, take possession of our farms. That is the kind of enemy we are confronted with.

Knowing and really realizing this, can we as Americans, fail to measure up to those defensive measures necessary for our very survival?

OF COURSE WE CANNOT! So, Dear Reader, when you ponder the problems that Communism presents to our earth, never fail to realize what a threat to freedom Communism is. Another name for it might well be termed: "MURDERER."

In the next twelve years living costs rose ninety per cent. Salary increases accounted for a forty-five per cent rise. The result is that the average professor in these departments at this university received in 1952 the equivalent of a \$3,000 1940 salary. After income tax, it amounted to a \$2,700 salary.

THOSE WHO ARE wondering why the best minds in the country are drifting from the campus to commerce will need to spend little time over this example to see why the drift is in progress.

The Council for Financial Aid to Education, Inc., a non-profit, non-fund-raising organization, was formed by leading business men in an effort to encourage business and industry to come to the aid of private colleges.

Thomas' and to strengthen the enthusiasm of those already converted to the new order", wrote Mr. Dodd.

JUST LIKE ALL his predecessor-tyrants, Hitler first shackled free speech and free press... then the rest was easy.

... and don't think, Dear Reader, that there aren't potential tyrants in the good old U.S.A. who, if they could, would throttle your freedoms in order to enthrone their schemes within the machinery of government.

Booklearning and Practical Experience Are Team

Let's not make the mistake of underestimating intelligence. Too many people take every opportunity to say smart things about the man of book-intelligence, suggesting that they believe that this is a big joke.

No problem of the world will be solved by emotion. No great benefit comes to the world except through change. Thousands of experiments would have been valueless without a trained mind to read their messages and apply them truthfully.

IT IS ALL RIGHT for a man to take

pride in his practical experience, garnered through the years. He has something that is distinctly an asset to him. However, let him not underestimate the value of so-called book-intelligence.

Experience and academic intelligence together will solve many problems that neither, alone, can handle. The man without either is badly handicapped. He who pokes fun at academic intelligence is as foolish as the book-worm, who imagines he can understand all of life by reading between the covers of the printed word.

Speaking of personal security, a contemporary was stated that the only thing worse than being old and bent is to be young and broke.

Top politicians in the nation now are wondering whether or not Pres. Eisenhower will run for re-election in 1956. Rumors are getting around that Ike is getting tired and disgusted with the job... unlike the environment surrounding his long military experiences, he now operates in the world of the personal double-cross. If he doesn't "choose to run", who among the Republicans is capable of succeeding him?... and please do not mention Tom Dewey!



HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

The Golden Rule, according to Uncle Abner, should be applied to a much wider field than that of business and honest dealings.

He pointed out, in particular, that it should be basis on which to teach children the rights of others and a proper respect for the property of others, especially in more or less crowded areas.

It came about the other evening after the old gentleman had spent a good hour picking up bits of paper, sticks, a quantity of broken glass and other debris from his lawn, and returning quite a few toys to neighborhood small fry.

HE LOOKED around his own family—now grown and with their own children—and asked them what they could remember what took place when during their own childhood they left things lying about.

They did. Through every mind flashed a picture of the old woodshed, a place of mild spanking and fearsome lectures, along with visits of youngsters going to bed without.

UNCLE ABNER went right on down the line, after dealing with the Gookins family, and pointed out the short-comings of his own family. He mentioned that three of the papers had picked up were addressed to some of those sitting in the room right then.

As he talked members of the family began looking out the window, up at the ceiling, down at the floor—anywhere but at Uncle Abner.

It was easy to see that a rough time was coming for the small fry—rough because they were going to have to learn in a very short time the things they should have been learning since they were toddlers.

UNCLE ABNER closed his eyes, puffed his pipe and placidly rubbed the old dog's ear, leaving the various members of the family to suffer in silence the drubbing they had just been given.

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 July 8, 1904
"Macomber county now puts forth a claim for the meanest man. He put a porcelain egg in the nest of an ambitious hen, and found that the eggs she laid were of an increased size. Then he put a goose egg in the nest and the hen laid one just as large. He was so pleased with the scheme that he put a whitewashed football in the nest and awaited results. When he went the next time to search for the football, but there was no sign in sight. Securing the hen he saw scribble these words: 'I'm no ostrich, but I've done my best.' Later he found the hen inside the egg."

15 YEARS AGO July 7, 1939
A triple honor which will perpetuate the name of the Saarinen family in American annals, has been announced by the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. Three members of the family, Eilid Saarinen, internationally recognized architect, who is president of the Cranbrook academy of art; his son, Eero, and son-in-law, J. Robert F. Swanson, have won the national competition for a proposed Smithsonian Gallery of Art in Washington.

Walter Anderson of Lake Park drive was given national recognition in Federal affairs at the recent annual convention of the High Twelve International, when he was elected as third vice president of the organization.

Two little girls who are using their own love and fun and good times to help still younger children are Lois and Janet Steele, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Steele of 916 Madison avenue. Together, they are the directors of a children's summer play school, although many children of their own ages are still in play school as pupils.

30 YEARS AGO July 4, 1924
Bloomfield Township, including the village of Birmingham, will bear a total of \$17,377,807 out of Oakland County's assessed valuation of \$189,139,231 according to the 1924 report formally adopted Tuesday of this week by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, in session at Pontiac.

Mrs. Thomas Navin of Southfield avenue gave a birthday party for her two little sons, Robert, who was four Monday, and Thomas, who was six Wednesday. The guests were Elinor and Lillian Davis, John Hulbert, Lawrence and James Martindale, Marabell McAlpine, Betty Jane Hendricks, William and Joanne Howell.

The birth of twin girls on Saturday, June 28, has been announced

ONE THING OR ANOTHER

By George Wm. Averill

One local wag suggests, in view of the current controversy over how long it takes a city employee to get to his assignment and how long he takes to do it, "Why doesn't the city consider hiring an official timer, complete with stop watch, who can regularly report on employee efficiency?"

The \$25,000 Birmingham already saved in construction of its two new fire stations is just that: saved. The west side hall at Maple and Chesterfield estimated at \$95,000, and the eastside station at Adams and Bowers figured at around \$130,000, totals the \$225,000 in city bonds sold only a couple of weeks ago.

If the city also gets good bids on the eastside hall, that saving will be added to the \$25,000, and the total will go into the bond issue's "sinking fund".

A number of non-residents so much like to play golf among Birmingham residents that the former borrow the membership cards of the latter in order to get on the Springdale Park golf course. A municipally-owned project, it now is restricted solely to use by Birminghamers. And this causes Park Supt. Bob Fauteck no end of explaining to non-residents who con-

sider themselves just as much a Birmingham resident as is the "native"—except when it comes to paying city taxes.

Here's a suggested headline for copy desk men who are stuck for a new one on a story of U.S.-Russian stalemate:
"See-Saw Scene Seen"

The recently revised Birmingham taxicab ordinance straightens out a point which for some years has been a problem to the two local cab companies.

The former ordinance permitted multiple fares to use the same cab, but didn't define clearly how each passenger was to pay for his use of the cab. The new provisions split it out in more definite terms: the first passenger who engages the cab pays the fare from where he gets in to where he gets out. If the additional passenger gets out at the same place, then there is no added charge. But if the second person still has a ways to go, he pays only the rate to get him the added distance.

It occurs to me that the second passenger into the cab might be the first one out. Does this mean he gets a free ride, then?

Weeds Get Spray At Quarton Lake

Quarton Lake again is undergoing treatment to rid it of undesirable weeds. Birmingham City Forester William Rebolt said this week.

As in recent summers, a two-phase application of sodium arsenite spray is being employed to kill the weeds.

First phase of the medication was applied in May when 200 gallons of the spray was used to combat the growth of submerged vegetation.

A SECOND treatment is slated for late July when the target of the spray guns will be floating varieties of plants such as duckweeds.

Results of the first spraying were excellent. A week after the application, the lake appeared to be clear of underwater weeds.

"The spray is very effective in killing off weeds, but it doesn't seem to have much effect on the algae, or green moss, that floats on the surface. A new type spray may have to be used if this sort of growth becomes more abundant in the lake," said Rebolt.



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Educators admit it is tough for better-than-average boys and girls to adjust their educational progress to the slower pace set by the less brilliant students. To solve this problem, of course, schools would

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