

# "Let Uncle Sam Build Your Schools," He Foolishly Cries

Here is an example of the type of loose thinking on the part of politicians who apparently cannot distinguish the difference between self-reliance and dependence upon a Welfare State.

Patrick V. McNamara of Detroit, who is the current Democratic candidate for Michigan U.S. Senator, has included in his plea for votes the fact that he will do everything he can, if elected to Congress, to have the federal government provide public school buildings. . . . beginning with construction and ending with completion of construction.

"It is time that some of the tax dollars that roll into Washington from Michigan are returned for the sake of the children of our state," he exclaims in his campaign speeches.

Well, Pat, your argument no doubt sounds fine to a lot of people.

Many of them will vote for you, too.

**YET DO YOU, AND THEY,** know exactly what your plan of getting school buildings from Washington, D.C., means? Do you and they know that every dollar in taxes taken from Michigan by the federal government never can—regardless of Washington's benevolence—get back to Michigan, or many other of the wealthier states?

As an alternative, why not allow the states themselves to levy the taxes to get money for public education, including the getting of most of the funds from each local school district?

Why allow the federal government to levy so much in taxes that it has at its disposal the surplus to return, in "patronage," some of the tax money back to the states?

**FOR YOUR PLAN,** Pat, coupled with the present overtaxing of the citizens in

the several states by the federal government, creates the "Santa Claus State," making each state dependent upon Uncle Sam for funds that each state ought to levy and spend within its own boundaries.

This is part of the pattern of the "Paternalistic State," which is the threshold and vestibule of State Socialism.

Indeed, dependence of a school district upon either state or federal government funds is, basically, a drift toward centralized government. With such a drift comes the tendency of the state or federal governments to control the use of the money they "give away."

To be sure, Pat, your declaration that you will "do everything possible, if elected to the U. S. Senate, to get federal funds to construct public schools" sounds sweet to many citizens, including quite a number of school people.

**EVEN REPUBLICAN OFFICIALS** have resorted to the same argument.

But, in our opinion, the argument you and others use is a great wrong to the cause of public education . . . and to the whole cause of the self-governing processes.

Our nation can survive only when public problems are met by the government units closest to every home. The farther from every fireside that an area goes for public services, the more removed the average citizen is from his own controls over how much taxes he has to pay, as well as how those taxes are spent.

You ought to know this, Pat, and you probably do.

However, you are in a current campaign to win votes and, like so many candidates of all political parties, you will utter many words with your fingers crossed, and your inner conscience dulled for the moment by the anesthesia of "politics."

## This Woman Fights For You!

Miss Corinne Griffith, famous movie star, is going about the nation making speeches against the 16th amendment, otherwise known as the income tax law. It is reported that she so enthusiastically and intelligently handles her subject that she is making many converts to the idea of limiting the amount the federal govern-

ment can take from you each year.

We join with all who agree with this idea—for it is true that a unit of government has no more power than the amount of money it has at its annual disposal. (And who will not agree that the federal government has too much power over our people?)

## U. S. Approves Decline In Colonialism

From the State Department comes word that United States diplomats abroad will begin taking full advantage of the decline in colonialism. American diplomats are said to be ready to accept much of the credit for British evacuation of the Suez Canal Zone, the French decision to grant full independence to Indonesia and the French decision to grant more and more autonomy in North African colonial possessions.

**IF THE STATE** Department's announcement—an unofficial one—actually means that U. S. diplomats will play on this theme, it is a significant decision and will enhance the prestige of the United States in many of the world's under-developed areas.

It is no secret that the flame of nationalism is burning fiercely in many African and Asian colonial territories today,

and that those who oppose this trend are badly out of step with the mood of the times. The United States, a country which earned its freedom by throwing off the shackles of colonialism in a bitter war, should never be placed in the position of backing such a system.

**UNFORTUNATELY,** this has occurred in Indochina, and the United States has been forced (by other and more important considerations) to stand by Great Britain and France in other cases where colonialism was at least part of the issue involved. If the United States is now to make it clear to all the world that it is dedicated to the task of gradually eliminating colonialism from the face of the earth, then this government is sure to win millions of friends in faraway areas on several continents.

## From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Acting Postmaster Rollie Reese last week resigned as deputy director of Birmingham's civil defense program. Reese cited as one of his reasons the lack of interest on the part of citizens and officials in maintaining a civil defense program. It must be admitted it has been far from what would be desirable. But we hope now that the U. S. Civil Defense Bureau has been moved to Battle Creek, the entire state's civil defense picture will be considerably improved.

Four of Birmingham's police officers have been with the department for 25 years or longer. Surely this is a good testimonial for both the city and the officers . . . they must like one another to have remained so steadfast and loyal all these years.

Last week fire broke out in Saginaw's last old remnant of a sawmill, and high winds soon aided in that fire chemistry that leaves naught but ashes. When it is remembered that once Michigan produced the greatest amount of virgin White Pine in North America, one can couple this with Saginaw's sawmill fire by saying: "So fleet the works of men, back to the earth again . . . ancient and holy things fade like a dream."

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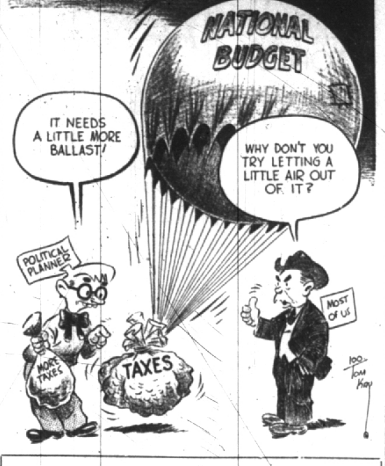
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## So They Say . . .

Winston Churchill, British Prime Minister:  
"I am very much in favor of patient, cool and friendly examinations of what the Russians intentions are."

Dr. Lewis P. Gundry, associate professor of medicine, University of Maryland:  
"The 'dring and decent' motorist who has had only a couple of beers isn't as harmless as he thinks he is."

## The Real Solution



## HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

Right around the corner, next week in fact, is National Dog Week.

We like dogs, always have liked dogs, and always expect to like dogs. There have been very few months in our lives when we did not have a dog. There have been a lot of times when there were several dogs about the place.

We feel dogs are pretty nice people. If given a chance, the only thing about this National Dog Week we dislike is what it does to dogs.

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## ONE THING OR ANOTHER

By George Wm. Averill

Because they are very apt to distract the attention of passing male motorists, can shapely women wearing short shorts be classified as an "attractive nuisance"?

Conrad N. Hilton, owner of a big hotel chain even before his recent acquisition of the eight Statler hotels, ultimately will have 30,000 hotel rooms under his control in 26 cities in seven countries.

Guess there's nothing like having \$200,000,000 worth of sleeping accommodations in the event you happen to get caught in a strange town.

Lives there the man who has ever heard Sen. Joe McCarthy say:  
"Sorry, I guess you are right after all?"  
"Why, I never knew about that before?"  
"I was mistaken?"  
"I was my fault?"  
"I am wrong?"

Once in a while I check to see if the astrologists still are writing their truisms. And I see they are. I also read no admonition that wouldn't be a good idea for anyone to follow at any time.

"Overcome waste and limit spending."  
"Look after the needs and wants of others."  
"Allow extra time en route lest you be late."  
Christian Dior should know that

most American women are flat bust—last all the time. He needs but take a look at their checkbooks.

Debbie Reynolds wishes people would stop trying to push her and singer Eddie Fisher into matrimony, says, "We just want people to leave us alone."

When a Hollywood actress doesn't welcome publicity—practically any kind just so long as it mentions her by name—then that's "man-bites-dog" news in my opinion.

You think you would do it differently if you could get married again? Chances are you wouldn't do any better the second time than the first when you had several million people to choose from.

If you think you are had off, what about the handful of "eligibles" from which royalty has to choose?

If that Dearborn fellow who came back to find his two dogs had moved his car a block, didn't get a consolation ticket, he should have. He lost the car motor running so that when the dogs hit the gear shift lever, the car accidentally moved.

Suppose some punk kid had come by, swiped the car and killed someone in his escapade?

An ignition key should be a sign of ownership, not an invitation to irresponsibility.

**New Books at the Baldwin Library**

**Pvt. Emery Learns Language of China**

Pvt. Glenn M. Emery, Jr., is now taking an intensive 16-week (Chinese) Mandarin course at the Army Language School in Monterey, Calif.

In addition to learning to speak, read and write the language of

China, Emery is also studying its history, songs and customs.

A graduate of Michigan State College, Emery entered the Army in April 1945 and completed basic training at Camp Chaffee, Ark.

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## IS THINKING RELIGIOUS?

"Every deep religion begets thinking and every truly deep thought becomes religious . . . not asking men to become religious by giving up thinking which is a part of their very nature."—Albert Schweitzer.

**THE BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH**

believes in this idea. It relies upon the resources of the present, not the past alone to guide today's living. It regards each new insight and each new bit of knowledge as gains rather than defeats for the cause of religion.

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## 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 9, 1904

Frank Ford and son Bert are home again from an extended visit in the far West and Northwest. They visited Nome, Alaska and saw the Michigan contingent there.

There was a Chinese supper at the Methodist church one evening last week and there was fun enough there to heat the hands Miss Maude Ah Sil, Miss Ad Dio Yang and Mrs. Schwack Lang Chang were the waiters. When a gentleman under 40 years of age came in these poor little Chinese girls had to cover their faces with their fans, as that is the Chinese custom.

At the annual school meeting held Monday evening, the following board was elected: J. Bert Potts, Wm. McGowan, James Cobb, Albert Adams and Miss M. Baldwin.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. O'Neal are making their annual Canadian visit among relatives there and having a good time.

Miss Sarah Kniss has a fine school to teach at Jackson. She is in the LeRoy school building with a fine situation and a good salary for promotion. She will be in close company with Miss Frena Bates, one of our most successful primary teachers. The two teachers fill one entire ward school.

**30 YEARS AGO**  
September 5, 1924

Oakland County's share of the state primary school fund arrived last week to be dispensed by the county treasurer. The total amount for the county was \$403,802, the largest amount ever received by Oakland County for this purpose.

Mrs. H. E. Milbrander of Adams avenue, won the "magic key" to the open a box containing a radio set given away by the Birmingham Hardware store early this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Emory, who have recently returned from a seven months' honeymoon abroad, were guests last weekend at the home of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Fisher at the home,

Walnut Glen, on Woodward avenue.

The Oakland Motor Car company has just adopted a new one piece wheel for their four closed models—undoubtedly the most revolutionary advancement in wheel design since the rubber tire was put on their laps.

An order issued this week by Chief of Police James Anderson forbidding the riding of bicycles or express wagons on the sidewalks of the main streets, will be rigidly enforced following this publication of The Eccentric.

**15 YEARS AGO**  
September 8, 1939

Friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blanton, 515 Madison avenue, joined them Tuesday evening in celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary and began early in the evening with a cocktail party. Later they were guests of the Blantons at dinner.

With the resumption of school and with the return of teachers to Birmingham there comes the news of the recent marriage of Miss Arlene McMin, instructor in the Piere school, and Richard Hale Coleman of Bennaville street, Birmingham.

Rochester: Built right after the civil war, the St. James Hotel, formerly called the Lamberton House, closed its doors last week. For 30 years of its life its lobby was a place where a room for the interurban line of the old Detroit United Railway.

Fire completely destroyed the one-story frame house Tuesday afternoon at James Dikler, 2585 Trombley avenue, Troy township. House and contents valued at \$1,000, were entirely lost.



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