Considerable Change Accompanies Growth

Upon this earth there is no perpetual Upon this earth there is no perpetual assurance that one's environment is not subject to change. This especially is true in a community that is growing very rapidly, a community like Birmingham, for example.

for example.

The little village, over 125 years old, now bears the mark of the suburban city ween though most of its inhabitaty. Leven though most of its inhabitaty lament the passing of the more quiet and neighborly atmosphere. Areas change in use, former quiet streets lose their rural appearance as pavement covers the earlier craval surface. Some streets become more gravel surface. Some streets become more important traffic arteries, to the dislike of those who live along them.

Up in the Air

Near San Antonio the other day. Lt. Col. W. D. Beans had to jump out of a jet training plane. It was after dark, and the weather was strictly nowhere.

Beans did exactly that. He pulled back the canopy and ejected himself. His plane sped off into the night, to crash at an unknown spot, and Beane pulled his rip-

cord.

Half an hour/later, the pilot was still hanging up there in space. He told friends later that he couldn't even see the top of his chute much of the time, so bad was the weather.

STRONG UPDRAFTS in freak weather were holding Beane up. It has happened before, but seldom do pilots happen to bail out in such upcurrents.

Beane finally came down, after going

up, then down, then up, and then hanging there, about stationary, and landed in a tree. He was not injured seriously.

This story reminds us that the weather

Imagine it, friend! Our old pal Homer Ferguson, former U.S. Senator, is being assigned by the President as ambassador

assigned by the President as ambassador and minister plenipotentiary to the Republic of the Philippines! How times change. Once a leading Democrat (Ferguson is a Republican, you recall) Frank Murphy, also of Michigan, sat in high places on the Philippine Islands. In case the Demmies take over in 1957, Homer will have to leave the Pacific Islands Republic and come home, maybe to Detroit. Anyway, he's going to get a chance to see another part of the world without having to join the U.S. Navy.

Governor Williams recently told the

From The Eccentric's Point of View...

EAST MAPLE, FOR EXAMPLE, EAST MAPLE, FOR EXAMPLE, though containing lovely modern homes, is fast becoming a most important local and through traffic artery. Numerous other formerly less travelled streets are being transformed into noisier and busier ticroughfares. What can be done to retain "the good, old days"?

Not much, to be sure . . . when great influxes of new people come into suburban areas . . cach generation's proof that there is nothing more changeless than the law of change.

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As an ancient poet once sang: "So speed the works of men . . . back to the earth again; ancient and holy things fade like a dream."

the most talked of subject in the world -still has a few tricks the experts don't understand. Just why tornadoes build up when they do, and how, is not certain.

JUST WHY HURRICANES do what they do, and how, is not understood. Just why the sky suddenly clears up, when the experts correctly read all the indica-tions as pointing to rain, is a mystery. The airstreams which push along trans-

ocean planes at great speed are another mystery-not even recognized until in recent years.

centuries man has been traveling For centuries man has been traveling on the ground and on the sea. He has become well acquainted with sudden flash floods, quicksand, mountain dangers and all the hazards of earthly motivation.

But we have been traveling through the air only a few decades.

And there are a lot of questions yet to be answered, Flying and flights are not yet routine.

yet routine.

Even before the two new fire stations are ready for occupancy and use, Birmingham firemen are operating out of their soon-to-be-abandoned municipal building central headquarters just as if they already were in the new quarters. This two-squad system was prepared by Chief Vern Griffith and his aides and put into operation before the actual need arose. Such advance preparation is typical of Griffith's department over the years, and only testifies (urther to the high regard in

testifies further to the high regard in which Birmingham's fire facilities is held

Two women members of the Detroit

Two women members of the Detroit school board argue that the public schools are responsible for more than the teaching of the three R's. They believe the system bears the need for the students' social and moral behavior. In a partial manner of speaking, perhaps the ladies are right... but, we think, only as a supplementary device to what the home and the church (mostly the home) should be doing to civilize the youngsters.

by other communities.

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born on earth of our Lord.
Think of Christ as a child, a young boy, a man-grown, and hink of God as His Father, with a human father's love for this, His only son.

THIS WAS deliberate, impassionate sacrifice, It was not, as so many human counterparts have done, fade in the tenselves of war.

It was an act foretold—an approaching fact that Christ, Himsold, and the same of their solution of the control of the "Soapy" want justices sympathetic to his cause, if he can get 'em? Indeed, the Republicans really feel the same partisan Even before the two new fire stations

When one stops to think of this statement purely as the description of a gift, such as one might say "he gave me his last dollar", it is an awesome thing.

The whole import of it explodes around us at the group of the state of the future of the men of the future of the fut

Unbegtable Combination

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

By ALICE E. MORGAN

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 April 7, 1905

April 7, 1995
Thursday afternoon, Merrill, one
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schlaack's
ree-yean-old-twin boys found
ome pills in a box and thinking
em candy ate some of them,
hey were strychnine heart tablets
and made the little lad deathly
ck. Drs. C. M. and George Rayale were quickly summoned and

soon had the little lad out of danger.

"Nathan Fall U. S. jurist surprised and delighted his wife by the present of a fine gold water ward was been supported by the present of a fine gold water was been supported by the property of the support was been supported by the support of the suppo

"The beauties of Birmingham have won again. Dr. R. A. Clark, whose professional card appears elsewhere, decided to locate in our village because he was struck with it's handsome, homelike appear-ance, and announces that Birmingham is to be his home hereafter.

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30 YEARS AGO
April 3, 1925
Among the ten high schools that
took part in an oratorical and
declamatory sub-district contests,
held Wednesday in the Baldwin
a second prize. The local high
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torical content was Margaret
Howard, daughter of Mrs. Grace
Carey Howard of Oakland ware,
who won second place on the oratorical.

torical.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Barbour and son, Master Thomas, of
"Briarbank", Bloomfield Hills, are
registered at the new colonial
hotel. Nassau, Bahama Islands.
The Barbours sailed from Miami,
Flia, to Nassau aboard the S. S.
Musmania of the Munson Steamship Lines.

hip Lines.

For the pleasure of her small laughter, Katherine, who was celevating her eighth birthday anniversary, Mrs. F. C. Weller was lostess to eight little misses at a birthday tea, at her home on Sates street last Friday afternoon.

Bates street last Friday afternoon.

April 4, 1940

Members of the National League of American Pen Women gathered Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Satia York Osborne on Pierce attent to homer Mrs. Raymond whose book of collected peems was recently published. Gowmed in a frock of black crepe with lace touches at the throat and wearing an orchid that was the gift of the table from which coffee and chocolate were served.

late were served.

In appreciation for his twelve years of service in behalf of the village and city, a testimonial certificate was presented to Lawrence Hulbert, retring commissioner, in the regular meeting held Monday nicht.



Residents in the townships and villages Residents in the townships and villages about Birmingham are confronted with the problem of getting into and out of their subdivisions over roads which the spring thaws knock the bottoms out of.

Even in the cities—Birmingham and Royal Oak and others—certain areas become as isolated as the townships.

Such time of the year brings the repeated wish that such dirt roads were naved.

But paving doesn't always help . . . es-

pecially the pavements get old.
That fact is being recalled by Birmingham city officials in connection with the

ham city officials in connection with the only pavement they know of in which a motorial got stuck in the mud!

It happened just a year ago north of Lincoln on Pierce street, one of the town's original asphalt pavements.

Chances of it happening again soon will be remote, however. The city is going to repave it this summer between Lincoln and Brown . . . and this time with concrete.

Another instance of "the power of the press" occurred this week in England. The retirement announce-ment from Sir Winston Churchill is ment from Sir Winston Churchill is being postponed because of a strike of newspaper electricians and engineers. Winnie wants to resign as prime minister only with the full press treat-ment such an event ordinarily would deserve. And he does deserve it.

The \$100,000 libel suit against that

Los Angeles weekly newspaper won't get far, the way I look at it.

The politician's ad was supposed to read: "You need a friend in the City Council.

Instead, the words that came out in the "You need a fiend in the City

That typographical error isn't so serious, as any good defense lawyer should be able to point out.

What the average taxpayer would say is much more in line with fact would be an ad which read: "You HAVE a fiend ON the City. Council!"

Being out of a job isn't bad . . . what is missed is the paycheck.

Cuties fearful that increasing federal side eventually will usurp states rights are regarding President Eisenhower's school and highway programs with alarm. Federal grants to the state were only \$3,000,000 in 1900 while the projected 1955 aid budget calls for \$3,251,000,000.

It is obvious that the half-century economic leap is prodigious, and wary politicians see no end to this sort of government spending. The danger of a weakened state control is great.

In some states the danger has arrived. Many legislatures are paid so poorly that serving the state is a luxing to be afforded only by those with private incomes. In too many districts too little interest is accorded state elections and voters do not know who is representing them.

IN SOME STATES districting presents glaring inequality. Sone states practice foolish economics for which citizens must suffer needlessly. With the aim of low taxion, roads are not built; schools are inadequately provided. The results are high traffic mortality, uneducated voters and a plea for federal aid accompanied by handsoff directives to the government as to its use.

use. Undoubtedly some states need federal and. But with a record of bungling, of hotherodge legislation ministration and short-sighted economy, it is no wonder the men his Washington are leepy of banding out packages of money with no strongs attached.

The best vay to insure states rights is to begin shoring up the weakened timbers at home—not in Washington.

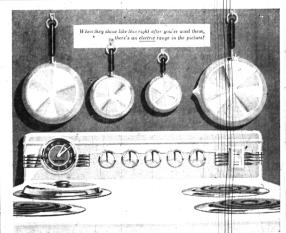
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