

Considerable Change Accompanies Growth

Upon this earth there is no perpetual assurance that one's environment is not subject to change.

The little village, over 125 years old, now bears the mark of the suburban city.

EAST MAPLE, FOR EXAMPLE, though containing lovely modern homes, is fast becoming a most important local and through traffic artery.

Not much, to be sure... when great influxes of new people come into suburban areas...

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."

Up in the Air

Near San Antonio the other day, Lt. Col. W. D. Beane had to jump out of a jet training plane.

Beane did exactly that. He pulled back the canopy and ejected himself.

Half an hour later, the pilot was still hanging up there in space.

STRONG UPDRAFTS in freak weather were holding Beane up.

Beane finally came down, after going up, then down, then up, and then hanging there, about stationary, and landed in a tree.

This story reminds us that the weather

—the most talked of subject in the world—still has a few tricks the experts don't understand.

JUST WHY HURRICANES do what they do, and how, is not understood.

For centuries man has been traveling on the ground and on the sea.

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

And there are a lot of questions yet to be answered.

From The Eccentric's Point of View...

Imagine it, friend! Our old pal Homer Ferguson, former U.S. Senator, is being assigned by the President as ambassador and minister plenipotentiary to the Republic of the Philippines!

"Soapy" want justices sympathetic to his cause, if he can get 'em? Indeed, the Republicans really feel the same partisan way, too.

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.

Governor Williams recently told the state convention of his party that he wants to see two Michigan supreme court justices elected in April.

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.

Unbeatable Combination



HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

By ALICE E. MORGAN

...gave his only begotten son... 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 Easter season when so much of our religious life is wrapped up in the last few hours on earth of our Lord.

THIS WAS deliberate, impassionate sacrifice. It was not, as so many human counterparts have done, fade in the tenderness and unattainable and patriotic fervor of war.

You, whose sons have died in battle, can get comfort from the fact that these boys did not grow to manhood knowing this was their future.

Those who die are removed from our presence, but live on in our memories and our histories.

INDIVIDUALS have died—but not the spirit, nor the love, nor the faith. Could not these be the "whosoever" meant in the rest of the well-known verse?

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

Thursday afternoon, Merrill, one of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schiack's three-year-old twin boys found some pills in a box and thinking them candy ate some of them.

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 watch one day last week.

"The beauty" 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 appearance.

39 YEARS AGO April 3, 1915

Among the ten high schools that took part in an oratorical and declamatory sub-district contests, held Wednesday in the Baldwin auditorium, Birmingham received a second prize.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Barbour and son, Master Thomas, of "Briarbank", Bloomfield Hills, are registered at the near colonial hotel, Nassau, Bahama Islands.

For the pleasure of her small daughter, Katherine, who was celebrating her eighth birthday anniversary, Mrs. F. C. Weller was hostess to eight little misses at a birthday tea, at her home on Bates street last Friday afternoon.

15 YEARS AGO 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 street to honor Mrs. Raymond M. Shock of Charing Cross road, whose book of collected poems was recently published.

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

ONE THING OR ANOTHER

By George Wm. Averill

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 paved.

But paving doesn't always help... especially the pavements get old.

That fact is being recalled by Birmingham city officials in connection with the only pavement they know of in which a motorist got stuck in the mud!

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

Another instance of "the power of the press" occurred this week in England. The retirement announcement from Sir Winston Churchill is being postponed because of a strike of newspaper electricians and engineers.

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 ad were: "You need a fiend in the City Council."

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.

Cities fearful that increasing federal aid eventually will usurp state rights are regarding President Eisenhower's school and highway programs with alarm.

In some states the danger has arrived. Many legislatures are paid so poorly that serving the state is a luxury to be afforded only by those with private incomes.

IN SOME STATES districting presents glaring inequality. Some states practice foolish economics for which citizens must suffer needlessly.

Undoubtedly some states need federal aid. But with a record of bungling, of hodgepodge legislation, of conciliatory administration and short-sighted economy, it is no wonder the men in Washington are leery of handing out packages of money with no strings attached.

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

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The "Ordinary" Americans

AMERICA IS MADE OF PEOPLE—GOOD PEOPLE—HARDWORKING PEOPLE—PEOPLE LIKE THE TAX COLLECTOR.

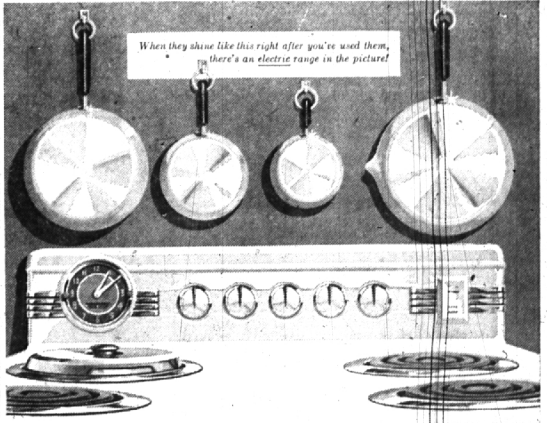
WHAT'S THIS TAX COLLECTOR DOING IN A GROCERY STORE? WHY HE'S PICKING UP A FEW THINGS FOR SUPPER, ON HIS WAY HOME FROM WORK (JUST LIKE ANY OTHER AMERICAN HUSBAND.)

THE TAX COLLECTOR EATS JUST PLAIN FOOD—NOT TAXPAYERS—HIS JOB, AS HE SEES IT, IS TO HELP TAXPAYERS. (AFTER ALL, HE DIDN'T WRITE THE TAX LAWS, Y'KNOW—)



IF HE ACTS A LITTLE BRUSQUE THIS WEEK, IT'S BECAUSE THIS IS HIS BUSIEST RUSH SEASON—(AND MAYBE HE STILL HAS TO FIGURE HIS OWN TAX.)

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