

## Junior Achievement Program Deserves Local Support

For the third consecutive year, efforts are being made by Birmingham business leaders to raise funds with which to carry on the next year of Junior Achievement activities here.

The campaign this year seeks \$8,000 to support 12 separate "little companies", each consisting of juniors and seniors of both sexes from the high school.

Last year eight companies operated, each being set up in the pattern of a business conducted as a free, competitive enterprise activity. This plan is the only one in the country that is available to young men and women of high school age that enables them to learn, realistically,

how business works.

**THE RESPONSE OF YOUTH** to this program is nothing short of phenomenal. Wherever it has gone during its few years of operation, it has been met with tremendous interest by the youth for whom it is designed.

Here, indeed, is a very practical method of acquainting each generation with the value of economic freedom. It is the people's best guarantee against the encroachments of the manifold programs of socialism and welfareism that are proposed by people who, intentionally or not, work for a radical change in the American economic system.

## 50 Years Of Forestry Service

February 1 marked the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the United States Forestry Service. Before it was established the lumber men were careless about their methods of taking timber, and wastelands were all that remained of many areas once heavily forested.

Today scientific methods of lumbering have replaced the wasteful ones, new trees are planted as full grown ones are harvested. Areas once stripped have been replanted.

This has resulted in making the lumber industry stronger and at the same time has preserved our heritage. Every one is better off for the activities and contributions made by the Forestry Service.

It was on February 1, 1905, that President Theodore Roosevelt, an ardent conservationist, signed the bill that brought the United States Forestry Service into being. In the half century that has followed we have had good reason to be grateful for his vision.

## Keeping Older Employees

Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell warned recently that the problem of un-employed older workers grows more and more acute. He said that if the present trend continues, within 20 years half of our adult population will be unemployed.

Better knowledge of nutrition and medical and scientific research have increased the life span of man by many years. Yet what favor are we doing a man if we increase the years of his life only to make the latter ones difficult and unproductive?

The problem is a matter of concern not only to the individual affected but to the nation, for our economy suffers whenever large numbers of people are out of work.

SECRETARY MITCHELL suggests a

number of common-sense things that can be done. He recommends that workers be hired and assigned on the basis of ability and skill instead of age.

He also suggests job studies to see just what jobs are best suited to older employees, letting workers continue to work after they reach retirement age, utilizing the skill of retired workers on part-time jobs, and other sound ideas.

Men and women who pass 45 may not be quite so able to perform particular jobs as younger workers.

But the maturity, experience, sense of responsibility they have developed over the years can be put to good use by intelligent employers who refuse to make hiring decisions on the basis of arbitrary prejudice against older workers.

## Will He Sell Him Both Packages?



## HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

The nine-year-old is getting ready for her first dance—a Valentine party being given by her music teacher.

She's going through a series of "dress-up" calamities, and having a most awful time of it. First she wanted a party dress, and the family agreed. Uncle Abner said he'd foot the bill and she could call it her birthday present, since she'll be ten years old that very day.

That was fine, as far as it went, but she dragged out some old catalogs and the "one and only" turned out to be a black strapless affair, suitable for some very chic young matron going to a very flossy night club.

THE FAMILY had a fit and Uncle Abner nearly collapsed. Tears flowed copiously before the young lady was persuaded that a cute little number of heavy nylon, pale yellow, would go better with her black, black hair.

Hair. That was a sorry subject to bring up. Immediately a clean sheet came into her eyes and she began to pound the drums for a permanent.

That was more than Uncle Abner could take. He began a long speech about the days when "women wore their hair the way the Lord made it and didn't go in for all these bleaches, dyes and curlings."

HE COMMENTED on his mother, his sisters, his grandmother and his wife. Long and long he commented and none of his remarks were very flattering to today's young of old.

The very moment he stopped to light his pipe, his good wife took over. Before she was through the poor old gentleman was squirming like a man sitting on an ant hill.

## ONE THING OR ANOTHER

By George Wm. Averill

In my tour this week of the bulletin boards of Birmingham business, I discovered several forward-looking merchandisers have posted the following notice along side the water cooler:

**TO ALL EMPLOYEES:**  
Due to increased competition and a keen desire to remain in business, we find it necessary to institute a new policy . . . **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**

We are asking that somewhere between starting and quitting time and without infringing too much on the time usually devoted to lunch period, coffee breaks, rest periods, storytelling, ticket selling, vacation planning, and the rehashing to yesterday's TV programs, that each employee endeavor to find some time that can be set aside and known as the "Work Break."

To some, this may seem a radical innovation, but we honestly believe the idea has great possibilities. It can conceivably be an aid to steady employment, and it might also be a means of assuring regular pay checks.

While the adoption of the "Work Break" plan is not compulsory, it is hoped that each employee will find enough time to give the plan a fair trial. It is also hoped that those employees not in favor of adopting the "Work Break" idea will have fully completed their vacation plans.

(Signed)  
**THE MANAGEMENT**

What a difference 36 feet of concrete makes!

To put a parking lot on the north-east corner of Bates and Martin streets—immediately adjoining the high value Maple street frontage—

## LEGAL NOTICES

Wilson & Ingraham, Attys., 199 Pierce St., Birmingham, Mo., 64633.  
STATE OF MISSOURI. The Probate Court for the County of Oakland is a court of record, held at the Probate Office in the City of Oakland, in said County, on the 25th day of June, A. D. 1955.

Probate Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.  
In the Matter of the Estate of PHIN-EAS ARMSTRONG, Deceased.  
Linda B. Steiner having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased and that administration of said estate be granted to Robert Hoffman Swilling, Administrator with Will annexed or to some other suitable person.

It is ordered, That the 25th day of February, A. D. 1955 at 9 o'clock, in the forenoon of said Probate Office is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of said petition and of this order in three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Post-Journal, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and that a copy of each of said notices be served personally or by registered mail, return receipt demanded, to each of the known heirs at law, legatees and devisees of their last known place of address at least ten days prior to said day of hearing.

ARTHUR E. MOORE,  
Judge of Probate.  
(11-24-55)

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

American men spend a hundred and fifty millions of dollars on straw and felt hats during 1954. Even though the women spent more, they certainly got less of covering than did their equals.

Perhaps it is wishful thinking for the western world to understand and accept the mental processes of India's Prime Minister Nehru. He is an intellectual, a mystic, a person who thinks in terms of the world's problems, and solutions for them, in periods of generations, instead of days, weeks or months, as we impatient and impetuous Americans do. That is one reason why Nehru's attitude toward Red Russia and China perplexes us, makes us so critical of Nehru. (But then we are what we are, too.)

Recently the editor of this newspaper banqueted with Gov. Williams, and every member of the State administrative board was gathered. As you may know, all but Highway Commissioner Charles Zeigler and Supt. of Public Instruction Clarence Tay-

lor are Democrats—the first time in years that almost the entire board is of the Democratic party. You may be interested to know, too, that we found them to be a pretty good cross-section of public officials. They appear to know what they want to accomplish . . . and the competition they offer the Republican party of Michigan ought to be good for all concerned, including, in the long run, the taxpayers.

For many years, each Feb. 2, a lot of semi-serious and downright stuff is spoken and printed about Groundhog Day. If the GH sees its shadow, it goes back into its burrow for another six weeks of winter, and if no shadow is present, then an early spring will come about. Of course, the whole idea is a hoax . . . but it does take one's mind off the more serious world situation.

Seven out of ten American men shop in food stores at least once a week, a national survey reports. That's probably o.k. with the stores . . . for men are stronger and can push heavier carriages.

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## Ticklers

By George



## Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Birmingham Background Of Today.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
February 10, 1905  
A. W. Watkins will have no ponies on Belle Isle or Bois Blanc this year as the automobile service to be put in at these places will cut down the profits too much for him to do business.

About 70 people gathered at the home of Orion Everett last Friday night to eat oysters. The evening was passed in singing songs and cards. All left at a late hour wishing for many more such suppers.

Jake Trend received a visit from his sister, Sunday. Miss Trend is a professional nurse and resides in Detroit.

One night this week Miss Lucy Ward, daughter of our esteemed citizen, Thomas A. Ward, entertained in one of the Detroit halls. She gave Tenyson's "Glenview" complete, requiring nearly two hours to complete the work.

Governor Warner's cheese factory in Farmington was badly damaged by fire Tuesday night. The fire originated in the engine room and spread to the curing room and ice house. The roofs and portions of the sides of both buildings were destroyed. Several thousand dollars worth of cheese was saved by carrying it to nearby vacant buildings. The loss is covered by insurance.

**30 YEARS AGO**  
February 13, 1925  
For the first time an automobile has climbed to the summit of Tie Hill, the famous testing ground for motorcycle makers, Redding, Calif. The car which made the successful ascent was a Max with stock touring car carrying five passengers.

A house guest at the Charles F. Craig home, on North Woodward avenue, this week was Mrs. Eugene T. Birmingham of Kennett, Mo. Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Craig honored her out-of-town guests at a delightfully informal tea.

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February 9, 1940  
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Great clusters of acacia lent an air of spring to Cranbrook, the Bloomfield Hills home of Mr. and Mrs. George G. Booth, last Saturday for the occasion of the marriage of their daughter, Miss Florence Louise Booth, to James Alfred Beresford, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Beresford of Sarnia.

The Highland Park plant of the Ford Motor company continues to be the big attraction for visitors in Detroit, and they come from all over the world.

Among local University of Michigan coeds, who attended the J-Hop in Ann Arbor, were Misses Caroline Wooster, Ruth Holzmaque, Margaret Beer, Mary Jenkins, Alice Vliet and Massie Taylor.

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Bill Cobb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner M. Cobb of Bingham road, has left for Wake Forest, N. C., to enter Wake Forest College.

**Ritter's**  
297 E. Maple  
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