

Man's universal hunger for, and belief in, immortality is poorly backed up by what he does, by and large, each work day. Doing church on Sunday is no guarantee that one is doing all he can to swing upon St. Peter's heavenly gate.

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THIS and THAT

By G.R.A.

Honesty, Fair Play Would Help Much!

To be sure, President Eisenhower campaigned in 1952 and included in his arguments for the operation of the federal government on a balanced budget basis. He felt that honesty and fair play on Sunday is no guarantee that one is doing all he can to swing upon St. Peter's heavenly gate.

CRITICIZING this deficit operation, the Democrats are asking: "What about his promise to cut out the red ink? Thinking that politicians often do, these Democrats forget the tremendous deficit financing of Truman and D.R.—they won't admit that Ike's budgets, though still winding up in red ink, took a lot less in taxes from the American people."

THE SAME also is true within a state, although state administrators, being closer to home, can't "get by" with as many half-truths and dishonesties as federal administrations can.

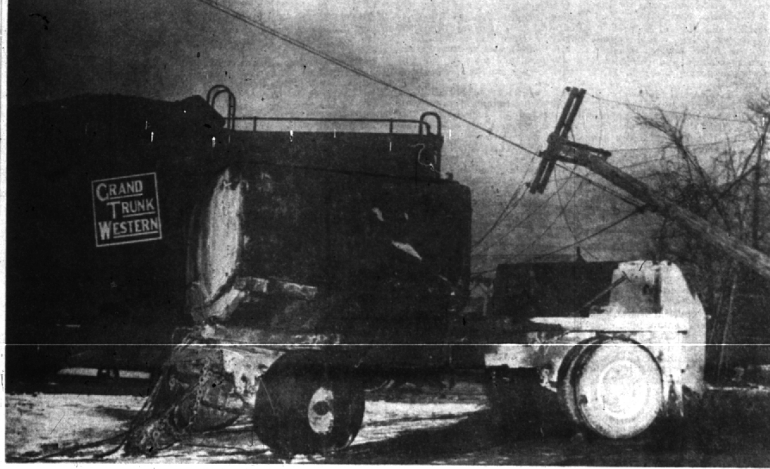
Navajo Indians in Arizona recently staged a war dance to celebrate their claim to a fair share of water that flows in the Upper Colorado River. It was the first dance since 1868 when the tribe signed a peace treaty with the U.S.A.

Detroit's policemen are going to look a great deal better in the use of the dangling cigarette or jutting cigar, of distended cheek which hides a frowning frown.

Sentiment Is Cashied. Birmingham National Bank letter-Leonard Knox cashed a check this week that was endorsed by the original payee with these words: "who doesn't deserve it."

INSIDE THE ECCENTRIC. Photo Story: Week-Long Programs Honor City's Youth. Lathrup Asks Joint Meeting on Evergreen Interceptor. Page 1, Section 5.

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PROBABLY NO DISASTER THREAT has had fewer close spectators than this train-truck collision Saturday at the crossing of Holland avenue and the GTWR spur. Plenty came to the vicinity, but were held back a block away on Eton road as thousands of gallons of fuel oil poured out of the ruptured truck tanks. This, with its danger of flash fire, coupled with the added problems of two downed light poles and tipped truck body, were just more than people wanted as a general stamping ground for the curious. (It was plainly a case of "give the men room" as workers cleared the battered truck from the right-of-way. (Eccentric Photo)

Perspective On Youth Poor Home Life Is Prime Factor In Delinquency

It's the home life—or lack of it, that seems to be the prime factor in juvenile delinquency in Birmingham, according to Chief of Police Ralph W. Moxley.

There is the case of a 14-year-old boy being left at home in the care of a maid while his parents are off on a Florida vacation.

Another 14-year-old boy is in trouble. The father has deserted the family and the mother, with several children in the family to provide for.

Chen Moxley's view point is substantiated by findings in a recent study of delinquency, conducted at Harvard University. This study showed that delinquency starts in homes like these: Six out of every ten juvenile delinquents have fathers who drink to excess. Many have mothers who drink to excess. Three out of four are permitted by parents to come and go as they please. Three out of five are from homes where there is discord between parents. Seven out of ten are from homes where there is no group or family recreation. Four out of five have parents who take no interest in the children's friends. Four out of five delinquent boys say their mothers were indifferent to them. Three out of five delinquent boys say their fathers were indifferent to them. Many come from broken families. Few get religious training of any kind. Few have regular home responsibilities. THERE ARE all kinds of parents. While Moxley likes to see a parent stand back of his youngster, he cannot understand the parent who won't properly accept the facts. There are plenty of that kind too. One father, when presented with the facts of his son's delinquent acts and a kid, says defiantly, "The kid started it. I did it myself when I was a boy."

Polio Victim's Baby Born Only Hours Before 'March'

Everywhere around this land one meets persons who were named for special events or other unusual circumstances. Using this as a basis, a baby was born to a Birmingham couple last week who could—but won't—bear the name "Porchlight."

Fire Extinguished At Lumber Co. A fire at the Restick Lumber Co., 425 S. Eton, was extinguished by firemen Tuesday at 6 p.m. before it could spread to nearby lumber piles.

March of Dimes Exceeds \$25,000. Birmingham Community House Roll Call drive has been changed from Feb. 9 to Feb. 10, according to Russell B. Robins, campaign chairman.

Feb. 10 New Date For Kick-off Rally. The kick-off rally for the 1955 Birmingham Community House Roll Call drive has been changed from Feb. 9 to Feb. 10, according to Russell B. Robins, campaign chairman.



PAUL N. AVERILL AND MARGUERITE HIGGINS Wait for Town Hall to begin (Eccentric Photo)

SOC Water Bids To Be Completed By Next Meeting

With the purchase of the North Woodward water system and awarding of some \$700,000 in construction bids, the South Oakland county water authority looked to a completion of bid awards at next Wednesday's meeting, Feb. 9.

Retiring President Walter Skinner will present his report for 1954, and new board members and officers elected for this year.

House Association Plans Annual Meeting. Annual meeting of the Community House Association has been scheduled for Monday, Feb. 7, at 8 p.m., with all residents of the community invited to attend.

Seeks Rezoning. Rezoning of two single residential lots at the southeast corner of W. Erie, which resigned recently to become bungalow has been requested by owner Thomas J. Mills. The petition has been referred to the city plan board.

Malenkov Won't Risk His Real Estate, Says Reporter

By RUTH ANNE SILBAR. "Russia does not want a World War," declared Marguerite Higgins before Birmingham's Town Hall audience Friday, Jan. 28. "She just wants little wars."

May Fire Chief

Jacobson's Plans Two More Floors

Wilder R. Mason, Jr., manager of Jacobson's, 336 W. Maple, this week revealed plans for enlarging the Jacobson store in Birmingham. Mason stated that Arthur O. A. Schmidt, Detroit architect, has been commissioned to draw plans for adding two floors to the main Jacobson store at Maple and Bates streets. This will double the floor area of the main store to a four-story building and will provide total space in this building in excess of 60,000 square feet.

THE NEW DEPARTMENTS, as well as other details of the program, will be announced at a later date as soon as architectural plans are completed. The \$250,000 building at W. Maple and Bates was completed in 1950 and joined the list of Jacobson's stores in Grosse Pointe, Ann Arbor, Saginaw, Battle Creek, Grand Rapids, Jackson and East Lansing.

Watkins: 'Yes' Patterson: 'No' To Second Term

Birmingham City Commissioner Vincent B. Watkins is a candidate for a second term, but Richard M. Patterson is not, they disclosed this week. "Yes, I plan to have my name on the April 4 city ballot," Watkins said Monday night prior to the start of the commission's regular meeting.

House Association Quarten Traffic Plans Annual Meet 'Normal', Survey Tells Commission. A Jan. 17-18 traffic survey on seven streets in Quartan Lake Park indicates volumes and speeds are average for residential areas.

Malenkov Won't Risk His Real Estate, Says Reporter. The average Russian earns 800 rubles a month (\$200). While a dress of a peculiar cut and bad material might have cost \$600, 200 rubles would buy a new dress.

STRICTLY FRESH

London, England, dentist has really pulled an "achoo." Says he won't treat any woman wearing lipstick. The dentist's staff consists of patients under the age of two. Bill introduced in Congress would make it legal to send live serpents through the mail. If passed, there'll be a sting in some letters. National Arts Foundation makes its third annual appeal for a blank record in each juke box for those who want to enjoy some silence. Dr. perhaps the grocer-food industry could attach a carping dispenser to each label box. Students at the college of dentistry, University of Iowa, drill to music. Patients seem to relax when under the influence of soft music. Our dentist must have trained on M.B. to fast marches, and listened only to the marches.