

Long Wait for the Next Course



HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

By Alice E. Morgan
Birmingham committee members once more are preparing an all-out drive against polio as they plan the 1955 M. Dimes March.

Although no figures have been released as to the effectiveness of the Salk vaccine tried last year, these planners feel it will prove itself to date the most powerful foe of polio.

Polio is a disease which does not "come and go" in the pattern of mumps or measles. It leaves behind an annual "harvest" of hook-backed, persons who will continue to bear the persistence of March of Dimes funds for years to come.

Happenings of Long Ago

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

50 YEARS AGO
January 13, 1905
Our townman, Mr. J. E. Randall, sold his handsome thoroughbred gelding, Intelligence, one day last week to Ed Schmitt of Detroit, for a register. It is not known exactly just the price Mr. Randall received, but the rumor is that it was close to 1,000 plunk.

A pretty surprise party was that given in honor of Clarence and Mrs. Billie Hicks at the beautiful home west of Birmingham, Friday evening. The surprise was completely planned and about 65 guests were in attendance. Their merry friends met at Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Broughton and proceeded to the home in a body where they found their host and hostess as ready to receive them as if it had been known to them.

Mr. E. F. Clark and wife will soon visit relatives in old Kankakee. Mr. E. Clark has earned a well-deserved rest and complete a home invitation to occupy restful days in the quiet, friendly, broiled, stewed in cream, baked and gratin at any old place he likes 'em. What a splendid go!

30 YEARS AGO
January 16, 1925
Bob Porritt is just one leg nearer the trophies offered by Birmingham Gun Club members, a 470-yard and a lot on Ay Suble (Jury), offered by Samuel Moore, will be. Mr. Porritt's score in January shoot held Wednesday last week, totaled 12 out of 20, 12 out of 20, 12 out of 20.

THE OLD TIMER
"Some men with big ideas about life to run this old state can't even paddle their own canoe."

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

The 1955 session of the Michigan legislature is under way. Yesterday was the first formal session of this new year, and it is expected to provide considerable political excitement.

This can come about because of the narrowness of the GOP's control of the legislature, together with the top state elective offices which for the first time in many years are occupied by Democrats.

This will be his first full-length term. Elected to replace veteran Howard R. Estes, who retired to take over the administration of the Oakland county infirmary, Van Dusen was able to get in on only the last few remaining days of the 1954 session.

BUT IN THE ENSUING months, Van Dusen seems to have acquired a considerable knowledge of what the legislature has done, is doing, and may be asked to do.

This was evidenced in his remarks the other day before the Birmingham Rotary club on the dateball subject: "What the Legislature May Do in 1955."

Here is what he said he thinks will come up for action:

Some legislation to supply state revenues because of the business receipts tax which expires March 15.

He believes the Governor again will ask for a corporation tax but that the legislature will extend the receipts tax.

BECAUSE OF THE RECENT state supreme court decision that state tax values shall be used in counties where a lesser municipal unit is in two or more counties (such as school districts), the state will have to solve some local problems that now will arise.

Van Dusen is certain the legislature will have some "interesting" problems involving labor, "but with the present administration being dominated by the big union leaders."

He expects fair employment practices to come up again. Terming it a "difficult problem", he admitted some sort of FEPC "may be around the corner."

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION and reconstruction problems will be on the minds of legislators, according to Van Dusen, but nothing much possible will be done until the non-partisan committee now studying the situation makes its recommendations about next September.

"There will be no major conservation issues this session," the youthful legislator predicts.

"Most deer hunters seem dissatisfied over the conservation department's control of the deer herds—what kind and when to shoot. That permission must be renewed this year so we in Lansing can expect to hear considerable about the pros and cons."

THE SECOND CONSERVATION matter Van Dusen expects to come before the legislature is that involving fishing in the Great Lakes around Michigan.

He says considerable pressure is being exerted to limit the state license since lakes fishermen are the same as inland lakes fishermen are a fish all.

He reminds his constituents that he is in Lansing as their representative, and desires to hear their opinions and facts.

"But just don't blame that you want me to vote for this measure or oppose that one—give me your reasons why. That is the only way in which I can do the intelligent job of representation which you have elected me to do," Van Dusen stresses.

Planning to Move Unemployed To Other Areas Of U. S. A.

From time to time, in various industrial and mining areas of this nation, periods of unemployment come into being. The families so unemployed, for the most part, do not have sufficient funds with which to move to areas where they could get jobs.

These conditions come about following a war, or where technological improvements or progress in chemistry is evidenced, and often where excessive labor costs either close factories or make them move to more "healthful" environments.

Aware of all this, the U. S. Labor Dept. is shaping up plans to provide the money to pay moving expenses for some of these unemployed folks. The biggest obstacle to accomplishing this is the unwillingness of many unemployed persons to be up-rooted

from an area where they have their friends and relatives.

ANOTHER PARTIAL SOLUTION is the bringing of new industries into an area where unemployment comes about from any of the above reasons.

Michigan and the Detroit area, of course, are deeply involved in these problems. It will require the best thinking of every segment of our type of society to find and apply the needed solutions.

Indeed, unless our free competitive economic system, traditionally defended in the U. S. A., is able to do its part in finding the answers, it will not be too many years before "government", in the form of more direct socialism, "takes over."

Great Godfrey Spices The News

How nice it is to have a famous TV star like Arthur Godfrey around to break the monotony of dreary world-shaking news. Arthur's latest relates to his removing his old friend and producer Larry Puck from responsibility for one of the two shows Puck got out for Godfrey.

Why? ... merely because Puck got himself engaged to Godfrey's feminine star singer, Marion Marlowe. At least

that's what is said to be the reason for Puck's dilemma.

(Remember a year ago Arthur fired his then male singer Julius LaRosa for allegedly courting one of the McGuire sisters, also on his show? Claimed Julius had lost his "humility". Come now, Arthur, ... what's become of your own allotment of that desirable human quality?)

Want To Enjoy Next Spring?

A good driver takes the seasons into account. When winter approaches, he has his car checked to see if anything is needed to make it safe for the strains that bad weather driving can impose. He knows that a car that may stop in time when a road is dry may not when a road is wet and slippery.

Just as he pays attention to the care and preparation of his automobile he revises his own mental attitude about driv-

ing. He knows that visibility is usually not so good in the winter as it is in the summer, so he slows down. He is more careful than ever in observing traffic laws.

Driving in bad weather is never fun. Yet the driver who uses common sense, who takes the necessary precautions, can avoid danger and inconvenience. Drive carefully this winter and be around to enjoy the Spring.

From The Eccentric's Point of View...

Nancy Williams, the Governor's enthusiastic wife, told her fellow-Democrats, at the inauguration in Lansing New Year's Day, that her party ought to convince business that the Democrats really are its best friends and defenders. By doing this, she argued, "Such efforts in the past have attracted many, many others who have regarded us only as the critics of big business." Well, Mrs. Williams, suppose you try to convert a few of your big labor allies to your views about business?

project, and hope the move will have a beneficial effect upon cutting down juvenile delinquency. On the other hand, the recently appointed "czar" of comic magazine publishers declares that "the best cure for juvenile delinquency is the happy home ... we certainly need more of them in the United States."

If the American people approved an amendment to the U. S. Constitution requiring Congress to televise, commercially, its goings-on, and the income turned over to the U. S. Treasury, wouldn't that be cheap entertainment? At least Sen. McCarthy wouldn't be the only main attraction.

Communist Poland, Czechoslovakia and East Germany warned France, that she should not approve the re-arming of West Germany ... or else! So France, knowing that her greatest potential enemy is Communist Russia and her satellites, went ahead and ratified the re-arming program for her age-old former enemy. What a strange world human nature has made of what started out as a garden of Eden. To prevent Russia et al to overcome her, France agrees to allow West Germany to re-arm ... even though this nation within a generation has twice tried to conquer her, and once died.

So They Say...

Bernard L. Montgomery, British military leader:

"What modern education needs is more of the old-fashioned can ... I was well beaten myself, and I am the better for it."

Dr. Richard E. Lentz, administrative director of the family life department of the National Council of Churches:

"Psychiatry now recognizes that religion is the motivation even for psychotherapy."

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