

Step 4 in Building Program Deserves Electors' Support

Five and one-half years ago, the Birmingham school district embarked on the first step of a postwar building expansion caused by the steady and rapid influx of people who decided this area was a wonderful place in which to rear their families.

That first step in 1949 consisted of a \$3.1 million bond issue devoted to a new high school at Cranbrook and Lincoln roads.

Then followed three years later a \$3.3 million issue for expansion of elementary facilities by several new schools, and additions to several others.

IN 1954, SCHOOL DISTRICT electors again went to the polls to approve further expansion, this time a \$3.5 program for a new junior high school on the east side of the school district, and additions to the senior high school, already outgrown.

Next Monday, at the annual school election, the district will have before it step four, the biggest one so far—a \$5.5 million bond issue, for a westside junior high school, five new grade schools, additions to five other schools, and swimming pools for the new junior high and present senior high.

The Eccentric, as it has the previous three bond issues, recommends approval of this latest program at the polls next Monday.

WE ADMIT THE PROGRAM looks pretty large, but appearances can be deceiving. The district's enrollment problems are just as large, and require equally as great efforts to handle them.

This program, the district has been assured by the board of education, the school administration, and the special citizens groups who have studied the proposals, is not an ambitious one which includes facilities that will wait some years before they are used.

Quite to the contrary, say these informed groups. This \$5.5 million worth of facilities will be in full use within the next three years.

Birmingham school district residents have jealously guarded their children's educational standards. An affirmative vote next Monday will protect those standards.

At this June 13 election, two board members also will be elected from these three candidates: incumbent Amos Gregory, Mrs. Katherine Loomis, and John V. Nahabedian.

Why Not a Dribble-less Ice Cream Cone?

It may not have occurred to anyone to worry about the alarming state of ice cream. But the time has come for somebody to take a stand. No one complained enough when pistachio hit the cone set, and what happened? Dribbles from collar bone to cuff of a vaguely disquieting swamp-look green.

The pistachio pushers, realizing that a public so bland as to accept the chlorophyll look in their cones was weak enough to take anything, thrust on the market a

fantastic variety of fruit, nut, mineral and vegetable frozen delectables.

NOW THE SITUATION has worsened. It's just about as worsen it can get. Licorice ice cream. Black tongues, licorice hair, pistachio elbows and fingers stuck with a layer of that charcoal goo.

Licorice is passably fine in candy. But when it comes to ice cream, what's wrong with that almost invisible vanilla?

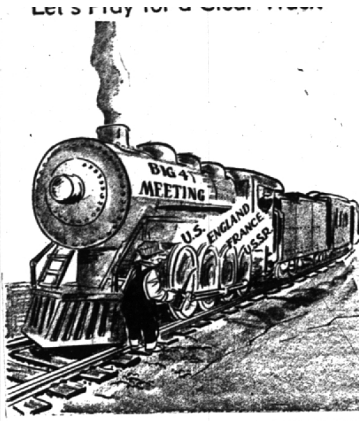
Cheapness of Some Politicians

It probably is true that nearly every person connected with the development, distribution and inoculation of America's boys and girls with the Salk vaccine is honest, sincere, and really dedicated to the defeat of polio.

Yet there are some few today who berate, especially, the federal government's Public Health Service for the fact that some of the vaccine failed to measure up to standard. This failure certainly was

not a deliberate mistake by the California laboratory that made up the vaccine, but rather due to the fallibility of human beings.

The mistake is now corrected. But, to us, the disgusting phase of this entire program is the willingness of some, especially politicians, to use honest human mistakes relating to this Salk program for cheap, political purposes.



HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

By ALICE E. MORGAN

"June," says Uncle Abner, "ought to be renamed. It should be named 'Commencement'."

While the family gaped in wonder, the old gentleman leaned toward the window to hide the twinkle in his eyes.

He launched into his explanation, saying we usually associate June with graduations and weddings—both of which are the commencement of new lives for the persons involved.

"Besides that," he remarked, "it's the commencement of vacations."

"Mothers, just like you, my dear, will be ready for murder after the first two weeks. Tommy'll be starting to want to roam and find plenty of reasons to get away from the house every time you want him.

"WHAT MOTHERS don't know is that mowin' lawns and weedin' flowers just don't come under the headin' of fun. Vacations're for fun."

What about the graduates, was the idea someone brought up.

"Well," Uncle Abner said seriously, "they're sure commencing. Little kids're gettin' into big kid classes; big kids're gettin' into bigger kid classes; an' the college kids're gettin' jobs."

"Commencin' a job is pretty big if you remember the first one I had. I went to work for the North Mills in their timber tract. An' he turned by a college-graduating nephew, 'Buster, I worked'."

"You fellows use science but I used my muscles. We heaved them logs on skids with peavy poles, not mechanical lifts. You profligate work just as hard but you don't raise blisters."

THE SAME nephew, with only three more weeks of backwoods before him, now asked how weddings could be classed as com-

An integral part of every service club's program is the 30-minute talk which follows the luncheon or dinner.

Purpose of the remarks, of course, is to bring new, interesting or up-to-date information to club members, thus helping them to become more active and contributing members of their communities.

So it is with some apprehension that I view the exodus which sometimes takes place just before the speaker is introduced. Like the 17 which decimated the attendance at a recent meeting of one of the local service clubs.

It should be the occasional member who occasionally has to leave to keep a business appointment. The regular get-out-early fellows are the type who give service clubs the undeserved "knife and fork" reputation.

Employees at Ford tractor and implement division this week went on their "summer hours" schedule. They

School Vacation Plans, 1955 Style?



"I got the three runaways—Davy Crockett, the Bee Hunter and the Gambler—they were on their way to the Alamo to fight for Texas independence!"

start work 15 minutes earlier each morning, take only a half hour lunch period, and therefore get out of the office at 4:30 p.m., enabling them to enjoy a half hour more each day of the summertime pleasures.

Planetarium Will Open Next Month

CRANBROOK — Views of the summer sky through a six-inch telescope will be demonstrated on a limited number of clear evenings in June, July and early August at the Cranbrook Institute of Science.

Public groups may make appointments at a nominal fee by calling Midwest 4-1600, extension 73, during office hours.

The Institute's projection planetarium, now being completed, is expected to be available for public viewings in July, when a schedule will be announced.

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A wealthy Canadian "sportsman", reputedly worth thirty millions of dollars, is being sued by his ex-wife for half that amount. She claims that her former husband's wealth came about, in part, from her own sacrificial efforts while still his wife. She loudly shouts that he is morally "loose and on the loose", etc., etc. Surely, here's a plain case where one cannot wor-

ship both God and mammon.

In an effort to eliminate the trouble and expense in collecting and disposing of garbage, Detroit asks every home and building to install garbage disposal units. Perhaps another good idea would be to enlist the public's help in cutting down on the quantity of garbage.

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
June 9, 1905
A little boy in the Milford schools was asked to write an essay on some well known animal, and here is what he produced: The fil is a little animal that gets in the butter in the good old summer

time. It has eight legs, four to walk on, 2 to shuffle together and 2 to sit with. Flies are found all over Ameriky but mostly on bald heads.

TROY — Charles Taylor wed a Chicago lady, Wednesday, and his bridegroom had a Denver lady the same date. The young men are in business in Denver.

The Misses Florence Beach and Mabel Young, and Master Arthur H. Young, of Exchange farm, Bert G. Wilder, of Detroit, and Miss Iva L. Felder, acting as chaperone, spent Decoration Day at Snyan Lake.

36 YEARS AGO
June 5, 1919
Robert Shave, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Shave of Ann Street, gave national golf circles a surprise recently when he won fourth place in the national open qualifiers' tournament at Oswenta, Ill.

The Ford organization is now employing more than 161,000 persons in its various activities throughout the United States according to the latest employment figures.

Maxine Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Taylor of Southfield avenue, and a student at Michigan State college at East Lansing, entered in three of the events at the R. O. T. C. Horse Show at East Lansing last Saturday and won first place in the local Ladies Three Gaited Saddle class.

15 YEARS AGO
June 6, 1940
Announcement was made this week by Oberlin college of a scholarship award that has gone to Edmund Platt, June graduate at Baldwin high school, by virtue of a competitive examination in modern history.

Ted Snyder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Snyder, 768 Oakland avenue, has been selected as Baldwin's outstanding student-athlete. His name has been engraved on the Johnson Memorial Plaque, an honor given thus far to only eight other boys.

Building in Birmingham proper continues nearly \$10,000 ahead of last year for the period ending May 31, it was shown in the monthly report of Inspector James B. Baynes.

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The "Ordinary" Americans

AMERICA IS MADE OF PEOPLE—AND THE PEOPLE, GREAT AND "ORDINARY," WHO WILL MAKE AMERICA EVEN GREATER TOMORROW THAN IT IS NOW, ARE TODAY'S "TEENAGERS"



BEING A TEENAGER ISN'T EASY—YOU'RE UNTRIED—THE FUTURE IS A QUESTION MARK. BUT ONE THING SHOULD ASSURE US THESE KIDS WILL DO ALL RIGHT—THEY'RE OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS—



IN CASE THAT WORRIES YOU, REMEMBER THE SCIENTISTS, LABORERS, PRESIDENTS, HOUSEWIVES AND ALL (YOU AND I) WHO RUN THE COUNTRY TODAY WERE THE TEENAGERS OF YESTERDAY (AND BEFORE).



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