A Breakfast Time Breeze, But a Supper Time Stew

Attempts are being made to remove two more of the several remaining traffic trouble spots. Last week Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley said he was going to prohibit parking along El Maple from Hunter to Eton road in the morning to facilitate railroad-bound motorists.

motorists.

And the city commission approved funds so traffic signals on US-10 at Lincoln and 14 Mile could have the slow

amber" which assists in clearing intersections of turning cars

OF COURSE, the Maple avenue "morn ing solution" still doesn't relieve us of the homeward and westward traffic movement

homeward and westward traffic movement late in the afternoon.

We wonder how long it will take the commissioners to approve Moxley's recom-mendation to apply the parking prohibi-tion at supper time, too?

He's One of the 'Vanishing Americans'

A living example of a disappearing individual on the American scene is Dr. Charles Lamette Santee, of Wapwallopen, Pennsylvania. Dr. Santee is 81 years old and he istill charges fifty cents for an office visit and a dollar for a home-visit. Even lat 81, he practices seven days a week and works from early morning until late is night on most days. He aspent his life in Wapwallopen and the surrounding rural area and, in his earlier days, he often hiked to remote homes, where no roads were yet built.

THE PRESS OF HIS DUTIES has kept him from vacationing since he went to Mexico, during the first World War I.

Of the many thousands of babies he has delivered, and the many mothers he has treated, he has never yet lost a mother

in childbirth. Dr. Santee's only hobby is printing, and he prints his own letterheads and envelopes, when he finds a few spare minutes between calls.

It is hard to estimate the influence of such a man in his community, and it is even harder to replace such a man, perhaps impossible.

DR. SANTEE'S EXAMPLE of service during the last half century is one in the best tradition of the American spirit and the rural doctor tradition.

Now 81, we hope he has many happy years ahead of him, and we point to his example as one which should inspire all Americans.

Americans. After all, few there are left who consider service to his fellowman more re-warding than pigces of silver.

Falls 1,000 Feet-And Lives

Private Stanley Melgzak, of Hamburg.
Pennsylvania, recently jumped out of an aircraft at 1,000 feet. His jump was part of a miss jump by the 503rd Airborne Combat Regimental team, which was conducting Operation Snowbird in Alaska.

The 20-year-old parkgrooper Jredifferl, in a few seconds, that he was having trouble with his main parachute.

The parachute was flapping loose on his shoulder and was not going to open.

He jerked the cord of his emergency chute immediately, but it was too late.

HE CRASHED TO EARTH before the emergency chute opened and observers thought he had been instantly killed.

The thing that saved him was affour-foot snow bank on which he fell. Bescue persontel reached him at the bottom of a hole, where he had gone through the snow. He was complaining about his

breathing and a helicopter rushed him to an Army hospital nearby. It wise expected that he would have all sorts of internal injuries and surgeons were rushed to his side immediately.

BUT, TO THE astonishment of all pres-BUT. TO THE astonishment of all present, he was found to have in serious internal injuries and, after being X-rayed from stem to stern, only one small dislocationlywas found.

Private Melezak is one of the few men

Private Melczak is one of the few men who have jumped out of a plane at 1,000 feet, and landed and lived to 'tell about it without the aid of a chute.

And even more remarkable, he landed without the aid of two chutes, both of-which he had on when he jumped.

We don't know what use Pvt. Melczak ever may make of his experience. But he now has an excellent lecture subject: "I Fell 1,000 Feet, Got Up and Walked Away."

This Is Strictly for the Birds

George McMillan, of Christchurch, New caland, recently undertook an egg-hatch-

Zealand, recently undertook an egg-halching experiment.

Trying to match the skills of a mother hen, McMillan climbed ap into a pine tree and tried to roost-haldh six eggs.

McMillan spent three weeks in the tree, but the eggs didn't latch. Of the six eggs he strapped to himself, three of them broke and the other three made little progress.

HOWEVER, THE STUNT was not a

complete failure, since he raised \$3,069

That's pretty good for a three-weeks egg-hatching expedition, although being thirty-three feet off the ground in a pine tree is a little bit inconvenient, especially with eggs strapped onto one's carcass.

All of which goes to prove that Mother Nature still has a few secrets and that one performs best in his own profession.

McMillan is a sausage-linker. We presume he is now back linking sausage.

From The Eccentric's Point of View...

One more national honor has come to Birmingham's nationally-known scul Marshall Fredericks. Last week he awarded honorable mention—equiv awarded honorable mention—equivalent to third place—in the 1955 Gold Medal Exhibition of the Architectural League of New York, the major league for architects, sculptors and other creative artists. One reason we believe has attributed to Frederick's growing successes is that he takes form and dimension, works it artistically into metal or stone, and builds it into the exterior edifices where it can be seen. enjoyed and appreciated by the passing throng.

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HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

By ALICE E MORGAN

An' today it's St. Patrick's day!
The myths that have grown up around the good man, the things which have become a part of the day—it's an amazing thing.

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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.

bestowed upon a member of our community.

Last Saturday our board of resistration for the village had a day of streauous labor. Twenty-seven names were added to the poll list and 24 stricken off, a net board at \$2.00 each, cost \$6.60.
Three names for \$6.00. Those are valuable men-watch 'em, off, or the remainder of seven had to be contained by the contained by

ons.

Birmingham Village water is a saired article. A Birmingham-lady, ut of town for three weeks, sent ome for a gallon to drink, saying he water she had to drink did ot fill the bill as a thirst uencher."

Mr. Will Storey is a model father but we think he overdoes the business of baby tending when he will hold an empty pillow and rock it for hours.

30 YEARS AGO
March 13, 1925
Three hundred and sixty-five
voters of Birmingham placed Mrs.
Lawler in the office of village
clerk for another year at the anmual village election Monday.

nual village election Monday.

Little Miss Rath Denyes was honored by her mother, Mrs. W D. Denyes, at her home on East Bennaville avenue last Friday afternoon on her seventh birthday. Twelve little girls, sedon friends, were invited in for an afternoon of games which was followed by a dainty supper for the little



50 YEARS AGO
March 17, 1905

At the first annual session of the State Nurse's Association for State Nurse's Association for the State Stat

March 14, 1940
Formal dedication services for Birmingham's new \$155,000 post office are planned for Saturday May 18, it was announced Wednesday by Postmaster Joseph A Byrne.

Mrs. Ferd M. Broock and Mrs F. C. Pew are expected to return to their homes here Wednesday after attending a convention of the Needlework Guild of America held in New Orleans.

DAR Good Citizen awards were presented Tuesday to Cameron Biggers of Birmingham, Anne Nichold of Bloomfield Hills and Middred Pammenter of Keego Har-

word was received here this week that Marjoric Baldwin daughter of Mrs. Stowe Baldwin of Wing Lake, has been made president of the Association of Women students at Michigan college. This is the highest honor attainable by a woman student at East Landing.

Mrs. Roy B. McCutcheon was elected president Tuesday evening of the Baldwin PTA at a meeting of that group held in the Community House.

The story of the Baptist church reaches far back to the days when ligrimingham was almost less than' a village. Indeed a Baptist church was organized in the year 1883, group except a statement in Sceley's History of Oakland Coun-ty to the effect that it was adved in 1840.

NEED SOMETHING FOR YOUR HOUSE? Then locate it by reading or using the Classified Ads in The Eccentric each week.

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

During the course of most friendly debates, this expression can be heard one or more times: "Why, you just aren't listening to me!"

listening to me!"

Of: course, the friend who said that doesn't mean it literally.

He really is voicing his displeasure at himself for failing to explain his ideas in such terms that you, too, can understand him, thus bringing you considerably closer to his viewpoint.

HOWEVER, HE WON'T admit hid inability to understandably vocalize his
ideas. Nor does he want to tell you that
you are stupid because you cannot do the
vocalizing for him.
So he subconsciously selects a phrase
which maintains his own ego, won't offend
you outright, and says, "Why, you just
aren't listening to me!"
As if "inst histering" is the process

aren't listening to me!"
As if "just listening" is the process
through which ideas and experiences are
transmitted from one person to another!

WERE THAT THE CASE, then Noah Webster wasted a good deal of time com-piling the unnecessary several hundred thousand other English words beyond the few hundred basic sounds in the English

few hundred basic sounds in the English language.
Words have no meaning when lifted from context—context being comprised of one's own personal experiences. If your experiences are enough different from another person's, then in all probability your meanings are as different.
Assume, if you will, that you are at a social gathering where the hostess introduces you to three strangers.

stamping plant, from which every week carloads of waste metal are shipped out. The second person is an Englishman, born and reared in Hong Kong, China, who makes a living as an importer and ex-

porter.

The third individual is the officer in charge of the narcotics squad of a large metropolitan police force.

In the introduction, your hostess offers the information that you are a "prominent junk dealer."

Can your invaries the factor of the control of

junk dealer."

Can you imagine the first impression that each of these three persons might get of the work you are employed in?,;

THE SUPERINTENDENT would say to himself, "I think I'll ask him what the latest prices are for old salvaged metal, glass and paper."

glass and paper."

The Britisher might wonder, "Did this chap ever sell any boats to someone I know in Hong Kong?"

And the third man, "If he is what the hostess says he is, then I'll slap the hand-cuffs on him right now and take him in."

Because of their personal familiarity with the word "junk", these three people have started to figure you in relationship to that familiarity.

ARE YOU REALLY a dealer in metal, glass and paper? Or do you sell Chinese fishing vessels? Or do you actually peddle dilegal narcotics to addicts? To top off this discussion, let us assume all three of these new acquaintances are wrong—you really dwn a factory where old cordage is made into gaskets, mats, oakum etc.

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