

Only ten minutes a day, given over to the study of something, means that in a year you will have devoted about 63 hours... such dedication might catch one's entire life!

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A. The UN Is Only An Agency—Not a Cure!

Perhaps the Divine Architect of the human family, realizing that progress requires a wide diversity of intelligence within the children of men, made so many of us so different.

THE ABOVE three paragraphs, I wish to remind you, is merely by way of introducing you to a very important problem that always has confronted the human race...

PROOF of this exists today within the United Nations, a world organization created after World War II to allow nations to get together to settle international problems.

For the UN failed to prevent the Korean War, it failed to stop the conquest of Red China in Indo-China, and it even today sits on pins and needles...

WE STILL live in an imperfect world; mankind still struggles to reach Utopian Heights, it continues in its individual and collective endeavors to bring in the Millennium.

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"QUIET PLEASE! HOW CAN I CONCENTRATE WITH ALL THAT NOISE?" Abraham Lincoln, ruler of the Hedge animal kingdom, is in a serenading mood. (Eccentric Photos)

Bird or Beast, They're His Friends

By BRUNO L. KEARNS Man's best friend, so they say, is his dog, but on the estate of the late Roy Hedge, Charing Cross road, the birds and ducks, cats and rabbits have found a true friend of their own.

THIS IS NOT to argue that the United Nations should be abandoned by the United States. To be sure, it has already poured oil upon many troubled waters...

JUST A WEEK ago, Mr. and Mrs. Sandpiper, a pair of spotted birds, decided to make their home in the white stones of the Hedge driveway.

Visiting Mayors Program Marks Michigan Week

Michigan's annual exchange of mayors is slated for Monday, May 15, with James Allen, Birmingham's mayor pro tem, scheduled to spend the day at Tustin, 10 miles south of Cadillac in Oscoda county.

THE DAY will be spent with the guest getting a firsthand acquaintance of Birmingham's city government and municipal holdings.

capfully avoided the sandpiper until Sam Hedge decided to give them full protection by putting stakes in that section of the fence to prevent autos from going through.

Petitions to Close For B of E Ballot June 2 TWO VACANCIES will result with the expiring terms of Amos Gregory and Mrs. Lewis B. Sapling.

Keep Reds Off Matsu, Quemoy, Urges Speaker

Tiny, ugly islands off the coast of China and known as Quemoy, Matsu or the "off-shore" islands, are of tremendous importance to America, said John C. Caldwell.



MRS. CHARLES SHAIN greeted several hundred members and former members of her International Relations class Tuesday morning. The breakfast program featured a talk by John Caldwell on his recent trip to Quemoy, Formosa.

Chief Griffith Retires Aug. 27

Park Smith To Be His Successor

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL If the telephone rings tonight at 1234 Maryland Blvd., Birmingham, for the first time in 32 years it will NOT be relayed news that a fire alarm has just been received at fire headquarters.

ONLY 53 years old, Chief Griffith said his retirement request was motivated by two principal reasons: first, his physician suggests he quit his 24-hour duty position...

IT HAS BEEN pointed out that no unfavorable reaction has been received following the use of and other products, and that none of this vaccine has been allocated to this area.

UNofficial Speed Record Set by Birmingham Pilot

WRIGHT PATTERSON AIR BASE, OHIO, 4 May—Captain John Porter, a test pilot at Wright Patterson Air Base here, set an unofficial speed record for cross-country flight in a two-engine airplane when he flew an RB-50 Light Bomber from El Paso, Texas, California, to Elgin AFB Base, Florida in 3 hours and 15 minutes.

STRICTLY FRESH

King Frederik IX of Denmark has awarded her the Knight Cross of the Order of Dannebrog in recognition of distinguished service.

Mrs. Grann Wins Danish Knighthood

The first American woman to be given Danish Knighthood is Mrs. Alfred E. Grann of Oakhill drive.

WITH THE LATE General W. S. Knudsen and Fred Johnson, she was co-founder of the Danish-Swedish Children's Federation in 1945.



VERNON W. GRIFFITH



PARK SMITH

What'd They Buy For the \$115?

Birmingham city commissioners are spending this week trying to figure out why their predecessors 27 years ago might have asked for a street sweeper for \$115 each for a month's service—then failed to provide it.

CITY ENGINEER Richard Gatt estimates it will cost \$1,300 to connect into the county drain or \$1,600 for a street lateral north from Northham. He prefers the latter.

Zeoskeeper at Frankfurt, Germany received a broken geranium when Barbara, the seaman kissed him on the ear instead of the cheek. One of those ear-busting "shaking" glad to see you type, 90 faint.



Louisiana State University recently offered a course on rabbit breeding. Course opened Thursday, closed Friday. Outnumbers?