

Their Unselfish Devotion Wins Public Recognition

Within a few weeks, four Birmingham area residents have received state-wide or national attention because of their unselfish service to their fellowmen.

First was Dr. E. B. Spalding, named Michigan's "Dentist of the Year."

He was the first in his profession to call attention to pyorrhea and develop a treatment for it more than 50 years ago. He also originated the porcelain jacket crown for use on broken or damaged teeth.

Next came Dr. John K. Ormond, who had just returned home from India where he and Mrs. Ormond spent 27 months while he formed a training school for native doctors in a Presbyterian mission center at Miraj. They deprived themselves of their normal American conveniences at home to serve among the primitive (by comparison) necessities of Indian community life.

THEN DODGE DIVISION President William C. Newberg received recognition from the National Amvets organization for his contribution during and following the war.

Newberg was chief engineer of a plant which made B-29 bombers during hostilities, then supervised production of military vehicles before taking over as president of Dodge division of Chrysler Corp.

In presenting the award, National Amvets commander Rufus Wilson said it was given "only to men who have performed outstanding service to the nation in war and peace."

AND ONLY LAST WEEK our community learned that our neighbor, Mrs. Alfred E. Grann, had become the first American woman to be given Danish knighthood. This honor was accorded Mrs. Grann because of her long association with international child welfare services. Ten years ago, she co-founded the Danish Save the Children Federation.

We join the many citizens of this community who, as these awards and achievements became publicly known, applauded the efforts of these four individuals.

Their devotion to the cause of humanity—its progress and its development—earns the utmost respect and praise from those of us who are aspiring even though to a lesser degree, to do similar deeds.

These four set the pace, but also demonstrate that the goal can be achieved—if we only would be as selfless and as devoted as they.

To them, we urge: "Lead—the rest of us will try to catch up!"

"Ike" Argues On Behalf of Honest Criticism

President Eisenhower recently told an audience of state governors that he welcomes their honest differences of opinion with him—even when that difference is expressed violently. He said that "in honestly sharpening our wits in dealing with honest men we have the best assurance that our country will stay in the pattern laid out 170 years ago."

The President's statement is worthy of him and his record. There are people today, as there have always been, who sus-

pect dissenters, who confuse disagreement with disloyalty. There are also those who respond hastily to any criticism with a display of temper, as if to suggest that it is impossible to believe that they might ever be wrong.

The free expression of criticism and disagreement, by newspapers, political leaders and private citizens, is the surest check on those in authority and the greatest safeguard of representative government.

Reuther Never Met A Payroll

So far as we know, Walter P. Reuther himself, has never owned and conducted his own business. He has never had to make and meet a payroll. He has never had to be concerned with maintaining business income above business expense, thus to remain solvent.

In view of this, one may well wonder how valuable is his experience in declar-

ing that the proposed "guaranteed annual wage" plan seeks to force upon American industry a wise and practical one.

It is to be hoped that the forces of economic wisdom will be rallied against any plan, whether from unions or management, that will drift our nation into the despotism of the Socialist State!

From The Eccentric's Point of View ...

To be sure, Michigan needs more and better roads to handle its ever-growing transportation growth... but, whether the new highways be turnpike tolls or free ones, there should be no need to ruin existing communities and parkways. In the case of turnpikes, or toll roads, they should be designed for long distance motorists, and a motorist intending to use it ought

to be willing to drive a few miles to reach it. This would allow the toll road to be built on lands less costly.

Spring always is a time for renewed generosity on the part of the small fry. They seem ready to track mud into any room of the house, for anyone at any time.

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HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

By ALICE E. MORGAN

Last week we devoted this space to an appeal to pet owners to keep their dogs and cats under control and avoid the grief of lost animals.

Knowing human nature and realizing that this column is not going to accomplish any world-shaking reform, we ask your indulgence this week while we talk about public means of caring for these strays.

It has come to our attention that the Oakland County Animal Welfare Society, a "private" organization, is in the financial doldrums. They may have to shut up shop if funds are not in soon.

Other groups are in constant need of funds in order to keep up the job of finding homes for unwanted pets, for animals that have strayed from home and/or restoring those pets to owners.

THEY ALSO play an important role in caring for sick and injured animals. These services, like any other, need money in order to work.

Cat owners escape license fees but every dog owner is required to pay for the pleasure of owning a pet.

The question many ask is: "What becomes of license fees?" What does become of these funds? Apparently they are turned into whatever channels the collecting community desires.

License fees for automobiles are routed into fields where the motorist receives a return value. Why should this principle not apply to the dog owner?

IN BIRMINGHAM, if dog license fees were earmarked for use in the public handling of dogs, proper housing for those which are picked up, proper services for owners to get their pets back, and other related services, many owners would be happier taxpayers. In the county, dog tax monies

ONE THING OR ANOTHER

By George Wm. Averill

As new and improved methods of doing things take hold, old regulations and restrictions need to be modernized, too, so the new can become the commonplace.

Such is happening with Birmingham's sign ordinance. Admittedly tightly drawn to discourage billboards, its provisions presently prohibit identification signs which are accessory to the use of property.

These accessory signs are simple in design, yet must be near the street to identify commercial establishments which now are being placed good distances from the curb so off-street parking lots can be included.

City commissioners shortly expect to have a look at the more liberal (yet billboard-limiting) amendments.

Several years ago, when talk first began about South Oakland communities going to Lake Huron for water, the cost of such a plan was mentioned as \$20 million. Increased costs today put that figure around \$30 million.

It would jump to \$50 million to provide capacity for Macomb and Wayne county municipalities. This latter possibility is being considered seriously by the progressive Oakland members.

If you have a modern home, chances are you find it a noisy home. This is be-

cause of the sound-reflecting surfaces today's homes include—picture windows, hard-surfaced ceilings and walls, polished tile, etc.

Much noise also can be traced to the many modern appliances which are louder than their old-fashioned counterparts: dishwashers, mixers, vacuum cleaners, garbage grinders, heating plants.

One consoling feature of today's home, though—children don't make any more noise than their parents used to.

And while on this subject of modern day living, try this for taste—gingerale with some chocolate and a dash of cream.

"Make it convenient" seems to be the term which best defines to me the pace of today's American living.

Teen-age drinking is a result of bad family living conditions, says a Wayne University survey. Treatment lies in eliminating the bad home conditions, not trying to cure alcoholism.

To me occurs this question, "When alcohol is used as an escape from reality, are the children acting like adults, or are the adults acting like children?"



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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.

50 YEARS AGO
May 19, 1905
A smudge in a pigeonhole in G.

H. Satterlee's office desk caused quite a fire alarm Monday night last. No damage, but the discovery of the growing blaze was very fortunate and saved lots of money, such as it belongs the credit of the first alarm.

Chauncy Blair, formerly of Town Line fame as a base ballist, is now managing the Pontiac baseball club and will lend his part in making Pontiac famous as a ball town.

Louie Randall has a good position at the D.U.R. power house with a good show for advancement as a young man of his abilities will demand.

30 YEARS AGO
May 13, 1925
A Forty and Eight was organized at Pontiac Thursday evening, April 30th.

One of the most interesting afternoon affairs of the week was a bridge luncheon yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. T. J. Baldwin which was very attractively set in the east sunroom. Mrs. Walter Pratt, of Southfield avenue was hostess.

About eight village women were invited to a tea Wednesday afternoon given at the home of Mrs. Showe D. Baldwin on Dorchester road. Mrs. Baldwin had as her special guest, Mrs. Robert C. Dierens, a new-comer to Birmingham. Mrs. and Mrs. Dierens, coming from Detroit, are taking up their home on Rivenoak this week.

15 YEARS AGO
May 16, 1940
Buster Wilkinson, 627 Stanley street, is not an old man, but he is the dean of the staff at Birmingham Post Office, having been on the job for 23 years.

Richard Harvey, who graduates this June at Baldwin high school, is this year's recipient of the University of Michigan Alumni tuition scholarship. Good work will continue the award for three more years.