

**Russian 'Sweet Talk' Mere Lip Service**

All of this current "sweet talk" put forth by the Soviet leaders is not worth a red cent, insofar as proving any basic change in the evil heart and intentions of those leaders.

The entire history of how the Communists gained and have retained their power is filled with the story of the enslavement of millions, and the slaughter of millions more.

This same Kremlin made international peace agreements at Yalta, Teheran and Potsdam, and reneged on every one. They cannot be trusted any more now than in the past.

**THEY ARE KILLERS** of the first water . . . they have killed millions of bodies. They have killed the right of freedom of human beings wherever they can . . . and they still seek to conquer ALL the peoples on this earth, including the United States of America.

Within our own country, led by high federal government officials, we have tried to imprison those Communists who have sought to overthrow our form of

government . . . yet our highest leaders play the part of friendly hosts to Soviet leaders in Geneva, and our State Dept. invites delegation after delegation of Communists to visit our country.

We try to tell the Russian masses, through the Voice of America, that their leaders in the Kremlin are their enemies . . . and whenever possible, for propaganda purposes only, the Communist press and radio informs its enslaved serfs how well the western world treats and fetes them . . .

**DOES A LEOPARD** change its spots? Was Al Capone anything but a gangster? Is Luciano, reported to be the world's leader in the illegal sale of narcotics, anything but an evil thing?

To be sure, we need not go out of our way to inflame any nation to engage us in war . . . but neither do we have to be fooled by diplomatic "sweet talk" which emanates from the collective mouth of a group whose word is but the voice of deceit and trickery!

**Let's Get Out of This Mess**

Birmingham City Commissioner Florence Willett certainly has demonstrated courage beyond that normally called for from a city official.

Last week Mrs. Willett, to illustrate her argument that the city hall landscaping needed revamping, took down her hair, mussed it up, removed her lipstick, then said to the six men commissioners, "If you fellows want to see what lack of planning and maintenance does, just look at me now! And that's what we have around the outside of the city hall—just a mess!"

**AND WE SECOND** that mention of a mess. (The city hall "mess," we mean.) Since the plantings were first made back in the late 20's, the trees and shrubs have grown up. So grown, in fact, that most of the architectural beauty of the municipal building now hides behind pine needles.

We think some remedial steps should be taken. Perhaps the ladies in the local garden clubs could undertake some sort of potted plant sale or similar venture to raise funds for the beautification.

**They Serve Their Own Community**

Each Monday night when Birmingham's Mayor Charles Ruffrey calls the Commission to order, his gavel can be heard by all. Quiet is the order of the moment. That is so the Commission may proceed upon its business, which includes the right of the public to be heard.

Birmingham's municipal business no longer is a small subject, much that is

important is discussed and decided in the Commission room. All in all, we agree with those who believe that, everything considered, Birmingham has a right to be proud of the type of men and women who offer their time and talents to serving, with but trifling financial compensation, their fellow-townsmen.

**From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .**

Decision to install microphones for use by Birmingham city commissioners on Monday nights could result in an audience attendance increase. There are few people who come back a second time to listen to something they can't hear. In fact, even some commissioners have complained they couldn't hear from across the table at times. Now that the commission-to-the-audience volume is being boosted, the next best improvement awaiting action is the audience-to-the-commission volume. That's pretty weak, too.

There's probably more basic democracy practiced in American baseball circles than in the arena of politics. Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio, Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Walter Johnson, et al, never got to the top by "promising" to be great players. They had to deliver the goods! Demagoguery and quackery are no help to the stars of the diamond!

When gazing around for someone to lean on, look no further than yourself—here often is the strongest support.

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**HOME SWEET HOME**

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TIME AND SECURITY  
OF BOTH BUYER AND  
SELLER—  
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PAID ONLY WHEN HE  
"DELIVERS" HOUSES  
SPENT ON "NO SALES"  
ARE JUST "EXPENSE".

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**The Silver Lining**



**HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE**

By ALICE E. MORGAN

Your chances of becoming a statistic instead of remaining a citizen should be pretty good this coming weekend. For there will be three days, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, in which you may have ample opportunity to get yourself and your family killed on the highways.

Our two "long weekends" this year, Memorial Day and the Fourth of July, came through with actually lower death tolls than had been estimated. Since mid-summer the weekend tolls have risen steadily.

Consider these as dress rehearsals for the final holiday of the summer season and take time out to shudder.

In citing the reasons for these killing and maiming episodes, highway and safety experts come up with a very, very few which do not place the blame squarely on the driver.

**RARELY HAS** a major mechanical failure of the car been involved. Seldom are road conditions such that an accident would be unavoidable. During most of them the weather has certainly been favorable for safe driving. The big lack then has been safe driving.

Too many persons, today, are in such a hurry to get some place and have fun. They are so pleasure-bound that they cannot see through the rosy glow of anticipation to the grim reality around them.

With visions of lolling on the beach, catching a record number of fish, rolling up a lot of mileage to brag about, they do not see the other car which has entered the highway from a crossroad.

**THAT POOR** soul, knowing the speed law and considering his fellow man as law-abiding, knew he had plenty of time to cross the highway. He would have, had the other car been driving at the stat-

**ONE THING OR ANOTHER** By George Wm. Averill

Unconfirmed reports from out Dearborn-way are growing concerning that super-car which Ford Motor's Lincoln division is reviving, the Continental.

It's going to be such an exclusive car, say these rumors, that owners are going to have to sign agreements to let the company have first crack at re-purchasing the used models when the owner wants a newer one.

The Mexican government recently cancelled the Mexican Road Race, giving as the reason the uncontrolled crowds which line the course in many spots.

If someone could only think of a way to cancel the Great American Highway Race because of the uncontrolled drivers . . .

One of the more overworked phrases in this language of ours is, "as you know". If we already know what the writer or speaker is telling us, why must he waste our time telling us again?

Were he to omit this obvious admission of stale news and assume what he has to say really is news, chances are it would be news to us.

But when he says, "And as you know, the club locker room has been completely refurbished for pleasure of club members," and we DON'T know it, it makes us feel we aren't as hep to the world as we should be.

On the other hand, by saying, "As you recall (or remember, or recollect, etc.), the club locker room has been etc., etc." he shows he assumes we were all but in on the committee work for this remodeling.

And if we hadn't known it, who's going to be the first to tell him his assumption was wrong?

Last week, Detroit's Mayor Albert Cobo is supposed to have got angry enough at one Detroit newspaper's city hall reporters that he was declared persona non grata.

Readers are reminded that this is between election campaigns.

T-r-i-l-l-i-o-n trillion; a thousand billion, one hundred thousand million, one hundred million thousand—pardon me, folks, I'm just practicing up on a new work which in the near future will enter our work-a-day vocabulary.

Like, for instance, "Trillion-dollar debt", "trillion-dollar federal budget", "trillion-dollar tax", etc., etc.

Some people enjoy life as if it were a firecracker—something to get a bang out of.

Just getting two women together will not result in a conversation. They need a third woman . . . to talk about.

Said one racing car to another: "I don't remember your frame, but your race is familiar."

Other evening I needed some information from the Michigan state police post nearest me. I checked the local telephone directory, couldn't find the number listed. If I hadn't had a Detroit directory around the house, I'd have had to bother someone else for the listing—the operator, local police, next door neighbor, etc.

How nice it would be—in an emergency especially—to have the nearest state police post number in the local books.

It's not very difficult to find the answers to problems—just as long as you don't let the other fellow confuse you with his side of the matter.

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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**  
Aug. 31, 1905

John N. Heth of Southfield has been appointed a delegate to attend the American Road Builders Convention and Good Roads celebration to be held at Port Huron. Two miles of macadamized road now being built under the State Road law will be inspected by the delegates. To make them all happy, a boat ride on Lake Huron, an automobile ride and a 1905 plate banquet will be all free for the delegates.

Mrs. Bert Bird is the most uncomplaining and generous lady in our town. After missing from an hour her very nose, a wash tub, one-half a five gallon can of gasoline, canned fruit, bread, crabs, berry short cake at odd times, she faithfully offers to the thief that if he or she will only return the empty cans, she will refill them and have them ready in thirty days.

Dr. N. T. Shaw has just finished giving his cozy home on Woodward avenue a great improvement.

A bathroom furnished complete with all its attachments and a cement over the whole cellar bottom, an improvement that is approved by Mrs. Shaw and the kids.

**30 YEARS AGO**  
Aug. 28, 1925

Building permits granted in Birmingham on the past two weeks have totalled more than \$50,000.

Sunny Italy and its quaint old dinky carts, its gay and brilliant colored costumes and much that lends to the embellishment of the old Italian city, to be a colorful and delightful piece of the St. James Italian Street Fair on Sept. 12. Entries will support the keys and pretty society girls will manage the parade and bargain for the state in the place of Italy's daughter.

Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. George E. Phillips of "Thornbrook Farm" left by motor for Point Aux Barques on Lake Huron. They will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar A. Guest for a week.

**15 YEARS AGO**  
Sept. 5, 1910

Mrs. Lewis C. Dunn and daughter, Marie, of Golden Gate drive, returned Saturday morning from a trip to Georgian Bay. Mr. Dunn spent the past ten days in New York City where he visited the fair. Before her trip Mrs. Dunn gave a luncheon for 18 guests, in honor of out-of-town mothers of close friends who were visiting their daughters. That week Mrs. Dunn also gave a potluck luncheon for members of the Twentieth Century club of which she is an officer. Twenty-seven guests arrived laden with baskets.

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1 Wash and hull berries	1 Wash and hull berries
2 Prepare syrup	2 Combine berries with sugar
3 Sterilize jars	3 Place in container
4 Place berries in jars	4 Close container
5 Cover with boiling syrup	5 Label and date
6 Remove air bubbles, adjust lid and seal	6 Place in freezer
7 Place in canner	
8 Process for specified time	
9 Remove from canner, readjust lids, cool	
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12 Arrange on shelves	

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