

A considerable portion of the quality of life is to be measured by the extent to which the individual is able to become manifest. When one truly is grateful, he is displaying a quality of character that does to people what rain, sunshine and good earth do to flora.

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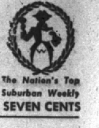
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The Nation's Top SEVEN CENTS

Spring Vacation's a Week, Calorie

THIS and THAT

George R. Averill

To be sure, Americans revel in developing certain types of critical attitudes toward people in the public eye. They applaud and condemn athletes, mothers-in-law, and public officials—but, why down deep, most of this criticism is a sort of left-handed compliment. If one possesses a vigorous and healthful sense of humor, most of such criticism rolls off like... well, like the promises of some politicians.

"As usual, Easter brought forth its array of lovely and colorful... churches," observed the local cynic. It is not yet known, however, how many more souls were converted to the status of working Christians by the sight of the new and beautiful contemporary style certainly can see more of 'em—Christians.

A few weeks ago Michigan Legislators, plus Lansing newspaper correspondents, plus other important people, gathered at the home of Hub M. George, Detroit Free Press political reporter. It was, I emphasize, a well-deserved testimonial to the dear old Michigan's governmental writers.

I have known Hub for many, many years—going back to 38 years ago when I was a reporter on the old Detroit Journal, since absorbed by The News.

When I was campaigning in 1946 with the late ex-Governor Kim J. Phelan, it was significant that I observed him during my two years in Lansing in Slinger's office.

Mankind today pays a high penalty for the distracting forms of entertainment it has invented. To be sure, the radio and television had to come, and they have brought with them in society's development—but when they are depended upon for entertainment, they are taking the place of good books, good conversation, and other areas of life's values.

We may as well be vegetating, that never roots deeply in the soil—and when too much rain, too much dryness, too much heat or cold attack this shallow vegetation, it withers and dies.

TWO DETROITERS were hurt Tuesday when their two-seat Aircope (above) crash-landed in a field off 13 Mile road near Orchard Lake road after the controls froze. Fred B. Blanchard (in plane) 56, was admitted to Mt. Carmel Mercy hospital with head and leg injuries and a passenger, Harold Short, 34, (standing left) was treated for cuts and bruises. It landed behind the home of Leo Wedyk, 32084 13 Mile road and muddy conditions, which later mired rescuers, would not allow the plane to land smoothly.

Sue B'ham Nat'l Bank for Losses

Co-partners in the G. Carl Elder and Son, Inc., builders, 1810 S. Woodward, Birmingham, have indicated they will sue the Birmingham National Bank in an attempt to recover money lost through forgery over a 15-month period by a clerk in the Elder firm.

"THAT THE fraud was being perpetrated was so apparent from the bank's permitting to be done on the plaintiff's account that the failure of the bank, its officials, and employees to detect the wrong-doing during the first two months thereof was the proximate cause of the depletion of the plaintiff's account," the bill of particulars charged.

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3rd Southfield Sewer Vote May Be Invalid

The election jinx has struck a third time at the proposed Evergreen interceptor sewer that would extend from Troy through Birmingham and Southfield to Detroit.

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May Widen Eton Up to Original 41-Ft. Proposal

A mid-street swap-of-horses affair was accomplished—or was held, depending on which side of the vote you were on—regarding the proposed widening of an eight-block stretch of Eton road.

FOUR OTHER youths have admitted breaking into the home of Tom, 17, a victim of glandular tuberculosis, and an honor student throughout his student life, was collecting Good Luck Margarine stamps with some to spare, thanks to the good-hearted people of the area who went "all out" so that he might have a chance to win a four-year scholarship.

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Mandalism In One Case Hits \$4,000

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LAST WEEK'S TROUBLE to which the two referred came in a 12th district state senator in Birmingham police station during the vacation season.

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Suggests City Reke Division

Establishment of a Birmingham city recreation department was one of 14 recommendations contained in a report received this week by the city manager's office from Norman Landry, who resigned the recreation director's post after two weeks in January of this year.

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Third Generation Of Family to Head B'ham Government

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Dog Owner Meets With Father Of Bitten Boy

A red Irish setter believed to be the one that inflicted serious bites on the head of Eddie Rodgers, Jr., 2201 W. Lincoln, is currently under observation while the dog's owners and the boy's parents are holding discussions with Birmingham police to work out the problem.

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