

### Social Security Has A Sand Foundation

Suppose Joe Doaks was paid the maximum social security tax ever since it kicked off in 1937, on an average monthly take-home of \$300.

SOME BARGAIN, EH? Joe can expect to live 13 more years and Mrs. Joe 15 years.

All for \$1,200! Left that grand? Nice work for the Doaks. But what about the Soaks? Everybody can't be as lucky as Joe.

### Legendary Lost Treasures Hold Lure

The lure of legendary lost treasures should never be underrated. It has driven men to strange deeds, taken them to strange places.

This Salamis was reduced to ruins by an earthquake in 380 A.D., and then submerged by a huge tidal wave 600 years ago.

### More Youth Needed In Scientific World

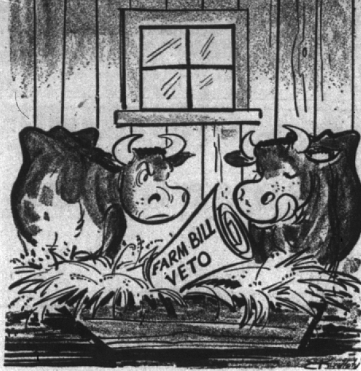
Recently the American Institute of Physics had its 26th anniversary meeting in New York City.

One phase of the convention was notably this on attendance. That was the Institute's placement service, which seeks to bring job-hunting physicists and prospective employers together.

This is no surprise to anyone who has noted the many recent pleas for more scientists and more science-training.

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### It's a Matter of Taste



### NATURE NOW

## Voice of a Peeper Is Heard in Spring

By LYDIA KING FREISE Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

Among all the voices of spring, none is louder or more persistent than that of our common tree frog or spring peeper.

On the back he wears the Greek letters of St. Andrew, inscribed in black; on his legs cross-stripes.

Because of his protective coloration and his nocturnal habits, the peeper is more often heard than seen.

WATCHED AT night with the aid of a flash light, one can observe the inflation of the sounding sack which is a thin membrane beneath the throat.

EACH IS EQUIPPED with external gills for breathing which during the 90 to 100 days of the life in water gradually change to internal gills and are finally replaced by lungs.

### 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

April 27, 1906

"The post office department has decided that children going to and from school shall not be allowed to get their parents' mail. So do not blame the postmaster if your children are refused the mail."

"George C. Hupp is having his new home on Maple avenue handsomely painted. Mrs. J. Chatfield is the artist to wield the brush."

#### 30 YEARS AGO

April 23, 1926

"Zona Gale, known internationally by us as a famous author and playwright, laments the passing of Birmingham's great trees in the path of commercial progress."

"More than 40 members of the Birmingham Exchange club and their guests attended a banquet given by their organization at the Northwood on Tuesday evening."

local specialties engaged for the occasion, the banquet was declared a decisive success by all in attendance."

"As a representative work, the music department of Baldwin high school, under the direction of Miss Ethel Mary Tilton, music supervisor, will present for public performance on Friday, April 20th, the comic opera, 'Captain Crossbones.'"

#### 15 YEARS AGO

April 24, 1941

"Birmingham Exchange club celebrated its 17th anniversary by its meeting Tuesday, with several of the charter members giving reminiscences. That group included R. O. Beck, Ralph Mouthrop, Ralph Wilson, Harry I. Starr, Robert W. Chisum, Fred Douglas and E. W. Osborne."

"A capacity crowd is expected at the Barnum school auditorium tonight at 7:45 to see Mark Twain's immortal story, 'Huckleberry Finn.' It will be dramatized by the Barnum Mummer's club."

"Biggest Arbor day celebration by Birmingham's history will be observed Friday afternoon when a tree will be dedicated at Hunter boulevard and Woodward avenue representing the 1,124 flowering crabapple trees which are being planted in the city this spring."

Walloon Lake, south of Potoskey, Michigan, boasts crystal-clear water so pure that local residents use it in their automobile batteries.

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

In spite of the disinterest the public expresses toward its own safety, there is a small but determined group of civic-spirited citizens that is determined to do its share to protect the nation against aggression.

I refer to the ground observer corps, which in cooperation with the U.S. Air Force, scans the skies, ever on the alert for unauthorised aircraft.

The GOC has staged a long, hard battle to establish observation posts across the nation. In Oakland county the fight has been as hard as elsewhere, but apparently has succeeded better than most.

THIS UNUSUALLY SUCCESSFUL county effort is due almost entirely to Melvina Eberle of Milford, who came into GOC as county director a short three-and-a-half years ago.

In fact, she only recently has returned from a doctor-ordered vacation trip that took her and her husband as far as the West Coast.

On her way home, she happened to come through Colorado Springs, home of the continental air defense command, whose job is to be immediately ready to defend the United States from aggression from the air.

SHE MET COL. BROWN MAYALL, who has charge of the civilian defense end of the program. By the end of their half-day visit, Col. Brown expressed the desire to have Mrs. Eberle return soon and conduct a three-day seminar for military and civilian GOC supervisors who would be

brought in from various points around the nation.

She's accepted this newest and highest of assignments, and is only awaiting Col. Brown's determination of the date.

A few days after she was home, the mail brought this additional and congratulatory surprise from her top military "boss":

"Dear Mrs. Eberle: Unfortunately, the press of my official duties made it impossible for me to meet you during your visit to our headquarters on 28 March.

"However, Colonel Mayall told me of your visit and has briefed me on your activities in Michigan. Let me express to you, and to all of your co-workers, the thanks and appreciation of the Continental Air Defense Command for the wonderful job you are doing in support of the ground observer corps.

"THE THREAT OF ENEMY aggression was grave two years ago. Today it is even more grave. While the threat remains, the need for an active ground observer corps will exist.

"Please tell your GOC volunteers what an important adjunct to our air surveillance system the ground observer corps is, and how much we depend on all of them to help us keep the peace we have enjoyed over the past few years.

"Having been a devoted member of our team for so long attests to your interest, and surely you have been an inspiration to the members of your community.

Sincerely,

/s/E. E. PARTRIDGE General, USAF Commander-in-Chief

There are openings in the Birmingham GOC effort. Additional financial support in paying for the \$1,000 construction of the local post also is needed. Checks may be mailed direct to Mrs. Eberle, Milford, Michigan, or care of The Eccentric.

### House Organs - - - - ?

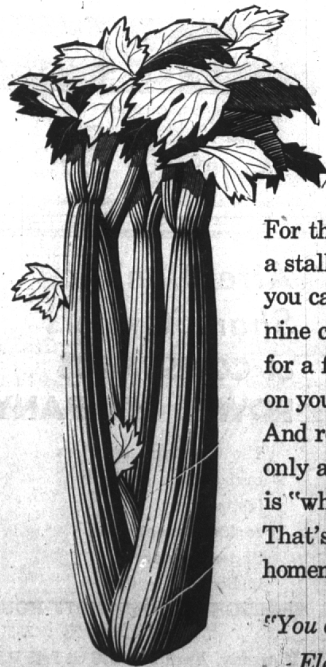
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