

Man Only Reflects What He Is Inspired To Be

Failure of the British, French and Israeli governments to live up to the United Nations charter...

As we all know, those first three countries swept into Egypt with their military machines and men...

INDEED, THE military moves by Britain, France and Israel are warring moves, whereas Russia's current numerous war-like moves are done indirectly...

President Eisenhower, in his handling of the Suez matter, subscribed to the UN's letter and spirit. This brought down upon the United States vigorous criticisms from Britain, France and Israel.

John L. Tells Labor "Facts of Life"

Dark-eyed miners' union leader John L. Lewis long has fought management, as well as the introduction of labor-saving machinery...

But the most significant revelation in the new Lewis attitude came when one of the UMW convention delegates, backed by a few other miners, objected to the new contract...

"THE QUESTION of the six-hour day is one of cost," he said. "I think if the convention wants it, it can get it in the next contract... with pay for six hours. When you reduce the day from eight to six hours without wage reduction it means a 25 per cent increase, at least, in production costs."

"The shorter day has been discussed

Yes, international peace is difficult to maintain.

HOWEVER, NOTHING is more worthwhile for nations to work at—and the UN offers a good place for statement to gather around a table to talk over (and compromise, if possible) their various problems.

That's why we continue to believe that the idea of a One World Government cannot solve international problems, to the extent that conflict is an assured impossibility.

There is not enough of this God-like quality in the inhabitants of even a small community, or a state, or a nation to maintain domestic tranquillity within them; how much more difficult, then, it is for many nations to do so.

Some day, when mankind is more God-like in spirit and purpose, it will reflect the same quality of environment.

with the operators in past years. They claim that they are getting only 6.5 hours of productive time now as a national average, because of travel time and paid lunch periods.

"THESE," SAID the labor leader with firmness, "are the facts of life we have to consider. If you want to stop eating so much and loaf more, we can get you the six-hour day."

This is an attitude quite different to the one presented by Mr. Lewis just 10 years ago. It is an attitude accepting the fact that the worker's welfare is tied up with the success of his industry, with production and productivity.

Congress, Not Supreme Court, Makes Laws

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt writes that "a Supreme Court order is the law of the land."

She should read the Constitution. It says that the Constitution, itself, and laws "which shall be made in pursuance thereof," shall be the Supreme Law of the land.

It says that "all legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress." The legislative power is the power to make laws. No such power is given the Supreme Court.

As a matter of practical necessity, a judgment by the "Court of last resort" is binding on the parties to the suit, even if wrong.

When Lincoln denounced the Dred Scott decision, he admitted this fact but said the losing party can appeal to the people to undo the judgment.

THE SUPREME COURT does not consider itself bound by its own judgments and has reversed itself many times—thus acknowledging that its former decision was not the law.

It reversed two former unanimous judgments of its own in the very public school case which Mrs. Roosevelt now says is "the law of the land." What time was it right?

On many occasions, Congress has rewritten the law to put to naught a Supreme Court decision. On other occasions, the people, by Constitutional amendment, have reversed the Court.

The Supreme Court should be respected, but not when it makes "laws" by its own order.

Our Founding Fathers did not intend to create a judicial despotism.

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NATURE NOW

By Lydia King Freshet Special Writer For The Birmingham Evening Post

Vanilla's Flavor Comes from Orchid

During these days of holiday preparation, the housewife's hand reaches often for a bottle marked "vanilla", the most popular flavoring on her shelf.

Genuine vanilla is an extract made from the pod or "bean" of a tropical orchid, Vanilla planifolia. It is one of some 50 members of this genus which grows in Mexico, Central and South America and Florida.

Our choicest vanilla beans come from cultivated areas in Mexico and Madagascar. However, this highly profitable industry is spreading to other places in the tropics including the East and West Indies and Puerto Rico.

GROWING AND processing the vanilla "bean" requires at least a four years of patient effort. First, a rich forest plot is thinned until the trees stand eight feet apart. These must then be trimmed to admit just the proper amount of sunlight; too much will make the leaves turn yellow.

Last spring I saw the vanilla orchid growing in the beautiful natural habitat of Mayaguez, P. R. It made its way high up on the tree trunk in a very zig-zag line. Its smooth green leaves alternate on the thick stems. The flowers are small and position the amount of light needed for best growth.

CULTURE begins with cuttings which develop both aerial and ground roots. In a favorable situation in a few months, flowering will begin during the second year.

Its growth requires a heavy rainfall, but it will not flower unless the atmosphere is dry, hence its culture is limited to those areas which provide a wet followed by a dry season.

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

One of the most confounding things in our world today is the constantly increasing number of accidental deaths on our highways, in our homes, in our business places.

Before you get to the end of these paragraphs, another person in these United States will die violently, die needlessly. It might be in a transportation tragedy, in a fall or a fire. It could be in a home, a business, or in play.

Most confounding is that these tragedies are not a result of ignorance. We know how to prevent auto accidents and the falls and the fires. We have not lost our sense of social responsibility.

Our local, state and federal governments, our voluntary agencies, our private business firms spend millions of dollars annually teaching us safety and prevention.

Why, then, the annual toll? Thoughtlessness? Carelessness?

Whatever it may be, it especially is tragic at this season of the year. Be sure your Christmas is a safe Christmas. Tinsel, paper, pine needles, strings of lights, children can add up to happiness—or tragedy.

Let's put a little care in Christmas, too.

Birmingham city commission has started action to eliminate a little of the rural atmosphere here.

It is going to see what can be done to improve public restroom facilities in local restaurants. (It is rumored that some eating houses don't even have any.)

The American public values its congressmen only half as much as its President. On the other hand, its senators are half-again as valuable as the President. But most state governors are on a par with congressmen. Some judges are only fractionally as good as the lifetime value of other judges.

That's what might be inferred from our method of deciding who is what through our two-, four- and six-year election terms. Depending on who you use as examples, it'd be easy to prove or disprove this assumption.

Some people let go of money easier than they do with a "Thank You!"

Birmingham city commissioners hope that this season's Elton ice rink deficit is less than that of the very short season last spring.

When final operational costs were figured, it came to about \$3 the city spent per skater for each hour on the ice.

One commissioner remarked at that time, "It would just about be as cheap to get 'em a cab and let 'em skate at Olympia."

"Or give 'em each \$2 and send 'em home!" rejoined another.

That's why admission costs are up somewhat this year, along with commission's hopes that the ice is crowded.

There are two ways to run a business. One of them is into the ground.

B'ham Motorist Hurt

TROY — Raymond T. Ayres, 49, of 1840 Yosemite, Birmingham, was treated at William Beaumont hospital last week for abrasions and chin cuts suffered when his car went out of control on 16 Mile road one-quarter mile east of John R. and hit an abutment. Ayres, 49, was hospitalized for a few days.

Flames Destroy Interior of Auto

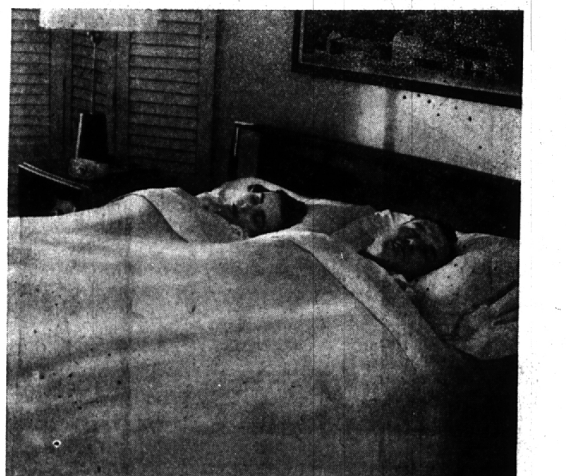
TROY — Interior of a car owned by Charles Cochran, 1925 Crooks road, was destroyed by flames last Thursday, according to Police Chief David E. Grattop.

the night before and that, when he opened the car door smoke billowed out and the upholstery burst into flames.

"Conservative" is the word for Meredith, N. H. Only recently did town fathers order removal of the last two hitching posts in the business district.

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From The Eccentric's Point of View ...

Several hundred male students of the University of Michigan one evening last week rioted against "poor, starchy food" in their residence dormitories. They threw food and dishes on the dining room floors, marched around the campus, and to the home of president Harlan Hatcher.

on election day on behalf of your own convictions was shown in Southfield's recent election; voting the second time on a charter for a proposed new city, those in favor of the idea lost by only 43 votes. Had they mustered 44 more "Yes" voters to the polls, they would have won. By the same token, those who opposed the charter must realize how narrowly they squeaked through; had they not worked hard they would have lost. In brief, EVERY VOTE counts on election day.

Further proof of the need to work hard

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"We have the nicest neighbors! Look! They gave me a box full of cats."

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 December 14, 1906 "Mrs. Minnie Gates, of Farmington, has started a \$5,000 damage suit against the D. U. R. Mrs. Gates alleges negligence on the part of the company in permitting her to be struck by a car."

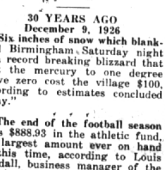
15 YEARS AGO December 14, 1921 "Registration of volunteers to assist in Birmingham's home defense unit will take place next week... enlisting those who can serve in an auxiliary fire and police force, and a nurses' corps..."

"No one is so independent as the farmer; he doesn't have to truckle! If he is insulted, he can resent the insult without fear of losing trade, and there is no earthly reason, with the improved farm machinery he now has in use why he should not have an eight-hour day and study as would soon make him one of the best informed men in any community. Why shouldn't the farmer be all this and more? Surely he has the possibilities."

"Birmingham, like every other city the length and breadth of the nation, became really war-conscious Monday when Congress declared war on Japan. A revolutionary change in outlook occurred. People who before had viewed hostility with a laissez-faire attitude, turned to a desire to punish the Japanese for their attack on Hawaii. Selective Service officers reported that at least a dozen young men came in and reported change of address, as required by law. A few reported removal of a disability which had prevented classification in I-A."

30 YEARS AGO December 9, 1906 "Six inches of snow which blanketed Birmingham Saturday night in a record breaking blizzard that sent the mercury to one degree above zero cost the village \$100, according to estimates concluded today."

"The end of the football season finds \$888.93 in the athletic fund, the largest amount ever on hand at this time, according to Louis Randall, business manager of the Birmingham public schools."



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