

What a wonderful set of twins a healthy head and heart make when they function according to nature's law! If mankind's thought-processes were based faithfully in line with Truth, the heart performs its function... Utopia would be here, and now.

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THIS and THAT

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Uncle Sam is an Economic Leech

How foolish to expect the federal government to become the national give-away patron saint, whose every cent it gets comes from the taxes imposed upon citizens of all the States. Uncle Sam is getting a leech upon the purse strings of every citizen, insofar as he is paying more money than is required to carry on the essential federal government's role.

However, because Uncle Sam has the income tax as his weapon, he can hit-jack every citizen into paying tribute to Washington, D.C.

IF the average citizen would demand that within his own state more problems should be solved, Uncle Sam wouldn't have to get into the act. But because too many citizens refuse to try to maintain State's rights, plus state's obligations, big and bigger Uncle Sam steps in. Uncle gets the dough, he then spends it about where he wants.

Congress, you see, is so far removed from the controls of the individual American mind that it can continue its bureaucratic domination and ever-increasing taxation without much citizen interference.

Today's status of government in the Progressive era is devouring the individual's freedom.

Ohio's Democratic Governor, Frank J. Lausche, one of the very few high public officials in this nation who are honest, forthright, and unafraid to express themselves as true Americans.

The Ohioan recently admitted that he voted for the late Senator Taft, a Republican. Lausche is being watched very carefully as a potential Democratic Presidential candidate.

Were he to be nominated, and he decide not to run, plenty of otherwise staunch Republicans could be swayed to vote for Lausche against some weak and vacillating disciple of the GOP.

It has been said often, in every generation of mankind, that only when a nation is required to work hard, to overcome obstacles, to acquire and keep itself active on the side of honest and lawful progress, will its people remain free.

History tells us that every nation that got soft and fat, that didn't have to plan and work for what its people want, that much worship is paid to Mammon, can mankind expect to serve will his God?

Michigan's road problem is now in hands so divided that one hardly can expect its solutions easily to be found and applied.

Highway Commissioner Ziegler wants to build so-called free-way roads parallel to Turnpike Authority Chairman Higgins' toll roads.

Governor Williams thinks both Ziegler and Higgins are slightly off their concrete base, which sort of leaves it up to the Legislature to speak up to both Ziegler and Higgins, or, after all, the Legislature can make and re-make plenty of rules to regulate both groups.

Speaking of politicians, increasing interest in the possibility of Detroit Mayor Cobo resigning to run as a Republican candidate for Governor of Michigan is in evidence. (See THIS & THAT, Pg. 2, Sec. 1.)

Ask Police To Study Handling Of Youth Problems

A comprehensive report on how Birmingham police are handling juvenile problems, and whether there are any additional measures the city can take to improve any inadequacies, was called for this week by City Commissioner Dean G. Beier.

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley said he would do this and forward his analysis to the commission via City Manager D. C. Egbert.

BEIER's demand came after he had looked over the annual police department report, and noticed that a number of items involving juveniles had increased considerably during 1955.

Moxley admitted that percentage-wise, some classifications had risen sharply.

But he cautioned that the statistics must be evaluated in their proper perspective.

We have about 7,000 youngsters in the city, and we arrested only 184 last year—that's just about two per cent, or average, he emphasized.

COMMISSIONER William Roberts won approval for transferring juvenile division activities to a portion of the vacated fire department wing.

"It's pretty rough to handle the youngsters adequately and properly in present police headquarters," Roberts said.

Moxley's annual report listed these main items concerning juveniles:

In comparison to the 1954 total of 144 juveniles arrested, the police department reported 184 juvenile arrests in 1955.

GREATEST number of juveniles taken into custody resulted from larceny complaints, with 47 arrests on this count.

Disorderly conduct was the second largest offense, with 34 arrests. Breaking and entering complaints brought the arrest of 29 juveniles.

destruction of property was responsible for 17, and auto thefts 15. (See POLICE, Page 2, Sec. 1.)

Man in Blue Car Reported Again

A man in a blue car was reported to have attempted to pick up a small girl again this week, Birmingham police said.

Denise Falvey, 6, of 16969 Kirkshire, told her parents the man stopped near the corner of 14 Mile and Pierce Saturday morning and beckoned to her. The girl shook her head and walked home, where her parents called police.

HER COMPANION, David Holbrook, 6, of 16966 Kirkshire, gave a description of the car and the man.

A similar case occurred the previous week when an 8-year-old Pembroke school girl told police a man in a blue car asked her to "go to lunch" near the corner of her Yorkshire road home.

Because the children failed to get the license number in both cases, police were unable to trace the motorist.



THIRTEEN of the sixteen scouts in Troop B-29, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs church, who in special Scout Sunday services will climax three years of work leading to scouting's highest religious awards, "Ad Altare Dei" and "God and Country."

Highest Scout Religious Award Goes to 21 Boys Identify Detroiters In Holdup

Twenty-one scouts from Birmingham troops will receive scouting's highest religious award at impressive church ceremonies this Sunday. Never before in Birmingham history have so many boys earned the coveted "Ad Altare Dei" (Protestant) award—usually earned only by two or three scouts a year.

It is an award not easily won and represents three years of effort and service to the church.

FROM TROOP B-29, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, comes the largest number of honored scouts—15 getting the Ad Altare Dei ("To the Altar of God") and one scout, the "God and Country" award.

Five scouts from the First Presbyterian church will be honored this Scout Sunday. (See picture on Page 3, this section.)

Catholic scouts from Troop B-29 will go in a group Sunday afternoon to Blessed Sacrament cathedral in Detroit and receive the Ad Altare Dei award along with over 200 Catholic scouts in the Detroit diocese.

BOYS IN the troop receiving the award are Mike Murphy, Bob Neff, Jim Biando, Frank Murphy, Ed Corby, Bob Pittcock, Russ Cullen, Doug Fosco, Carl Ludwig, Mike T. Kelley, J. Michael Kelly, Bob Miller, Dick Labadie, Charles Hartner Jr., and Richard Gruze.

BOYS receiving God and Country awards are Jim Brain, B-29, Redeemer Lutheran church, and from David Martin, B-1, Douglas Witt, B-1, Bill Heydon, B-1, Murray Stewart, B-1 and Bill Munchinger, B-5.

WATRESSES will be taken to Detroit for a showup, Green said, in an effort to identify the other two men picked up by other holdup victims. Sheridan explained he only had a good look at the man who took the money.

GREEN SAID the gunman used foul language during the robbery. Method of flight was not known, said Green, because no auto was seen, but it is believed the three escaped by car.

Patrolman Norman Dehnke arrived within five minutes of the holdup, but the trio had made good their escape, Green said.

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1080 Minutes + 32 Salesmen = 155 Cars Sold

Could you sell 17 new cars in a single day? Woody Woodburn and Homer Biondi did.

They, together with 30 fellow salesmen from Harold Turner, Inc., Birmingham's Ford dealership, went on to sell a total of 155 cars in a single day.

This was an average of one car sold every seven minutes! This gigantic sales effort last Thursday was outstandingly similar Turner dealership one-day record of 92 cars, set July 21, 1955.

SALES MANAGER Eddie Steele declared: "I'm amazed at the results! The crew deserves all credit for their splendid accomplishment!" Steele said the whole thing started following a sales meeting that ended about 7:30 a.m. "I think the last order came in about 1:30 a.m. that night," he recalled.

That Turner salesmen can sell is further illustrated by 4,912 retail sales of new and used cars and trucks the company made during 1955.

Local Residents Downed by Ice In Monday Storm

Though only minor automobile accidents were reported to police, icy conditions Monday resulted in injuries to 10 Birmingham residents who lost their footing on treacherous steps and walks.

Sudden icing of Woodward avenue tied up morning traffic from Long Lake road to Birmingham when motorists were unable to control cars on the steep grades.

Bloomfield Hills Police Chief Stanley Kevan said seven cars were involved in two resulting accidents. There were no injuries.

NEW Bloomfield Township hall, just south of Long Lake road, two semi-trailers jack-knifed, blocking Telegraph road and stalling traffic for an hour.

Mrs. Edith G. Fipp, 975 Chestnut, suffered a possible brain concussion when she fell outside her home. She was on her way to her car to pick up two daughters at Adams school, because she thought it would be dangerous for them to walk home.

Among 35 persons treated at William Beaumont hospital was R. Mills, 48, of 1818 Kirkshire. He was admitted to the hospital after treatment of a fractured left leg.

OTHER BIRMINGHAM residents who were released after treatment at the same hospital for minor injuries are Louis Shookel, 58, of 1955 West 13 Mile; John DeLongchamp, 6, of 1384 E. Lincoln; Mrs. Bonnie Dougherty, 33, of 1029 Brooklawn; Mrs. Virginia Fleury, 34, of 17615 Redwood, and Mrs. Lauretta Scott, 42, of 4035 Lincoln drive.

Mark Derosier, 8, of 1865 Bedford, was taken to William Beaumont hospital with a fractured left shoulder suffered when he fell on the ice Tuesday.

F Pamela Lilly, 8, of 1231 Emmons, was among 14 persons treated for injuries at St. Joseph Mercy hospital Monday.

MRS. CATHERINE MOWER, 49, of Washington, D. C., was taken to Pontiac General hospital with minor injuries suffered when she fell outside the home of her sister, Mrs. Theodore Van der Stempel, 644 Bates.

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WHEN THE "Let's skate!" signal flashed, among the first on the ice were (from left) Harold Wilber, Tom Heydon and Deke Lixy, who took the more strenuous "over the boards" route.

Skaters Flock to Rink After Saturday Opening

Following brief ceremonies and a skating exhibition, the first of over 2000 skaters, who by now have enjoyed the artificial ice, poured onto the Eton Park rink Saturday afternoon.

Several hundreds bounded through entranceways and over the sides as master of ceremonies, William Spente, Birmingham recreation board member, gave the signal.

They were preceded on the ice by four exhibition skaters, including 11-year-old Doug Ramsey, Midwestern juvenile champion and Mary Ellen Macaulay, both of the Detroit Figure Skating club.

BIRMINGHAM'S Sally Wells demonstrated her skill on the ice, and "The Farmer from Farmington," Bob Werschlin, ended the show with a comedy act.



INSIDE THE WARMING SHELTER, these young ladies hasten to change into their skates so they, too, can try the ice. From left, Patricia Brosenne, Judy Larkins and Jaqueline Racine.

STRICTLY FRESH

Teetotal actor in London, England, took a small sip of gin and tonic shortly after the first of the year. He's been bingeing ever since. That's a sobering experience.

Lighter shades in men's clothing is the forecast for '56. They're so right. We're going to get our suit cleaned any month now.

Thousands of acres of tomatoes were frozen in Florida during the winter.

Follow across the desk from us found himself in the viewfinder of his camera the other day. He fell on it.

History-of-abbreviations department: E.O.D. once meant "dash on delivery." Now "dash on demand."

WHAT'S WRONG? Why, just that this motorist's curiosity—or perhaps it was laziness—cost him \$4 when the Birmingham fire department last week had to make a run to a home on Yorkshire. The driver, you will notice, is parked considerably closer to the fire truck than 600 feet, the minimum distance established by local ordinance. So Patrolman Jack Kalbfleisch

writes out the violation ticket. "We can't properly light fires unless we have room to work," emphasizes Fire Chief Park Smith. "That's the reason for the ordinance." Following a fire truck (or police car, even) closer than 500 feet can result in a violation ticket, too. Keep your distance—and save money!

