

Your Community Thanks You, Dr. Kemp!

When a very-busy doctor arranges his personal activities so he can give 25 years of his life in part-time professional service to his community, that doctor is deserving of the thanks of everyone whose life he has influenced.

commemorating Dr. Kemp's long service, passed an appreciative resolution. It pointed out his tireless efforts to improve local and county health conditions.

Our New Water Supply To Cost More

"Water, water everywhere—but not a drop to drink!" is a line written centuries ago, perhaps by persons shipwrecked at sea and floating on a raft, or in lifeboats.

taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars. Now we learn that Birmingham may erect a water treatment plant, perhaps costing a half million dollars; in this plant Detroit and local deep-well waters will mix, but must be treated in order to remove unpalatable taste and appearance.

From The Eccentric's Point of View...

"The history of liberty is the history of limitations of governmental power, not the increase of it," said the late President Woodrow Wilson. Ever since civilization began, men have had to fight for freedom against all-powerful, oppressive states.

No person, aware of the basic motivations of mankind, will admit that government should tolerate any plan that encourages able men and women to receive so much unemployment compensation that they prefer to remain idle. Such compensation, they argue, should be enough to provide actual necessities for a family, while at the same time the family's unemployed bread-winner must try to find another job.

It is far, far better, more healthful, to use your foot to slow down a motor car than to allow another object on the highway to act as a brake.

Why doesn't a dollar today do as much as it once did? A big part of the answer is that most people won't do as much for it as they once did.

Without the need to exercise and develop physical muscles, there would be no great athletes. Similarly, many of the world's most illustrious men and women have had various forms of mental and physical handicaps to overcome.

How many of us take care to count the change, but not the cost? Even President Eisenhower has joined advocates of lowering the voting age from 21 to 18.

Helen Rowland, American writer, once truthfully said that it takes one woman 20 years to make a man of her son, and another woman only 20 minutes to make a fool of him.

Business managers may get an inspiration from a notice said to have appeared in the Pleasant Hill (Mo.) Times during the Depression 30s: "All persons knowing themselves indebted to this office are requested to call and settle."

The best good deed is the one done now—tomorrow may be too late. Growing old is really not so trying as some might believe. Think of all the learning already accomplished, while others are just beginning.

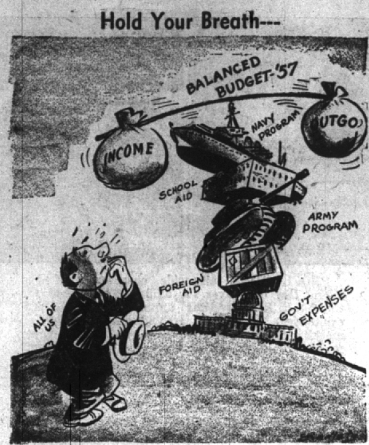
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Nature Now Nature Lore Enjoyed In Books and Films

By LYDIA KING FRESH Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

February, says naturalist Donald Peattie, is the month which sees the death of our New Year's resolutions because the frayed end of winter wears down our souls.

But it is a good month to finish reading those Christmas books. Our critic was delighted with Ruth Tomalia's "W. H. Hudson: The first full biography of that famous naturalist who was born of New England parents in the Argentine and lived out his days in England. He was lured there by Gilbert White's immortal picture of the village of Selborn.

W. H. HUDSON was born with the searching instincts of a naturalist, and all of his days together made up a secret life-time of discovery and delight. "The toad," soft mullin leaves, or hot smooth eggs in a nest, to see a splash of scarlet verbeena in green grass, to see a bird bear the voice of a mocking bird, to taste honey and peaches, to smell rain and tansy and lilies—these are vivid memories of his boyhood in the pampas. The January issue of Nature magazine carries a tribute to the great living naturalist, Thornton Burgess, the "Bedtime story man". His tales are read by folks everywhere, including Queen Elizabeth II and New York's Judge Harold Medina.

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of Today. 50 YEARS AGO February 9, 1906 Born to Mr. and Mrs. James F. Wooster last week, a bouncing baby girl—one only. Everybody happy, but mine host Wooster is a little disappointed. A young lady on Woodward avenue asked a friend the other day what kind of plants or trees the Anheuser-Busch was. She heard so much about it lately she imagined she would like a slip of it. The girls' Friendly Society will give an entertainment at the library hall on Friday evening, Feb. 9, consisting of two plays, "A Precious Pickle," and "Six Cups of Chocolate," after which dancing will be the feature of the evening. Entertainment by this society has always been successful, and this one promises to be no less so. 30 YEARS AGO February 5, 1926 Monday evening John W. Walling of Oak street took her departing for Bloix, Miss., where she will spend the remainder of the winter, returning in April. Mr. Walling will leave next week to join his wife in the south. Next Wednesday afternoon the Birmingham branch of the American Association of University Women will hold its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. F. Farrington Holt on Linden road. Dr. Kalkbrenner of the History Department of the University of Michigan will address the

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

Is it possible to tell the story of human reproduction in a respectful matter-of-fact, meaningful manner? It most certainly is, according to Dr. David Treat, director of the Clara Elizabeth Fund for Maternal Health, Flint, and President-elect of the National Council of Family Relations.

It isn't correct that a Russian peasant can't say anything he wants to. He can. But only once.

And he proved it to more than a hundred parents and teachers last week at the concluding session of an all-day meeting sponsored by the Michigan Council of Family Relations in cooperation with the Berkeley school district and Berkeley Area PTA Council.

Michigan motorists, since Friday, have been getting used to staying below 65 miles per hour during daylight, and under 55 when it is dark. The reason, of course, is the new state-wide highway speed ceiling imposed by the state legislature.

USING THE FAMOUS Dickenson-Belskie plaster models that show how an unborn develops and is born, Dr. Treat demonstrated how he and others can honestly and respectfully tell the story of reproduction to school students at elementary, junior high and senior high levels, to young couples, parents, or children and parents meeting in church, civic or neighborhood groups.

The objective is highly commendable—reduction of highway deaths and injuries. However, it will be interesting to note one year from now whether deaths and injuries are any lower. Other states which have highway speed ceilings have shown no improvement. Perhaps Michigan will be the exception. I hope so!

The Flint area makes use of the Clara Elizabeth Fund models constantly. Several other Michigan cities recently have acquired a set for use in school and churches, Dr. Treat said.

But a knucklehead driver still can kill or injure at 10 miles an hour. Whoever figures out the legislation that rids our highways of these murdering mental mid-gests will have the REAL solution.

The Detroit Council of Churches is getting a set, stated its family life department director, Rev. Donald Schroeder.

For months now, Michigan Highway Commissioner Charles M. Ziegler has given out with the impression that in order to construct vitally needed highway improvements in the next several years, all he needs is a 90 per cent federal highway aid contribution.

Were Birmingham fortunate enough to find \$1,000 to buy a 20-model set, and to discover someone who had the time and personality to make the group presentations, I feel it would be the best \$1,000 investment this community could make in its family living endeavors.

It looks seriously like Congress may come through with that percentage this session. (Present federal participation is 60 per cent.) And, of course, all of Ziegler's roads are "freeways", he boasts. That's why Congress is considering adopting a one-cent federal gas tax increase to finance the additional 30 per cent aid for such state highway departments as Ziegler's.

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