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### Inspecting Our Intelligence Agency

The U. S. Central Intelligence Agency must be the envy of all other government bureaus. It is important work with liberal access to public funds, and is entirely unsupervised by Congress. This is because of its task, which amounts to spy on other countries and getting information which would be useful in war. The argument is that its activities would be impossible if the wrong people knew what they were. While this is true, this freedom from inspection is too great a temptation for the average man.

THE NEW YORK TIMES remarks that no one in Congress knows whether the CIA

duplicates or competes with other agencies whether it needlessly wastes money, whether it is taking our foreign policy into its own hands.

This moves Senator Mike Mansfield of Montana to urge that a special congressional committee supervise it. This committee would preserve secrets just as well as the congressional committee which inquires into atomic activities. There would probably be no harm in compelling the CIA to justify its requests for funds. This government will not long survive if important bureaus can ignore requests for information and do as they please, on the plea that "Papa knows best."

### Carthage Once Was Strong - But It Did Fall

Do you recall the story of Carthage? There was a Carthage. While the soldiers fought the wars, the people went on living behind the town walls as they always had lived. "War," they said, "is for the soldiers." Carthage fell. There is an America. Our people con-

stitute to live behind the walls of the Constitution, as they have always lived. But they say: "Government is for the politicians." Result: legalized, punitive taxation; "usurpation run riot"; and Constitutional erosion. Slowly, but surely, our nation is being enslaved by paternal bureaucracy.

### Some Reasons Today For Not Going To War

James J. Killian, Jr., President of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, suggests that never before in history has there been so little reason for going to war, and so many deterrents to war as today. He points out that modern science has given man the means for solving those two great global problems, famine and poverty, the classic causes of past wars.

Moreover, current weaponry is so destructive that both men and governments are now genuinely afraid of war. As a result, he maintains, the prospects for lasting peace have never been so bright. Though international differences appear to be insurmountable, Dr. Killian says he has seen too many examples "of mobilized intelligence achieving the unexpected and improbable, not to be hopeful."

DESPITE THIS, the MIT President does not advocate a course of unilateral disarmament for the United States. He states that this nation's arsenal of weapons helps preserve peace. In fact, he thinks expanded research efforts are necessary in the area of civil defense and that too little has been accomplished in this direction.

Peace is not a certainty. Yet a review of the current situation may justifiably be as optimistic as Dr. Killian's. There is a general feeling among people that war is too destructive to be tolerated, and this feeling has contributed to the easing of international tensions. One day soon it may be possible to concentrate energies which have always been expended on war on a concentrated effort to solve the world's remaining problems.

### Potomacitis Afflicts Best Of Men

Strange—but true—how many men of business, induced by politicians, go to Washington and then get Potomacitis—men who have been accustomed to dealing with their directors, who must show profits, and supply their share owners with a profit and loss statement. But always before him, the businessman faces the profit and loss system, so he manages fairly well.

Then into Government he pops. He sees waste—loose methods. Gosh! "I'll fix that baby!" But when he tackles the monster wastes and loose methods, he is puzzled. He sees them rolling along, but if he butts in, trying to get around the red tape, he

meets resistance. So, what to do?

IF HE TRIES TO CUT OUT some type of governmental service, then a Congressman, whose district may be affected, shouts against the move. The persons affected in that service, threatened with loss of jobs, also bring pressures to bear.

The result is that, all too often, the specific agency is not disturbed. It remains, as a continuing cost to taxpayers.

Yes, Potomacitis is a sort of occupational affliction that infests too many otherwise practical businessmen who, though they rail against governmental costs, finally give in to its political nature.

### From The Eccentric's Point of View...

Bringing together in Oakland County 5,000 girl scouts from 48 states and several foreign countries is a tremendously important project. What a God-send to our world it would be if all those girls, when grown into womanhood, could retain and apply their present wholesome ideals! (The same thought is applicable to boy scouts, too.)

Now that his efforts to attain Democratic leadership in the contest to win his party's nomination for President have proved in vain, Sen. Estes Kefauver can resume his dusty chair in the Senate Chamber. He reminds us of Harold Stassen, Republican, who spent much time trying to get a similar place a few years

back. Both Estes and Harold are too darned ambitious for the job... too covetous for an honor that, to a large extent, should seek out the man.

When U.S. Air Force General Nathan F. Twining recently visited Moscow, he was present at a banquet when one of Russia's Soviet leaders, Nikita S. Khrushchev, got disgustingly drunk, insulting most of the guests present. It is currently reported that this Soviet alcoholic might have been on the verge of D.T. when he attacked the late Stalin. Well, the bestial performances of Khrushchev already reveal his destiny... he'll probably be purged as he aided in the purge of others.

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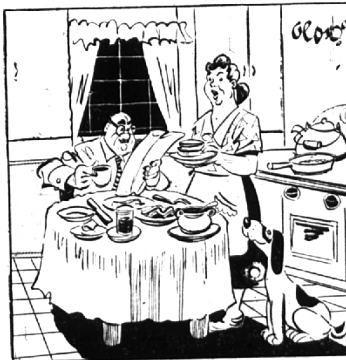
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### Ticklers

By George



"I'll bet you'd show 'em how to get things done if you were in Washington! How many ticks have you been getting the windshield wiper fixed?"



### NATURE NOW

## Female Mosquito Does the Biting

By LYDIA KING FREHSE  
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

Now in the hot drowsy noontide of the year the insects have their heyday. Birds have quieted, their nesting chores almost completed. Animals keep close to their earth lairs, relaxing in the summer's heat.

Of the more than 25,000 species of insects which swarm the earth, the most annoying to man is the mosquito. It is the only insect which feeds on man. The female mosquito is the one that bites. The male mosquito feeds on nectar and plant juices and does not bite. The female mosquito feeds on blood. She needs the blood for protein to develop her eggs. She also needs the blood for iron to make hemoglobin for her young.

THE SPECIES NAMED Culex, which delivers its stinging bite to all who frequent the out-of-doors, is the least obnoxious of its kind. The Anopheles, sole carrier of malaria, and the Aedes, which distributes yellow fever, are the real enemies of man. The mosquito belongs to the class of Insects or Diptera, the two-winged insects. Were it not for the female, the pest would be a nuisance to man. The male mosquito is the one that does the mating. The female mosquito is the one that does the biting.

THE MOSQUITO has an appetite for animal blood and a proboscis shaped for its extraction. The male mosquito, through the uppermost of these tubes the blood is drawn. Simultaneously through another tube, she pours into her victim a portion of irritating spittle. It is this and not the puncture which causes the itching. Its function is to delay the coagulation of the blood until the insect has had her fill.

The life cycle of the various species of mosquito varies somewhat. In general the eggs are laid wherever stagnant water occurs, in rain barrels, ponds, ditches, cavities of trees. THEY ARE DEPOSITED in floating rafts and look like miniature cartridges lashed together. Within a few days they hatch into larvae or "wigglers" which feed upon organic material in the water. After a week or two of growth the larva changes into a pupa. For five days it remains curled up and a quiescent developing the four-segmented wings, the feathery antennae and other outward characteristics of the adult.

At the same time it undergoes the inward chemistry which changes its organs to fit a land instead of a water existence. AT THE END of this period the pupal skin splits and the insect climbs upon it. While the wings dry and harden, the air bubbles the little feet of record and sound. Within an hour it is ready to assume its adult life and flies off in search of food. And so the mosquito lives thru the dawning heat of summer, traveling on humming wings in search of food; mating and depositing its eggs in little raft-like drifts on any brackish water. Millions die as larval victims of fish and dragon fly nymphs or as adult prey for birds, bats, or birds.

When autumn comes the males die with the first frosts, while the fertilized females hibernate by the thousands, seeking out some sheltered place. In the warmth of the spring the females emerge great with eggs, to become their spawning fertility, to satisfy their insatiable hunger for human blood and to fill our doorway midsummer days with their incessant humming.

### Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Cleared From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

26 YEARS AGO  
July 27, 1930  
Anyone contemplating building houses to rent or for sale should get them under way so they will be ready for next spring. Houses renting from ten to twelve dollars a month will prove the most profitable.

The Detroit Suburban Telephone Co. has gotten out a neat directory for the Royal Oak exchange. It lists 1,200 subscribers with three more to go in this week.

Why is it that the Village Improvement Society does not place a seat on the east corner of Brown street and Woodward avenue? Many people coming from the western and southern parts of town they get there in the same time as many as at the streets above and below. Every street from Willis to Woodward except Brown has its seat. If it is the cost that hinders there are dozens who have stand there who will gladly pay the cost.

30 YEARS AGO  
July 22, 1926  
J. Harry McBride, to fellow members of the Birmingham Exchange club, "Birmingham rapidly changing these days from a small community into a large suburban area, must if it is to keep pace with its growth in population, change from the village to the city form of government. I believe that now is the time to effect the change, and I am in favor of this organization as the sponsor for it."

Had it not been for the quick action of an automatic sprinkler

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

There is one Birmingham man who wants Birmingham police to put more oomph and follow-through into their investigative assignments. He feels present departmental tempo is on the slow side. He's told several close friends that if more thoroughness isn't evidenced reasonably soon, he'll get into local politics "to spark things up."

A husband can really sound off when he's around the house. The reason, of course, is because no one there pays any attention to him anyway.

What's the matter with a single six-year term for our U. S. President? It would let him be a full-time non-political administrator because neither he nor the party could pork barrel him into a second term.

The United States is not lacking in good pre-tential material. We merely are lazy and wait for it to work its way to the public surface, rather than dig down and discover the talent.

It's not too difficult to find people who are up the stream of consciousness without a paddle.

Since fluoridation was publicly proposed and discussed in Birmingham some months ago, I've been particularly interested in learning more about it.

The main contention centers on the lack of sufficient evidence that fluoride, as obtained through municipal water supplies, also is harmless to the rest of the human body.

Just a week ago at an anti-fluoridation convention in Detroit, two interesting doc-

uments were introduced: One, that six years ago five Wayne State university professors, headed by Dr. G. Scott, dean of the college of medicine, reported to the Detroit common council that soluble fluoride is extremely poisonous, more so than arsenic; that its use in water supplies creates certain hazards; and that it would take 10 to 20 years to find out if it had any deleterious effects.

THE SECOND FROM the council of the Wayne county medical society, dated July 6, 1956, that it would neither recommend nor condemn fluoridation without making long term studies.

Thus, it seems that medical aspects of fluoridation still are in considerable doubt, and need further verification. Isn't that the scientific method—to follow through to a safe over-all conclusion?

All women aren't interested in acquiring jewelry. Some are interested in acquiring knickknacks or antiques.

Birmingham's city commission is getting ready to consider for a second time an ordinance which would prohibit placing of handbills and other circulars on or in automobiles.

As a previous commission learned, such measures get very close to and some even trespass upon freedom of speech. If you can't promote the sale of a new car or a peck of potatoes, what's to guarantee you can print and circulate to the general public a new idea?

Perhaps disposing of an unwanted advertising handbill or circular is the only way to insure your chance of learning of someone's valuable idea.



BIRMINGHAM'S NEWEST city commissioner, Carl Ingraham, re-checks point in agenda report.

### Left Chemistry, Insurance Behind to Become Lawyer

By LOUIS GROPP

While in Maine, Carl Ingraham, Birmingham's most recently elected commissioner, earned a degree in chemistry and a living in insurance. Now that he's moved to Michigan, Commissioner Ingraham has developed a practice in law and an ability in curling. But the change of address wasn't the only move necessary.

"When I left the University of Maine with a degree in chemistry," that came with him from Maine, says Ingraham with the accent, "there wasn't much need for chem-

istry and insurance. I was presented to members of the American Society for Democracy Action, when S. A. Marshall, military historian and chief editorial writer of the Detroit News, and Victor Reuther, called "unofficial" foreign minister of the American labor movement," meet in Birmingham on Friday.

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Unsparked by hexachlorophene. One weekly bath must keep her clean. With quips of chlorophyll and profuse. Effective as foreign spoofer. Since no known lipstick yet was living she bit her lips or color-giving. And pinched her cheeks that tended sallow. While disban hands got mutton tallow.

Each morn she ate her oat cereal—She liked it, and 'twas immaterial. What happened to the hot cover. On days when Minnie went to market (Without a car or need to park it). And she had her Mom and Grandmam. By touch and smell instead of Brand-name.

ists, engineers or any technical people. After working for five months as a mechanical engineer, Ingraham began what was to develop into a 17-year stint in the claims department of an insurance agency.

TEN YEARS later, following a transfer to the Detroit office, a move to Birmingham, and an increasing interest in the legal aspects of his job, the local barrister entered law school at Wayne university.

By the time Ingraham finished law school, his wife, Alice Elizabeth, had a family of three girls and two boys. First came Liz, who turned 17 on July 4; then Philip, 15; Leslie, 11; Douglas, 7 and Sarah, 5. Liz and Phil both join their father in his yen for curling, an ancient Scottish game played on ice. The first curling played in the United States was on Orchard Lake in the 1840's, says Ingraham.

A CURLING enthusiast for only two years, Ingraham has trophies for both the 46 and 48 curling club championships. Ingraham also swept his way to the 1955 Junior Doubles championship.

A junior rating has nothing to do with age, explained Ingraham—you have to play for seven years before you leave junior rating. Curling players, with brooms in hand, sweep their way ahead of the stone, clearing a path for the stone sliding toward the six-foot goal scoring area. Skates are worn by the players.

THE DETROIT club players compete in different inter-club invitations. Ingraham recently curled in Quebec city at their winter carnival.

Councilor Ingraham and Kavanagh, was elected city commissioner in the April, 1956, election. Besides an appointed job on the planning board, he served Birmingham as constable for two years while in law school.

Referring to his newest job, Ingraham says: "I've found out it's much easier to solve the problems of the city commission than it is sitting behind the commission table."

Reuther is coming here from his office in Washington, D. C. Marshall, Birmingham resident, will bring his long military experience to the discussion, including his knowledge of Korea, shown in his latest novel, "The River and the Gauntlet." Life magazine called this the best book to come out of the Korean war.

General news deadline is 4:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

### FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

My Great-unt Minnie, now in Heaven. Who never heard of G.I. Who never heard with hydrochloride Would brush, as I M P or fluoride. So though in the yellow case or worst. In blissful ignorance, forewent The hithering delirium. That speaks from smile of irium.

When words like Joy and Nice were very Rare in circles culinary. The laundry knew but Brown-soap-best Of course it flunked the Windex test. Two dreamy ranges failed to cook up Magic meals on National Hook-up. And hands were busy—and inertial. Lest disillusioned male go walking. Oh, when I hear a cane talking.

Or animated Spark-plug whinny. I think of my ancestors Minnie. Who, strange to otio, olim, im. Must yet have known life's catechism: Ah, would she angel find, or flummery. This ever-present TV Sponsor. And life lived more, or less, fulfilling Under Twentieth Century billings "excellent"