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Tennis Deserves A Community's Support

No one needs to be reminded of the problem besetting the country in the field of youthful crime and delinquency. It is well nigh impossible to open a newspaper without reading screaming headlines portraying some teenagers in the roles of muggers, robbers, rapists and killers.

True, only five per cent of the juvenile population is responsible for these crimes, statistics tell us. But with the enormous population of America, this percentage amounts to a horrifying total of youthful criminals.

Tennis, an inexpensive and easily learned sport, can be a mighty weapon in the fight against juvenile delinquency, the United States Lawn Tennis Association reminds us.

Dissenters Important to World Progress

Where would our world of people be today, if past generations had not produced men and women who became dissenters, or non-conformists with the prevailing thoughts of their times?

In medicine, science, technology, agriculture, and numerous other human affairs and activities, men and women have challenged others' opinions about certain subjects: some of them have failed to bring about change or improvement—but many have been successful in changing some facet of the gem of mankind's world.

Where, indeed, would society be without the activities of the dissenters, the non-conformists who broke through to new frontiers?

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE was hereby against a British tyranny of that day. Old Socrates was a "gad fly." He made young men think. Columbus was an heretic. He said the world was round.

How about heresy in government? It is here that people seem confused.

There is no need to be confused if you

the time nor the inclination to form gangs and experiment with zip guns, knives or sharpened belt buckles.

Tennis, which can be played in an area far smaller than a baseball diamond or even a basketball court, is an ideal sport for crowded cities, where playing space is at a premium and where youthful gangs flourish and fester for lack of the chance to release normal animal spirits in healthful sport.

To be sure, a number of tennis courts now operate in this area: in Lathrup Village, three under construction at Southfield high school, and seven supported by Birmingham itself. More will come, of course.

THUS FAR, THESE COURTS are not equipped with lights, to allow playing at night—thus providing opportunity for more folks of all ages to participate in the healthful sport.

World-wide, the game of tennis has a long and favorable history. It, and other athletic activities, are deserving of a fair share of public and private support.

stop seeing through a glass darkly. Any honest heretic who wants to change the U.S. Constitution is free to try. Look at the 22 different amendments already adopted.

If any one who is LOYAL to our country and HONESTLY believes he would be better off if we wiped out the 48 states, and congress and the supreme court, and put all power in one man and his self-chosen cabinet, he is free to advocate it. We would be against his ideas, but would defend his right to argue it out.

WITHIN EVERY NORMAL HUMAN BEING is the inner hunger, yearning—aye, demand—that he find a means of identifying himself with his Maker. Consciously or unconsciously, men and women ever seek to find the Truth as it relates to their lives.

Scientists, the inventors, the researchers in laboratory or study seek to find ways to Utopia; they are the dissenters, the non-conformists who have and always will open new highways that lead to some of the streets within the universal City of Truth!

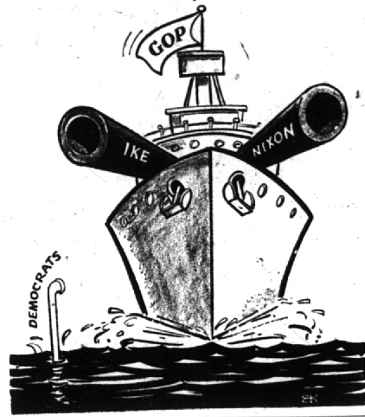
gate how the schools are operating. This will be but the preface to Congressional regulation of certain conduct of the schools . . . from which point on you can use your own imagination.

The love of money strongly tempts many, some more than others. Those two Detroit policemen, members of that city's narcotics squad, fell-victim to some loot from the dope traffic itself, and now they face long prison sentences. What does they were!

It was Jesus who thundered to His and our time: "The Kingdom of God is within you!" And ever since, too few of the human family really have endeavored to become subjects of this type of Monarchy.

Asks a contemporary paragoner: "Why is it that a woman who can put a tiny little thread through the invisible eye of a needle has such trouble getting a great big automobile through the gaping door of a garage?" (Addendum: Also why do some men have the same later problem?)

"Ware Torpedoes!"



NATURE NOW

Spring Comes Late To North Woods

By LYDIA KING FREHSE Special Writer For The Birmingham Eccentric

Driving along the familiar highway somewhere between Standish and West Branch we say to each other "This is where the North woods begins". The words are familiar, they are repetitious, but they never fail to quicken the heart-beat.

It is here that the Jack pine grandeur intrudes among the birch and poplar. Cedar and tamarac lake over the swamps and bogs, and sweet fern, lichens and mosses cover the sandy soils. In the open fields to graze on the first green grass. They are lean and grazed from the winter's hardships, for snow has covered the ground from November through March. Thousands have starved, even with the added food and protection of the deer yards.

TO SEE BLEACHED skeletons half hidden by fur brings home the problem which our conservation department faces. Their aim is to keep the herd large enough to satisfy the sportsmen, but within the limits of the natural food supply. This problem is compounded so many variable and uncontrollable factors that its solution is well nigh impossible.



Mrs. Frehse

The road leads north through empty scrub oak carpeted with dead leaves to a great plantation of red and white pine. Many of the evergreens in the million acre Higgins lake state forest were planted back in 1902 when the state was faced with the problem of administering thousands of acres of tax-reverted lands.

These areas are made up of out-catch plains almost as sterile as desert sands. But they once supported great forests of pine and they will do so again.

ONCE PAST GAYLORD, the heavier soils support farms and orchards. There beech and hard maple trees flower late. Looking at the distant woods, there was only a misty haze to proclaim the

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

A few days ago, Detroit police officials were told that because Michigan law didn't specifically permit mechanical timing of motorists' speeds, Judge John D. Watts would not admit radar readings as evidence in his court.

Five years ago Birmingham was the first city in the state to use radar to enforce speed limits—and it brought objection from a number of persons.

But Justice John J. Gaffill here said he was convinced of radar's merits. After a couple of "test" cases, no one tagged by Birmingham's radar unit bothered to do much more than take it graciously with some misgivings.

IN THE LIGHT OF Judge Watt's ruling, Birmingham Police Chief Ralph Moxley received this in the mail last week: May 2, 1956

"Dear Chief: "Now that Judge Watts says radar ain't legal in Michigan, I suppose you are busy mailing out refunds. I've got about \$26 in the kitty which I'm sure the city would not think of keeping in view of the honorable jurist's opinion.

"I told you when you nabbed me the first time I thought this was dirty pool and you said you hoped somebody would settle the legality with a test case.

"Hope you bought those sneaky black boxes on consignment. "P.S. If this works on you, I'm trying it on Livonia next."

Chief Moxley explains that this letter writer is out of luck. Moxley points out that on violations of this type, the motorist can pay voluntarily at the violations bureau. This amounts to admitting the guilt of the charge—and there are no refunds, naturally.

HOWEVER, THE MOTORIST also has the opportunity of protesting the ticket. In this event, a court date is set and the court decides the validity of the charge. This is what happened here in Birmingham and Judge Gaffill said in all instances, "Guilty as charged."

IF THE CONFIRMATION vote on the Eton project is 4-3, it probably will mean the city will forget the project for a while.

However, the commission unanimously wants Eton improved, so it just might be that the assessment roll will pass by at least 5-2, maybe 7-0.

"Half a loaf is better than none", would be the reason.

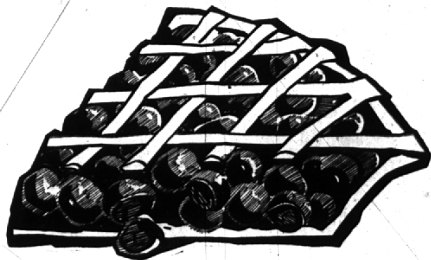
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From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Presentation last week of a gold medal, symbolizing exceptional civilian service to the U.S. national defense, to Roger M. Kyes, of Bloomfield Hills, was a deserved act. Mr. Kyes, outstanding as a top executive in industry, gave his country valued service when he was Deputy Secretary of Defense. The gold medal, intrinsically, is not of great value; but what it represents is proof that a talented citizen does consider the protection of his land and people worth making a personal sacrifice for . . . even though it may not be performed on a battlefield in time of war.

It's generally a familiar sight to see top Kremlin leaders holding glasses of liquor in their hands, when they hold diplomatic or other social functions. Which recalls a saying that goes: "Many a deal is sealed over something besides a bottle of ink."

Here is one prophecy that most any fairly close observer of the nation's political scene can make: if and when the federal government hands out money to public school districts, you may be sure that sooner or later Congress will investi-

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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 May 11, 1906 "One of the beauties and also a safety device of our Majestic building is our cyclone cellar. When it thunders and the wind comes up in a threatening manner, come to us—we will save you."

15 YEARS AGO May 8, 1941 "Building in Birmingham for the month of April totaled \$112,290, bringing the year's total to \$693,977, contrasted to \$122,554 a year ago during the same period. The month saw start of construction on 14 new homes, valued at an even \$100,000."

30 YEARS AGO May 7, 1926 "The usual routine of the weather—starting the morning cold and finishing the day with warm sunshining—was reversed Monday of this week. The morning brought most of the villagers out without topcoats or extra outer garments. After noon the sky darkened and at about four o'clock flakes of snow came earthward. The "flurry" lasted but a minute. Wonder if that ton of coal will hold out?"

40 YEARS AGO May 11, 1916 "With this issue of The Eccentric, the date of publication has been changed from Friday to Thursday. It is thought that the publication of The Eccentric on Thursday each week, enabling it to be delivered locally each Thursday afternoon, will benefit everybody concerned. In order to maintain Thursday delivery on time each week, all news and advertis-



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