

Who Is Spending Your Money?

You are paying more of your hard-earned money for Federal taxes than any other generation of Americans. Maybe you like it that way. Maybe you don't. If you do, then to keep the government spending still more of the money you earn, all you have to do is encourage our President, our two Senators and our congressman to support more spending. If you don't like the idea of Washington spending so much of the money you earn, all you have to do is say so—let the men in office know.

The average American knows that one day's pay or more each week goes for taxes. Unless something is done now to stop this serious trend the situation will grow worse.

Year by year the value of the dollar has declined. Our Savings deposits; our Taxes rise. This is inflation and we are now experiencing the highest cost of living on record. In the face of this situation, Government spending, accompanied by needless waste and duplication, is increasing to a dangerous extent.

IT HAS BECOME CLEAR to thinking citizens that so-called "free" money from government is not free. It is also true that many new government programs which are started as temporary or experiments or designed to get started, begin small but usually increase in size, become permanent and very costly.

In short, whether we're Democrats or Republicans, let's support every effort to cut waste, duplication and inefficiency in our Federal government.

Letters from citizens to the President and to U.S. Senators Charles E. Potter and Patrick V. McNamara, (c/o Senate Office Bldg.) and to Rep. William S. Broomfield, (House Office Bldg.) all Washington, D.C., will influence these men in their votes on taxes and expenditures.

After all, it's your money that's being taken from you and spent, wisely or unwisely.

So why not stand up, as good and alert American citizens and taxpayers, and be counted against unnecessary increased expenditures of your own hard-earned money!!!

'Bells, Bonfires, and Illuminations...'



NATURE NOW by Lydia King Frehee
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Good Manners Toward Nature

The July 4th holiday marks the beginning of the rush Northward, not only for our own city-bound populace but for an influx of tourists from all over the United States. All these descend upon us like hungry hawks taking over roadside table and restaurant, camp site and cottage, forest, stream and lake.

Since all this activity provides our state with its second largest source revenues (\$200 million dollars yearly) all of us should condition our feelings accordingly.

YOUR SCRIBE knew the North Country before prosperity and automobiles made it a summer playground. Then much of it was deserted; the cut-over and burnt-over timberland dotted with tarpaper shacks. Now there are compensations as well as regrets. In those days we could savor the loneliness of the Au Sable river all the way from Roscommon to McMaster's Bridge, passing only a few huts and a few cabins and a few camps. There was a stillness broken only by the kingfisher's cry and the rhythmic dip and rise of the canoe paddle.

The penalty for our prosperity is not only our loss of privacy, it also includes the added wear and tear on all aspects of our natural resources plus the threat which such usage holds for the continued beauty of our state. Our only answer is to make ourselves and our visitors conservation-minded. Here at the risk of being repetitious are some suggestions:

BREAK your march. Michigan is second only to Minnesota in the extent of its forested area, 21 1/2 million acres of which are now under protection from fire. In spite of this thousands of acres burn each year destroying in addition, countless plant and animal habitats. Is it worth an extra second of your time to break your march? It is convenient, inexpensive and often pleasant to cook one's vacation meals over a camp fire. It is worth ten minutes of your time to cover the dying embers with sand or to pour over same a can of water? No one likes to clean up one's own or fellow's littered camp site. It is worth five minutes of your time to use the trash and garbage

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

The city of Birmingham has better than 60 acres of partially developed property at the southwest corner of Lincoln and Cranbrook roads. Its recreation potential is large. But there is comparatively little such activity these days. City commissioners some of these days will get the money with which to make full-scale development possible. They've already got the recreation uses pretty well outlined.

This 60-plus acre site first was developed with the city sewage disposal plant. And that's the name the area has been stuck with for the past 18 years: "sewage plant site," or "disposal area" or similar appellation.

IT'S HIGH TIME another name was adopted. One that means something. A name that will be livable, that has character to it.

If you have any suggestions, send 'em to me or to Mayor William Roberts. Let's set a deadline of September 1 on their submission.

In case of duplicate names, earliest postmark will be the deciding factor. Judges' decision is final. This means the city commission, of course.

I think I can promote a couple of box seats to a Red Wings hockey game for the contest winner.

Most of us have watches, but we don't always know what time it is.

Those butterflies in your stomach are annoying. But they are stimulating—and that's what counts.

So reports the University of Michigan's speech department chairman, Prof. G. E. Densmore, in particular relation to public

speakers. "This fear simply means the speaker is responding to the stimulation created by the presence of listeners," the professor explains.

Whether you be actor, public speaker, salesman, or anything else, the "fear of the unknown" activates your imagination, and this triggers body fluids that stimulate you to want to do the best job possible. And that's always good!

From a house-for-sale ad in the Birmingham, Ala., News: "Located on one of Edgewood's finest streets in a shady neighborhood."

Summertime work activities of college students usually center in their hometown businesses. A few are bold enough to seek a summer job away from home, usually in a resort community.

Then there are some college students who express an enterprising nature by coming up with the really different kinds of temporary employment.

Like Richard J. Ford, 1268 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield township. A University of Michigan student, he is one of 14 college men who will spend their summer driving visitors around a miniature test track at the Ford Motor Co.'s Dearborn Rotunda.

In last week's column, you read about a father-sons ball game. Gave about all the details except who was doing what and where. Seems a couple of lines got left out when the page was made up. So to keep the record straight, here are the forgotten lines: "Brookside School Cranbrook fathers and sons have an annual rivalry."

From The Eccentric's Point of View...

Detroit's main public library isn't going to tolerate youngsters sitting around the marble ledges of the building or on the grass, enacting the litterbug role. The head librarian probably thinks it's enough to have to put up with pigeons.

We applaud the Michigan legislature for passing a bill that relieves Secretary of State James M. Hare from having to pay part of the money one of his branch office lady members stole more than a year ago. The relief to Hare is \$19,464. It really wasn't Hare's fault, for he was following the pattern of his predecessors. The state now increases the size of the bond required in such matters.

We don't see anything wrong about Houston, Texas, father who gave his daughter and oil well as a graduation present. We'd like to see all school graduates get oil wells... or gold mines... for they certainly will need the money with which to pay taxes to help keep the U.S.A. from going bankrupt.

So They Say...

Marriage entitles women to the protection of strong men who steady the step-ladder for them while they paint the kitchen ceiling.—Wall Street Journal.

Did you hear about the sailor who went over to the hospital for observation? He wanted to get another look at the nurse.—Gospert.

The average housewife has her own price index—to go buy, or go by—depending on the price tag.—Christian Science Monitor.

93-year-old Al Jennings, himself a former good and bad man of the old west, doesn't think much of today's television westerns. Claims they are far from being realistic. Says his only lament is that Wyatt Earp didn't try to shoot him... "I'd of drilled him afore he coulda moved a hand toward his holster." Blood-thirsty as he was, once, yet many years later he had to quit operating a chicken farm " 'cause I hadn't the heart to kill one of 'em." Truth is stranger than fiction... especially of the western kind, that is.

Harold A. Stassen, Ike's special aide in charge of trying to get nations to disarm, recently was reported to have been reprimanded by Ike and Secretary of State Dulles. Harold had been accused of telling Russia some details of U.S. plans before telling our European friendly nations. Blandly, Harold denied the reprimand in a TV interview. He continues to be a politician still in search of a four-year residence in the White House... which, God and the American voters forbid!

Harry S. Truman, former President: "Peace in this present troubled world can be obtained only by action on the part of the free world, and it will require the leadership of the United States to accomplish that action."

Usually by just looking at a girl you can tell what kind of a past she is going to have.—Dope Sheet.

To mix a neat metaphor, would you say that the house afire which a candidate starts running like is something dashed by the water which he insists on carrying on both shoulders?—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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.

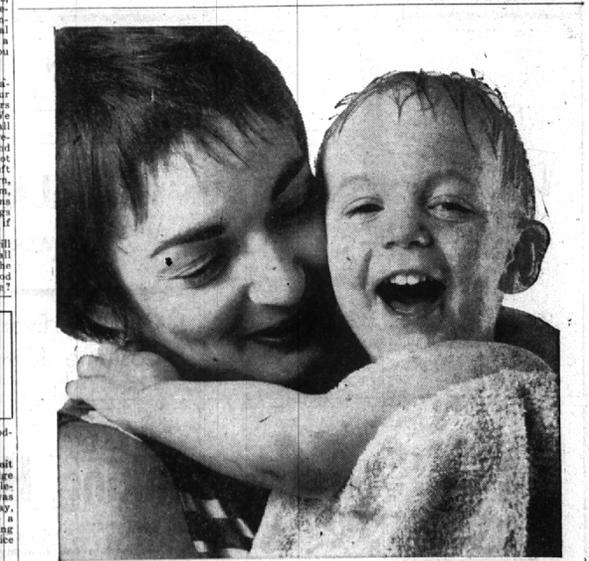
50 YEARS AGO July 5, 1907 "Dr. F. W. Young has bought a touring car, and says he can now go to Detroit when he wants to and can come home when he gets ready, independent of the electric cars. And we think he is getting the worth of his investment."

"The fire-works at this place consisted of \$50 worth of the very best to be had."

"Our old friend Fenn Weston had his unfortunate Sunday of having his old stand-by horse disabled by a kick from his mate. The horse then driven by Carrier No. 3 for the past five years and feels blue over the mishap."

"This week and up to the 10th day of July you can save 75 cents on your telephone rental by paying promptly. Do not come around on the 11th with a long face and a tale of woe. The auditors in Detroit won't accept any apologies from Manager Mitchell after the night news. For 'till it's the long green then. Say, don't forget your toll bill. It's little, but it counts at the end of the month."

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