

Let's Up Compensation of Local Officials

We all know that members of the local city commission (and this is equally true of many other local official boards and commissions) do not assume their civic responsibilities because of the amount of money they receive.

time spent on public business. If you include time spent over the telephone from home, when citizens call, it would be much less.

All of which we print prior to this suggestion: The next time Birmingham amends its city charter, let's see that more than five dollars per week per city commissioner is made a new part of the charter!

From The Eccentric's Point of View...

You recall that when President Eisenhower presented his 71-billion-dollar budget to Congress some weeks ago he said: "Go ahead and reduce it wherever you can."

Egyptian scientists recently announced the appearance, six feet below the surface of water at the mouth of the Nile river, of an ancient civilization's ruins.

Since the advent of television, many educators have considered placing sets in school rooms, thus to educate at less expense more pupils.

It is reported by our Navy top brass that many Soviet submarines are cruising about in various parts of the Pacific Ocean.

If you lament and criticize the mediocrity of the average public official in high federal and state offices, perhaps, then, you will agree with that great American, Benjamin Franklin, when he said: "He who shall introduce into public affairs the principles of primitive Christianity will change the face of the earth."

Many years ago some wit of that day argued that chivalry is the attitude of a man towards some strange woman.

So They Say...

Gamal Abdel Nasser, President of Egypt: "I vow I will not become the stooge or satellite or pawn or hireling of anybody."

Patrik Comer, sociologist: "Alcoholism is industry's third worst sickness problem and costs \$1 billion a year in loss of productivity."

A. Whitney Griswold, president, Yale university: "The price of freedom is more than vigilance, it is an understanding of what freedom means."

George M. Humphrey, Secretary of the Treasury: "It is not easy to arouse enthusiasm for a fight on inflation."

Donald A. Quarles, Secretary of the Air Force: "We must be prepared to stand firm and ready to strike back massively even though we are confronted by atomic ballistic missiles."

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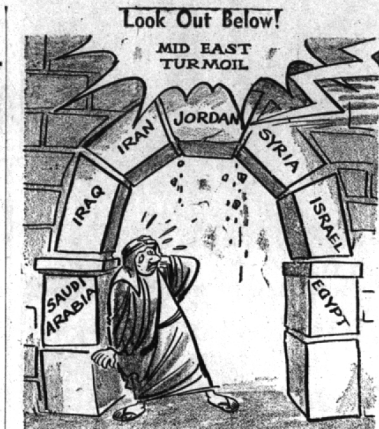
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Suburban Sidelights by Neil

MOMMY! JAY DON'T BELIEVE THAT YOU CAN MAKE ALL YOUR TEETH COME OUT!



Grand Slam



NATURE NOW by Lydia King Frehee

Male Bird Sings To Attract Mate

Now of an early morning in Maytime we listen for the song of the first white-throated sparrow. As our spring migrants return, the bird chorus swells, reaching its fullest crescendo at the height of the courting period.

But much as we enjoy the music of our feathered friends, it is not for us that they sing. It is usually the strutting of the male, reaching a high point in the courtship of our prairie chicken. The birds congregate in the early morning on hereditary dancing grounds where an elaborate ritual is carried out.

Among our songbirds, singing in the territory he has claimed, the male usually selects the nesting locally well within the territory he has claimed, from some vantage point therein, he sings his courtship song. This is an invitation to the female. Authorities believe that birds sing for many reasons and that there may be special songs used only during the courtship period.

These songs are often accompanied by displays, strutting and dancing. Color patterns serve as an indication of the sexes and it is in springtime that the male's bright beak is a plume of a bird's plumage. At height, making the difference between the male and the female. In the tropics the lyre bird and the woodcock display their strikingly shaped and colored tails and the bird of paradise, the red-wing and the blue jay, the red-wing his brilliant epaulettes, the tanager, the ovenbird and kingbird their crown patches and the meadow lark and robin their bright vests—all this to attract a mate.

We have lately watched the wooing of a pair of mourning doves in our yard. The male's iridescent coloring is concentrated on his breast and neck. As he struts back and forth, he inflates his throat, while the female, in her more modest dress, follows a few steps behind to admire and

arrangements were necessary because of the activity of the recently organized Bloomfield Hills police department, it is explained. He will continue his office in Birmingham on all other days.

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, 1907 "The building occupied by A. C. White for a large and monument business on the East side of Woodward Ave., just south of the Ladies' Library building will be for rent at \$7.00 per month from the first of June next. For further particulars call at the Exchange Bank."

"We are pleased to be able to announce to our readers that the era of better and more extended telephone service for our citizens as well as the surrounding country, is at hand and the day is not far distant when Birmingham will have both night and day service as well as Sunday."

"House and lot on Fremont street in Birmingham, 60 x 103 feet. House nearly new, 9 rooms and closets. Price \$1,100."

30 YEARS AGO May 11, 1927 "The new St. Joseph Mercy hospital, south Saginaw street, Pontiac, is open today for patients following impressive dedication ceremonies there Monday. Rev. Michael Gallagher, of the Detroit diocese, officiated."

"Justice Floyd S. Buck will hear criminal and civil cases each Wednesday in Bloomfield Hills village according to an announcement made public today. His office for the time being will be in the Barbour building at Woodward avenue and the Long Lake road. The new

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

A few years ago, the Birmingham city commission established a new routine for new commercial developments here. All building plans must get city plan board approval before a building permit is issued.

Now, the plan board is not empowered legally to reject these plans. The idea is that it has a chance to look them over first. If the planners can prevail upon the developer to modify or improve his plans "in keeping with the character of the community," the city and its citizens will benefit.

IT'S NO SECRET that the "colonial design" is and has been the pattern the plan board has sought to keep.

This brings us to this testimony supporting the method:

At a recent city commission meeting, Rudy Falzoi, from the real estate department of the Standard Oil Co., made this remark in connection with plans for a new company station at Cranbrook and W. Maple:

"We didn't like to build our other two colonial stations here, but now we are glad we did. They are among our top 10

sales producers in the metropolitan area." He was referring to stations at Adams and Maple, and at 14 Mile and Southfield. The new station will be colonial, too.

The earning process is a never-ending one.

Heard former Detroit Public Works director Tom Hanson (now with the University of Detroit engineering college) tell how much it cost Detroit to get, purify, and deliver water to a Detroit's kitchen sink.

He said it costs 1/4 of a cent per ton. (There are 230 gallons in a ton of water). And that price is pretty low!

Even when you stumble, your motion is forward.

Michigan educator says the proposed legislative tests for obscene reading matter could, upon strict interpretation, ban reading of the Bible.

Seems our legislators shouldn't worry about the Bible passages. Most of us haven't cracked its covers in years! Makes us pure in spite of ourselves, maybe?

LEGAL NOTICES

Emery & Emery, Attys., 1100 N. Woodward, Birmingham. STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland. THE PETITION OF THE NORTH EVERGREEN SEWER DISPOSAL AUTHORITY FOR CONDEMNATION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR AN EASEMENT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF PRIVATE SEWER LINES AND MAINTENANCE OF A SANITARY SEWER.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this case by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally, or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered mail with interest prepaid, demanded addressed to their respective last known addresses as

shown by the files and records in this case. And it is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to the date of hearing in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following named parties appear before this Court at 9:30 A.M. on the 15th day of May, 1957, at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, to show cause, if any they have, why the Petition of the North Evergreen Sewer Disposal Authority should not be granted.

Keefe Life Assurance Society of the United States; Guardian Life Insurance Company, Edward Sikorski and Frances Sikorski; Adolph H. Meyer and Ida M. Meyer, Doris N. Sisk.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order be published once each week for three successive weeks in the Birmingham Eccentric, that being a paper circulating within the County.

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