

## Medal of Valor for Sgt. Brown

Birmingham's first medal for valor in line of duty has been awarded to Police Sergeant Richard E. Brown, who for 12 of his 37 years has been a police officer here.

His years of diligence in studying police procedures and practicing its methods paid off instinctively when on Oct. 2 he shot and killed an ex-convict with a long police record.

The ex-felon had invaded a local home, robbed, bound and gagged the couple which owned the house, then was making his escape down the front stairs when intercepted by Sgt. Brown.

**THE HOLDUP MAN FIRED** at Brown, hit him in the right shoulder. But Brown instantly returned the fire, and his four bullets were placed so accurately that the holdup man died 40 minutes later in the hospital.

Brown's attention to police fundamentals and his professional ability is recognized by fellow officers, city officials and quite a few residents.

It is, we believe, most appropriate that circumstances combined so that Sgt. Brown has been given the distinction of winning the city's first valor award.

## Government Made Labor's Captive

Today, the leaders of labor's AFL-CIO have gone far beyond the basic union program of enlisting men and women to join their unions. They have entered into the area of civics in which they seek to elect and thus control the people who make the laws of the nation and the states.

In some states, and on numerous occasions federally, they have been successful in getting laws that give them both a monopoly of labor and a form of despotism over their members.

IT HAS BEEN DECLARED that "compulsory unionism" makes captives of un-

**WHILE WE ARE DISCUSSING** Sgt. Brown's situation, we believe it would be appropriate to use it to illustrate an important aspect of police work.

Quite a few people wonder why police officers can't be the whistle-while-we-work type. You know, with nice bright smiles like the toothpaste ads, and with a well-developed sense of humor like a television comedian.

Unless he's a good friend of yours and can predict your attitude and actions, you cannot expect a law enforcement officer to assume nothing is going to happen.

**SGT. BROWN WAS RESPONDING** to what he figured was a routine neighborhood call. But he was very serious about it—and he owes his life to it. He was ready for any emergency when he entered that residence. And his reflexes responded immediately to a life-and-death situation.

So, too, were the Michigan and Indiana state troopers who were killed by those two young hoodlums just a day before Sgt. Brown's incident.

Whenever a police officer approaches someone, the officer never knows what is going to happen. He must be prepared for anything.

ion members. This condition has resulted in 18 states enacting "right to work" laws. Labor leaders opposed to this freedom.

Unless required by law to cease their march toward further monopoly, it may be possible for labor to make captive the very processes of state and federal government.

It must never be forgotten that labor leaders, fundamentally, are no different in their pattern than any other group that achieves absolute power and authority over society. They wind up clothed in the habiliments of tyranny... with freedom shackled and imprisoned.

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

From all we can learn about the future of the Michigan Turnpike Authority, it probably will go out of business in the very near future. Seems as though John Mackie, who succeeded Charles N. Zeigler as State Highway Commissioner, is of the same mind as Zeigler... doesn't go for the turnpike project. So, unless something else is a-born when the Legislature meets next January, motorists who use Michigan roads will continue to travel long distances over antiquated surfaces.

In a recent statement relative to Birmingham's official knowledge of "what's going on among our Oakland County Board of Supervisors", Mayor Bill Roberts said: "We haven't kept ourselves informed properly on matters before the supervisors... We (City Commissioners) are just suddenly facing up to the fact that we haven't been fulfilling our obligation to be aware of supervisors' action." Them's good and true words, Mister Mayor! Birmingham's four supervisors, appointed annually by our City Commission, definitely should be held responsible to our citizens, via the Commission which we elected and is accountable to us for ALL its official acts. Too, we don't believe any of the supervisors will challenge this fact, either, and we prophesy that they will cooperate on a newly determined procedure required of them by the Commission.

It is reported from Washington that the real reason the Russians launched the earth satellite ahead of the U.S.A. is because the U.S. Army and Navy got into

a dispute, plus Ike's official program of military economy. We think the trouble extends beyond the military... right into the very ranks of U.S. civilians everywhere. The latter's dis-interest in the nation's problems, their apathy toward intelligently keeping in contact with their Congressmen... these and other collateral conditions are mightily responsible for our delay in at least keeping abreast of certain phases of Soviet scientific progress.

The more one thinks about it, the more one is made to wonder why and how the President ever decided to appoint California's former Governor Earl Warren as Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court. Here was a man who had never put in a single minute on a court bench anywhere. He had run and been elected as both a Republican and a Democrat for Governor of the Golden State. His New Dealish attitudes were well known among Republican wheel-horses. Yet Ike gave him the most important judicial job in the nation... and has since, in some particulars, proved to regret it. Certainly, millions of Republicans, (and plenty of Democrats), have now come to believe that Warren is poorly fitted for his high office. But the responsibility is Ike's alone.

An all-night bright beacon light on the Empire State building in New York City will be turned off during October, thus preventing the killing of many south-bound birds that in the past have flown against the hard granite of the edifice, attracted by the light.

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## Squirrel Prepares For Winter Months

As the autumn days shorten, Michigan's little red squirrel often stretches out for a nap in the top-most branches of some tall forest tree. But not for long does he bask in this gratifying warmth for he is no hibernator and must be about his business of storing food for the lean winter months ahead.

Always a free-lance, curious and assy denizen of the timbered areas of our land, he now redoubles his working hours storing bushels of nuts which are his chief food.

**THESE HE CACHES** in some hollow tree, under the shelter of a log or in an underground store room. However he also eats fruits, grubs and fungi.

It has long been an autumn pastime of ours to watch him storing the latter in forks of trees where they dry in the sun before he removes them to his winter store house.

Authorities disagree as to this squirrel's destructive practices toward both eggs and young birds but most concede that he does rob nests to a degree depending somewhat upon the availability of other food items.

**THE RED SQUIRREL** is most at home in coniferous forests but he also frequents mixed woodlands, especially if there are beech trees present. Here he likes to select an old stump for a dining table leaving behind great quantities of nut shells.

He is an expert on the subject of nuts in general and goes after the kernel of each variety, drilling the nearest and most advantageous hole and then extracting the kernel without a particle of waste.

The red squirrel not only eats with efficiency and dispatch but also knows how to get a free drink when he needs it. This he does by tapping a maple or birch tree, making an incision in the bark either upon the tree trunk or the

## ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

Hear about the stenographer who believed she was working for a bigoted boss? He kept insisting that words can be spelled only one way.

Or the man who came into the office and said it was raining cats and dogs outside? He had just stepped into a puddle.

How about the salesman who was trying to sell a refrigerator to the housewife, with the argument she would be able to pay for it by the money she'd save on the food bill?

She replied: "We are paying for a car on the carfare we save, we are paying for a washing machine on the laundry bill we save, and we are paying for a TV set on the cost of the movies we don't see anymore. It looks like we can't afford to save any more at this time."

Maybe the man who didn't call a spade a spade? He had just tripped over it in the dark.

Or the editor who received from a woman contributor a long poem, written on perfumed note paper, tied with pink ribbon? A caustic wit, he read the poem, entitled, "Will He Miss Me?", then returned it with this note:

"Dear Madam: If he does, he should never again be trusted with firearms!"

Then there was the cop who stopped

the woman driver as she was proceeding the wrong direction on a one-way street.

"I beg your pardon," he asked gently but sarcastically, "but where do you think you are going?"

She answered: "I don't think it makes any difference now. It looks like everybody's coming back."

How about the British officer who was being shown the sights of Washington, D.C.?

His American friend was proudly showing him around when they came to the President's mansion.

"Tell me," said the Britisher, "why do you call it the White House?"

"Well," said the American, "it was painted white after your British burned Washington in 1812."

That brought a gasp from the British officer: "Good Lord, you don't mean to tell me that we actually burned Washington?"

Now it was the American's turn to be amazed.

"Do you mean to tell me you're in the British army and you don't know you people burned Washington?"

The Britisher was apologetic: "My dear boy, I'm most frightfully sorry—I mean to say—I had no idea. I knew we burned Joan of Arc, but I thought Washington died a natural death!"

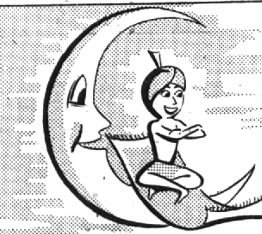
Or about the boy who wondered where the five-cent ice cream cone had gone? He found out—it had gone to ten cents.



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