

Birds Bother U.S. Supreme Court

Chief Justice Warren has asked Congress for \$3,000,000 in order to have the Supreme Court building "bird-proofed." The Chief Justice complained that starlings, crows and English sparrows roost in the dome of the Court building and are disturbing the "deliberations" of the eminent jurists. We wondered what was wrong with the Court! It has acted sort of "bird-brained" lately!

The "Earl Warren" Supreme Court continues to be kind to Communists. It recently released a brace of Reds whom the lower Courts had ordered denaturalized. The Reds were reinstated as good citizens. The Court has been getting a deserved ribbing. Why did they open the jail and release two rapists from the hot seat? Who knows what some of their rulings might have been if the chirping of the

birds hadn't disturbed their "deliberations."

LET'S HOPE THAT Congress will take some action and make the Supreme Court "Communist-proof" rather than "bird-proof."

What makes the Court tick? The answer may be found in the hard-hitting, plain English editorials respecting the qualifications, or lack of them, of the Supreme Court Justices who have been appointed since the New Deal began packing the Court in 1937.

There's a book, "NINE MEN AGAINST AMERICA," by Rosalie Gordon, published by Devin-Adair Company. It costs only \$3.00. We suggest that you buy and read it. It's cheap at many times the price!

Bleacherites Pay These Taxes

Ted Williams "pays" about \$60,000 \$'s income on his salary as the highest paid baseball player in the Big League.

But where does the 60,000 \$'s come from? It comes out of the pockets of each of us when we sit in the bleachers or grandstand watching the National Game. Where else could it come from?

Same with Carmen Basilio, Sugar Ray Robinson, and the stars in movies, crooning and other forms of entertainment.

In the competition for top-flight performers, their employers have to pay them large sums, which, after deducting their income taxes, leave them enough to keep

them from offering their services elsewhere.

Same with top-flight business executives, who manage big companies successfully. Where does the income tax money they pay come from? They get it from their company, which gets it from the public in the price it pays for what they make and sell.

The notion that the "rich" pay these huge income taxes, is mostly moonshine. If extravagant, unnecessary taxes were reduced, the salaries would come down, and also the prices charged by employers. Your Congressman, Senator raises your taxes!

What Is Earth's Eventual Fate?

Evidently not over-impressed by the problems and perplexities which confront the human race, forward-looking astronomers sometimes speculate on what will eventually happen to the globe that we call the earth.

The experts generally agree that the most likely fate is that the sun will explode, shriveling the earth in a sudden, hot death. Other less likely fates include the cooling of the sun so that the earth will be frozen waste-land, the destruction

of the earth because of a smash-up between our sun and another star, the destruction of the earth through a collision with a comet, and the possibility that the moon might come so close to the earth as to create tidal waves and volcanoes to wipe out the habitation of man.

While people seem to be interested in the effort to understand the future, there is no occasion for anyone to become excited. The experts do not think that the sun will explode during the next billion years, or more,

confronted with: "How can we get rid of these mountains of empty beer bottles? Seems as though many Australians like many beers. Since glass won't burn, the bottles heap up. Maybe they ought to put the liquid in leak-proof paper containers, as we do milk."

A doctor says that the best way to enjoy perfect health is to get up at five each morning and take a cold shower. Doc, what's the next best way?

Being able to listen to both sides of an argument is a mark of great intelligence . . . especially if one continues to keep his own mouth closed.

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Even some of the most meticulous clean and tidy people will pick up a fallen napkin, and continue to use it—though it has momentarily contacted a floor. The same condition takes place after a baby begins to crawl and then walk—it may drop some of its food, yet formerly meticulous Mama allows the babe to continue eating it; she now knows that a little "clean dirt" never harms anybody.

As though it doesn't have enough ordinary problems, Australia's large cities are

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

Birmingham city commissioners may have a bull by the tail in their new policy for approving tag days.

The policy calls for requests to be submitted no earlier than 60 days from the date of the particular organization's event. There is a limit of one tag day a month in the city.

Thus a group picking the earliest date in the month would get the nod. The others would have to do without that year or find a substitute date.

THIS WILL HURT those groups which coordinate their local collection campaigns with late-month regional or national drives.

It may turn out that the only protection these recognized local groups have of protecting themselves is to file for the first day of the month in which they plan to hold their event, asking for an alternate date in the event "unforseen events" necessitate taking the alternate day.

Even this will not prevent two or more organizations from asking for the first day of a month, with the alternate day plan in mind.

Solomon, you might like to sit in the audience the night the city commissioners try solving their first conflicting tag day requests.

Suburban Sentiment

WITH ALL MY WORLDLY GOODS I THEE ENDOW

I consider our worldly goods As being indivisible,

And deplore, in life, the visible Marked trend to HERS-and-HIS-ible.

—Lynn Carter

Can He Get Him Back in the Bottle?



NATURE NOW

by Lydia King Frehse
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

White-Tailed Deer Is Rhythmic Delight

No animal of our Michigan north woods country is more generally admired than is the familiar white-tailed deer. Nor does any other so epitomize the freedom and grace of our forest fastness.

Half a life-time of frequent encounters with this animal has not dimmed our delight in the rhythmic perfection of his movement. Sleek fawns alerted, he takes off with an agile stretch which leads into three or four graceful bounds then lengthens into a high effortless leap which carries him over fence and shrub.

Mr. Frehse

The deer belongs to a division of the hoofed mammals called the ruminants which "chew the cud." Here also are classed such animals as the sheep, cow, antelope, buffalo and giraffe. All have stomachs of three or four compartments.

THE FIRST and largest of these compartments which is called the "rumen" serves as a receptacle for unchewed herbaceous food. At a more leisurely time when the animal is at rest its contents are regurgitated, a mouthful at a time, are thoroughly masticated and returned to the rumen. The food then passes through each successive division of the stomach where digestion is continued.

This unusual modification of an organ may have occurred in response to an uncertain food supply or as the result of a feeding situation involving much competition. In any case, by "chewing the cud" more food could be swallowed quickly at a single feeding and later masticated and digested. There is a sort of lazy contentment in the doing of this which seems to be very satisfying to all animals which practice it.

DURING May and June our last year's deer herd, estimated at 320,000 head, was augmented by the

birth of some 250,000 fawns. In the course of the summer predators, accidents and disease will reduce the newly born by some 40 per cent. But nature, in her great fecundity, has already made allowance for this loss.

Born singly or as twins the new fawn is dropped in some protected place. Its hairy coat of reddish tan is so dotted with white spots as to be almost invisible in the dappled sun and shade of the forest floor. It will begin nursing within an hour and when twelve hours old is ready to follow its mother over the dried leaves under cover of bracken fern and other concealing plants.

WHEN it is necessary for the doe to graze or drink at a distance she leaves her baby quietly resting in some well protected spot. If any danger threatens, her warning call sounds in the stillness whereupon the fawn "freezes" into a small invisible mound. It will so remain even if a dog or a man passes by.

Fawns found unprotected by sympathetic summer visitors are frequently picked up as deserted and taken either to the nearest conservation station or kept as pets. The correct procedure is to admire the little animal without touching it and go on your way.

THE CHANCES are the mother is nearby. As a deer grows older it becomes a cumbersome pet. If you carry such an animal to the nearest conservation department station you are only creating a problem.

The white-tailed deer provided the first meat supply for our colonial forefathers in their conquest of the wilderness. It is well adjusted to its environment and with wise game management, biologists predict it will be the last of the large hoofed animals of North America to become extinct.

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

50 YEARS AGO
July 31, 1908

"The station having been moved westward half a mile, it now costs 1 cent more to go to Pontiac on the Grand Trunk."

"Birmingham is alive. Even if it is a dry town, you could buy ice cream in seven different places."

Saturday night last in as many different languages."

"A monkey has one advantage over man—his clothes never go out of style, and he is not obliged to have his pants creased."

30 YEARS AGO
August 2, 1928

"Jack Fairburn, handsome, unattached, who recently moved from Detroit to Birmingham, is an ardent supporter of the haberdasher's effort to induce men to emulate women in their undergarments. That is to say: Jack has seen the ads about what women are wearing and he thinks men's "shorts" are worthy of men's consideration; he likes to see them displayed in Spater & Walker's windows here, and he often remarks that men will soon have equal rights with the fair sex."

15 YEARS AGO
July 29, 1953

"Many moons ago when D. L. Pyle, high school principal, first came to town, we promised that some time when news was scarce we would reveal his first name. It is Denzil."

"John Doe—a genuine John Doe lives at 692 Wallace street with his brother, Henry Doe, and the latter's wife, Mary Doe. They've had some amusing experiences, for every once in a while they are doing business with whom they are trying to sign a phony name. Imagine trying to do a hotel clerk that your name was really John Doe."

Electronics Grad

GREAT LAKES, Ill.—Frederick R. Stanbridge, electronics technician, U.S.N., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph F. Stanbridge of 2840 Hyde Lane dr., Birmingham, graduated June 20 from the Electronics Technician school at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

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