

Child Psychology



NATURE NOW Signs of Autumn In the North Woods

WALLOON LAKE—To the late vacationist autumn in the North Woods comes on imperceptibly. But its imminence is inescapable in later dawns, in earlier twilights, in the long slow rains, in paling bird wings, in falling leaf and in the water's insistent crying.

At the same time the beach is emptied of much of its summer activity for Homo sapiens must needs answer the call of the school, the office, the city mart. A lonely sandpiper stalks the waters firm as his teetering body as one with sand, and pebble and driftwood. A white gull skims a blue wave. The glint of silver in its bill is mute testimony to its aim, so confident, so killing. A monarch butterfly is buffeted by an off shore wind. Will its gossamer wings survive a 2500 mile migration flight?

BIRD SONG is almost stilled in the virgin beech - maple forest which rises above the water's rim. Our spirits are no longer lifted by the ringing summer notes of the very.

Ended too for another season are the wood thrush's invocation and benediction to the day which to these ears comprise nature's choicest bird music. The peewee's patient call and the more joyous and musical song of the red-eyed vireo and the cheerful chickadee's notes are yet left to us.

However, the incessant hammering of the wood pecker among family enlivens the day's light hours. We currently hear the downy, the hairy, the redheaded and the pileated as well as the flicker. All are busy chipping away at the dead wood which holds an insect dinner for each.

Your scribe admits to a special nostalgia as she climbed the hill overlooking the lake there to find an old deserted farm house guard-

ed by a single white pine. Here is mute testimony to a pioneer's dream. But red and yellow aspens hang ripening on the gnarled orchard trees.

Fruit is here for the taking as it was in the adjoining black berry patch which spills itself in careless confusion over the old hillside where it has long since escaped from that first tended garden.

Here the crows gather in late afternoon making noisy plans for their migration flight. We watched a flock of flickers excitedly fitting from tree to tree. Their arduous courtship is long since forgotten; their fledglings grown. Now in mid-September their migration begins and will continue through October. Some travel only as far as our New England beaches where they feed at the water's edge and hide in a tree cavity at night. Others continue to the Gulf Coast and southern Texas.

Flocks of cedar wax wings precede me down the winding lane where pin cherries ripen red on either hand. More than 20 species of birds are known to roost in this fruit.

Yellow leaves of birch and poplar drift gently down as we enter once more the seclusion of our deepest forest. Their task of food production completed, they now return to enrich the earth from whence they came.

It is day's end and with autumn's portents everywhere at hand we welcome the security of the old familiar rooms. "Night and the curtains drawn." The glowing embers warm and console, releasing the sun's long-stored energy, evoking dreams of other ages, of other places, of other people.

"Night and the firelit dark—the household still." An autumn wind blows, a distant owl calls, a vagrant grackle brushes my window pane. And so the day ends, ends well in this.

Vandalism at Seaholm High School

The right to be for or against something is inherent in our American philosophy. This right permeates all phases of public and private life.

So the controversy over whether or not our local high school should have its name changed is within the purview of this right. The school officially was named Birmingham Seaholm high school some months ago by the Board of Education. Since then petitions, signed by present and former students of the high school, have been presented to the Board, opposing the name change. This newspaper has printed many letters on the subject, too.

The Board, also, has made a public statement, setting forth their reasons why the name of Ernest W. Seaholm, for 19 years a former president and member of the Board, was incorporated in the name change.

So much for that

BUT THE RECENT vandalism in the high school, which occurred two weeks ago, when books and valuable records were torn and scattered about in the library and other rooms, when paste and ink were splashed over furnishings, and other forms of vandalism were displayed—that is a condition that citizens and students heartily disapprove. (Except, apparently, those who committed the acts of vandalism.)

The name and reputation of Ernest W. Seaholm is highly regarded, and justifiably, in this community. He has given, unselfishly, and with an extreme sense of dedication to the public welfare, his time and some of his money for many years as a volunteer citizen.

He, personally, had nothing to do with

having his name affixed to the high school. That was entirely the idea of the Board, and some other interested citizens. It was, indeed, traditional action in recognizing the service of a person who has done much, without hope of material reward, for his community, for his fellow-residents.

ALTHOUGH, AS WE write this, local authorities have not identified the culprits responsible for the vandalism, they surmise that it is the work of disgruntled youth—youth that attended, and-or still attend the high school.

Perhaps some of the culprits were not the ring-leaders in the affair; perhaps they now regret participating in it. This may never be known—except to themselves.

Yet one fact does stand out: in resentment, in anger, in . . . well, in utter stupidity, a building that housed them while attending (that school, was made the destructive target of certain unidentified youngsters. It was most foolish. It is regrettable.

BUT BIRMINGHAM Seaholm high school will survive this act of uncalled for vandalism. Ernest W. Seaholm, too, we believe, is big enough to accept the act as one that in no way reflects upon his own reputation as a good citizen.

But *that* who did it will, no doubt, carry whatever inner scars their consciences bring forth. They will, we hope, come, now or later, deeply to regret what they did.

(NOTE: In another column we are publishing a letter from "A Sorry Seaholm Senior". We suggest that you read it. It is refreshing. It reveals character.)

Congress Restores Public Faith

Regenerated faith in the ability of Congress to legislate laws in the general public interest has been restored to millions of Americans as the result of Congress passing the Landrum-Griffin labor bill.

This piece of legislation is not intended as a punitive weapon to prevent unions from organizing workers. It came into existence, just as any law does . . . when there arises the need to cope with individual or group acts that endanger the life, property or the liberty of Americans.

All that yammering by some labor lead-

ers that the new law is designed to "break down unionism" is a lot of, well, just yammering. The response of the public, including both union and non-union members, to President Ike's speech on the subject, aided Congress in "making up its collective mind" on the legislation.

All of which, Dear Reader, only proves again that, when enough citizens make known their honest and fair desires and convictions on specific matters, they generally get action from public officials.

less in relation to the problems at hand. However, that is, as the educators tell us, "democracy in action." To be sure, that is correct—but why does democracy have to crawl, when a bit of walking would seem to be the better gait?

From numerous sources we learn, from time to time, that Walter P. Reuther and George Meany, vice-president and president, respectively, of the AFL-CIO labor union, are not exactly in love with each other. All of which means, we believe, that some day, when the opportunity arises, Reuther will succeed Meany—or will try mighty hard to do so.

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

What a lot of nerve the American Dental Ass'n had to refuse to release the ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York for that city's party for Khrushchev. Only dentists could ever stash away for future use so much stubborn resistance. (Nerve: a synonym for anti-Sovietism, in this case, maybe.)

Michigan Legislature thus far has spent more days in session than at any time in the state's history . . . and accomplished

The Birmingham Eccentric

Published every Thursday, at Birmingham, Mich., in the Eccentric Building, 220-224 North Woodward Avenue Telephone Midwest 4-1100

GEORGE R. AVERILL Editor and Publisher

GEORGE WM. AVERILL Managing Editor

PAUL NEAL AVERILL Business Manager

DAVID F. GIBB Advertising Manager

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

That Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. sounds like a wonderful institution to work for.

(I use the word "institution" with forethought—the huge grocery chain this year is celebrating its 100th anniversary, and has become an integral weekly part of the lives of millions of American families.)

My historical knowledge of the A&P was sharpened considerably last week when Detroit Unit Vice President Melvin W. Aldrich of Lathrup Village, told several dozen Birmingham business leaders some of the intimate details about the late George and John Hartford, who for 65 years were the real developers of their father's grocery business.

THEY BUILT THEIR OPERATION on personal service to their customers. That this has been successful is no more clearly demonstrated than in today's \$5 bil-

lion, 4,000-store, 145,000-employee "industry."

The successor to the Hartfords as A&P's president is Ralph W. Burger, devoted personal secretary to the brothers Hartford.

Burger takes the same personal interest in his company as did his predecessors, Aldrich emphasized.

"THE PERSONALLY APPROVED the design and location of Birmingham's new store, which we are opening today (Sept. 16)," Aldrich revealed.

"Mr. Burger even wondered about our keeping open the old (Woodward ave.) store only a half mile away.

"Well, if you fellows approve of it, then so do I," he told us.

Birmingham's business leaders told Aldrich they are most appreciative of this A&P expression of confidence in our city's future, as expressed in the construction of their new A&P branch at Adams and Bowers streets.

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

50 YEARS AGO

Sept. 24, 1909
"In moving to our new office we will need a lot of new material. We are sending out a lot of statements which if all paid at once would put us on easy street. When you get our little notice just smile, pluck out a big bill or two and take a walk down to the Majestic, hand it over to editor Mitchell and watch him smile."

"The biggest bunch of grapes we ever saw raised in this vicinity were shown us by Thomas A. Ward. They were of the Niagara kind, green in color, perfect in the fruit line."

30 YEARS AGO

Sept. 26, 1929
"Dedication of the west porch of Christ Church. Cranbrook will mark the first anniversary of the consecration of the church."

"Hurling through space at the most terrible speed ever attained by man, an English pilot recently set a new record of 300 miles per hour. However we are not predicting that anyone will ever go around the world in two days. But who knows?"

15 YEARS AGO

Sept. 28, 1944
"Birmingham is sending seventeen more men to the armed services of the country on Oct. 4. This is the largest list from this city in recent months."

"Birmingham is moving its list

of proposed post war projects ahead with considerable speed and just this week a new list of improvements reviewed the needed early approval of the Commission."

STRICTLY FRESH

It's been said that a painless dentist is as hard to find as a "no smoking" sign in a night club.

An American tourist couple overheard at Paris' Notre Dame Cathedral: "Okay, you take it from the outside, and I'll take it from the inside."

Scientists have developed a method to remove fallout radiation from milk. That's learning to live with a problem.

Then there's the junior executive who saved his waste-baskets "file cabinet."

"A man isn't old until he begins wondering how he'd look in a crew cut."

The Light Touch by Jeanne Westerdale

THE letters I write are erudite, My choicest thoughts they carry; And yet I find they're in my mind And not on stationery!

TALK OF THE TOWN VALUES!

FEDERAL HARDWARE and SUPPLY'S BIG 2nd ANNIVERSARY SALE

EVEREADY PRESTONE

Regular \$3.25 **\$1.88** per gal.

Limit 4 Gal. NONE SOLD TO DEALERS

OPEN SUNDAYS 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

PRESTONE ANTI-FREEZE SET SAFE SURE Your

BIGGER DISCOUNTS TABLE and BENCH LEGS

These low net prices on sizes in stock only. Prices listed here are for set of 4 legs.

	Wood	Brass	Black Hair Pin	Tubular
6"				2.37
7"	2.72	3.95		
8"			2.40	
12"			2.42	2.94
13"	4.20	4.80		
16"			2.72	3.36
17"	3.36	5.40		
18"			2.94	3.76
22"	4.00	6.08	3.36	4.08
28"				4.40
29"	4.80	6.80	3.76	

Extruded Aluminum Basement Combination Windows reg. val. 3.95 Now **2.66** each installed

Galvanized GUTTER complete line of easy to install solderless fittings **68¢** length

4 X 8 X 1/4" FIR PLYWOOD **\$3.88**

4 X 8 X 1/8" PEG BOARD **\$3.88**

KASONITE SHELF BRACKETS in the following sizes: 4" x 6" x 8" x 10" x 12" x 14" x 16" Price, start at 40¢ per bracket. Filister as shown at right, in Kasonite finish, 12¢. Filister as shown at right, in bronze finish, 15¢.

HANDI-HANGERS Solve that storage problem. Gain additional storage in your garage, basement or attic. Make shelves the easy economical do-it-yourself way. **HANDI-HANGERS Reg. 79¢ 2 for 59¢**

ROMEX WIRE 14-2 3c ft.

SAVE 25% ON CUSTOM STYLES **DUOTRAX Drapery Rods**

The Rod with 2 Separate Tracks WITH THE NEW IMPROVED TENSION FLOOR PULLEY at no extra cost. Right and left slides vick a double thickness of metal. No jamming . . . no jamming . . . easily installed.

nylon slides, smooth running, squeak free rods.	30" to 47" Reg. \$3.95	80" to 140" Reg. \$8.95	\$2.89	\$6.89
	47" to 80" Reg. \$6.95	110" to 200" Reg. \$10.95	\$4.89	\$7.89

THRU 9 P.M. Open Thurs., Friday

FEDERAL HARDWARE SUPPLY SOUTHFIELD at 12 Mile Rd. OPEN THURSDAY AND FRIDAY TILL 9 P.M. KE 7-8150