

Inexorably, Swings The Pendulum

In the bad, old days, an industrial tycoon said, "The public be damned!" The tycoon was W. H. Vanderbilt—the year, 1883.

Later, in 1902, "Divine Rights" Baer, president of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, said: "The rights of the laboring man will be protected not by the labor agitators but by the Christian men to whom God in His infinite wisdom has given control of the property interests of the country."

But nine years later the U.S. Supreme Court broke up the Standard Oil monopoly, and Congress passed the Clayton Act and other laws to free the country from such self-appointed guardians.

It seems strange now that men as able

as these men were could be the fools they were.

LABOR TYCOONS SHOULD read history. The pendulum of public opinion swings back and forth.

It has started to reverse its swing of recent years. Our senior labor tycoon, John L. Lewis, learned that, when a judgment of \$438,000 was recently rendered against his United Mine Workers because of threats of violence against employees who wanted to work.

A judgment of \$100,000 against Hoffa's Teamsters Union for illegal picketing has just been allowed to stand by the U. S. Supreme Court.

We are a patient people, but beginning with George III, we have eventually put tyrants and tycoons where they belong.

Will "K" Get More Than He Gives?

It's a cinch that Russia's Khrushchev thinks he is going to get more out of his U.S. visit than he will.

He wants to build up his prestige in his vast slave empire. Two years ago he was sweating to come on 24 hours' notice. He has enemies at home—all politicians have them—Molotov, Bulganin, etc.

What could build him up more in his bailiwick than to be the first top dog in Russian history to be "invited" to the U.S.A.? (Don't Mayors and Congressmen yearn to have their pictures taken with the President?)

Khrushchev's advantages are enormous. His visit here will be reported in Russia as a great success by his controlled newspapers, radio and T.V., no matter if it is a dud in this country.

role to play will not forget just who Khrushchev is . . . a Godless man who searches for every fair or foul means of outlawing human freedom on this earth.

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Plenty of criticism, deserved, has been directed toward Michigan's Legislature, and its Governor, for failing to enact acceptable tax laws to maintain governmental agencies, including the public schools. Yet this stale-mate is merely the application of our constitutional self-governing processes—stubborn as the lawmakers are in resisting each major party's ideas. To endeavor to "recall" members of the Legislature is juvenile thinking, we believe. The better way is for more citizens to tell their respective Legislators, and the Governor, what they (the people) want in the way of tax laws. This would be real, basic "democracy in action."

Ever since Fidel Castro and his plentifully be-whiskered boys took over Cuba, we've wondered how Cuban barbers and concerns dealing with massalizing pulchritude have been faring. Funny, isn't it, how a fad will catch on . . . whether it is one touched off by a Queen's walking a Duke's homburg, a President's ginkum stick, or the artfulness of some well-publicized Elvis Presley or a juvenile bubble gum chewer. Fads and fashions . . . each is revolutionary in its own way.

Teamsters' boss Jimmy Hoffa challenged U. S. Senator Jack Kennedy to a public debate on the subject of Kennedy's labor bill. Hoffa opposes the bill, naturally, but the Senator has turned down Mr. Hoffa. That's too bad—for the holding of such a debate certainly would stage a bit of entertainment rivaling the best TV western.



NATURE NOW

Fall Comes Early In the North Woods

Now our widely separated family is united once more in Michigan's north woods country, which has spelled home for us during all the summers that span more than a quarter of a century. They represent a treasured part of life which none of us should care to lose.

Here where the season is short, autumn comes early and late August fills roadside and field with the year's most varied and colorful floral display.

Yarrow, chrysanthemum, aster, goldenrod, Joe-Pye-weed, blazing star, bonset, thistle, pearly everlasting; composites all are these, which disperse their many-seeded heads while autumn lingers on in our north woods country.



Mrs. Frehse has become increasingly difficult to know and constantly revised as our knowledge grows.

AS A RESULT of sharing the same environment for thousands of years, closely related species, such as the olive (Oleaceae) and the laurel (Lauraceae) have grown to resemble each other in many ways. Responding to the same urging conditions, scarcely recognizable each other in appearance.

HOWEVER, the flower structure remains as the index of the family. For whatever variations exist, both strawberry and apple have the very characteristic arrangement of five sepals, five petals and numerous rows of stamens attached to the rim of the cup or urn-shaped enlargement of the flowering stalk.

The composite family, with 13,000 to 20,000 known species not only dominates the autumn scene but stands at the head of the flower parade as the largest, the most recent and the most highly developed of all plant families. Among other things it represents the climax of evolution of efficient flower clusters.

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Another long holiday weekend coming up! Let's keep the names of Birmingham Eccentric readers OUT of our next week's obituary column. That's one place we prefer to list your name as a result of NATURAL causes, not because of a traffic accident!

Don't set the clock ahead by driving carelessly. If you and your family are going to venture away from home over July 4th, please:

Be sure your car is in safe operating condition.

Plan to have the unexpected happen. Drive at safe speeds.

Don't drive while drowsy.

Don't drive if you've been drinking.

That funeral you want to prevent is your own.

Honestly, the best policy, is followed by most of us. But it sure costs us dearly for locks, keys, insurance and police because of the cheaters.

Iced tea, I have discovered, is the best thirst-quencher I've ever consumed. It

beats beer by a barrel, soft drinks by the dozen, and water by the well-full.

And what a bonus I've been earning. I discovered last week by reading the papers. Tannic acid (which tea contains) reportedly counteracts 90 per cent of strontium-90 which these hydrogen bombs let loose.

From the tea I consume all year long, I feel like I'm 99 per cent safe from that S-90.

Education pays off—except for the faculty.

Some housewives are complaining over the steaks they get at the markets these days. Seems there is meat at one end, but none or fat at the other. Butchers are telling the gals that with conditions the way they are these days, it is impossible to make both ends meet.

If things are revolting in certain South American countries, it only means they are trying again to change governments.

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

50 YEARS AGO
Sept. 3, 1909
"Our tentative suggestion to see if Fred Postal, of the Griswold house in Detroit could be induced to permit the use of his name next year as candidate for Lieutenant Governor seems to have set foot all sorts of enthusiasm."

"The Birmingham high school will open its business on Tuesday, Sept. 7, 1909. The tuition for the high school next year will be \$12.50 per semester in advance."

"J. M. Johnson commenced cutting his corn last Saturday and it is fine."

30 YEARS AGO
Sept. 5, 1929
With an enrollment of 2,275 reported up to closing time yesterday afternoon and 100 more pupils expected before Monday the Birmingham schools are attended by a larger number of students than in any time in their history.

A new anti-bill-board ordinance moderate than the previous one introduced to the Bloomfield Hills village commission is on the table in the Hills today.

15 YEARS AGO
Sept. 7, 1944
Birmingham dogs are still biting little folk. Two cases have been reported in the past week.

Stuart K. Baker is asking 4-11

club members to help harvest Michigan's quota of 1,500,000 pounds of milkweed bugs. It takes the place of kapok in making life jackets.

Christmas boxes for prisoners of war and civilian internees in Europe must be sent now if they are to arrive in time.

Fewer delinquent parents would reduce the juvenile problem, appreciably.

Ministers stumped for a sermon subject could do worse than to bound on parishioners' manners as displayed when leaving the church parking lot.

The shortest distance between two points is through a thirsty friend of ours.

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