

A Prayer For New Groves School

We herewith print the "Dedicator Prayer" given by Dr. Arnold F. Runkel, minister of the Birmingham First Methodist Church, at the exercises May 15 for the newly constructed Wylie E. Groves junior-senior high school. Rev. Runkel, for many years Mr. Groves' religious leader, impressed his audience that day when he said:

"God of our fathers, their stay in trouble, their strength in conflict, their guide and deep resource, we worship thee. Be thou to us what our fathers said thou wert to them, a fortress, a high tower, a refuge in the day of trouble. We, too, are tossed about by the vicissitudes of life and the uncertainties of fate. We need security. We long for peace. We would find things that endure. We need strength greater than our own.

"God of our fathers we pray thee, too, for the nation our fathers founded. We thank thee for the heritage that has come down to us bought by their blood, sweat and tears; for great character which has been woven into the fabric of this nation, blessed by Thy name!

"FOR GREAT LEADERS who, in crucial times, thou hast lifted up to direct our paths, blessed be Thy name! Help us today, with vivid vision, to see the heroes of old who feared thy name. Steady our hands to grasp the torch of the nation's righteousness which they bequeathed to us. Make stable and wise our minds to understand the high commitment, that the light of this people may not fail.

"Be with the nation's schools. Upon the youth and boys and girls who there pre-

pare to take the place of the older generation let thy special blessing rest. We have not handled our generation's life so well that we can be proud of it. See how wars have devastated human life! Grant that there may be more hope from the dawn that comes up from the dunes of the dawn. Make them lovers of peace, lovers of concord, lovers of righteousness, for thy name's sake.

"WE BLESS THEE for the leaders of our schools; for those whom we have sought out as our public servants and who, day by day, have given of their minds and hands in the vigorous development and growth of the public educational institutions in our community; for the members of the School Board, Dr. Ireland and the many members of his staff who have given us so vital and progressive an educational program in our community.

"Particularly we hold in memory today thy servant, our brother, Wylie E. Groves, who volunteered so much of himself for our community. For his upright-ness of character, fidelity, loyalty, devotion to family, good-will to his friends, patriotism as a citizen and high honor as a man; for long years of able service which he rendered to his community and to many a Christian cause, we give thee thanks.

"Today, in his honor and to thy glory, we dedicate this institution. May it be an instrument of perpetuating all of the noble ideals of our fathers who labored to make our nation great and strong. We ask it in the name of the Master Teacher and Workman of our race, Jesus Christ. Amen."

From The Eccentric's Point of View...

Russia's famed author and poet, Boris Pasternak, has freed himself from the tyranny of the Kremlin. He has joined his ancestors in Valhalla, or whatever his people call another world's Utopia. A Nobel prize winner, he couldn't accept this award because the book he wrote that won the award was critical of the Soviet System of Communism. Well, some day freedom will gain the ascendancy in Russia... as the Ole Debbel increases his population with Khrushchev et al.

Those catastrophic earthquakes down Chile-way have brought death, injury and devastation to thousands of human beings. Such an emergency brings forth much of the Good Samaritan from some countries, as humanitarianism calls for one to help his brother. And let it not be forgotten that the United States never shirks its responsibility in such matters.

The editor of this newspaper never has claimed to be infallible, or to be an oracle. But when it comes to the manner in which some politicians play havoc with the law of economics, and with the traditional qualities that make for character values, we seldom hold back our punches. We only pray that more average citizens would do likewise.

Three Michigan men are competing to win the Democratic Party's nomination for Governor, and two Republicans likewise are wanting to carry the banner for

the same job. One from each Party will win in the primary election, then both will square off to see how much palaver they can spew forth in order to win in the November general election. Yes, Sir, and Ma'am, this is what we can do in a free country... and, no matter how much malarky our politicians manage to hand out, we're all for keeping it that way.

Slowly, but certainly surely, foreign nations are selling us more and more of their goods, and we are selling them less and less of ours. Why? Whose labor is less costly by being more productive?

Senator Jack Kennedy now declares, loudly and enthusiastically, that he'll get his Party's nomination for the Presidency. Well, Dick, does this interest you?

The bestial treatment of African natives by the white men in that troubled area of the world bespeaks no lasting good for the Caucasian race. Outnumbered four to one, the ruling whites, in their ruthless treatment of the natives, have shocked the sensibilities of most of the western world. (Mammon certainly plays havoc with human destiny when, let loose, it plays fast and loose with every phase of decency.)

'Tis reported that Khrushchev wants to see a Democrat elected our next President. Well, we'd like to see a freedom-loving Russian take over K's job... and K given the job of Minister of the Exterior of some far-off Siberian piece of frozen tundra.

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

Is your daily coffee break a blah? The reason may be that your timing is off.

This important bit of business office research came to light just this week in the University of Michigan medical center.

It resulted from what is considered the first experimental evidence of the effect of caffeine on the isolated cortex of the brain.

THE EXPERIMENT INDICATES the caffeine in a cup of coffee partially blocks for about three hours the effects of a second cup of java.

Scientists have tabbed this condition "tachyphylaxis".

The researchers found caffeine to be a

pretty tricky drug. It stimulates you—at the same time temporarily immunizing you against further stimulation.

It takes only 20 minutes for the drug to give you peak stimulation. For about 2½ hours you continue at this level, when the effect ends quickly.

THUS, AN ADDITIONAL CUP of coffee taken during this 2½ hours will not raise your stimulation the amount the first cup does.

So if your first cup is at 7 p.m., your second cup does little for you until 10 a.m.

The researchers admitted, however, that this 3-hour level is only an average. You have to figure your own coffee-timing by the point at which you "blah!" or "ah!"

Then the Roof Fell In



PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Education Costs; Will Cost More, And We Must Pay

To the Editor:

In the April 24 edition of The Detroit Free Press I came across an article entitled, "Don't Hold Your Breath Till School Costs Drop." I feel that this article is timely and pertinent to our educational problems here in Birmingham. I would like to pass along some of the information contained in this article.

This article states that the United States is currently spending about 22 billion dollars a year on education, including (in round figures) 14 billion for public schools, four billion for parochial and private elementary and high schools, and four billion for public and private colleges and universities.

IT GOES ON to say that in terms of America's present wealth, 22 billion dollars is not a big sum to be spending on education, and that this sum represents about four per cent of the nation's total output of goods and services. "It is just a little more than Americans spend on liquor and cigarettes, and only about half as much as they spend on leisure."

THE ARTICLE continues by saying that our educational costs are going to rise steeply during the next ten years, regardless of whether any special effort is made to improve schools, and that conservative estimates, based on simple continuation of present trends in teacher pay, classroom construction and enrollment, indicate that the total will rise to at least 35 billion dollars a year by 1970.

"But nearly all educators, and many outside experts who have studied the problem, are convinced that America must do much better than continue present trends. "They say, in all soberness, that national survival may hinge on achieving a very sharp improvement over the next few years in teaching salaries at all levels from kindergarten through college, and a rapid expansion of the physical plant available to handle the ever-growing school population."

THIS MEANS that in order to reach these goals we will need

from 45 to 50 billion dollars a year by the end of this decade. Then, comes the big question, "where is the money coming from?"

The article mentions three possibilities: 1 — still-higher local property taxes and increased voluntary contributions to private schools; 2 — more state support; 3 — from the Federal Government.

"While local districts must rely almost exclusively on the property tax, states can raise money in a variety of ways, including income and sales taxes. . . the average state contributes less than 10 per cent of the funds required by its public school system."

THE ARTICLE says that some Americans are strongly opposed to having the federal government assume a substantial share of the costs of education, while others say that the federal government is the only agency which can supply the kind of money required to underwrite an adequate educational system.

"One point should be clear. . . if America is to devote a larger share of its total resources to education, as nearly all authorities agree it must—the additional money will have to be extracted from the economy in some way. . . And no business method of extraction has ever yet been devised in the realm of public finance. . . Let's face it—we are all going to have to spend (or contribute) either voluntarily or through state or federal taxes) more money for education."

"Until some other plan is devised, it is up to us to continue with the property tax, and raise this tax when necessary. It is necessary now for us to do so. . . A "Yes" vote on June 13 will increase the school district's total operating millage 1.9 mills (See EDUCATION, Page 7-B)

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

50 YEARS AGO
June 17, 1910

"Just the thing for children. A goat wagon and harness complete can be bought cheap. Call on F. D. Hoffman at E. A. O'Neal's harness shop."

"Henry W. Carr, on the River Bank farm, has finished his milk house."

30 YEARS AGO
June 19, 1930

"Possibility of a taxibed 'rate war' was indicated Monday night as the result of the village commission's action in permitting the establishment of a third taxicab company in the village over protests of the permit from two companies. Indications that a fourth company might enter the competition was expressed."

"Students of the dissolved Birmingham school district, part of which lies in Bloomfield township, will be transferred (to) the new school district. Two few students was given as the reason for dissolution."

15 YEARS AGO
June 14, 1945

"City commission met June 11 to repeal the blackout and civil defense ordinance passed at the start of the war. . . as reported, which suggests war conditions are improving, was that of the status of the permit from the WPB to rebuild the clubhouse at Springdale park. Mayor City manager H. J. Corson reported that the WPB had suggested further action be taken by the city in about 30 days. . . "We might have a new club house by next fall," Mr. Corson stated."

"Out of the Detroit office of the OPA yesterday came the news that the A, B, C and T windshield

stickers used to designate types of gasoline rations, no longer are required. One reason, OPA said is that many book drivers now may be accommodated by the new B book limit, increased from 475 to 850 miles a month Monday."

Effective June 15, OPA retail ceiling prices for porthouse steak, grade A or choice, will be 54 cents per pound.

STRICTLY FRESH

Maybe the country is in good shape after all. A lot of people still want to be president.

Reference to a woman driver could mean one who plays golf, handles a car or dominates her husband.



The beginning of wisdom is the ability to admit the other guy is right.

Did anyone ever succeed in cheering up a small boy who has just finished two hot dogs and seven ice cream cones?

If you listen to all the songs you wouldn't think there's an Irishman left in Ireland. They're all somewhere else singing about it.

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