

# Thankful for Freedom's Bounties

The theme of human gratitude to Deity for the good things that come from the earth runs like a golden thread back to the very dawn of history. There is sound reason to suppose that primitive men, long before recorded time, tried in some inarticulate fashion to express thanks to a mystic power but dimly conceived.

Our own rich, warm, friendly Thanksgiving celebration here in this land of abundance must be considered in the light of that background. We have a particular tradition, here, because of the Pilgrim experience. But in essence it remains true that when we sit down to the feast with our loved ones on Thanksgiving day we are extending that golden thread of gratitude to the Power which has given us

both life and a means of sustaining and enriching life.

THANKSGIVING IS MORE complex than it was in ancient times when the idea of gratitude for an abundant harvest was dominant. We in our time have so much more to be thankful for, such a wealth of material things as the world has never known. To give thanks is not enough. It is fitting, also, that we resolve to use our wealth in a way pleasing to the Source from which it comes. It is equally fitting that we be mindful of the blessings that come from the development of our spiritual selves—for only from this source can mankind achieve the higher earthly goals of happiness, peace!

# Restrictions on Selling Your Home

Several months ago Lawrence Gubow, Michigan corporations and security commissioner, issued Rule 9, which has the force and effect of law. This Rule 9 could prevent every Michigan home owner from specifying the terms and conditions under which he would authorize a realtor to offer his property for sale . . . if such conditions and terms limited the acceptability of a purchaser, "based on racial, creedal, or ethnic considerations."

Rule 9, argue Michigan realtors through their State Association, is not contained in the text of the real estate law enacted by the Legislature. Indeed, a legislative "interim committee" already has tried to get Gubow to reverse this Rule. Thus, argue the realtors and many other citizens, Gubow has bureaucratically determined to make his own interpretation of the real estate law. In this he is assisted by Attorney-General Paul D. Adams.

BRIEFLY, THIS Rule 9 will not allow any Michigan licensed realtor to offer to sell a piece of property for you, if you limit the terms and conditions of the sale in any way other than merely financial.

If he should accept such written or implied limitations, he could lose his realtor's license. So he would not, in all probability, accept a limited listing.

On the other hand, if he accepts a listing without any "strings" other than a financial attached, and if he brings to you a buyer who can meet the financial terms and conditions set forth by you, and then you refuse to accept this purchase offer for reasons related to "racial, creedal or ethnic considerations" (or even what you may argue are your unidentified personal whims and caprices) then, the realtors report it to be their understanding, they may never again list your property for sale.

"THIS SIMPLY means that a property

owner, under Gubow's ruling, may not again enjoy the services of a licensed real estate broker in Michigan," the brokers declare.

"If not by direction, then certainly by indirection, Rule 9 impinges upon the rights of citizens to acquire, manage, or dispose of property freely in accord with the dictates of their consciences and the right of real estate brokers and salesmen to represent the interests of their clients in such acquisition, management, or disposal," declares the Michigan Real Estate Association.

TEMPORARILY, Rule 9 has been restrained from application by the Ingham County Circuit Court, where it is expected to be adjudicated in the near future. It no doubt will be appealed to higher Courts by whichever side loses there.

This newspaper is not attempting to adjudicate the moral phases of Gubow's Rule 9. If such limitations are to be placed upon the sale of property, this is the function of the Legislative branch of State government—never the obligation or constitutional right of appointive heads of governmental agencies.

We oppose "government by rules of men"; we support "government enactments of law by duly constituted elected representatives of the people."

Perhaps the forthcoming Michigan Legislature will clarify this subject when it convenes in Lansing January 2.

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

"The next target for the tender solicitude of the welfare statismist will probably be the family that has only one boat," writes the Cincinnati Enquirer.

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# ONE THING OR ANOTHER

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There are two kinds of newspaper columnists who project their personal opinions:

One is the type which has an idea (that's really all an opinion is) and he tries to sell it.

The other type is the writer who has an idea and tries to tell it.

The idea-seller has a real job before him. Human nature being what it is, selling an idea is about the hardest to do. People don't like ideas forced upon them. The harder the sell, the greater the resistance. It usually quite often indicates the seller is not really sold on the idea himself. What he's trying to do is sell it to himself by having another person buy it. When that other person (or persons) buys the idea, it's much easier to accept because others have accepted it.

HOWEVER, HUMAN NATURE still operating in this area, more people resist ideas than accept them. Hence, buyer reactions build to big frustrations in the idea-seller columnist.

Not so with the idea-teller columnist. He's accepted the fact that there are as many ideas as there are fingerprints—lots of common characteristics, but at least

one individual difference. The idea-teller merely tells his readers what he is thinking about.

No hard sell. Only a soft tell. . . . Not many frustrations for this type of columnist. He doesn't feel resistance—only the degree of acceptance of his idea.

THE COLUMNIST WHO POUNDS you with his ideas really is letting only a little of himself escape through his fingertips onto the typewriter keys.

Perhaps that's why he meets with so much resistance. His readers get to know very little about him, therefore they don't really know what are the purposes of his ideas or opinions.

The idea-teller, on the other hand, lets you see much more of how his mind is operating. You come to know him better, and trust him more. Therefore, you listen to his ideas. When you listen, you hear—and having heard, you can evaluate. Then you may concur, may act, even may disagree. And in the disagreeing, know that the columnist will listen to YOU.

This leads to exchange of ideas and quite often an improvement in both respective positions—whether columnist or reader.

# And Was Last Seen Still Going Higher!



## PEOPLE'S COLUMN

# Urges Definite Times For Halloween Events

To the Editor:  
As just two small taxpayers, we would like to suggest to our city officials that they make up their minds concerning when they want the kids to beg at Halloween; that they then stick to their decision so we won't have them swarming around three nights in a row, as they did this year.

We feel that a block party for the children is wonderful, but why can't Birmingham stop being eccentric and conform to the rest of the country and let the kiddies beg on the proper night, having the party before Halloween?

There was apparently considerable confusion, because none with whom I talked were sure which night their children should go out begging. As a result we prepared for Saturday night and were visited around 10:30. Thinking that was that, we went out Sunday evening but saw many kids on the street. When we came home we

found our screens, etc. soaped up, presumably because we weren't home.

MONDAY EVENING, being unprepared, we felt ashamed at having nothing when kids numbering approximately 50 started coming, so we turned out the lights in our home which we regretted doing very much.

We cannot, and do not, blame either the kids or their parents, but would suggest that our city officials, if or when they recognize an undesirable situation and want to do something about it should be well enough organized to issue definite instructions to both children and parents sufficiently clear and in plenty of time that they may govern themselves accordingly. Perhaps some of your other readers might have comments on this situation.

MR. & MRS. R. BINKLEY,  
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# Anyone Care to Answer This Woman's Questions?

To the Editor:  
I am a native of the deep South. While I was growing up, I was taught to love, respect, and accept the Negroes but to shun and ignore them socially.

Yet, I was allowed to eat the food that a dear old Negro prepared for me. I also, was allowed to sit for hours and talk to the daughter of our Negro cook.

She was about the same age that I was and we had the same troubles

with math and boy friends and I have the fondest memories of these talks with her.

WHEN I was 17 I moved to Baltimore, Md., where my father was transferred. Pretty soon I saw a large sign at the entrance of a Birmingham and saw that "Gentiles Only."

(When I asked the meaning of this, my friend informed me that it was for the "Gentiles Only.")

# Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

## 50 YEARS AGO

Nov. 25, 1910  
The Birmingham woman's literary club met at the home of Mrs. Carter in Birmingham with 20 members in attendance who responded to the roll call with Michigan items . . . It being marked on our year book as Michigan day, the program was in charge of the Pioneer committee.

Birmingham school notes: Owing to the crowded condition of the sixth and seventh grade room, it has been found necessary to separate the two grades. The sixth grade has been placed in the new room No. 3, three of the high school. This grade has Bessie Bell for its teacher.

William Brown, Bloomfield's highway commissioner, is certainly the right man for the place. He has just finished three pieces of up-to-date road that have been approved by the State officials who declared the work done the best ever.

When you see people placing signs on poles, why not tell them it's against the law and that it is labor lost for the Marshall and the Village improvement people are trying to enforce the law.

## 30 YEARS AGO

Nov. 29, 1930  
A program of piano music . . . will be given at the Community house next Tuesday evening by Orest Gaboriowitch, noted pianist and conductor of the Detroit symphony orchestra.

"India will win autonomy; perhaps in two years, perhaps in five, perhaps not until I have passed but she will win." This was the most significant statement made by Kirby Fago, editor of "The World Tomorrow," in a stirring talk . . . at the second of the evening international relations forums held bi-monthly at the Community house.

The annual Adams school opera, "The Plymouth Rock" will be presented to the public in the Adams school auditorium tomorrow evening under the direction of Charlotte Frye, music teacher at Adams school. According to F. Horne Cook, principal of Adams school, the production will be free to the public but a collection will be taken during the play.

The surprise project of the Baldwin high school Junior Washington group will be put on sale in all of our village schools on Monday according to the group advisers.

## 15 YEARS AGO

Nov. 22, 1945  
The Board of Education meeting Tuesday evening, accepted the first report of Saarstrom and Swanson on the proposed new high school for Birmingham, and approved their bill for \$5,000 for immediate payment.

People told this Wanderer, when he first came to Birmingham, that the city was full of surprises. Friday night he found a new one. He was bending over trying to read a bit of literature when Swanson at Maple and Woodward when out blared a loudspeaker with the information he was seeking. The blast of words told of the special show the Pierce PTA is giving tomorrow night at Baldwin high school as a benefit project.

The weaving department of the Cranbrook academy of art was awarded new laurels at the 1945 International textile exhibition, Woman's college of the University of North Carolina department of art.

## STRICTLY FRESH

If at first you succeed you're running above average.

All we can say is that it serves Junior right. His mother backs the car over his bicycle. He shouldn't have left it on the front lawn in the first place.



Civilization is a development whereby the college yell has evolved from the war whoop.

The guy who brags that he runs things around his house is probably talking about the lawn mower, washing machine and vacuum cleaner.

You know Christmas is just around the corner when you get a notice for the final payment due on last year's washing machine.

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