

Youth On 'White Horse' Takes Over

Young men are the spearheads of attack on the greatest of the nation's political prizes. That was seen to by the parties in convention assembled. Young men also stand in the front ranks of combat. That has been, and is being, seen to by the two spearheads themselves.

Both Senator Kennedy and Vice President Nixon are attracting—and actively recruiting—young men of intelligence and special knowledge to assist them in their campaigns for the Presidency. Doubtless this was inevitable, considering the age of the candidates. It also may in part reflect the mood of the people and the urgencies of a time which seems to demand a venturesome approach to world and domestic problems.

THE INFLUX OF YOUNG men into Washington is not unprecedented. Some-

thing of the sort occurred when the administrations of Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson came to power. It occurred most notably when Franklin D. Roosevelt began leveling his New Deal blows at the depression. It seems destined to come again, whether Nixon or Kennedy enters the White House.

There are some drawbacks in this. The so-called vigorous young men (the two adjectives always seem to go hand in hand) are not invariably the ablest men. Any administration which judges ability by the calendar alone would soon find itself in trouble. This is unlikely to happen. The greater chance is that, whichever party holds the reins next year, the expert counsel of numerous able young men will lighten the load of executive decision. This appears again to be a time when heaven of this kind may be greatly in the national interest.

From The Eccentric's Point of View...

What the world of mankind is witnessing in Africa is not new for the history books. To expect a newly released conglomeration of semi-barbaric people quickly to achieve orderly governmental processes is expecting too much... as proof of which we refer you to the history of every nation whose people have long ago gotten one foot out of the jungle... yet are unable to cast off many evidences of the barbarian. Proof: what "mentally dark nation" today can match the crime record, the deceptions practiced, the juvenile delinquency and the collateral adult abdication from responsibility to unfaltering morale and morals... negative conditions revealed among the so-called cultural nations of this earth? Indeed, where in even darkest jungle Africa would or could the dangers of nuclear bombs be spawned? Takes lots of time to bring about what the Psalmist cried: "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace."

If accurately presented, few U. S. citizens would agree that Socialism is desirable in our country to guarantee "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." For Socialism is, finally, an ideology that seeks to place the ownership and tools of production in the possession of the government. Opposed as most people are to such a plan, yet millions of them unwittingly accept Socialism in its various Welfare State guises—such as federal ownership of utilities, federal ownership and operation of hundreds of businesses of various kinds, federal handouts to a long list of public and private groups—and more and more federal controls over the personal and business lives of all of us.

There are those Americans who, much concerned over the apparent materialistic emphasis our people place on living, believe that we should do some serious thinking on the question: "What is the purpose of the people of the United States in today's world?" The answer covers much... and perhaps its basic root can be stated in this short sentence: To make democracy, the art of correct self-government, work more satisfactorily. (To accomplish this would require the possession and use of all the virtues available to the human race.) Thus people who constitute the U.S.A. would be a living example to the rest of our world.

If, when President Ike wants to play golf, rain prevents him from so doing, what should public opinion say about the subject? If it rains Ike is denied recreation, and if there be any agricultural crops near the golf course, said crop will benefit from the rain. This increases the nation's farm problem, too.

There are those who approve, and those who disapprove the requirement that students receiving money from the federal government sign affidavits disclaiming personal intent to overthrow the American government. "Why," ask the critics, "should a student have to sign such a paper when millions of other Americans, receiving financial aid from Uncle Sam, need not sign a similar document?" What do you, Friend Reader, think about this?

In our own youth we were told that to eat plenty of spinach was to assure us a sturdy body—they said there was much iron in spinach. We don't know if today's spinach contains as much iron as previous—but, if spinach has anything to do with responsible citizenship sturdiness, it certainly looks as though not much of it is eaten now-a-days.

When a married man walks the floor at night he is trying to pacify and quiet the babe. But when a bachelor engages in the same calisthenics he probably is dancing with a full grown babe.

Here's something of the height of optimism: "Asked what he thought of the two candidates for the election, an enlightened voter replied: 'Well, I'm thankful only one of them can be elected.'"

Consider this simple fact: It has been stated by competent authorities that the greatest single deterrent to highway accidents and fatalities is the use of COURTESY by the motorists. Honestly, now, Friend Motorist, as you review your own experience behind the wheel, and as you recall the actions of most other motorists, is not simple COURTESY often absent?

One of Birmingham's well known citizens whose profession may be hidden in the following told us these few lines: "Lawyers have to live with man-made laws and engineers have to live with God's laws... and it's much easier to get along with God."

What is happening in Africa's Congo proves again that no individual or nation can enjoy the environment of freedom until he is willing to endure the tiring and tiresome thrill of knowing what freedom is. To expect a people, only a generation or two or three removed from savagery is expecting a lot.

Girls, here's a piece of alleged humor that you ought to wage war against: "Many a man who opened a conversation with a girl years ago is now wondering how to shut it off."

This Guy We Can Do Without



NATURE NOW

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Fossils Record Story Of Life Through Ages

One of our interesting vacation adventures is searching for fossils along the shores of Lake Michigan.

Fossils are the remains of plants and animals or the record of their presence generally preserved in the rocks of the earth. Scientists called paleontologists have learned to interpret these and to assign them to the geological periods in which they lived. Thus paleontologists have reconstructed much of the life of plants and animals in its proper sequence from the most ancient to our modern times.

If one searches along the lake-shore many corals can be found. These small jelly-like animals which secreted the limestone "houses" in which they lived. They are one of the few life-forms which have persisted through the Cambrian period of 500 million years ago to our present day. Anyone exploring the tropical seas today may see them growing in great coral reefs and in many other shapes and sizes.

GLACIERS CARRIED the early Cambrian rocks which make the Michigan coast. They were dumped them in various gravel heaps over the state. So it is that today I can hold in my hand not only corals but many life-forms now extinct.

The corals take varied shapes. Some are horn or cup-like structures which grew standing in the shallow seas with a jelly-like animal living in a small depression in the top. Others are grouped in colonies or are branched like small twigs. Many are fragments of large colonial corals or reefs where billions of these animals lived in small angular cells which fit together like a honeycomb. Some look like tiny organ pipes bound together, others are lined like small chains.

THE MOST FAMOUS of our Michigan fossils is a fragment of ancient reef-built limestone, called a Potoskey stone. When polished it shows an interesting pattern and is often sold as a curio or mounted for jewelry. Although it shows an interesting pattern and is often sold as a curio or mounted for jewelry. Although it shows an interesting pattern and is often sold as a curio or mounted for jewelry.

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

50 YEARS AGO

Sept. 2, 1910
Real estate ad: Five acres of excellent land, good house—seven rooms; central heater, nice shade, new barn 16x24, chicken house 10x18, orchard with 50 apples, 4 cherries, 4 peaches—all in good bearing; taxes last year \$6, 80 rods from electric, hourly service to Detroit, fare 18 cents to city hall. Good roads, fine soil, no waste land. Price, \$3,000—no trade.

The village area is preparing itself for the primary election on Sept. 6. Candidates are busy making last minute stops and speeches. After looking at the whole picture, this has been one of the most active campaigns on record.

30 YEARS AGO

Sept. 4, 1930
Indications that a record vote would be cast at the Sept. 9 primary election in Bloomfield township were made Saturday, the final day for registration, when more than 80 voters enrolled and the telephones in the office were kept busy all day by residents calling to make certain their registrations were all right.

As a result of a six to one vote Tuesday night, Birmingham will not permit public bowling on Sundays. The decision came after a heated debate of the subject and the protests of representatives of the YMCA and the WCTU.

15 YEARS AGO

Aug. 30, 1945
Keeping in step with Detroit and Pontiac, as well as many other cities in the region, Birmingham will turn its clocks back one hour at midnight Sunday, Sept. 30. This will place the city on Eastern

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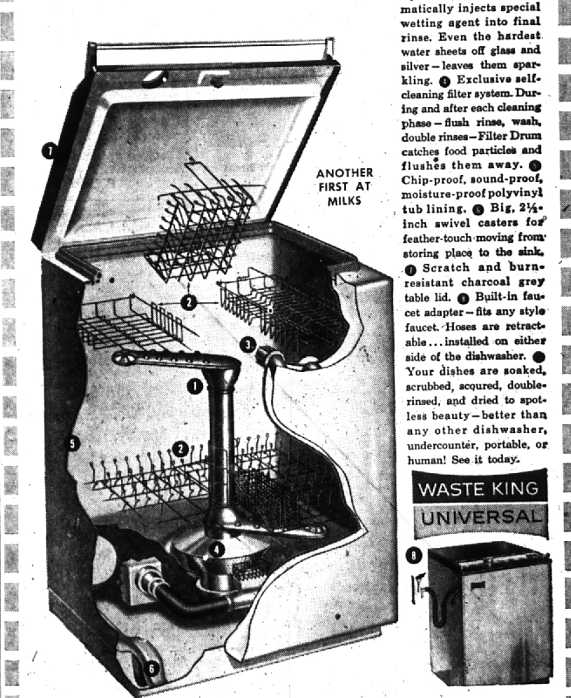
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