

THE AMERICAN WAY



EXTRA! Duke Favors U.S. Trousers!

The British must be convinced that the man who was briefly their king and is now the Duke of Windsor has been brainwashed by the Americans. The duke recently let it be known that, while his jackets are still made for him in London, his trousers are made in New York. British tailors were horrified. It was as if the man had appeared in the House of Lords wearing overalls.

The tailors, angry but dignified, dusted off the duke with a remark which deserves a place in history alongside Lord Nelson's "England expects every man to do his duty." Said their spokesman, "We have never admired the American seat." If that observation, chauvinistic though it may

be, doesn't put American tailors in their place, what will? The cheeky bounders.

THE DUKE IS NOT alone in his position, however. Some critics assert that British trousers are much too wide, and that the drainpipe-narrow pantleg fashioned by the Italians really exemplifies the height of fashion. First the blitz, then India and Suez—and now this.

Imagine! A man who sat on the throne of England—in American trousers. Why, it was just yesterday that those bally colonial chaps were sewing on buckskin. One would almost as soon think of the duke wearing a breechcloth—actually be more dignified, don'tcha know. Thank heaven Beau Brummell isn't around to see it.

"K" Could Endanger U. S. Solvency

The cold war could be lost on the economic and financial fronts, as well as in the air.

Because he runs a police state, not responsible to party politics, nor a written Constitution, nor to 50 State Governments, Khrushchev can hurt us in ways to which we either cannot respond, or as effectively.

He can flood our markets with various commodities, for example, oil; break our price levels necessary to pay our high wage standards and charge his losses to the cost of the slow war.

At present, he is talking of making all rubles exchangeable for gold coin, at home and abroad. He could do this because Russia is the world's second largest source of

new gold. This could challenge the dollar as the world's first choice money.

HE IS TALKING of wiping out all income taxes. As it is, his highest rate on individuals is lower than our lowest rate.

With iron control over wages, hours, prices, rents, labor unions, etc., etc., he can avoid or postpone inflation. If it happens, it has twice, he can devalue the ruble, and thus take it out of the skins of his slaves.

Meantime, with our Foreign Aid program, we have "tooled up" both friends and foes, with billions of dollars worth of the most modern factories and equipment with which to compete against us in world markets.

From The Eccentric's Point of View ...

A University of Michigan mathematics professor is going to head a group of fellow-profs to improve the methods of teaching the science of numbers to the youth of the nation. He says that "college math programs stopped short with the year 1850, and most secondary school programs with the year 1550." Boy! I wonder if they'll come up with the mathematical truth that two plus two equals four, and not—as the politicians and do-gooders declare—any sum other than four. Maybe the professors will be able to educate the coming generations how to balance their own and their country's budgets.

You know, do you not, that the new nations in Africa will seek, and no doubt be given, membership in the United Nations. Already the number is vastly increased ... and each new member, regardless of size, has the same vote that the United States, or Russia, France or Britain have. But with more new African nations (how many of them to be beholden to Russia we can't say) ganging up against the free world ... can you imagine what can happen? That's why the Soviet tries so vigorously to foment troubles among the new African nations ... the Kremlin is after votes, and doesn't care how it gets them!

We have been asked by a reader to explain how a world-famous evangelist like Billy Graham can go about declaring that "God loves all his earthly children ..." and at the same time shout that "God will destroy the world ..." the Apostle Peter has pronounced it! Billy made this last statement recently in Switzerland. Well, perhaps our reader would like to ask Billy direct ... his office being up in Minneapolis, Minn. We certainly are not going to try to justify the apparent inconsistency of the above two declarations. Is Billy trying to scare his Swiss audience into sainthood?

Senators Kennedy and Johnson didn't do so well by their constituents as they

had hoped to during the recent Congressional post-convention session. Which proves that some of the southern Democrats and northern Republicans, by teaming up on certain issues, still control the U.S. Senate. The way politics is played in Washington, D.C., is akin to the pattern of Las Vegas gambling houses—wanting to reach into the public treasury and scoop up the most tax dollars for their own pet schemes.

A London (Eng.) man won a clock in a raffle, yet was so ungrateful that he complained that it ran so well it did an hour in 45 minutes.

No one can prophesy, with exactness, what type of economics the U.S. will be under a decade or two decades from now ... except that, if we go further into more centralized government in Washington, D.C., we'll pay higher taxes, have more controls over us and—if such Socialism runs true to form—there'll be fewer "things" for our people to possess.

Scientists tell us that it takes 6,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 atoms to make a drop of water. At first glance, it almost reminds one of the federal debt.

The U. S. may never place human beings on the moon ... but the U. S. certainly is sending plenty of the taxpayers' money out into unknown spaces.

The only time that certain politicians will be required to promise you less is when they've already given you about everything possible. That time appears to be approaching rapidly.

Senator Kennedy has said that "The farm problem is our major domestic problem ..." Well, Sir, we think you are only partly right ... what about the deterioration of morale and morals of our nation?

He Can't Wear Both

NATURE NOW

By Lydia King Frehe

Wild Grape Abundant, Fruitful Wayside Plant

A recent trip to the Bald Mountain recreation area (northwest of Rochester) revealed a wealth of shrubs and vines growing along the dusty and undisturbed roadsides.

Crowding each other for living space were such well-known plants as dogwoods, viburnums, elderberry, bitterweet, hawthorn, alder, clematis, wild cucumber and grape. We also noted a single wild plum tree laden with its small yellow, red-checked fruits. Several species of this plant appear in restricted areas in Michigan but it is always a "find!"

HERE THE WILD grape (*Vitis*) is the most abundant of our wayside plants. The species hybridize at least five are native to Michigan. Some 1,000 cultivated varieties have been developed from the wild fruit. Selected mutations of American grapes and hybrids between them and the European species (*Vitis vinifera*) constitute our present-day cultivated plants.

Grapes are thornless, hard-stemmed, green-flowered woody vines that climb high by means of their tendrils. The leaves are generally heart-shaped with more or less toothed edges. The fruit, a true berry, is small and often sour, but was much used by the Indians and our pioneers.

SKINS of the European grape stick to the pulp. This trait is evident in our California species which are hybrids of Old World varieties. In hybrids of our New World species the skins slip easily from the pulp. Our much prized Concord grape is one of these.

Next to the apple, the grape is our most versatile fruit. In the Old World the wine industry is of great commercial importance, especially in France and Spain. But this fruit is widely distributed and we saw choice varieties growing in such widely distant countries as Israel

and Delhi, Greece.

IN THE UNITED STATES, California leads with an annual production of some three million tons of fruit. It not only furnishes most of our year round table grapes but 90 per cent of our raisins. Currants are produced from a small, tart variety of grape grown in Greece. Lake areas in New York state have a favorable climate for this fruit and lead in the manufacture of champagne and grape juice. Vinegar jellies and jams are other important products.

The growing and processing of grapes is a most profitable industry. The plant is usually propagated vegetatively from stem cuttings, thus giving employment to many workers.

GOOD DRAINAGE in loose soil on a hillside is a preferred habitat. The plant is usually propagated vegetatively from stem cuttings. (See NATURE NOW, Page 7-B)

People's Column School Head, Board Draw Commendation

The board of education and Dr. Diegel surely deserve public commendation on the revised school schedule.

Their sympathetic attitude toward the problems of parents and children need do much to insure a happy relationship between the school system and the public.

Congratulations to them. Elizabeth McAdam 1708 Northlawn, Birmingham

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

50 YEARS AGO

Sept. 9, 1910

School will open next Monday with a new freshness. The building has had many repairs during the summer vacation making it one of the best ventilated, healthful and sanitary school buildings in the state of Michigan. Electric fans draw in fresh air and push out foul air in each room.

The Republicans of Bloomfield and Royal Oak voted for State and county officers Tuesday, but showed only half the strength they will two months hence. Less than three dozen Democrats in the two towns took the trouble to vote.

30 YEARS AGO

Sept. 11, 1930

Several new additions in personnel and plant will greet the 230 students who return to Cranbrook school next Monday. Several new masters have been added to the faculty and the summer building program enabled the school to present a set of buildings which should answer the demand for classroom, living and athletic facilities.

Construction of the water main project joining the new Derby Well at Eaton and Derby roads, through the Birmingham Land Company's property to the village water system on Adams road is expected to start today. James W. Farry, village manager announced.

The Village Players of Birmingham will open their 1930-31 season with a first night's performance Oct. 24 of "Torches" by Kenneth Raisbeck.

15 YEARS AGO

Sept. 8, 1945

The first step toward easing Birmingham's car parking situation and the traffic difficulties on West Maple avenue was taken Tuesday

night when the city commission began a study of the problem.

The proposed new telephone building, outlined some months ago by the Birmingham Rotary club, is expected to be included in the \$120,000,000 post-war construction and improvement program just announced by the Michigan Bell Telephone company.

Bids are now being taken for the erection of a large club house for Springdale Park, replacing the structure destroyed by fire last fall.

STRICTLY FRESH

Experience is what you have after you've lost everything else.

A man growing in wisdom talks less and says more.

A sense of humor is what makes you laugh at something that would make you mad if it happened to you.



Newspapermen often use the editorial "we" so the reader will think there are too many of them to lick.

The way politicians call up images of past greatness you'd think they were running for the lead in a historical pageant.

MEA Membership Shows Increase In Oakland County

Membership in region seven Oakland county of the Michigan Education Association has reached 5,340 as of June 30, 1960, the MEA membership division has announced. This represents an increase of 45 ship total of 1,065. Over the June 1959 total of 5,295. Of the 17 MEA districts making Region seven membership in the National Education association also recorded the highest MEA membership has shown an increase.

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER

BY GEORGE WM. AVERILL

George Wm. Averill is on vacation. His column, "One Thing or Another", will be resumed on his return.