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Grant Barber, principal of Quarton School, presents a scroll to Mrs. William Oates, 607 Waddington, Birmingham, from the teachers to the parents in appreciation of their part in the successful special school election. Mrs. Oates was chairman of the Independent Citizens for Birmingham Schools in the Quarton area.

**Think Before Resigning
Christmas to the Birds**

By RUTH VOGT
Special Writer

Here, birds. Take this season
coming up. Go on. It's called
"Christmas."
Certain discouraged authorities
recently got so discouraged with
Modern Man that they suggested
we do away with it entirely.
"So commercialized. So rat-
racey. So much spending of money!"
they sighed in despair.
Before we abdicate this glorious
season to the birds, (and what
would they do with it?) let's, as
students of history, put Modern

Man of 1961 up for a bit of exam-
ination.
Don't feel sorry for the birds;
feel pity for Man living in this
year of '61. He's being hit from
all sides. He's had his wings
pinned on him, for his neglect,
or his thoughtlessness, for his
inhumanity than all the other aras
put together.)
AND HOW true, really, is this
picture? To any student who has
dug into past history even a tiny
bit, it's greatly misapprehended. It's
so easy to sigh and say:
"You wicked, wicked peoples.
You have no depth or regard for
others at all!"
After leafing through early
pages of civilization, try to show
me where they were more aware
of their fellow beings? You can't
point to any who were.
Yes, sometimes the glaring head-
lines seem to say these awful
things. But remember. No papers
existed in earlier times to record
the daily errors and blunders of
mankind.
And they made plenty. Every
day. And thought nothing of it. It
was accepted. We try to improve.
The early aras did not. Or else,
believed Man was Man and couldn't
do anything about his nature.

NOW, WHAT about this busi-
ness of Christmas being a Rat
Race and so filled with commer-
cialism.
Would our Pilgrim settlers, if
they had earned a pay check each
week instead of bringing home
wild game and furs for clothes,
not have hunted around the trading
center in order to purchase gifts
for their loved ones?
They would have spent a bit of
money just as we do today.
If dime stores had been in exist-
ence with the beautiful tree trim-
mings as we see today, the parents
wouldn't have stored up pine cones
and strung pop-corn on string.
And if they had had suggestions
to transport them to their distant
neighbors, instead of trading
them snow, they would have
gathered a few 'open-houses' too.
Maybe quite a few.

IT'S TRUE that our stores will
be filled with people buying the
next couple weeks. But let us not
forget to look into our churches,
so many of them scattered on
many different streets in every
town and let us not forget to be
pleased at seeing so many, many
slipping into these!
To do what? To give thanks,
and, to pray.
"Oh, but kindness and church-
praying people exist only at this
season of good will," some might
retort.
Answering that accusation, one
can only demand that they ob-
serve 'people' throughout the year.
Contrary to belief, they don't
drop these habits when the Christ-
mas is discarded. We just like
to pounce on Modern Man with
fours and declare he's quite "ma-
terialistic," crude and an unthink-
ing person.
Birds, you aren't to take my
Christmas away from me. I'll hang
suet on the limbs for you to nibble
at. But I need this season.
It helps tremendously to make
me into the kind of person I want
to become . . . eventually.

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Report Traces Growth of Economy, Manpower

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg has released a new statistical report tracing the growth and transformation of the nation's economy and the distribution of manpower from 1909 to 1960.

These are among the facts highlighted by the report, "Employment and Earnings Statistics for the United States, 1909-60," which was prepared by the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics:

Weekly earnings of production workers in manufacturing rose from less than \$10 in 1909 to nearly \$40 in 1960—a ninefold increase. During the same period, the fac- tory workweek dropped from 51 to less than 40 hours.

EMPLOYMENT in manufac- turing rose from 10.7 million in 1910 to 16.8 million. However, this was far surpassed by the rise in non- agricultural employment as a whole, which doubled over the period—from 27 to 54 million.

Service industries showed a phenomenal increase, as employ- ment rose from 2.3 million in 1910 to 7.4 million.

Employment in construction nearly tripled, going up from 1 million to 2.9 million. On the other hand, employment in mining de- clined from 1 million to 700,000. Helping to make the statistical publication possible were new electronic data processing tech- niques which the bureau applied to its vast storehouse of data which it has compiled over the years.

THE BUREAU said the publica- tion should prove useful in study- ing business trends and cycles because of the inclusion of three series of figures which have been recognized as lead indicators of business cycle swings — average weekly hours, layoff rates and ac- cession rates in manufacturing.

Other uses would be in study- ing the effects of automation on in- dividual industries; preparing back- ground data for labor-management negotiations; negotiating long- term contracts which include "escalation clauses" that permit price changes based on average hourly earnings; and in market research projects.

The figures can also be used by career specialists in identifying trends in industrial employment and by plant managers in compar- ing their own plant quit rates with other plants or industries.

Educator Yaabel Johnson states that with some necessary adapta- tions in methods and materials a good teacher for sighted children can also be a good teacher for a blind child.

So far, nuclear fallout doesn't appear to be half as dangerous as a nation-wide study just com- pleted by the Institute for Safer Living indicates that more than 15,000 players, caddies and work- men have suffered disabling injur- ies this year as a result of golfing accidents.

As may be expected, the ball it- self is the most frequent cause of injury. Traveling at a speed of better than 250 miles per hour, it can deliver a knock-out blow to any person in its path.

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