

This Local Group Deserves Thanks For School Study

Once again we are impelled to indite a few expressions of thankful praise to that group of approximately 100 men and women residents of our Birmingham Public School District, who this week presented the second and final results of their three-year study of the curriculum.

It is not often, in the life of a community, that so able and dedicated a group is brought together to delve into phases of community life that mean so much to its citizens.

Last April, you may recall, the first of the Study Committee's reports was made, during five days of strenuous day and evening meetings. That report covered 54 recommendations to modernize the teaching program in our schools.

TUESDAY NIGHT of this week nearly a hundred local men and women gathered for the presentation of the Study Committee's second report. The affair was held at the General Motors Technical Center, where the Committee's chairman, Kenneth A. Meade, of Franklin, a G.M. executive, had arranged for a dinner.

This second report covered "Non-Academic Subject Areas & Supporting Services in the Secondary Schools." It was presented, briefly, by Mr. Meade, following which the audience was invited to ask questions of the Committee as well as Dr. Otis M. Dickey, School Supt., his deputy, Daniel A. Nesbitt, and Board of Education president Mrs. Peter B. Loomis.

More details of this report are being printed in the news columns of The Eccentric.

'Rule 9' Regulates Property Owners

Michigan's Governor Swainson has vetoed a Bill passed by the Legislature that would have eliminated Rule 9, a ruling made over a year ago by former Corporation and Securities Commissioner Gubow. His ruling at that time required that all licensed Michigan realtors must refrain from selling any real property, should the seller place any restrictions on a buyer, other than financial.

The realtors would lose their license to work, should they go contrary to Gubow's bureaucratic decision. In other words, Gubow held that a Michigan property owner no longer could discriminate relative to the person to whom he may sell his property, using the experienced services of a licensed realtor. This condition, asserted the realtors' organization, resulted in making the realtors a sort of policing agency, which they held was in opposition to Michigan's Constitutional guarantees regarding ownership of property.

THE REALTORS, together with many other groups, including most newspapers, held that Gubow's ruling was not compatible with the meaning of the existing state laws on the subject; that such a ruling, if legal, should be enacted only by the Legislature itself, instead of being so decided by a bureaucratic appointee, not directly responsible to the people.

However, the case is being contested in the Ingham County Circuit Court; regardless of how it is decided there, it probably will be appealed by either the realtors or the State to the State Supreme Court.

Fundamentally, the cause for general alarm because of the Gubow ruling has nothing to do with the pattern of discrimination as such; rather it concerns whether a State bureaucratic agency head has the legal power and right to make rules that have the force and effect of making laws—a constitutional provision always relegated to the Legislature, our only law-making body.

"At Least There's No Danger of a Policeman Popping Out From Behind a Billboard!"



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From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Maybe all that newspaper stuff about the people of France "taking Jackie Kennedy to their bosom", contained several grains of truth . . . maybe even a whole bushel. But that hardly results in a harvest. To be sure, Jackie is a fine woman, the wife of the President of the United States, and thus entitled to respect and admiration. But to say that France, Vienna, Britain, etc., etc., have "gone overboard" about her personality and her clothes and her hairdo — well, looks to us as though some phases of newspaper reporting are a dis-service to themselves, to their subjects, and in this case, to the cause of fundamental international relations. Seems to us that the lady reporters could have mentioned something about her ideas of being a good wife and mother, plus her own convictions on the parts that women can play, better, in defense of the cause of human freedom. But to headline what they did about her . . . well, doesn't the wife of a President of the United States rate news coverage about things more important than mere physical appearance?

Two Southfield housewives, bent on trying to cement friendship between the Russian people and Uncle Sam's children, recently staged a typical-American outdoor picnic, consisting of hot dogs, hamburgers,

apple pie and pop. To this feast they invited the famed Moiseyev dancers. This strenuous troupe of boys and girls, it was found out too late, doesn't go much for such victuals . . . preferring caviar, roast beef and champagne. The housewives were saddened by this revelation. They found out that "while the way to a man's heart is through his stomach" . . . that statement hardly applies to the sons and daughters of Ivan Russiavitch. Especially if they are famed dancers.

When President Kennedy met Russia's Khrushchev in Vienna recently, the President walked from the U.S. Embassy porch to K's approaching automobile. Khrushchev got out and the right hand of both men were clasped for the first time. This familiar greeting suggested to reporters that . . . the fate of the world was in those clasped hands." How true . . . yet neither man got where he was except, in the case of the President, by the free exercise of American voting rights—the other by the terrible brutality of the "police state". So, you see, it wasn't quite true that "clasped hands" held the world's fate—rather it was the hard heart of a nation's leader who wants to place the shackles of tyranny on all humans . . . wants "to bury you."



One Thing or Another

BY GEORGE WM. AVERILL

Something to Do for the Man Who Has Done Everything:
Try to corner the local or regional penny market. This should be especially appealing to someone who doesn't like the federal government anyway. No one ever has done it before—so that's a good challenge for a "rugged individualist" to achieve a "first."

Of course, you can't accomplish much with a 10-dollar bill. Nor should you try to buy up all the pennies at the local banks. That might suddenly strain your available finances — and the banks would immediately order more pennies from the federal reserve system.

Of course, if you formed a club with quite a number of cooperating members, this group effort increases capital and greatly aids to the resultant impact and confusion you are trying to create. When you've exhausted your interest in this sport, or are ready to switch to another monetary denomination, here's a little extra kick:

Pay your tax bill, income tax, or charge accounts in loose pennies.
Good luck—and lots of fun!

For the statistically-minded:
Along the two principal streets in Birmingham's business section (Maple from Southfield to Hunter and Woodward between Oakland and Brown), there are 13 street intersections.
Nine of them now have traffic lights. Only Pierce-Maple, Brownell-Maple, Merrill-Woodward and Hamilton-Woodward are unassigned.
(Odds are that Woodward-Hamilton will get the red-yellow-green lights within the year.)
One is hard pressed to find more signals per business block in the metropolitan region. (Unless it might be Woodward Avenue from Vernor to the River in Detroit.)

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Fear Gives Birth To Hate, Which Can Bring Cause

By KEN WEAVER

To the Editor:

Never before in the annals of history have so many people cried out for a right that always should have been theirs: SOCIAL JUSTICE.
And never before have so many people won that right.
But the struggle to win social equality for all has not been completely won. Millions of people still dream . . . still ask . . . still fight for the right to be treated as human beings.
Their battle is not an easy one. Today they are being blamed for their objective is bloodstained.
But ironically, the barriers the socially underprivileged must scale in order to reach their goal have been set up by fellow human beings driven by a very human feeling: FEAR.
And when fear runs wild, it conquers the heart and dominates our thinking and gives birth to hate — an infectious thing that can spread into a CAUSE.
AND RACIAL segregation is a cause.
But it a cause . . . that no matter

how assiduously followed . . . no matter how intelligently directed . . . is doomed to fail. For it is beating against the very current of an historical trend that is sweeping over our planet; toppling class institutions; opening up a new world of hope for the down trodden and persecuted. Those who are opposing this global movement . . . are feeling the sting of defeat. Their forces are shrinking; their spirit breaking.
This trend will roll ahead until it achieves its aim.
THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN IN ACTION . . . ALL OVER THE WORLD.
This will come about . . . not because of man's desire . . . but because of God's decree.

BAHA'ULLAH . . . God's messenger for this DAY. Founder of the Baha'i World Faith, proclaiming this world nearly one hundred years ago:
"THE TABERNACLE OF MAN IN ACTION . . . ALL OVER THE WORLD."
UN-REGAID YE NOT ONE (See FEAR, 5-B)

National Tax Burden Past Pt. of No Return

To the Editor:

Students of history have long recognized the axiom that "History repeats itself."
Unfortunately, there are all too few of such students today. It is true that there are many history "readers" but this does not automatically make an individual a history student or analyst.
That the United States has traveled a great distance on the path from capitalism to socialism since the depression years of the 1930s is perfectly obvious.
Just how far this country has gone on the socialist primrose path is not apparent unless one studies history.

zen presently works from Jan. 1 to May 9 to take care of his federal, state and local taxes. On May 10, he starts to work for himself.

To show how far we have gone on this socialistic road, may I point out that in 1928 the date of the first income tax was Feb. 28. In other words, he would have worked two months for taxes and 10 months for himself.
By 1940, due to the excesses of the federal government during the 1930s, the date had leapt to March 27.
Eight years later, that is by 1948, it had moved up another month and now it is April 27. From 1948 to 1961, a period of 13 years, we have managed to slow down this socialistic trend a bit but never to reverse it. (See TAX, 4-B)

Recent Open House Termed a Success

To the Editor:

The Oakland County Child-Care Facilities Open House Sunday, June 4, was a success and very well attended by the people of Oakland County.
We wish to thank you for your co-operation and support in making the day so enjoyable.
WILLIAM L. KOOP Oakland County Child-Care Institutions Pontiac

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

50 YEARS AGO

June 16, 1911
Because of the many complaints due to the holding of memorial services at our cemetery, a meeting of the executive committee and officers of the cemetery association has been called. It was unanimously agreed that the association will be requested not to hold their Decoration Day services at the cemetery hereafter.

A proposed plan for another school house and site calls for a three-story building to be built on the village with good basement and a large uncompleted upper story to be left as just one room. The amount asked for is \$9,500. It would take care of three grades.

Class Day exercises will be held at 10 a.m. at the M. E. Church for the Birmingham School. An exceptionally good program has been prepared.

30 YEARS AGO

June 18, 1931
Definite plans for each of the various events in connection with the gigantic celebration to be held in Birmingham next month — for the opening of the new trunk station and the inauguration of Michigan's first community street — will be submitted Friday night at a meeting of committee members to be held in the Municipal Building at 8. Each of the individual groups which have been organized to prepare for separate functions of the celebration have already drawn up temporary programs for submission at the general meeting.

Flowers and rocks vied for color supremacy Saturday afternoon when flower-lovers of Bloomfield Hills and Birmingham attended the annual festival sponsored by the Bloomfield Hills and District Horticultural Society, in collaboration with the Women's Auxiliary of the First Baptist Church in the pavilion at Cranbrook.

Honor awards for scholastic achievement and the awarding of letters for winners in junior high sports features of the Adams Junior High School assembly program held in the school auditorium Friday.

15 YEARS AGO

June 29, 1946
Sunday evening's electro storm is reported as one of the most

City Beat

Gleaned from the files of The Birmingham Eccentric of 50 years ago:

"A Junior Civic League was organized in the fifth grade of our school last week with the following constitution:

"For the honor and glory of Birmingham, I promise not to destroy any tree, shrub or flower . . . to deface any fence, steps, seat or public building . . . spit upon the sidewalk or steps or on the floor of any street car or public building . . . throw any waste paper, fruit skins or rubbish of any kind on the streets, parks or alleys . . . will not kill or injure any bird, or kill nest, or eggs, or the young . . . will keep back yards as clean as front lawns and promise to respect the property of others so as to become good and useful citizens and make our village beautiful."

TO BRING that up to date, we might add (for young and old):

"I promise not to discard newspapers, candy wrappers or paper sacks along the streets and sidewalks . . .

"Park in a metered space without paying . . . honk my horn unnecessarily . . . screech my tires when I start and stop my car.
"Run my power mower while the neighbor's baby is sleeping . . . play my radio extremely loud while the rest of the family is engaged in conversation . . .

"Watch television till one o'clock in the morning . . . eat crackers and cheese while watching TV . . . watch any more westerns or crime shows on TV . . .

BLOCK the aisle with the grocery basket while shopping at the supermarket . . . wear short-shorts, black hose and dark-rimmed glasses while shopping . . . force my way ahead of someone who stands stolidly studying labels on the store shelves . . .
"Eat onions at night . . . chew gum all day . . . munch pop corn during a tense moment on TV . . .
"Think about something else while my wife tells me about something serious that happened at work during the day . . .
"Decide to bathe while Mother has automatic washer running . . .
"Rough-house with the baby while Mother tries to nap . . .
"And so on."

By DENI SCANLON

Talk of the Towns

In the manner of a departing and "words" guest who lingers at the door—because the company is too delightful to leave—odd bits of this and that come to mind.

Such as a question asked of busy Birmingham Mayor Florence H. Willett: "What would you do if you had one whole, entire hour with not a thing to do?"
"I know exactly," Twink said. "I'd head for the south end of Querton Lake and sit under the willow and just dream. I've been going to do that for just ages."
Then, with that well-known twinkle in his voice, she added, "The swans, you know, like to spend their time there also."

Kitchen quotes that have become part of the "family language" in one area home are the outgrowth of terms used by their children when they were toddlers.

Hence a stranger might need help in translating the daily orders thrown at Mother as she prepares a meal. Some of them follow:
Red orange juice, purple orange juice and orange orange juice, respectively, tomato, grape and just plain orange juice.
Grapes with handles and corn with handles quibled naturally have not been removed from stem or cob.
"Yellow drink is omelet; flat egg should be fried; egg in a circle dish is soft-boiled and scooped into a saucer dish and then there is "egg-yoo-hold-in-your-hand," better known as hard-boiled.
And all this, in family terminology is "so-lisush."

STRICTLY FRESH

Just about the only bunch who is a 100 per cent happy about the freedom ride test is the moonshiners. It seems that most of the U.S. moonshiners in the area were pulled away from their "revenue-giving" duties.



Definition of a bachelor: A guy who has to get up early in the morning to make enough cash to stay out late.

One fact of life that challenges the laws of economics concerns the girl without principle drawing the most interest.

In some way life is like a tin of dynamite and you'll get hurt . . . Grasp it firmly and you'll crush its spines.

History states that the bathtub was invented in 1850, and the telephone in 1875. This reveals, beyond controversy, that one could have sat in his bathtub for 25 years before having to answer the telephone.

People who are superstitious about Friday the 13th, have twice as much to worry about this year—since 1961 has twice as many of those days as did 1960.