A Small Voice That Was Not Still

What can one small voice in the wilder-

Nothing, you say?

Perhaps you are right—if you only cry

out.

But put your concern into action—and see what can be accomplished!

We cite the instance of our Franklin Village neighbor, Mrs. Jack Perlmutter, and her concern over the possible closing of Birmingham's branch of the Oakland

Of Birmingham's branch of the Gastalia Child Guidance Clinic. This "one-woman whirlwind" in less than a week's time aroused many citizens in the county into fighting for what they onsider too valuable to lose—a program for treatment of child-parent problems.

SHE AND HER LOYAL GROUP are bombarding community officials in Oak-land county with petitions, phone calls, letters and personal visits.

Their campaign objective: to obtain an

additional \$27,000 from the Oakland Counadditional \$27,000 from the obstants of Supervisors to preserve the Guidance Clinic's present program. If the money is not made available, the Clinic's effort will have to be trimmed. More than 140 county children will be deprived of treatment, the Birmingham branch will be closed, and this area's child-parent aid will suffer a setback which could take many years to recover from.

THE EFFORTS OF Mrs. Perlmutter

and her new friends are not yet victorious. We venture to say that if these citizens energy is maintained at the same level as energy is maintained at the same lever as displayed at last week's public rally in Birmingham, the result will be victory. This display of public indignation should

result in the county supervisors heeding the voices of their constituents. If the supervisors refuse, they will be hard put to justify their position in the face of nearly \$1.5 million in surplus funds.

A Potential Genius In Your Home?

American parents are being blamed for the presumed waste of young potential geniuses. So thunders a feminine New geniuses. So thunders a feminine New York City college professor. She declared that parents of such children ought to recognize, by the time an offspring reaches the age of five, that they have a genius

the age of live, inta they have a genue in their midst.

The Lady of Letters doesn't rate the traditional "1,Q," method very highly; in-stead, she believes that the characteristics of curiosity, interest, determination, per-sistence in learning and striving after

higher goals is the best key to a child's future potentials

Of a 1960 under-18-population totalling 62 millions, she holds that one per cent of them, or 632,551, fall into the genius clas-sification. "These are the future leaders of our country, and they should be so handled by parents and our educational sys-tems," she concludes.

Have you Eccentric readers little geniuses in your homes? Better study the subject-maybe you have.

No Frustrations On This Job.

Men are divisible into two broad classi-Men are divisible into two broad classifications—those who enjoy their work, and those who can't wait for quitting time. Yet even those who thoroughly like doing what they do for a living encounter times, surely, when the job builds up tensions and frustrations.

Fortunate the man, then, whose job allows him to release frustrations and ex-

lows him to release frustrations and ag-gressive feelings instead of building them up. And among these favored few, the top dogs of all must be the skilled crane oper-ators who swing that huge iron ball on demolition projects.

WHEN A PENCIL-PUSHER gets to rehashing the argument he had with his wife the night before, his means of expressing his feelings are limited. He can pressing his feelings are immed. He exhibited hereal the pencil point by jabbing it into the desk, he can snap the pencil in two (unless it happens to be a metal one that resists such impulses) or he can hurl it across the room—and be frowned on by fellow workers.

The man who swings half a ton of iron at the end of a cable is subject to no such restrictions. Arguments with the wife? Down goes a wall: Wham! Cost of living too steep? Bricks and mortar fly: Blooey Lost the bowling championship to that pipsqueak, Smathers? Drop the ball and split a cement, floor: Crash, boom! Very satisfying. And the pay is good. Oh, to be

Why Not Holler About Your Taxes?

"The power to tax is the power to

Look at our railroads. Rail service is being wiped out in scores of communities. Two great railroads say they must shortly discontinue commuter service to our largest city—New York. Other factors reduce est city—New 10rk. Other lactors reduce their revenue, but excessive taxes increase their costs to the breaking point. So what Will it be Government opera-

tion of what rail service remains? More Socialism?

Socialism?

Graduated personal income taxes are destroying the ability of thrifty people to provide for old age and retirement. Millions are reduced to dependence on a Government handout or a company pension.

TODAY'S INCOME TAXES create in-

security, for the Government does not guarantee Social Security payments, nor

guarantee Social Security payments, in that they will not be eaten away by infla-tion, as is being done right now. Income that might be tucked away in a family nestegg is siphoned off by the bureaucras in Government, chiefly Federal and State

Everybody knows that government money is not spent as carefully as private money. A hoard of vampires and vultures

gather around every government treasury.

As the Romans said 2000 years ago,
"Where the meat hangs, there the wolves

Even if you pay no personal income tax, you still pay, for corporation income taxes of 52% are paid by every one in higher

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Fidel Castro, some of these days when he is tossed on his tunic, will become the laughing stock of his countrymen. If ever there was a phony revolutionary leader, we think Castro is it! The tragedy of it all is that so many trusting Cubans will have been pauperized by Castro's utter

What kind of a clock does one need to participate actively in five civic groups, participate actively in five civic groups, two youth groups, one political organiza-tion, two company committees, one church group, one military service, and one uni-versity alumni group? It must have 24 hours on its face! This is the community

service record compiled by a 31-year-old service record compiled by a 31-year-old Birmingham man, James S. Wilblughby, who has just been named the local Junior Chamber of Commerce's "Man of the Year". He's certainly a pace-setter for the rest of us.

"Lead me not into temptation . . ."
would mean more to some people if it
read: "I must not fall victim to tempta-

Eighty-eight per cent of all American homes now have television sets—and 12 per cent of them can still get the kids to^s bed on time.

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Handwriting on the Wall



NATURE NOW Special Writer

By Lydia King Frehse

Lichens Basic Plants In Overall Life Pattern

Yesterday while making "button rardens" with two little girls in urfamily, were once more incompleted from the processed by the "small things of seed were little colored stones, iny seed heads, grasses, mosses, chen; all picked up along a consensurable from the tracks that they are collected in the processed by the state of the processes of the

lichens; all picked up anoug a very rondside.

Of these, lichens are among the most aricent and primitive of plants. Because of their small size and inconspicuous ways, their than 10,000 species have been studied and named.

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IN A DAWNING world, when all life was contained in the dark rain forests of Puerto all life was contained in the ancient seas, scholars believe that plants resembling lichens awere among the first to colonize the were cassed to colonize the lichens are rorange, yellow, green or purple. Many of you who have travelled in our western parks have seen the species of algorithms of the seen to the seen of the seen to the seen the

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Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

March 10, 1911
We are pleased with the beautiful scroll work with the motto for Birmingham. The Birmingham Improvement Society paid all expenses and it is their domation for the good and it is their domation for the good Pride of Old Oakland". The Society had three electrons made and etc. The state of the use of any one who was the property of the state of the state of the water for the use of any one who was the state of the water for the use of any one who was the water of the state of the water of the wa

STRICTLY FRESH

Nothing is more frustrating to a man than to drive in back of a woman motorist who is doing everything right.



The boot measure of a gentleman is his respect for those who cannot possibly do anything for him.

A friend of ours had a proposal of marriage turned down three weeks ago and he's been drinking ever since. Offand, we'd say that's carrying a celebration a bit too far.

Monday morning early, two au-tomobiles of the Cadillac brand were found here in Birmingham. One with initials WHK was aban-doned by four men on Pierce Street and stood there all night with lights burning. The other was ditched on Woostar to other was this.

A few weeks ago our women went up to Lausting and asked for the bailot on equal terms with men fact that when our good people want to carry any good cause, they are anxious to have the help of the women as far as the law will allow ... Maybe some day we may put with the control of the contr

30 YEARS AGO March 12, 1931

The explanation for the automotive for the replacement of the problem was a simple one. After here and there, it wasn't long before the read the winner over Mrs. Fancosition, following a recount of votes cast at the primary election March 2. The recount gave collins when the recount gave collins with the recount gave collins when the recount gave collins with the recount gave collins when the recount gave collins with the recount gave commission, the planning commission the votes separated him and Mrs. Adams for the post.



One Thing or Another

One of America's most distinguished newspa-permen, James (Scotty) Reston, reminded his Bir-mingham Town Hall audiences last week that in recent years, more than 800 million Asians and Africans have received their political independence.

Africans have received their political independence. (Story on Page 1-A.) "They are trying to understand the principles and methods of self government, to work out their own governmental systems, and put them into operation," said The New York Times' chief of its Washington bureau.

When political events happen more than 5,000 miles away, they are difficult—if not impossible—for a person to put in perspective and comprehend.

THAT'S WHY MOST of us Americans are be wildered at what's going on today in the Congo.
So let's not think of political independence and setting up of governments 5,000 miles from here.
Let's bring it home—and see ourselves in a simi-

lar situation. Not more than two miles from Birmingham, since the war we have seen four communities undertake their own self-government. Residents of Lathrup Village, Beverly Hills, Troy and South-field have been experiencing birth and growing pains in setting up their new city government.

OF COURSE, THEY DIDN'T experience the

military battles, the initial anarchy that several Asian and African nations still are going through. But Lathrup, Beverly Hills, Southfield and roy are having their political battles which they confine to the polis and to their public meetings. Before, they lived under the "protectorate" of the state, county and township. All of these are a paternalistic form of government. They primarily maintain law and order, and provide practiguly no "civilized benefits" such as paved streets, underground sewers and water systems, large paid, professionally-trained police and fire departments.

THESE TOWNSHIP CITIZENS voted their

THESE TOWNSHIP CITIZENS voted their independence." They undertook to establish their own city forms of self-government. Only thus could they obtain additional public benefits they desired for their particular political subdivision. At first, just about everyone has ideas on what should—or should not—be done. Or how to do it. Or who should do it. There are a number of political self-starters who are trying to have things their control of the control of

litical self-starters who are trying to have things their own way.

There are mistakes. There is argument.
But there has been growth as the new becomes understood.

It may take a few years, as in the case of our neighboring new communities—or it may take generations for neighboring /nations like the Congo.



City Beat

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If you saw Chico Toledo on the street, you probably would think, "There goes a good-looking young man."
He's the Latin type—black hair; dark, steady eyes; dark complexion; slim sharp features.

eyes; dark complexion; slim sharp features.

If you engaged Toledo in conversation, you probably would think, "He's an intelligent young

man."

If you got him talking long enough, you would note his accent. Mother sounds like "mudder" and brother sounds like "brudder."

But you would find yourself more interested in what he was saying than in how he said it.

CHICO IS A Brazilian exchange student in the senior class at Seaholm High School. He's here for a year on the American Field Service Pro-

gram. His real name—in its entirety—is Francisco Raja Gabaglia de Oliveira Toledo.
"In Rio de Janeiro, my home town, my nickname ts Chico," he says with a friendly smile. Chico's not sure but he thinks he knows Tobias Juca de Castro, a self-styled ambassador of goodwill who has been sending Brazilian literate. Birminpham.

"TYE HEARD A LOT about him in Rio," says Chico. "I think I know him, but from the picture you published with this column a couple weeks ago I'm not so sure.

"He's a member this language justitute (United States-Brazil Institute) and I think he can send his material through it.
"I have read some of the magrarines he has sent, in Baldwin Library. They are the kind you anget in the American Emblassy in Rio. That's easier to do if you're a member of the institute."

ABOUT TOBIAS himself, Chico says:

"I think he's doing a very good thing. He is
extending the propaganda of Brazil, and is doing
a very good iob.

extending the propaganda of Brazii, and is doing a very good jatop his sending these things. It's strange for somebody to send the kind of things he's sending—they are hard to get, they are distributed by the foreign relations department of the Brazilian government; they have to have the seal of that department of the Brazilian government; they have to have the seal of that department of the seal of that department of the seal of that department of the seal of the seal

"He might be a fanatic.
"He might be working for the government, but not on the government payroll."

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CHICO IS intrigued by Tobias' middle name.

"He has a very farey name in the middle.
Juca is an odd name to have. It's usually a nickman; for instance, the state of the state

CHICO, 17, come to Birmingham in August and will remain till June. He is staying with Mr. and Mrs. John M. LeFevre, 27! Fairfax.

His father, Francisco, is a retired physician and teacher for the government. His mother, Nadir, a high school teacher, recently visited him while in this country on a study mission of Brazil's secretary of education. He has two brothers and a sister.

But he's too busy to be homesick.



Talk of the Towns

By DENI SCANLON



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The old saying that managing editors are ogreswasn't far from wrong last week.
A certain one from a local weekly asked one
of his staffers, "When was the last time so and
so was in Birmigham."

The reporter checked every blessed classification in the files and didn't come up with a thing.
Nothing registered in memory lanes took" on his
face, the M. E. called a metropolitan daily to get
With that "you're so individual daily to get
when the M. E. called a metropolitan daily to get
"Well-l-l", be said smugly as he leaned back
in his chair, "It was April 20, 1945"
"Gee," replied the reporter. "That was just
a week after my eighth birthday."

There was no response from the chagrined
superior.
"I'm mad," a Bloomfield Hills woman stated
in a simmering tone over the phone.
"I can't understand why. "" she continued
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in a simmering tone over the phone.
"I'm mad," a Bloomfield Hills woman stated
in a simmering tone to the situation.

The explanation for the situation that created
her problem was a simple one. After the created
her problem was a simple one. After the created
her and there, it wasn't long before everything
was "all better."

"You're quite welcome" was the parting re-

sponge from The Eccentric's news office. The very next day a token of gratitude arrived. It was the Bloomfield Hills woman's favorite recipes for the reporter who listened to her troubles.

Then came this reporter's individual way of writing a thank you note. By force of habit, it was marked with copy reading symbols. It started out:

2.30 Bod. Ital. Writer Sends Thanks.

Amid the words was:

mid the words was:
v, xxxxx, tr., xxxxx, more . . . , stet and ##.

A favorite file titled "Useless Information" is string fatter every day.

Latest item for the collection concerns mail

According to a Beverly Hills artist, people are very conscious of color.

Whatever it may prove, her investigation turned up the reason for the red, white and blue scheme now seen on mail boxes.

The change came because citizens were unintentionally depositing their mail in rubbish containers that were of similar shape and color and usually adjacent to the letter catchers.

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What with a heavy snow-fall on Sturday and cold winds on Monday 250. Birmingham parents and Children of the proposed 200 foot width for wider Woodward Arenae, has seen in many years, approximately 250. Birmingham parents and the proposed 200 foot width for wider Woodward Arenae, has and Tuckage, the foresign and Children of the Willage and Code and the Children of the Willage and Code and the Children of the Willage and the west of the word of the Willage's proposed grade sepators and the new wider Woodward was given at the Hill School. The board of the word was with a standard of Education Tuckade years of the willage's proposed grade sepators and the new wider Woodward was given at the Hill School. The board of the word will also will be the weed cutting and the weed-cutting of the Birmingham parents and the meeting to decide what action it would take on the 23-board of Education Tuckade years and the meeting to decide what action it would take on the 24-board of the word of the