

Labor Day brings back memories

THE STROLLER was sitting at home on a recent afternoon when he suddenly flashed on the TV the introduction of the soap opera "As the World Turns."

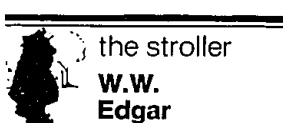
He had no interest in the afternoon soap opera but the message did bring about the thought that the world really does turn — and it is more and more noticeable as Labor Day nears.

One of the great turns is the change that has come about in presidential election campaigns. There was a time when Cadillac Square in downtown Detroit was the scene of the traditional Labor Day opening verbal salvo of the Democratic candidate for president.

One of the first to take advantage of the setting was Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

FDR STOOD before the gathering in 1932 and with his glowing oratory sought the labor vote. It was a stirring address and the friends he gained that afternoon helped start him on the way to the White House.

The tradition was continued when Harry Truman came to Cadillac Square to open his campaign for election. After him came Adlai



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Stevenson, John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson.

It was while sitting on the platform at the square that a press photographer snapped the picture showing Stevenson with a large hole in the sole of his shoe. That picture became a major part of the campaign publicity and was shown throughout the country.

But no one captured the gathering as well as FDR — until Kennedy came along.

THE STROLLER remembers well the day this boyish looking fellow from the eastern aristocracy made his bow in the battle for the White House.

There seemed to be a touch of the drama in his every word. And the gathering that covered

all of Cadillac Square took him to their hearts. In that hour or two at the speaker's stand in front of that old granite City Hall, he left a feeling that he had the ability to run the country and follow in the footsteps of Dwight Eisenhower.

Kennedy that day had to fight to get through the crowds to get back to his hotel suite at the old Book-Cadillac. In fact, so great was the impression he made that when he took over the White House the spot on which he opened the successful campaign was renamed Kennedy Square.

Now the old city hall is gone. The Book-Cadillac is struggling to keep its doors open and the candidates for the presidency no longer look upon Detroit as the site to usher in their campaigns.

It is a sure sign that the world does turn. But those of us who can recall the day when Franklin D. Roosevelt made his stirring speech to the gathering that jammed Cadillac Square back to the old County Building, easily can bring back that scene again.

What a memory.

oral quarrel

Death is not a popular subject

This week, we asked our readers how they handled the subject of death in their families and what type of instructions have been left for their burial. Following are the answers:

That subject is not handled in our family. We are only on this earth for a short time, and we should concern ourselves with our lives when we are living not with our death.

Death is handled that it is a better place that you are going and that you are going to another life. Yes, instructions have been left that I am to be cremated.

As children, we were taught to accept death, and we have taken care of our funeral arrangements.

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THE WEARING AND REPAIRING OF JOINTS

At times people speak about their joints wearing out, like parts on a car with 100,000 miles of use.

The comparison of joints to machine parts is not quite correct. The body routinely accomplishes what no machine can do: the body repairs itself. If injury has occurred to joint tissues, it is possible that new cells will generate to replace the damaged ones.

Physicians are well aware of this reparative capability of the body. Thus, at some future time you may have severe joint pain, seek medical assistance, and be disappointed because the doctor chooses to "do nothing." Really the physician has decided upon a definite course of therapy, namely, to give the body a chance to heal itself.

As you age, this inborn restorative process takes longer to complete, but the potential to repair remains. It is an appropriate medical choice to respect this ability of the body before turning to the uncertain effect of ever-our best medications.

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