

Someone truly said: "The tests of a man's character are not until winter comes that we know the pine is evergreen. It is in the life of adversity that the true values are not found in a bank balance; they are found in the quality of one's spirit and peace at all times comes from within."

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and THAT

By G. R. A.

This week this column will be filled by comments on two well known Michigan editors who, like myself, have felt that Frank D. McKay, of Grand Rapids, has had too much influence in Michigan's Republican affairs. Elton R. Eaton, member of the State Board of Education, has also written a piece entitled "Jealousy or Envy," Richard Cook, editor of The Hastings Banner, writes on the subject: "A Defense of the Right to Ask Questions." Here are two articles:

"JEALOUSY OR ENVY"

By Elton R. Eaton, editor of the Birmingham Eclectic, is pretty well known to a large number of people not only in Michigan, but throughout the state. Over a period of many years he has been recognized as an outstanding editor of clear vision and one intensely interested in clean government. His concern about an honest and decent administration of public affairs has not been due to any political or party bias, but ever cherished. His interests have been the same as those of any good citizen of this state.

Recently, by letter, he called upon an outside editor, who is strongly supporting the candidacy of Frank Fitzgerald for the Republican nomination for governor. He went away with a very strong conviction, believed by the general public to exist between Frank McKay of Grand Rapids and Mr. Fitzgerald. Mr. Averill did so with the object in view, he states, of clearing up, if possible, about one of the vulnerable points of attack upon the Republican party. He attempted to make a distinction between that his one and only purpose in the matter was for the good of the state.

But the plan didn't work out in the way that had been anticipated. Instead of something being said to convince the people of Michigan that Mr. Averill's fears as to the meaning of the controversy between Mr. McKay and Mr. Fitzgerald were unfounded and that it bode no danger to honest government, there appeared in the Birmingham Tribune a letter directed to its editor from Mr. Fitzgerald stating that Mr. Averill and his intent in the matter.

It accused him of attempting to "smear" reputations and insinuated that possibly "jealousy and envy" had something to do with his concern about the future of his party in Michigan.

The Plymouth Mail is not in a position to speak for Mr. Averill, but having known him and his intense interest in good government over a period of many years, it is to be regretted that such unjustifiable terms were used. He has not the slightest reason to be jealous of any one and he is not guilty of "smearing" reputations.

While Mr. Fitzgerald says he has never been under the influence of Mr. McKay, no matter how long he had that influence might be, he certainly has placed himself under everlasting obligations to Mr. McKay by accepting his invitation to residential property to the amount of \$2,200.

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LET THE NATIONAL HEED AT BOB

James Vernon, Jr., President of Detroit Association Sponsoring Event

Bloomfield Open Hunt will be the scene of Detroit's Fourth National Horse Show, June 9 through 12, and committees are now engaged in completing arrangements for the event. Proceeds for this year's show will be divided between St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Pontiac and the World's Auxiliary of the Salvation Army in Detroit.

The executive committee is composed of a group of Bloomfield and Detroit equitarians, and is headed by James Vernon, Jr., president; B. E. Hopper, Alfred G. Wilson and Chas. J. B. Brodwin, secretary-treasurer, and Major E. H. J. Donald, Jr., in charge of the ticket-sale in Birmingham.

Under the joint chairmanship of Mrs. Joseph A. Braun and Mrs. F. W. Shively, 1,000 exhibitors, chairman for Pontiac, and in charge of Detroit are Mrs. Erick J. B. Byrne, building chairman, Mrs. Richard Bird, other committee chairmen for communities in the Detroit area, will be announced later.

Evening Performances. Shows given by the Detroit under auspices of the American Horse Show Association, and will be given at the Detroit Hotel, Detroit, Michigan. Plans for this year's show are of greater magnitude than for the past few years.

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BOARD PLANS TO USE EDUCATIONAL FILMS

At the regular meeting of the Board of Education held Monday evening, Superintendent Howard D. Crail was authorized to make arrangements with the Extension Division of the University of Michigan to participate next year in a visual education program. This plan was developed by Dr. C. C. Fisher, Director of the Extension Division, and is being participated in by several school systems in the state. Outstanding educational films will be procurable and usable in school systems in Michigan throughout the school year. These films are one and two reels in length and are both of the silent and sound type. All buildings in Birmingham are equipped to project and utilize 16mm. educational films. There is \$50.00 in the treasury toward purchase of equipment to project sound films.

"SPECIAL FLIGHT" TODAY TO CARRY LOCAL AIR MAIL

Today is Special Flight Day of National Air Mail Day letters will be treated with a purple cachet. Postmaster announced and induced with a "Special Flight" stamp. The flight will be carried by the Birmingham Post Office up to 1:15 p. m., will be conveyed to the Birmingham Post Office, and will make connections with a plane leaving at 2:40 p. m. Letters mailed in the local Post Office will be sent on this flight to Detroit and will then be returned Birmingham for delivery Friday morning.

National Air Mail Week, which commences today, is to commemorate the 20th anniversary of Air Mail, has brought about a competition in the local Post Office. On Tuesday, postal officials reported the caching of 750 Air Mail letters, and up to noon Wednesday, 420 Air Mail letters received the special stamp. Quite a number of letters are coming to the office from out of town, according to Postmaster Byrne.

The model airplane contest sponsored by the Birmingham Extension Division of the Recreation Commission will be staged Saturday, and was postponed on account of rain. Will be held at Springdale Park at 1 p. m. The judges from the Birmingham Post Office are: J. B. Brodwin, Recreation Commission will choose the winners, and awards will be given. Prizes are now on display in the Birmingham Hobby Shop, 1234 Broadway. Entries will be accepted until 5 p. m. on Saturday.

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FIGURES REVEAL CITY'S SHARE OF SCHOOL TAX LEVY

A statement of 1937 current tax collections compiled for the Birmingham Board of Education by Louis M. Randall, business manager, discloses some interesting facts in relation to Birmingham's share of the tax levy and the amount collected from this city district. The total tax levy for the City of Birmingham, the levy amounted to \$186,073.38, for Troy, \$120,875.47, for Southfield, \$22,249.33.

Of the total of \$186,073.38, the city of Birmingham has paid 68.75 per cent for operating, and \$86,290.67 for debt. Of the \$86,290.67 levied for debt, the schools, the statement shows, \$48,340.84 was collected, and of the \$37,949.83 levied for debt liquidation, \$59,133.32 has been collected. The total returned for Birmingham representing the amount encumbered, is given in the report as \$58,590.19.

CITY WORS CITY WORS MEMORIAL DAY

Veterans Plan Tribute To War Dead In Combined Patriotic Parade

Plans for a parade on Memorial Day as a patriotic observance in Birmingham were given the support of the Birmingham City Commission Monday evening, when that body voted to appropriate \$50.00 to the veterans toward expenses.

The parade will be held under auspices of the Birmingham Post No. 2645, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and will be staged at 10 a. m. Monday, May 30, according to J. C. Boomer, chairman of arrangements. The local parade will be held at a time when it will not conflict with similar observances in Royal Oak and Oak Ridge. Boomer said Bruce G. Booth will act as marshal of the day. All veterans, who wish to participate in the parade are asked to call Mr. Boomer, J. C. Willis or C. P. Hamill.

Among the units who will march in the parade are the National Guard of Pontiac, the Drum and Bugle Corps of the Royal Oak V. F. W., Spanish War Veterans of Pontiac, the Canadian Legion of Pontiac, the V. F. W. Post of Keego Harbor, V. F. W. Post 1669 Royal Oak, the American Legion of Pontiac, American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps, Cook Neilsen Post of Birmingham, American Legion Post of Birmingham, Veterans of Foreign Wars of Birmingham, and American Legion, Pontiac Motor Co. band, Royal Oak South of the Baldwin High School Band.

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Board Candidate

JUNE CLASS LARGEST IN RECORD HERE

Baldwin High School Will Graduate 130 Seniors In June

The largest class in the history of Baldwin High School, including 130 members, will be graduated Thursday, June 16, according to Superintendent of Schools Howard D. Crail. A list of names of senior students, as submitted to Mr. Crail by Principal Ray H. Beechler, was approved by the Board of Education Monday night on the condition that "all requirements on the Birmingham Board of Education were satisfactorily completed on or before Wednesday, June 15."

The Board of Education approved Mr. Crail's recommendation that the Rev. William Lemon D. D. of the First Presbyterian church in Birmingham be invited to deliver the Commencement address. Commencement will be held at 10 a. m. in Baldwin High School auditorium.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered Sunday evening, June 22, at 8 o'clock, at the First Baptist church. Other events preliminary to graduation are a luncheon on the Birmingham Board of Education, when the annual school board election is held Monday, June 13. Mrs. Beechler has taken out a petition for one of the two three-year terms, which will be open to candidates for these two vacancies as Charles S. Kimmon and J. H. Ross, incumbents, and Lee E. Joslyn, Jr. Mr. Joslyn was elected one year ago when he sought a place on the Board.

Mr. Joslyn is the second Birmingham woman to take out a petition. Mrs. Loren T. Robinson, another school board member, is seeking membership on the Board for the one-year term, made vacant by the resignation of John S. Black William A. Dale, who was appointed by the Board to complete the term of the late Mr. Dale for the year, has also taken out his petition in opposition to Mrs. Robinson.

The final date for filing of petitions is May 28, and each petition must be filed with Birmingham since 1918, and has been active in civic and educational work during her lifetime. Mrs. Kimmon is the first of the candidates to file her petition.

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SIX PETITIONS OUT FOR PLACES ON SCHOOL BOARD

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PROCLAMATION

Whereas the Baldy and Memorial Poppes are universally recognized as the official memorial flower of war veterans, and

Whereas the seventeenth annual sale of Poppes conducted in the City of Birmingham on Saturday, May 28th under the auspices of Post No. 2645 V. F. W. and Charles Edwards Post No. 14 American Legion, and

Whereas the proceeds of the sale throughout the country will be devoted to the maintenance of and philanthropic purposes of veteran care, child welfare and the relief and assistance of disabled and needy veterans, and

Whereas the purposes served by the annual Poppes distribution of these organizations are patriotic in principle and humanitarian in nature, and

I Therefore Hereby Officially Proclaim Saturday, May 28th of this year, Birmingham as V. F. W. Buddy Poppy Day and American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Day, and

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COMMISSION VOTES NO REZONING

City Fathers Puzzled When Property Owners Sign Contradictory Petitions

Following a hearing in which a militant group of property owners voiced their objections, the Birmingham City Commission Monday evening rejected a petition to rezone property on the corner of Woodward and Vinewood avenues. The change in the zoning ordinance was proposed to permit the erection of a 20-family terrace by the owner, at an expense of \$200,000. The E. K. Jackson & Co., realtors representing the owner, petitioned for rezoning.

Disapproval of those owning property adjacent to the proposed terrace was expressed by the Commission Monday, after J. H. Hart, Birmingham representative of the S. C. Hadley Real Estate Co., presented a petition which opposed rezoning of the corner in question. Mr. Hart's petition was the third to be circulated.

The first when contained the names of residents of Vinewood avenue, and the second was presented to the Board of Appeals of the Zoning Ordinance. A second petition, which was signed by virtually the same group whose names appeared on the first petition, was presented to the Commission two weeks ago. On the basis of this second petition, the Commission set May 16 as the date for the hearing on the proposed change.

Sign These Petitions. The Commission Monday evening Monday by Mr. Hart reversed the stand taken by the second petition, and contained the names of those who had previously signed petition No. 2. In the first petition, Mr. Hart had attended the hearing and opposed rezoning were those who had signed the second petition.

Among those who expressed themselves in opposition to the rezoning were Mrs. Frances M. Reineke, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Colquhoun, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dixon, Mark Harris, Edward S. Clark, and Mrs. James L. White.

It is difficult to determine to whom the deed was sold to a 20-family apartment. Mr. Wolfenden said: "We came out here to establish a home. When this proposition was first presented to me, I was perturbed because the driveway was to run right under my windows. Later, it occurred to me that if this plan did not go through, another even less desirable, might have been proposed by a local real estate man that should have been proposed 20-family terrace built on Woodward and Vinewood avenues, the value of my property which is adjacent, would be lowered to about half of what it is now. I was perturbed because I would have to get out, and might just as well live in Detroit."

Mr. Wolfenden's name appears on all three of the petitions circulated. Mr. Wolfenden stated she had been informed by a Birmingham real estate man that her property would be sold for a value valuation, should the proposed terrace become a reality.

POPPIES TO BE OBSERVED BY TWO PATRIOTIC GROUPS

The annual Poppy Day Sale for both the Charles Edwards Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary and Post No. 2645, Veterans of Foreign Wars will be held Saturday, May 28, according to announcements by both groups. Mrs. Asa Copley is chairman of the Charles Edwards Unit.

Mrs. Copley is being assisted by a large group of workers from the unit, which Mrs. John Gill is president. Mrs. Copley will distribute poppies throughout the city. Mrs. Copley announced.

This year will mark the 17th annual sale of Buddy Poppes, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the cause of veteran welfare. The sale will be held at the Birmingham Board of Education, 1234 Broadway, at 10 a. m. on Saturday, May 28. The sale will be held at the Birmingham Board of Education, 1234 Broadway, at 10 a. m. on Saturday, May 28.

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CONFERENCE TO BE HELD FOR LOCAL TEACHERS

On Friday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, a conference, said to be the first of its kind in Birmingham since 1918, and has been active in civic and educational work during her lifetime. Mrs. Kimmon is the first of the candidates to file her petition.

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'EAT PLAIN FOODS' DENTISTS URGES IN ROTARY TALK

Declaring that nearly every person is subject to the dangers of dental decay, a dentist in Birmingham Monday night urged the members of the Birmingham Rotary Club Monday night at the Community House.

Dr. Gray, a recognized authority on the subject, said that while no one has yet discovered the exact cause of this disease, there are numerous methods of preventing it, eating plain food, brushing the teeth, and the application of the toothbrush.

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N. C. A. PLACES BALDWIN HIGH ON ACCREDITED LIST

Baldwin High School received a new honor in support of its high scholastic standing, with the receipt by Principal Ray H. Beechler of a certificate of accreditation from the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges, placing Baldwin High School on the accredited list for another year.

The Association is composed of 2200 schools in the United States, Middle West, and is the largest high school accrediting body in the country. It is a voluntary organization, and its members are accepted by the Board of Education.

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