

Flowers and shrubbery in our yard are flourishing better this spring than ever before. Please broadcast good fertilizer last fall for a winter's soaking into the good earth. Good soaking is the life fertilizer, because they provide strength and courage for good acts to grow in life's every season.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

"Come on over tomorrow night and let's play bridge," hollered a Big Beaver Republican to his Democratic neighbor. "What kind of a fellow is that?" asked the neighbor. "McKay," said the neighbor.

Put an honest man in a high position of public trust, and soon the political buzzards will start to swoop. It is never over his animated corpse. That's what certain Michigan politicians are now trying to do with the late Governor. They are going to give his enemies a run for their money—maybe it'll be for Governor next year.

Michigan's Legislature adjourns this week without any laws being passed to regulate liquor—in spite of Governor Dickinson's well known loyalty to the temperance movement. Undoubtedly the Governor, owner of an Eaton County farm and sugar bush, has been so busy this spring with the sugar that he hasn't found time to fight John Barleycorn.

England's King and Queen are the acme of graciousness, of politeness. In the realm of the genus homo they are comparable to thoroughbred horses. They symbolize the best in English traditions and culture; the existence of a monarch in England maintains English respect for law and order.

Do you know what evil costs the American people the most each year? It is CRIME—those annual bills of no less than 12 billions of dollars, more than four times what is spent on education. One can buy a job that ought to be done for the sake of his own or his family's hunger, steal; but one cannot cheat persons in high places whose "smartness" makes them crooks—too often beyond the reaches of law to punish.

Governor Dickinson's veto last week of a Legislative Act that would have continued the investigation of Frank D. McKay's part in the Detroit Police Department deal definitely prevents the current-Republican Party leadership from doing a job that ought to be done. The Governor admitted later that he vetoed the Act without knowing what it was for, but he had been advised to do so by his legal adviser, Emerson R. Boyles, of Chicago. You may think that mistake up as another subject for the Democrats to exploit when they campaign for office next year, but it is a mistake.

We suggest that the Republican State Central Committee proceed with whatever is necessary to keep the name of the State Central Committee in Michigan to P. J. McKay. There is no evidence that McKay is a Communist. McKay is a man of control and influence in State affairs. Much as we may disagree with McKay, we must take of our editorial hat to him for his ability to maintain his leadership. McKay is a man of talent and heart of a statesman, and he would be Michigan's greatest public benefactor.

England's King and Queen are on Canadian soil, soon to be in the campaign next year. They are doing a tremendously able job in public relations. Their stay on the Canadian soil is a very wise move to make to ward North America in public to Great Britain. Such is the power of the media that they are subjected to the paucity of a Royal visitation.

Once again President Roosevelt revives the project of digging a ship canal across the State of Florida. It will cost in excess of \$300,000,000. It would really make Florida an island. Anyway, it will help the bridge business. (Frank D. McKay, please take note.)

There is a wonder and a glory in watching new grass come up. You take a bare spot of good earth, sow it with seed, and in a few weeks you have a green carpet. The chemistry of life, through the mysterious workings of its laboratory technicians, creates the lovely green blanket for the good earth. Even a single blade of grass speaking for all the brothers and sisters, declares upon a skeptical world: "As you sow so shall you reap—unless you sow in good earth and behold, a covering for your earth, food for your exercise with your lawn-mower."

Much of the legislation, and its handling, in certain Republican circles, is producing excellent campaign speeches for the Democrats. Rev. Hamilton Aulenbach, former assistant rector at Christ Church Cranbrook and now rector of Christ Church and St. Michael's (Germantown, Pa.), will be the commencement speaker at the Baldwin High School graduation exercises.

Legion, V.F.W. Join Forces On Poppy Day

Patriotic Group To Sell Flowers Saturday For Veteran Relief

Charles Edwards post, American Legion, and City of Birmingham Post No. 2645 Veterans of Foreign Wars, and their respective auxiliaries, will join forces Saturday, which has been proclaimed Poppy Day by Mayor John E. Martz, for the sale of poppies to aid disabled and unemployed veterans.

Members of both organizations will be on the streets all day selling the flowers. The V. F. W. have been conducting their eighth annual Buddy Poppy sale throughout the month of May and their slogan in the local campaign was "We're with you, Buddy Poppy on Memorial Day."

The monies accruing from the sale of the annual poppies is divided between the V. F. W. National Headquarters and the American Legion. The V. F. W. National Headquarters is the official memorial flower of war.

WHEREAS the 18th annual sale of Poppies will be conducted by the City of Birmingham on Saturday, May 27th, under the auspices of the Charles Edwards Post, No. 14 American Legion, and Post No. 2645 Veterans of Foreign Wars, and

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

WHEREAS the purpose served by the annual poppy distribution of these organizations are patriotic in principle and humanitarian in nature, I Therefore Hereby Officially Proclaim Saturday, May 27th as Poppy Day in Birmingham as V. F. W. Buddy Poppy Day and American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Day.

John E. Martz, Mayor, May 25, 1939

Home for the orphans of war veterans, maintained by the overseas branch organization at Eaton Rapids, Mich., and the rehabilitation and service programs of the national organization and its respective state units, commander Crouse said.

Post 2645 has been assigned a quota of 25 percent more poppies this year than last, he said. (Continued on Page 2, Part 1)

Exchange Hears Three Speakers

Dr. Otto O. Beck told the highlights of the National Model Plane meet, to be held soon in Detroit, at the luncheon-meeting of the Exchange club Tuesday, at the Community House, Rice and Howell introduced J. B. Howarth, of the Rotary club, who gave a brief talk on Unit 100.

Stanton described his recent trip to South Carolina, painting a vivid picture of the gardens and homes of the South.

In the absence of the president, Robert B. Burton, J. B. Reilly, vice-president, presided.

Postmaster Joseph A. Byrne was elected delegate to the national convention of Exchange clubs, to be held in Atlantic City next September.

The next meeting of the club will be held June 6.

SPEAKER

MEMORIAL DAY

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Board Directs Crull, Randall To Submit 2nd Operating Plan

Superintendent Defends Unit System in Report Read at Regular Meeting

Following is the statement read by Supt. Howard D. Crull, of the Birmingham public schools, to the Board of Education Tuesday night. Mr. Crull was defending his belief that "unit" instead of "dual" control of the system is necessary for the maximum educational efficiency. Here is the statement:

"At the next meeting of the Board of Education, the question of dual control, as it relates to school administration, was discussed. During the discussion, the Superintendent was asked whether or not he approved dual control as compared to a single executive system for school administration. To the question the Superintendent replied in the negative. In view of the fact that this question is one upon which education might be made, I feel bound to go more into detail. It is not my intent to create discord, but to contrast, anyone, rather to eventually promote accord and closest harmony in our school system. The Board of the Public Schools of this city may be better served, I recognize the fact that any job is greater than the man.

"At the outset, it is to be presumed that the best accepted authority in school administration may be relied upon to direct the thinking of school administrators. In this matter, the superintendent is recognized authorities as Dr. Fred Englehardt of Columbia University, Professor of Education Administration and a Consultant on Education Policies. In his book entitled 'Public School Organization and Administration', Dr. Englehardt refers to this problem and concludes that 'centralizing executive responsibility for all school affairs in the office of the superintendent of schools is desirable. It is liberally in his book, 'Public School Administration', defines the superintendent's office as one of 'supervision, direction, and inspiration'.

"The Educational Policies Commission, nationally recognized authorities in their publication, 'The Structure and Administration of Education in American Democracy', stresses the point of a single control for school administration. As for myself, I could not disagree with the national opinions in the matter of public school administration.

"Logically, then, the question will be asked how this relates to the Birmingham schools. If a manager, which he is in 1939, integrated and thoroughly effective it would seem desirable that the Birmingham school system be clearly defined and with a single administrator be held responsible for the entire system. (Continued on Page 2, Part 1)

Death Follows Brief Illness for Mrs. H. E. Edwards

Mrs. Mabel Josephine Edwards, wife of Henry F. Edwards, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Birmingham National Bank, and descendant of an old New England family, died Sunday morning at her home in Birmingham, following a brief illness.

Mrs. Edwards came to Birmingham with her husband in 1920, where they have since resided. Prior to that they made their home in Jackson, where Mr. Edwards was a director of the People's National Bank and served as postmaster. She was born June 2, 1865, daughter of Joseph Abbott and Emily Spear Abbott, in Rockland, Me., where her family had resided for many generations.

Mrs. Edwards was married Jan. 1, 1890. She was identified in the Birmingham school with the American Revolution, Colonial Dames and with the Mayflower Society. Mrs. Abbott, died in March 1928 at the age of 102 years, after having made a record with her daughter and son-in-law for 35 years. Mrs. Edwards was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Birmingham. Surviving besides her husband, are a son, J. Abbott Edwards of Detroit, a daughter, Mrs. J. Bodley Weeks of Birmingham, and five grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Bell Chapel, Tuesday afternoon, with the Rev. W. Glen Harlan of the First Presbyterian church officiating. Burial was in White Chapel cemetery.

Assisting as bearers for the funeral service, were directors of the National Nautilus Club, including A. C. Wernuth, Chancy Nixon, John E. Martin, George E. Verrell, Charles E. James and E. W. Seaborn.

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