Interest in Government Should Begin At Home, Says Essay Writer

[Editor's Note—Following is one of the essays submitted in the recent Civic Loyalty Day Contest.]

By Dorothy Ann McCormick

Ours is a land which was created by a love of freedom on the part of its founders. If we are to preserve this freedom, which is our salvation, we must know what is going on every minute of every hour, every hour of every day in our government. Only when people take an active interest in their government, can a democracy flourish. If it should become corrupt or inefficient, the people have only themselves to blame, for it is they who elect the officials to guide them and the laws to guide the officials in directing a wise course. Our national government is complex, as is our state government, but, if we start with our local government and try to understand it completely in every phase, the structure of our whole national development becomes clear.

Small Towns

Our nation is made up of small towns which grow and flourish through the years and act as a sounding plate for American ideas and ideals. Large city governments have their place, too, but it is difficult to experiment with the various types of administration there, because of their vast unwieldiness. I think that if I might understand my local government more completely, I would be a much more valuable individual to my country.

The people in our town vote, as do the people all over the nation, for representatives in their law-making body. As the nation has its Congress, so we have our City Commission. As the nation has its President, so we have our Mayor. We have a City Manager, but, as such a task in a national government would be too much for one man, his duties are divided up and handled by various departments, each under a member of the Cabinet. The Federal Government has its G-men, we have our Police Department. The Supreme Court presides in Washington, we elect Justices of the Peace. In fact, we have an official agency of some sort or another to match almost every branch of the Federal and State governments. To have the duties of these various departments handled efficiently, I and every other citizen of this city should see that capable men are elected, that proper ordinances are passed, and that the people cooperate in making Birmingham a finer place to live.

Attend Meeting

If I don't like an ordinance that has been passed, instead of condemning the City Commission, I should attend one of its meetings and voice my opinion. If fine members do not agree with my views, they can show me where I am wrong; and, if what I have to say sheds a new light on the situation, consideration will be given me. If I receive a ticket for a traffic violation, I should pay it instead of trying to get out of it. If everyone who did wrong, was able to escape punishment, we would need no government.

My interest in local government gives me a desire to cooperate with it in making my city a finer place in which to live. It gives me an intelligent understanding of the fundamentals of higher government and infuses me with the same spirit of cooperation in voting to pass laws aimed for the greatest good of the largest number of my countrymen and in electing officials with the public interest at heart.

Whereas, I might know men running in city elections and form my own conclusions, in other elections I have to rely on the information supplied by others. It is my duty to see that the sources of this information are authentic and reliable.

A Right, Not Duty

This is a very great nation, the finest on earth, and it is up to me and millions of my countrymen to keep it so by voting at elections with an intelligence fostered by an interest in national, state, and local affairs. This is not a duty, far be it from that; it is a right for which people the world over envy us. Most of them have had it, but they let it slip through their fingers, and now it is out of their reach.

God grant that we, the people of the United States of America, shall forever retain the power to guide our own destiny.

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MAPLES

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Pardee then sprinted 16 yards to the five and a first down.

Two plays later Birmingham fumbled in the end zone with an Ecorse player picking up the loose ball and running to his own 30-yard line where he in turn fumbled. His teammate grabbed the ball and sprinted the remaining distance across the Birmingham goal line.

The play was brought back as both teams were offside. Wenzell followed with a smash and a score —Birmingham led 14-0 on a placement by Gowans.

With three minutes remaining in the game, Ecorse was held at bay when Birmingham reserves intercepted an Ecorse pass and kept possession of the pigskin until the whistle blew, ending the game.

The game was marred by many penalties inflicted upon both teams.

Birmingham registered nine first downs to six for Ecorse.

CHURCHES

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emeritus of Christ Church, will address the congregation.

Christian Science Service

As is customary in all Christian Science Churches, a special Thanksgiving service will be held Thursday in First Church of Christ, Scientist in Birmingham.

Following the usual order of service there will be a brief period in which testimonies appropriate to the occasion will be given by Christian Scientists in the congregation, expressing gratitude for healings and other help received during the past year.

The Golden Text from I Thessalonians (5:16-18), is most appropriate for the service, reading "Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Among the Bible verses is included: "Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name" (Psalm 100: 2, 4).

Among the citations from "Science and Health with key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy will be: "Christians rejoice in secret beauty and bounty, hidden from the world, but known to God. Self-forgetfulness, purity, and affection are constant prayers. Practice not profession, understanding not belief, gain the ear and right hand of omnipotence and they assuredly call down infinite blessings" (p.15).

BASKETS

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The list of donors, still incomplete, includes 12 home rooms at Baldwin High School; two at Adams and one at Barnum, according to Mrs. Lally. Others are St. James Episcopal Church, League of Catholic Women, Brookside School, Christ Church Cranbrook, First Baptist Church, First Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church. Others will join Tuesday and Wednesday.

Efforts have been made to coordinate all Birmingham giving at the Community House so that duplication will be avoided. A central list of names is maintained there.

Lucky Fellow

"A knot in your handkerchief?"

"To remind me to get tickets for the theater and meet my wife there tonight."

"Which theater?"

"Bother—I have forgotten."

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Bits of Birmingham

On learning of the local woman who found a $20 bill hidden in the book she bought for one cent, this bit-gatherer went through the pages of a volume or two he bought at the sale here, confidently expecting to find a rare postage stamp or at least a $2 bill. No luck! The only thing turned up was a sales slip from Carson Pirie & Scott, Chicago, for the sum of 25 cents—"one pair of garters." The date was Oct. 1, 1910. We are holding the slip at this office, should the owner of the garters wish to take them back for an exchange or refund.

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Advices from Stephens College, Columbia, Mo., state that Miss Annette Lambie, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John S. Lambie, 280 Aspen road, appeared as Benvolio in a recent production of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet.

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Betty Truxell, photographer, dropped in the other day. Miss Truxell is doing portraits, illustrative and commercial work and we noticed some interesting things she displayed in the window of the Photographic Shop, where she makes her headquarters. She was in advertising for five years, but found camera work so to her liking that she went into it full time, and studied a year at the Clarence H. White School in New York City. She is making her home with her sister, Mrs. John H. Thompson, 783 Westchester Way.

Art Wingerden was honored by the Lions Club last week when he was awarded the club pin of a past president. The insignia is set with a couple of diamonds and looks very spiffy. Incidentally, this bit-gatherer predicts that Art will be back in the newspaper field some day. Once the smell of printer's ink gets into your being, it's hard to stay away from it.

A message from the Albion College publicity department relates that Fred Adams, of Birmingham, is among those trying out for the basketball team. Fred was a member of last year's squad.

Ecorse tasted the dregs of defeat last Friday, but the team and spectators knew how "to take it." As Birmingham's band marched off the field, the Ecorse cheer leaders stood at attention—and generally, they were good sports. It's a nice thing to see.

We Heard It Said By:

Amos Shields, Detroit area Boy Scout executive (speaking at a Birmingham meeting): "We used to boast that no scout is ever brought into Juvenile Court. We don't look at it that way any more, for when that is the case, it means that Scouting is not serving all the boys in the community."

Friend—"Was your uncle's mind vigorous and sane up to the very last?"

Heir—"I don't know—the will won't be read until tomorrow."

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Velvet Cake Flour	5 lb. bag 25c	Spaghetti - Franco American	3 cans 25c
Pumpkin - New Pack	3 No. 2½ cans 25c	Wheatena - large box	22c
Gold Medal Flour	24½ lb. bag 87c	Clapp's Baby Foods	3 for 20c
Crisco or Spry	3 lb. can 49c	Scot Tissue - 1000 Sheets	4 rolls 25c
Aunt Jemima Pancake	pkg. 10c	Northern Paper Napkins	60 count 5c
Campbell's Tomato Soup	3 cans 20c	Northern Tissue	4 rolls 19c

Tender Early Garden Sugar
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Ocean Spray Cranberry Sauce	2 cans 23c	Kellogg's Corn Flakes	2 large 17c
Pineapple Juice	46 oz. can 25c	Kellogg's All Bran - large	19c
Grapefruit Juice	46 oz. can 15c	Wheaties Champions' breakfast	10c
Soy Sauce - Oriental	large 15c	Post Toaties	large 8c
Almond or Walnut Meats	lb. 49c	Post's Bran Flakes	large 13c
Diced Fruit Peel	lb. 29c	Quaker Puffed Wheat	2 for 15c
New Dates - Imported	lb. 10c	Rice Krispies - Kellogg's	2 for 21c
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Ivory Snow or Flakes	large 21c	Miracle Whip	Quart 32c
Palmolive Toilet Soap	4 bars 21c	Heinz Pickles - Cucumber	2 lge jars 35c
Wyandotte Cleaner	2 cans 15c	Corned Beef	2 cans 32c
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