During this coming election, it is admitted that our country faces some problems of profound depth. Every citizen who fails to acquaint himself or herself with these problems, so that proper voting can be done, is not deserving of the right to live under an enduring form of self-government. Is this not correct?

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Is Youth Really Going to Save Its Birthright?

To the younger members of both Republican and Democratic parties this country has looked for some time, as a means of over-throwing outworn and selfish control by older members. While the young people have asserted themselves in conventions, and have received much newspaper publicity, the sum total of their impact upon the situation has not been very revolutionary. This fault lies not in a lack of enthusiasm on the part of younger voters, but more upon a lack of program and consistent self-direction within their ranks.

Not long ago I was asked to speak to Young Republicans of Oakland County, at one of their regular monthly meetings. Less than 50 men and women were present; in a county with a population of more than 250,000 people, this small attendance was rather astonishing to me, I must confess. I frankly told them so. I suggested to them that each and every one present ought to take enough time off to insure that at future meetings more would be present; if each one would put forth as much effort as he or she would to get up a golf foursome, or a bridge party, the job would really amount to something in bringing decency into government.

To stimulate this Oakland County group of Young Republicans, I even offered a prize of $25 to the group that would increase greatest its vote of Republicans in its unit of government this fall.

Problems confronting the world and our own nation, regardless of they do the creation of tremendous tax debts, must be paid for by the youth that takes over the affairs in the near future. If youth really wants to play a constructive part in saving democracy, then youth will have to crusade more vigorously than it has in the past, or even the present.

If you, Mr. and Mrs. Parent, have sons and daughters between 21 and 35 who are not taking an active interest in governmental problems, why not suggest to them that they line up with Michigan's Young Republicans? After all, the only way to save democracy, as with anything else, is to take an active personal interest in it. Such procedure was never needed any more than today.

. . . in which a canoe tips over in Pine River

Here is an item of river canoeing that will make merry the hearts of some of my fishing pals—especially Harry Seymour Stark of Hazelwood avenue, city manager of Bloomfield Hills. Last Friday with two canoes, four of us went down the Pine River for an all day trout fishing trip; the Pine is east of Ludington. If my canoe was 70-year-old A. O. Leutheusser, St. Louis educator, who has been a summer visitor at Epworth Heights for 35 years; in the other canoe were Harold Fursteneau, publisher of the Ludington Daily News, and his brother-in-law, Harold Windsor, who publishes a daily in Boonesville, Missouri. I've gone down this river many times, as well as many others—so when I tell you that my canoe tipped over last Friday it was an EVENT! (Starr will grunt: "Yes, but what about that time with the late Rollo J. Coryell and Clarence Vhet, former local superintendent of schools, when you tipped me over in a canoe on a lake up in Canada, and we lost all of our tackle!") I was doing the paddling last Friday; in the bow of the canoe sat Mr. Leutheusser, at that time tying a fly on his leader. So, when the canoe struck slightly upon a small snag in the river, the older man—not being able to counterbalance canoe's list, toppled right into the river, and I went along with him. Luckily, the water was only waist deep; but most of our duffle and tackle started downstream, yet was salvaged later. The canoe itself soon filled with water, and then sank and wedged one end beneath a large tree trunk extending into the river. The four of us finally released it, without damaging the craft. But was I embarrassed! I'll admit that I was—and the lesson I got from the experience was that canoeing, like driving a car or doing a hundred other things, requires constant vigilance by all parties aboard — especially the chap doing the stern paddling.

A Real Flying Trip

For a lightning-like transcontinental trip, let me refer you to the itinerary of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Haas, of Holly, who left Detroit yesterday at 7:20 in the morning, arriving at Dallas, Texas, 15 hours later; they arrive in Los Angeles today, at 7:24 in the morning, leave tomorrow at eight in the morning and reach San Francisco two hours later; spend a day and evening at the Fair, leave San Francisco Saturday at 8:45 in the morning, arriving in Omaha, Nebraska at 9:01 that evening, leave Omaha Sunday at 10:55 in the morning, arriving in Detroit at 5:18 that afternoon. (*See THIS AND THAT, Page 2*)

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Floodlighting And a Stadium Are Discussed

Crull Gathering Data; Insurance Men File Protest

After a discussion Tuesday night, the Board of Education has continued its study of a proposal to build a floodlighted football stadium in Birmingham.

Supt. Howard D. Crull was asked to gather data from the many surrounding school districts which have installed lights and he will submit it to another meeting next Tuesday evening.

The Board is considering the plan only as a project which would pay for itself from earnings, for the district is barely able to meet current expenses.

This week, the stadium idea was discussed privately in a committee of the whole, but it was learned that the proposal is still being considered, and that as soon as Supt. Crull has gathered more data, he will confer with a special committee composed of John Harvey Rosso and H. Ross Mack, and that their report will go to the whole board next Tuesday.

Other School Business

Insurance Men Complain

Last week, the Board of Education gave permission to Richard Steinhoff, Detroit broker, to make

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Ernest L. Bailey Taken By Death

Ernest L. Bailey, father of Manley R. Bailey, Birmingham mortician, died late Tuesday afternoon at the Arnold Home, following a two year illness. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Mr. Bailey, who resided with his wife, Alice Seeley Bailey, at 863 Forest avenue, is a former Village Commissioner and came to Birmingham 35 years ago from Oxford where he was born Jan. 25, 1871.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Oxford F. & A. M. and was a high priest of the Birmingham chapter of the Royal Arch Masons.

In 1930 he was retired from the Detroit United Railway where he had been employed for 25 years. He was the conductor of the last street car that ran between Detroit and Pontiac.

Besides his wife and son, Manley, he is survived by another son, Gordon L., of Birmingham, and Mrs. Allan Jackson, of Grosse Pointe. He also leaves two brothers, Elbert, of Pontiac, and Otto, of Detroit, and a sister, Mrs. Emma Ilgers, of Detroit.

Services will be at 3:30 p. m. Saturday at the Manley Bailey Funeral Home, with burial at White Chapel.

George B. Wiley Services Held

Funeral services for George B. Wiley, prominent Detroit advertising man, were held Tuesday afternoon at the Bell Funeral Home with the Rev. Warner L. Forsyth officiating. Cremation was in White Chapel.

Mr. Wiley, who died suddenly Saturday evening at his home, 736 Brookside court, had lived in Birmingham for the past 11 years. At the time of his death he was Detroit representative of the New York Mirror.

Besides his wife, Jane Cook Wiley, he leaves a son, George B., Jr., and a daughter, Mary Jane, both at home. A brother, Dr. Charles E. Wiley, of Chicago survives, as do three sisters, Mrs. P. A. Walters, also of Chicago, Mrs. F. H. Blumer, of Cleveland, and Mrs. Mary Devieux, of New York.

4 Students Get Scholarship Renewal At State University

One hundred and fifty-seven University of Michigan students from 58 Michigan cities have been awarded renewals of their University alumni undergraduate scholarships, according to Dean Clarence S. Yoakum, Vice-President in charge of educational investigations. From Birmingham are John S. Gellatly, 911 Chester St., sophomore; Victoria Gellatly, 911 Chester St., senior; Eleanor C. Kelly, 707 Ann St., sophomore; Robert H. Porter, 251 Baldwin Ave., junior.

Renewals are awarded students maintaining a satisfactorily high standard of scholastic attainment.

Germany Can Not Drop War Program Marshall Declares

The German nation is prepared for war, not peace, and only a military defeat is likely to bring an end to that country's conquests, a large Birmingham audience was told Sunday night by S. L. A. Marshall, Detroit News war analyst, in a talk given at the Community House.

Marshall's topic was "The Force Behind This War; What America Can Do Now" and his appearance was sponsored by the Birmingham branch of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by the Rev. W. Glen Harris, of the First Presbyterian Church, after which Mrs. Anthony Worm, chairman of the committee, introduced Lee A White who in turn presented Mr. Marshall and later acted as arbiter in the open forum following the talk.

'Demoniac Mentality'

"In a blitzkrieg," said Mr. Marshall, "the government makes a weapon of every man, woman, resource and tool in the country. From the time of the invasion of Norway on, there was evident in the German government a type of demoniac mentality that could prevent an entire people from pursuits of peace to those of war. Germany today is engaged in raising not the standards of living but those of death. The result of this is a military machine unexcelled in history. It is as ruthless as that of Genghis Khan, and as efficient as fine clockwork. It has already defeated the armies of Poland, Norway, Holland, Belgium and France. These victories should not be minimized.

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Boys Outnumber Girls in B'ham; Reason Unknown

For some unknown reason, considerably more boys than girls are born to Birmingham parents, the recent annual school census showed.

The poll is taken to count children between 5 and 20 years of age, for the state primary school fund is distributed on a per capita basis.

The total showed 1,690 boys and 1,544 girls, for a total of 3234, or 56 less than the year before. In other words, for every 100 girls, there are nearly 109 boys. The national average for native born whites, adults and children, is 101.1 males for every 100 females.

When Birmingham's trend of boys over girls was mentioned at the recent Board of Education meeting, Trustee Wylie E. Groves said: "I wish I knew why!"

It happens that Mr. Groves is the father of several girls, but no boys.

Youth Fatally Hurt In Motorcycle Race

Stanley Wroblewski, 20 years old, of Rockwood, Mich., lost his life Sunday of injuries received in a crash during a motorcycle race. The race track is just south of the 15-Mile road, on the outskirts of Birmingham. The youth died in Royal Oak Hospital Sunday evening.

Donkey Softball to Aid Recreation Fund

This is scored as an error!

The usual calm of Birmingham will be broken next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings when that hilarious sport—donkey baseball—will be played at Barnum School field in two games to benefit the Birmingham Recreation fund. Starting time is 8:30 p. m.

On opening night, two all-star teams composed of the city's young softball players will attempt to ride the donkeys in the contest. On Wednesday evening, an American Legion team will compete with a Lions Club aggregation.

Large crowds are expected to attend to see their friends kicked around!

The Players

Captain of the American Legion forces, Sergeant Bill Green, of the police force, announced his lineup this week as follows: Dr. C. P. Hamill, Chuck Devitt, R. H. Dewey, Carl Eby, G. Bailey,

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Beauty Rest Mattresses Repaired. Royal Mattress Co., Phone B'ham 1-0788

Girl, 11 Years Old, Conducts Own School

Members of "Miss" Steele's School take a walk. Left to right, they are Joy Stark, Nancy Kendall, Ann Newport, Elizabeth Cobb, Carolyn Snyder (head partially obscured), Gwen Steele, Elizabeth Bodle, Sandra Newport (feather in head band), Janet Kost, Mary Golberg, Marjorie Moser (partially obscured), Janet Steele (standing at rear), Andrew Snyder, Peggy Lou Hallock (feather in head band), Janet Symons and Lois Steele, the teacher. Lois is holding the hand of little Susan Kost, 2 years old, who is the school's mascot. (Eccentric Photo).

2 Policy Workers Arrested In City

Two Negroes involved in the policy racket in Birmingham were arrested Tuesday afternoon by Police Chief John P. Hackett and Detective Delyle Service.

They are Virgon Perrymon, of 240 Owens, Detroit, and Lavin Hannibal, 19982 Ilene street, Detroit. Both pleaded guilty to a charge of possessing gambling equipment and were fined $10 each by Justice Forbes S. Hascall. Although neither prisoner telephoned from police headquarters, a friend appeared mysteriously to pay the fines.

Police seized a quantity of policy or "numbers" tickets and also about $20 in cash, which was turned in to the City Treasurer.

Chief Hackett said that he had received a tip about the men's activities and had been watching them. They were on their way from Detroit, Tuesday, had made one stop here at a place in the south end of the City, and were continuing north on Hunter boulevard when stopped by the officers.

The pair said they were working for the "Big Six" policy house.

Several complaints about the prevalence of policy racketeer activities have been received by The Eccentric during the past year.

Chief Hackett said Wednesday that it is hard to control the business.

A New Way to Get Money to Assist The Red Cross!

At a party given Sunday by Mrs. Fred Darden of Rochester, and attended by many Birmingham residents, Mrs. Frank J. McGinnis, of Shirley drive sang the Star-Spangled Banner, complete with all the verses, and won for her efforts a check for $10 dedicated to the Red Cross.

During the evening, at the conclusion of a day of tennis, badminton and swimming, topped off by a picnic supper, Judge Adolph F. Marschner of Detroit, one of the guests, offered to contribute $10 to the Red Cross if anyone present could sing the national anthem throughout. Mrs. McGinnis accepted the challenge and won the check which she presented on Tuesday to Mrs. Harold H. Corson, local Red Cross treasurer. She was given a receipt which she is mailing to Judge Marschner.

National Bank To Air Condition

Birmingham National Bank is to be air conditioned, it was revealed Monday night at the City Commission meeting when a salesman for a cool-water system successfully persuaded the City Fathers to permit use of the water for this purpose. Installation of the system was begun Tuesday night.

Commissioner Harry E. Bissett argued against the permit although he did not vote when the roll was called.

"Charlie James (Charles E. James, president of the bank) is as good a friend of mine as any of you fellows in this room, but until our new well is brought in, I don't think we ought to allow indiscriminate use of water for air conditioning. This thing is going to be like a wave; before you know it, we are going to have a dozen requests like this one."

City Manager Donald C. Egbert, on questioning, admitted that recently pressure fell when all the city's wells could not supply the peak demand.

However, other commissioners declared themselves in favor of granting the permit.

It was said that the bank's request is somewhat in the same category of the recent permit granted to the Wilson Drug Company, for both were discussing air conditioning when the City Commission suddenly passed an ordinance allowing air-conditioning use of water by special permit only. Wilson's had already signed a contract and he was granted a permit, and at the time, Commissioner Wilmer A. Moody suggested that the bank, also, be exempted at that time.

Commissioner Luther Heacock added that as long as every person carries the proviso that air conditioner water may be ordered shut off in case of shortage, the City would be protected.

Because of the health and public safety involved, the Commission has broad powers covering the use of water.

British Relief Group Voices Urgent Plea

An urgent plea has been sent out for contributions and for women who will knit for the British War Relief committee, Mrs. Jean Hind, local representative of the recently organized Pontiac branch, said this week.

A general meeting is to be held Monday evening at 7:30 at the Pontiac Y. M. C. A. Community Center and it is expected that the first class in bandages and surgical dressing will begin Wednesday at 10 o'clock at the First Methodist Church, Judson and Saginaw streets, Pontiac.

Have your home patroled by the residential police while at home or away. Call A. R. Holmes, B'ham 2349. —adv.

Youth, 16, Killed In Bicycle Mishap

Services for Arthur J. Bowden, 16 year old youth, living near Birmingham, who was killed late Tuesday evening on Northville road near Six Mile road when he was struck by a car driven by Robert Beyer, 20, of Plymouth, will be held Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the S. O. Wylie Bell Funeral Home on West Maple avenue. Burial will be in Franklin.

Young Bowden, who was visiting an aunt, Mrs. Charles Sessions in Northville, was accompanied by three friends when he was struck.

Plymouth police and sheriff's deputies Wednesday afternoon were investigating the accident. Beyer told police he was blinded by the lights from an oncoming car and did not see the cyclists. Police said the four boys had been riding two abreast on the highway.

The youth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Bowden, of 32500 Telegraph road. Born Nov. 4, 1923 in Waterford Township, he had lived for the past five years in Southfield Township.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, is a brother, Clyde L., 15, and a sister, Doris M., 13.

Directs Classes In Family Garage

Some day, Lois Steele may be the head mistress of Miss Steele's Select School for Young Ladies, or something similar, for at the age of 11, she is the primmest, most able little school marm an Eccentric reporter has ever seen.

Miss Steele, mistress of her own private summer school for young Birmingham ladies, holds forth in the garage of Mr. and Mrs. F. Earl Steele, 916 Madison avenue. Out front is a sidewalk sign, "Open"; nearby are parked bicycles. The garage doors, opened wide to admit plenty of fresh air, show several rows of chairs; a teacher's desk. The walls are decorated with art work and chains of brightly cut paper.

Refreshments Served

When the reporter arrived, the assistant teacher, Joyce Stark, 11 years old, was reading from a storybook to the 14 little girls seated about, serious and quiet. Soon, it was time for refreshments, and cool chocolate milk was served from a big pitcher. The only disconcerting note came from little Susan Kost, two years old, who had stumbled, clutching tight to her doll; but her wail was soon silenced, for school could not be interrupted.

Little Sue, it was explained by

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Jedge Taylor, Suh, Will Hold Court!

James W. Taylor, Birmingham's associate justice of the peace, held court for the first time in a year, Saturday and Monday, when two cases came before him.

Judge Taylor acts only in the absence of Forbes S. Hascall, and will occupy the bench for two weeks starting next week when Justice Hascall starts his vacation.

First to feel the court's heavy hand was Joe Patrash, of 7726, Hamtramck, arrested for riding his motorcycle on the sidewalk. Judge Taylor assessed a fine of $5 or 10 days, and Patrash elected to pay.

Another case was that of Harold Finnson, Detroit, found guilty of disorderly conduct. He was given five days to raise a $5 fine, which he paid Tuesday night. He admitted having been drinking.

Taylor's real business is that of highway construction.

Brother and Sister Win

Bob Lowes, 16 years old, Birmingham novice tennis champ, congratulates his sister, Marilyn, 17, girls' novice champ. See story on page 4 of Part 2. (Eccentric Photo)

Hunter Blvd. Issue Far From Solution; City Moves Slowly

Sharp Disagreement Still Exists Over Parking or Landscaping of 35-Foot Strip

After another lengthy argument before the City Commission, Monday night, over the future of the 35-foot strip lying along Hunter boulevard, the problem still appeared to be as far from a solution as ever, with neither the City Commission nor the State Highway Department yet ready to adopt a definite plan of action.

The central issue will never be clearer, it appeared. It is Beauty vs. Utility, or in other words, the abutting property owners want to use the 35-foot shoulder for parking; the State and many Birmingham people would prefer to have it landscaped.

The reason no solution has yet been adopted is that if either viewpoint is followed wholly, part of the citizenry will oppose it. A compromise of some sort is likely.

These are the arguments pro and con, as brought out in City Commission meetings:

For Landscaping:

1. The entire right-of-way was bought and paid for by the general taxpayers of Michigan for one and only one purpose: to move traffic around Birmingham's business section quickly and safely.

2. The new highway has taken away no one's right of access because prior to the building of the cutoff, the space was used by the railroad.

3. Therefore, the rights of abutting property owners are not primary, but secondary to the general needs of all Michigan taxpayers, and any private use of land owned by all the taxpayers is wrong and should not be condoned. Parking and local traffic along the sides of Hunter boulevard will hamper the free flow of traffic.

4. Birmingham's greatest asset is its character as a residential city. Therefore, it will be a great loss to the City if the City permits haphazard parking like that south of Birmingham. This city was built by people seeking beautiful homesites, not by business interests.

Mayor Hints at Compromise

"What is the City Commission going to do about it?" Mayor John E. Martz was asked Tuesday by The Eccentric.

Monday night, after a lengthy discussion, the session was closed by the expression that "nothing could be done until some person with authority comes from the State Highway Department and tells us what should be done." However, the State already has indicated that it prefers full landscaping but will accede to the wishes of the City itself, making it plain that the problem must be settled right here in Birmingham.)

The Commission itself appears to be divided on the issue, just like the townspeople.

Mayor Martz said that in his opinion, "a compromise of some sort will be worked out."

He suggested that a dinner meeting might be held soon, honoring the new members of the Commission, and that some concrete plan would be worked out there.

One fact appears fairly definite: that full landscaping will be recommended for the entire boulevard except for the short strip on the west side from West Maple to Woodward. That is the only spot where business activity has commenced as yet.

Several Alternate Plans Suggested

Several compromises have been suggested. One has been a service lane for one-way traffic running along the 35-foot strip adjacent to the outer edge, the rest landscaped.

Another idea has been a hard surfaced strip about 16 feet wide adjacent to the concrete to permit cars to pull off the highway and park parallel to a row of posts. The remaining 19 feet would be landscaped and cut at intervals by sidewalks leading to the store fronts.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert said Wednesday that he was endeavoring to secure State Highway officials for a meeting here with the Commission soon.

Workmen started this week to improve the center parkway at the south end of Woodward. Just what the complete plans are could not be learned.

For Parking:

1. The City Administration itself has recognized the business character of Hunter boulevard by raising tax assessments, and by zoning it "business."

2. Who suddenly conjured the idea of complete landscaping through Birmingham? It certainly is not the State's practice anywhere else from Detroit to Pontiac, nor was the plan ever revealed until recently. Why should certain Birmingham property owners take the rap when others have not, including owners in South Birmingham along Woodward?

Taxes have been paid and investments made on the natural assumption the abutting property owners in Birmingham would get the same rights and privileges as the other people along U. S. 10 from Detroit to Pontiac.

3. Is a small amount of local traffic "dangerous" Experience in South Birmingham has proved it is not. The geniuses in the State Highway Department who developed the north and south intersections have caused far more accidents than people driving on and off road shoulders.

CARS IN COLLISION

Cars driven by Mrs. Martha Hamm, of Lone Pine road, Bloomfield Hills, and Henry Hicks, West 16-Mile road, Troy, collided Tuesday afternoon on West Maple avenue. Damage was not serious to either car.

Haack Tells Why He Raised Values

Property valuations along new Hunter boulevard were raised this year to "bring them in line with those of other business frontage," it was explained to The Eccentric by Elmer J. Haack, city assessor.

He said that along Woodward avenue, at the southerly end of the City, valuations have been roughly $20 a front foot. Haack said that much of Hunter boulevard was revalued to bring it up to that figure, but that other property, particularly that on the west side near Maple was valued even higher, some as high as $40 a front foot.

"It was clear to me that the new highway would open up many of this Hunter boulevard property for business use, so it was only fair to raise the valuation in line with other such property throughout the city. Real estate activity which has taken place bears out this conclusion."

(A new gasoline station is almost completed; bowling alleys are under way, and a new theatre is in the blueprint stages.)

"Does the City Commission ever discuss with you the matter of setting valuations?" Haack was asked.

"No, the Commission is very good that way," he replied. "I am free to use my own judgment."

NEW HIGH SCHOOL CLERK

Miss Phyllis Porter, secretary to Clarence Blenman, attorney, has been engaged as clerk in the High School principal's office, filling a vacancy. Her salary will be $984 for 11 months, work. Miss Jane Poppleton will become attendance clerk. Mrs. Marguerite Hard resigned in June.

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