

## First and That

By G. R. A.

For every Republican heart that was made sad or disappointed over the nomination of Wendell L. Wilkie as Presidential candidate at Philadelphia last week, I presume that tens of thousands were made happy throughout the United States. While my own personal sympathies were largely for Senator Vandenberg, I somehow couldn't make myself believe that he had much of a chance—and with that conviction in mind I prayed that Wilkie would win the nomination.

Since the Philadelphia convention has passed into history I have talked with dozens and dozens of men and women, many young people, too, from all walks of life; invariably they say something like this: "But it's great! Boy, what a campaign of Americanism that man Wilkie will put on between now and November!"

Many times I have asked myself why so many of us mere citizens have responded to the power and the personality of a man who, less than two months ago, was practically unknown in political circles; my conclusion is simply this: "Wilkie is a successful professional politician—and this kind of being is the very best quality that won him the support of the Republicans of this nation. The Eclectic is tired—SO TIRE—of listening to the professional politicians who promise everything and more often than not deliver but a fraction of their promises."

Mr. Wilkie's success ought to give great encouragement to the whole structure of this nation's decent business and professional life: for years the vast classes of people have been so busy making money that they have neglected their greater civic responsibilities, resulting in the creation of a huge predatory political class that usurps public money for personal livelihood and personal profit. Response to businessmen in their own right is able, and fearless business leader CAN win the public support.

Mr. Wilkie's success, and actually does an able, businesslike job, you may rest assured that Mr. Wilkie will have to make a heroic American service for his countrymen that any other man in his time. It is a responsibility that leaders want to preserve the American system of free enterprise of the whole people, are actually doing, they will become less selfish, more selfless, and HELP Wendell L. Wilkie, our country's best should, and must, be done.

In my opinion, people who seek from Wilkie, or any other patriotic—so far as preserving our free government is concerned—as any other form of saviour or other form of saviour who seeks to destroy our form of gov-

## Joslyn Again Named School Board Head

### Rosso Continued In Treasurer Post; Seaholm, Secretary

Lee E. Joslyn, Jr., elected to the Board of Education last year, was again elected president of the Board in the annual organization meeting held last night.

John Harvey Rosso, oldest man on the board in point of service, having been first elected in 1932, was again chosen treasurer. Ernest W. Seaholm was named secretary, succeeding J. Mark Hardin.

Wylie E. Groves and H. Ross were also elected candidates in the recent election.

Mr. Joslyn was present to participate in the first meeting.

Hire New Teacher

The resignation of Clarence Fleming, science teacher at Adams School, was accepted Tuesday evening by the Board of Education.

Miss Mary Asman, a graduate of Fenton High School and of Michigan State College, and a teacher in Goodrich during the past year, was hired as home economics teacher for Adams and Barnum Schools for the coming year. Miss Asman's salary is \$1,700.

## Flourish of Gun Brings Trouble

Three Birmingham youths were arrested last Friday when they convinced officials that their intentions were only fun, and not serious.

The boys, whose names The Eclectic withheld because no warrants were issued, are in the custody of the Prosecutor's office, had two cap pistols and one antique revolver.

For 20 years I have known and admired Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg. I have seen him in Michigan to enlist the support of newspapers to support his candidacy in the election, finally resulting in former Governor Fred W. Green's conclusion not to oppose Vandenberg at that time; I also presided over a ceremony in Lansing at which time Vandenberg's official nominating petitions were filed. I mention this merely to prove that my feeling in this Philadelphia convention was not prejudiced by any personal situation. But Senator Vandenberg's detached attitude toward seeking the nomination by a vigorous personal effort helped him to Philadelphia.

When I was in the selection of Howard C. Lawrence as his campaign manager provided for the "back" campaign that Vandenberg's cause would be strengthened, either by us who know Howard like him, as a person; as a crusading "statesman" however, and political executive, he is a age school superintendent, or was. Then, to cap it all, "came the McKelgan; this trio of gents didn't help Arthur much, if at all.

Senator Vandenberg, deep in his mind and heart, did not "have his feet set on" the Presidency; he came, as much last winter, to the Washington. He knows the empty youth of America the mechanics of with being the great grief that go throughout the country. It is an acute; not that he would have to immediately move into a city and atmosphere of the Senate Chamber. (See THIS ANTI-TRUST PAGE 2)

## Youth Describes Eight Days Spent At American Legion's Boys' State

Right at the start I want to publicly thank the Rotary Club for sponsoring me to the Baldwin High School and Birmingham at the American Legion's Wolverine Boys' State in Lansing, June 20 to June 28. It was indeed a high honor and I am reporting in this article the things I personally received during my "citizenship" in Boy's State.

Wolverine Boys' State is a duplicate of a movement that is now operating, each year, in 32 states throughout the country. It is an organized effort on the part of the American Legion to teach the youth of America the mechanics of state and national government. As a result many of the voters of tomorrow will be better equipped to participate in governmental affairs than their fathers.

When I arrived at Boy's State (you must not be over 18 years of age to become a citizen) you immediately move into a city and become a citizen of that community during your stay—in Boy's

## Insurance Does Birmingham Really Require Liability Coverage?

(Editor's note—Two weeks ago, an article in The Eclectic raised serious questions as to whether or not the motorist's worth in police radio service. In the article herewith, another city is mentioned. The Eclectic publishes these facts, not to unduly criticize, but in the interest of more economical government. Certainly a vital need in this time. Every public expenditure, every service should be considered: Is it necessary? Are we getting our money's worth?)

The City of Birmingham spends \$571.89 a year for public liability insurance. Is it necessary? Does the city get its money's worth? What do other cities do?

Monday night, the City Commission appropriated money for the premium, awarding the policy to the James J. Kelly agency on a low bid. There was no discussion by the Commission on whether it was necessary to continue the expense for another year.

Tuesday, The Eclectic found that in five neighboring governments (See INSURANCE, Page 2)

## 100 Children Go To Detroit Game

Walter O. Briggs, president of the Detroit Baseball Club, has invited 100 children from Birmingham to be his guests at the Tiger-White Sox baseball game this afternoon at Briggs Stadium, it was announced by Recreation Director Floyd C. Chapman.

Busses for the trip will leave from the front of Barnum School at one o'clock.

Another feature of the Birmingham Recreation program will be the WPA Concert Band in a program of light classical novelties and good old band numbers at the Pierce School playground on Monday, July 15 at 8:15 o'clock. The band is under the direction of Murdoch J. MacDonald, and is one of the highlights of the summer program.

## Compulsory Dog Immunization Planned for City

A new dog ordinance which has been passed by the city commission for several months because of other business will be up for public hearing next week at the city commission meeting Monday night.

Compulsory dog immunization against rabies is one of the ordinance's main features. It is not a radical change, but minor changes would prohibit future escape of dogs from the municipal area, and would give the City Health Officer power to impose a fine or imprisonment if he deemed it necessary.

"I think the people will favor immunization because it will give them more freedom for their dogs," was Commissioner Frank L. Packard's comment.

Mayor John E. Martz also favored more freedom, especially in the winter months when rabies appears to be dormant.

"We have 3,000 families and 1,000 dogs, so it is plain the dog problem is a tough one to solve in Birmingham," Mayor Martz declared.

## Have You Met?

Mr. and Mrs. Leith Stevens, of 514 Tasting Lane, The moved here about a week ago from Beverly Hills, Calif.

Mr. Stevens, who is musical director for the Ford Summer Evening Hour's summer program, has been commuting for some time by airplane from the west coast, but when his western commitments permitted, he and his wife took up residence in Michigan.

They will stay here until the end of September.

Mrs. Stevens likes Birmingham and thinks Tooting lane is "the cutest name."

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## State Police Chiefs Headed by Hackett

Birmingham's police chief, John P. Hackett, has had new responsibilities added to his task of maintaining peace and tranquility in this city. He has been elected state president of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.

The honor was conferred at the

## 1776-INDEPENDENCE DAY-1940



"... it is their right, it is their duty ... to provide new guards for their future security ..."

Declaration of Independence, signed July 4, 1776.

These words, inscribed by the founders of this nation in their Declaration of Independence, apply vitally on this 164th anniversary of its signing, as that freedom stands threatened.

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## Many Offer to Provide Homes For Refugee Children from England

Following publication of an appeal in last week's Eclectic for 20 English refugee children has risen to 20, it was revealed Tuesday by Mrs. B. H. Whitatch, president of the Birmingham Branch, American Association of University Women.

Such is handling the project here. In addition, an office is being established on a part-time basis to handle detail work. The phone beginning Friday, will be 9111.

Hours will be from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Evening phone calls for information may be made to Mrs. J. Arthur Evans, phone 2101.

Any correspondence will be addressed to Mrs. Whitatch, room 707 Lakeview avenue.

Further Details Learned

Further information has come revealing details, Mrs. Whitatch said. The children, those of British University women, will be from 8 to 16 years of age. They will be in Birmingham, Ala., for a period of one year, and will provide medical examination before they are sent to the children will be examined again on arrival here.

One does not need to be wealthy to take one of these children. The Birmingham National Bank has declared the regular dividend of 50 cents per share on the common capital stock of the bank payable on July 10, 1940 to stockholders of record July 1, 1940.

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## Checks Now in Washington for Final Audit

### Receiver Expects to Mail Dividend Money Very Soon

Payoff checks for depositors of the defunct First National Bank (Birmingham) should be distributed within a week or ten days, it was revealed Tuesday by Murray M. Ashbaugh, of Pontiac, receiver.

Totalling \$145,000, the dividend to creditors of the bank will amount to 7 1/2 per cent of individual accounts, and will bring to 62 1/2 per cent the total paid to the bank closed its doors in 1933.

Ashbaugh said that the checks had been called for by the office and had been sent to Washington two weeks ago for audit in the Comptroller of the Currency's office.

"That usually takes about two weeks so the checks should be mailed about a day now," Ashbaugh told The Eclectic. "It will take several days to address the envelopes after the checks are returned here."

Liquidation of the bank's assets is progressing favorably, Ashbaugh declared. The actual loan required to bring the total cash on hand to \$145,000 will be only \$40,000 or \$18,000, he said. That money is being loaned by the Birmingham National Bank.

## O. L. Smith to Run for Governor on Anti-Boss Platform

DETROIT—A finish fight on housing, anti-bossism and an appeal to voters to clean house and restore good government, and a bitter castigation of the McKelgan-Barnard machine, were the highlights of the announcement last night of the candidacy of O. L. Smith for Governor in the Republican primaries in September.

George R. Averill, publisher of The Birmingham Eclectic, long a crusader against "Boss rule," speaking as an individual newspaperman, introduced Mr. Smith in a state-wide broadcast. He reported the story of Mr. Smith's rise from orphan boy to his present position as farmer, business executive and prominent lawyer.

Extensive Experience

O. L. Smith was born in Union City, Branch County, He served in the army working on a farm, on a railroad and in a factory. He graduated from the University of Michigan in law in 1913; started law practice at Ithaca and was elected prosecuting attorney of Michigan in 1917. He prosecuted the Arthur Rich case and was the first prosecutor to act in the Birmingham National Bank case in 1917. He was appointed Assistant Attorney General by Gov. Grover Cleveland in 1921 and in 1928, was named as special assistant to the Attorney General of the U. S. Mr. Smith is a member of the law firm of Cook-Smith-Jacobs and Boake in the Union Guardian Building in Detroit. He is the father of four sons and a daughter and resides in Dearborn.

Letters, telephone calls, telegrams and personal calls have swamped the O. L. Smith-for-Governor Committee, 461 Book Building, Detroit, with pledges of support. The campaign already is assuming gigantic proportions in a crusade for clean government.

Mr. Smith reviewed the trial of the "Boss" machine. (See SMITH, Page 2)

## FOUND

A Home for 'Homeless Kittens'

A. H. Griener placed the following ad in The Eclectic which reads:

Quick, Satisfactory Results

2 lovely Maltese male kittens of pure blood. A good home the prime requisite.

Place Your "Wants" Where They Get QUICK RESULTS

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Victor and Blushka Remold, New releases. Remold Electric, 142 W. Maple.

Chief Hackett

annual convention of the association held at St. Joseph late last week. Dan Patch, of Highland Park, was named first vice-president, and Ted Rice, of Owasco, was named second vice-president. Oscar G. Olander, commissioner

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