People to Vote on Abandoning Free Text Books in High School

Has your boy or girl graduate from high school or college developed a real plan to cover the first year or two of his or her entry into work-a-day life? Such a plan is invaluable, for it leads to the creation of a pattern of achievement, and prevents aimless and shiftless drifting in vocational experiences.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Do You Want Socialism After the War is Over?

Those six articles entitled: "After the War—What? Boom or Bust?", by Blair Moody in the Detroit News, were interesting. One gathers, from reading them that two economic thoughts prevail in the nation's Capital; one is the hope that "production for profit, will survive"—which is decried by the fair-haired New Deal youngsters in high places; the other is the latter's belief that after the war "we'll have to produce for use only." One side wants to maintain the present, old-fashioned system, without any revisions; the other wants to try something very socialistic, quite outside the compatability of contemporary human nature.

Socialism Won't Work

Personally, I firmly believe that if the "old-fashioned" system we have been used to for years continues, without any fundamental changes in our tax system, we will again head for troublous times, for more and more depressions. If the "production for use only" system is tried, it will not work any better here than in any old European country. Russia included, that has tried this system of eliminating profit.

Human beings are, elementally, selfish, covetous, grasping; not because they are offspring of the devil, but simply in conformity with the law of self-preservation.

Under the old-fashioned capitalistic system average human beings grasp for food, clothing, shelter, and luxuries; some are content with these material things. Others want these and other things, including *power*; power over other human beings.

Substitute the "production for use only" system for the current one and many of the same human beings will grasp for *power* over the tools of production; however benevolent they may wish to be, the very complexity of dealing with masses of people precludes the smooth and efficient working of the most highly conceived economic philanthropy.

If you question this fact, just reflect upon the troubles the United States is now having in labor, in industry, in housing projects, in military camp projects; you also know that many men high in the Roosevelt administration, at a time when even hours are valuable in defense production, are at odds with one another, endeavoring to wreak their petty jealousies upon one another.

Even Religion Differs

Observe, in many instances, the most sacred concept of all, namely: religion itself. Observe the differences in human approach to Divinity; even within the Christian religion itself there are marked opposites of belief. Yet they are tolerated under the American constitution because we believe it is every man's and every woman's right to worship as he or she desires.

Our world, especially our own nation, has solved most of the material problems of production; on the farm and in the factory we can produce unlimited quantities of things; we can produce so long as Mother Earth remains our source of original supply.

Our problem, then, is not one of production; it is one of *distribution!*

It is this latter problem that concerns our nation at the close of this world emergency. That is what Mr. Moody is writing about.

There Is An Answer

Is there any answer at all, other than discarding "production for profit" and instead using "production for use only?"

Yes, I know that there is.

I know that man, in his success to produce things, has plumbed the secrets of nature. You see, he knows how to transform the resources of mine, forest, land, water, and air into life's many commodities; I know that, engineers and chemists, for example, will not violate Nature's laws that they have discovered, as they produce commodities. You can't make good steel by failing to supply the elements that go to make it up; you can't cheat on the thickness of steel beams in a bridge, if you want that bridge to remain standing; you can't cheat on the diameter of an automobile crankshaft, if you expect that part of a motor to do the job needed to be done in moving a motor car.

Likewise, in the realm of distribution problems there are some natural laws that must be understood and applied, if man is to maintain a balance between production and distribution. Any substitution of superficial economic philosophy for natural law will always result in barriers for the most even flow of things produced. That's why depressions occur; that's why domestic strife takes place between capital and labor; and that is why, Folks, that modern-war takes place! Please make no mistake about this last fact!

What Is "Natural Law?"

But what is this "natural economic law?" you asks.

In brief, it is simply this: give to labor a fair share of what labor

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Cash Balance For Schools To Be Larger

Early Estimate of $5,000 Now Set At $8,112 Total

The school district will end the year with more money in the bank than anticipated last month, when an $5,000 balance was announced.

Tuesday night, Treasurer John H. Rose revealed that additional revenues—expected but not hitherto assured—had brought the balance expected for June 30, 1941, the end of the fiscal year, to $8,112.47. This will be the biggest balance in years.

Current tax collections have been 84.6 per cent, or almost the 85 per cent budgeted for last year. This, too, is the best in years.

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Two Teachers Hired

Two instructors were engaged by the board. One will teach home economics. She is Mrs. Esther S. Alderman, a high-ranking graduate of Purdue University, with teaching experience in several schools. She is the mother of two children, although self-supporting. (The board ordinarily does not hire married women teachers.)

Supt. Crull said that he believed this teacher, having maturity and knowing home-making by experience, would make an excellent addition to the staff. Her salary will be $1,562.50.

The other new teacher will be Miss Hilda F. Levin, of Pontiac.

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New Minister At Embury Church

The Rev. D. H. Jorgensen, of Highland Park, is the new Embury Methodist Church pastor, according to an announcement made Monday by Bishop Raymond J. Wade, head of the Detroit Methodist Area.

This will be Mr. Jorgensen's first appointment in the ministry. He was received as a member of the Detroit Conference on Saturday, and was ordained as an elder of the church on Sunday. His preparation includes one year at Albion College and three at Wheaton College where he received his Bachelor of Science degree. He then studied at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary where he earned his Doctor of Divinity and Master of Theology degrees.

Mr. Jorgensen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jorgensen, of Ferndale. He was brought up in the Emanuel Methodist Church, of Highland Park, and was recommended for the ministry by the Rev. Ernest B. Falck, pastor of that church. Mr. Jorgensen will be married to Lena Hansen on Tuesday, July 8, at the Emanuel Methodist Church.

Will Charge Man As Reckless Driver

Police plan to charge as a reckless driver the Pontiac truck driver involved in a three-car crash Wednesday morning at Hunter boulevard and Oakland avenue.

Police Chief John P. Hackett declared Wednesday night that Mrs. Dorothy Linn, 590 Mohegan avenue, who was injured in the crash, will be asked to sign a complaint so that a warrant can be issued for the arrest of the truck driver, Randall Bixby, 36 years old, of 1675 Charleston street, Pontiac.

Or, according to Prosecutor Charles A. Wilson, a police officer may ask for a warrant on "information and belief."

According to the police report, Mrs. Linn and another motorist, Helen Laskau, of 1810 Annabelle, Ferndale, an employee at the Strand Door company, were in the middle of the Oakland crossing, waiting for the light to change. When it changed, the truck, bearing a load of gravel south on Hunter, approached the intersection and failed to stop, overtaking the left, striking the Linn car and upsetting.

Mrs. Linn was taken to St. Joseph Hospital, later returning home. She told The Eccentric that X-rays had been taken to determine whether there were rib fractures.

Patrolman Leo Stiers gave Bixby a violations ticket for having an expired operator's license.

Patrolman to Graduate

Patrolman Grant Springstead, of the Birmingham police department, graduates Saturday from the National Police Academy, of the F. B. I., in Washington, D. C.

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Playgrounds Are Started

BARBARA AIKENS, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Aikens, 1193 Pierce, thinks that registering at Barnum playground is an awful lot of fun, even if she can't write. However, SHIRLEY SMITH is ready to help. Incidentally, Miss Aikens is as blond as she come. Miss Smith is a redhead. (Eccentric photo)

First of Free Street Dances Scheduled For Friday Evening at Baldwin High

The first street dance of the 1941 summer recreation program will be held Friday evening from 8 to 11 o'clock on the terrace in front of Baldwin High School. As in past summers, admission is free, receipts from the refreshment booth helping to defray the costs.

Sponsors of the opening dance are Mayor and Mrs. John E. Martz, Supt. and Mrs. Howard D. Crull, and the recreation chairmen of the various boards, with their husbands and wives—Mr. and Mrs. Merle Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. James Green, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mabry, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ross.

More Dance Details

The entire play center staff supervisors and assistants, now in number, will assist with dance arrangements. Bad Schaefer, Torrey supervisor, is to be in charge of the refreshment booth. The recorded music and the lighting are to be handled as usual by the "old reliable" firm of Johnstone and Salisbury. Next week's street dance is also to be at Baldwin High School. In case of rain the dance will move into the school auditorium.

Three hundred eighty-six children registered Monday, the opening day of the summer recreation program, at the six play centers: Adams, Barnum, Holy Name, Pierce, Quarton and Torrey. This figure greatly surpassed last year's registration, in spite of threatened showers. This part of the program is open to all Birmingham children every morning from Monday through Friday.

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New Nash Dealer Opens Here Friday

C. H. Cowling, automobile trade paper executive and former Birmingham resident, announces his appointment today as the new Birmingham dealer for the Nash Motors Division of the Nash-Kelvinator Corporation. He will direct operations of the new organization, Nash-Birmingham Company, 467 South Woodward Avenue.

Cowling, who recently resigned as vice-president and general manager of Automobile Topics, popular dealer publication, has been connected with the new and used car business for many years. Previous to his position with the Topics, Cowling owned and operated a successful automobile export company.

Mr. Cowling

Cowling is the son of W. C. Cowling, pioneer Detroit automobile executive and present publisher of Automobile Topics.

Three Series of Cars

The company, it was announced, will handle all three series of new Nash cars, including the new low-priced Nash Ambassador 600, the big, high-economy car with which Nash is competing with Ford, Chevrolet and Plymouth in the mass market this year.

"Nash has worked for four years on its plans to enter the low-price field," declared Cowl-

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New Parking Lot Opened to Public

The Wabeek Building parking lot is now open to the public.

Monday night, the City Commission snapped up an offer of the corporation, giving the public use of the large lot north of the building in exchange for an application of calcium chloride, chemical dust layer. Hitherto, the lot was for use of building patrons only.

City Engineer Harold H. Coleson said he had estimated there would be room for 57 cars on the lot, plus 34 spaces which will be reserved for building tenants. Cost of calcium chloride was estimated at $50.

The lot is for temporary parking only, not for all-day occupancy, the Commission decided.

Coleson said that the ground must be smoothed before the chloride is applied.

Cost of Pipe Rises To $1.21 a Foot

The price of iron water pipe has risen six cents a foot, the Commission discovered Monday night when it awarded a contract for 1,700 feet to James B. Clow & Sons, Chicago, at $1.21 a foot. The mains, eight inches in diameter, will be laid on Northlawn avenue. Three other bidders prices ranged from $1.22 to $1.27 a foot.

Beauty Rest Mattresses Required. Royal Mattress Co., Rhone 3-Main 1-0758

Merchants' July 4 Fireworks Show Plans Revealed

More details of the Birmingham Retail Merchants' big public fireworks display set for the evening of July 4 were revealed today by Paul Kurth, hardware man, who is chairman of the committee.

The show, to last about two hours, will be staged at Lincoln and Cranbrook roads, in a big 66-acre tract owned by the City.

The Favor Manufacturing Company, of Detroit, has been awarded a $236 contract to furnish and ignite the fireworks. Included on the list will be 13 huge 15-inch shells, which will explode high in the air with various effects. Two of these shells have parachutes attached, and one will show the Flag.

Then there will be 36 big 12-inch shells with a wide variety of explosions and color effects bearing such trade names as: fancy star shells, whistling trace shells, golden wash, thunder and rainbow serpent and whistle, two break-two colors, searchlight parachute, four-colors four-colors, shell of eight bells. Then there are more than 100 nine-inch shells.

A huge crowd is expected and special police will be requested to handle the traffic. The show will start at dusk.

Holy Name Parish Summer Festival Starts Friday Eve

Final preparations were being made today on the Holy Name school grounds for the parish's annual Festival, to be held Friday and Saturday evenings and Saturday afternoon. The public is invited; the proceeds will be used to improve the new rectory and other church property, it was announced by John E. Moore and Mrs. P. C. McCarthy, co-chairmen.

A crowd of 4,500 people is expected both nights, it was said. In case of rain, the event will be postponed one night.

Features will consist of 15 booths of various kinds, ponies, outdoor dancing, and the awarding of hundreds of prizes. Friday evening, the Ford Mountaineers will entertain the crowd, and Al Watrous, Oakland Hills golf pro, will be present to award a valuable prize.

Saturday night, Mayor John E. Martz will be present to assist in the festivities.

Saturday afternoon, from 2 until 4, there will be races and contests for the children, with Henry M. Foley and Miss Ina DeNocker supervising. Cecil the Magician will then put on a show.

Suspends Licenses Of Racing Drivers

Driver's licenses of two drivers were suspended for 30 days by Bloomfield Hills Justice H. A. Gifford, for staging a race on Woodward avenue, Saturday night. One of the men, Graham A. MacGregor, 377 Florence, Highland Park, also paid a $25 fine and Robert G. Cranick, 37 Woodward Heights boulevard, Pleasant Ridge, paid $25. Justice Gifford held court Tuesday evening.

Dr. Wood Honored

Dr. John P. Wood, of Larchlea, Birmingham, was reelected as a trustee of the American Osteopathic Association, yesterday at the Annual Osteopathic Convention in Atlantic City. He will hold the office for a three-year period.

Episcopal Bishop of Michigan Speaks On Mexico at Rotary Club Meeting

Features of the continuing Mexican revolution were described in the Rotary Club Monday by the Rt. Rev. Frank W. Creighton, Episcopal bishop for Michigan, who spent eight years in Mexico as head of the church's mission branches in that country. This week, Bishop Creighton has been taking part in a Diocesan conference at Christ Church Cranbrook.

Mexico has been going through a continuous revolutionary process, the churchman said. The Illiterate government was met by resistance from Mexico.

"The Mexicans, since, have been prone to become economic as well as political masters of their own destinies, and at the basis of the unrest and revolution, Bishop Creighton said, The agrarian revolution has resulted in the great land holdings being broken up and the land being divided among the peons, with good and bad results, depending on the honesty of the peons concerned. He spoke of the state-controlled schools and of the emphasis on propaganda, and of the expropriation program, by which oil and other properties have been seized from foreign owners.

Bishop Creighton said that leaders regard the church as reactionary, discriminating against all churches. His opinion was that religion would decide. "No nation can progress without a consciousness of God," he declared.

He called the Mexicans "a kindly and lovable people", and he praised their family life and devotion to their parents.

Howard Estes, program chairman for the meeting, introduced Bishop Creighton.

Colombian to Speak

Next week's meeting will be held Wednesday, July 2, at Devon Gables, at which Julio Gamelin, of Barranquilla, Columbia, an international director of Rotary, will be the speaker.

Teacher Who Inspired Governor Tells Story

By KATHRYN UMPHREY

Prominently displayed in Governor Murray D. Van Wagoner's office is a picture of a kindly, white-haired woman who has an indefinable twinkle in her eye. An Eccentric representative who was calling on the Governor noticed the picture and recognized the woman to be none less than Mrs. Mabel V. Roy, of Birmingham. The Governor, himself, confirmed our representative's observation with the comment that it was Mrs. Roy, his former teacher, who had encouraged him to go on with his education.

Seeing an opportunity I couldn't miss, it wasn't long before this reporter was off to 455 South Bates street where Mrs. Roy lives. It was not without forebodings,

Mrs. Roy

however, that I went, for women who also went to encourage further education can be of many types.

A Jolly Person

But my fears soon vanished, for as I turned into the yard I caught sight of a jolly little woman with reddish brown hair, sprinkling the lawn. "Are you Mrs. Roy?", I called.

"Yes," she replied, "but don't come on the grass or you'll get your feet wet—I'll come over there." It wasn't long before she was telling me about her experience with Governor "Pat" Van Wagoner.

"I taught him for many years," she said, "but well do I remember the first time I saw him, he was a chubby little tow-head."

"A tow-head!" I echoed.

"Yes, you would believe it now, but he certainly was," she assured me, "and he was a pleasure to

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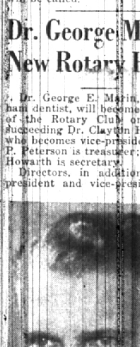
Dr. George Marin New Rotary Head

Dr. George E. Marin, Birmingham dentist, will become president of the Rotary Club on July 1, succeeding Dr. Clayton H. Grace, who becomes vice-president. Lloyd P. Peterson is treasurer, and J. B. Howarth is secretary.

Directors, in addition to the president and vice-president, are



Dr. Marin

M. Ray Cook, Walter B. Faust, Paul Friedrich, Paul Grant and the Rev. W. Glen Harris.

Committee chairmen are as follows: club service, Mr. Friedrich; program, Mr. Harris, Miles Robinson, Stuart Baker and Mr. Grant (to serve jointly); membership and classification, Harold Rice; fellowship, Robert McKee; attendance, Mr. Faust; information, George R. Averill; music, William Torrence; entertainment and recreation, Harry Basset; sickness and aid, John McKee.

Community service, Ray H. Bechtold; youth service, Mr. Cook; crippled children, Edward Laird; vocational service, Howard Estes; international service, Charles J. Shain; sergeant-at-arms, Forbes S. Hascall; and luncheon fees, Sam Bruni.

Justice O'Dell Gives His Stiffest Rap

A Detroit youth who had received 27 traffic tickets in six years in Detroit was arrested in Bloomfield Hills police early Sunday morning after a chase from the Cotsen to near 13-Mile road.

Justice H. A. O'Dell meted out the stiffest sentence in his career on the bench: a $50 fine and 30 days in jail, or 45 days in jail if the fine is not paid. The youth is Stephen J. Pylat, Jr., 21 years old, of 5561 Hartwell street, Detroit. He was charged with reckless driving. Detroit police court had suspended his operator's license.

Washed and Bluebird Eggs. New eggs every weekly. Leonard's Eggerie, 542 W. Maple.

Book Question In High School Before Voters

School Board Favors Abandoning Policy To Save Money

Birmingham voters will be asked to pass July 14 on another phase of policy: whether free text books should be abandoned in the high school grades.

Tuesday night, a resolution was adopted by the Board of Education recommending that the voters in the annual meeting discontinue the free-text-book policy in the six upper grades for reasons of economy.

It was evident that the Board was acting with the recent defeat of the two-mill issue in mind, although a year ago, the idea was broached.

Mack Outspoken

When the Recreation Commission asked that the hours of one janitor be changed to open and close Baldwin High during Friday night dances, Trustee H. Rees Mack was outspoken in his opposition.

"There's no question about the worth of the idea, but the people of this town have told us they don't want any more services. If I had it to do all over again, I would favor cancelling all contributions for the recreation program and add the money to some teacher's salary," he said.

Supt. Howard D. Crull, who made no recommendation one way or the other on the text book idea, estimated that the district would save about $3,000 a year by

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2nd Bike Mishap; Commission Acts to Uncover Dangers

Following another bicycle mishap, the City Commission took action Monday night, asking the Police Department to make a survey of hazardous intersections.

Referring to the death of William Barnes, 12 years old, struck June 10 at the Post Office corner, Commissioner Luther Hescock declared: "If there had been better visibility at that corner, the accident might not have happened. Parking at the corners should be prohibited, just as it is at Woodward and Maple."

Monday morning, a mishap occurred at Woodward avenue and Brown. Pat Welch, 13 years old, of 505 Townsend, was riding his bicycle south on Woodward at the Brown intersection. According to Patrolman Robert Aspell, John C. Allen, of 28975, driving north on Woodward, was turning onto Brown street when the collision occurred. The Welch boy's left arm broke a rear side window in the car and several stitches were required to close the cut; but except for that and a minor head bump, he was unhurt, his mother, Mrs. Patrick Welch, told The Eccentric next day.

The Commission concluded Monday night that a survey of the situation ought to be made.

Commissioner W. Coit Allee pointed out that another specific limit sign is needed on Adams south of the Maple intersection.

"People coming into town don't realize it," he said.

Garbage Collection Price Takes Jump

Birmingham citizens must pay almost double for their garbage collection service after July 1, it was determined at the City Commission meeting Monday night when a new franchise was approved.

There were only two bidders: Russell Brace, of route 1, Royal Oak, present contractor, and C. E. Hamilton, of 968 Smith street. Brace, who bid $5 cents a month, for three months for $1, last year, offered a new bid of 75 cents and $2. Hamilton, who held the franchise in 1939, offered to charge 60 cents a month, $1.50 for three months, and won the contract on that price. Brace, also, offered a three-month cancellation clause which Hamilton did not request.

The new franchise will extend to Jan. 1, 1943, or 18 months from the present expiration date, June 30, 1941. The City Administration has decided that the middle of the summer is a poor time to switch garbage contracts because of the confusion which always results.

City Manager Egbert said that both men have given good service in the past.

HORN-BLOWER ARRESTED

James D. Deneau, of 1007 South Chester street, was given a ticket by Bloomfield Hills police on Saturday for excessive horn-blowing on Hickory Grove road. He is to appear in court June 28.

That Prowler Still on Prowls

Birmingham's prowler is still at work. Some time Monday night he got into the home of Dr. D. Fraser McDonald, 644 Kennesaw, and took $13. He left no clue and a ring. Entry was gained by cutting a porch screen, the loss was not discovered until morning.

Early Saturday morning, Mrs. Edward Kvet, 208 Lincoln, reported a prowler outside her home. Mrs. Riley C. Staley, 711 Abbey road, called police last Friday the same complaint. A Riverside avenue woman told officers somebody was in the house, and Sunday cautiously "rushed" a bedroom only to find that it was her son who had come home unexpectedly.

Last Thursday, complaints came from Mrs. A. Underhill, 712 Fairfax, and from the Merritts, 250 Bedford.

At 2:30 a. m. Monday, Mrs. Ford Hanson, 951 Mohegan, called police when she heard a prowler.

Funeral Held For Frank Main

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Manley Bailey Funeral Home for Frank LeRoy Main, of 435 Linden road. Howard A. Chambers read a Christian Science service, and cremation was at White Chapel Memorial Park.

Mr. Main had lived in Birmingham just 21 years, and at the time of his death, held the position of vice-president and sales manager of the Thermoid Company, Detroit. He was a talented mechanical engineer, and possessed considerable inventive ability. Only last week he was granted another patent. He also was skilled in sales promotion.

Mr. Main was a member of the Christian Science Church in Jackson, and belonged to the Order of the Mystic Shrine, a Masonic organization.

Surviving are his widow, Mary Pattie Main; two sons, Donald Winston, of Jackson, and John W., at home; a daughter, Pattie, at home; his mother, Mrs. Emma Buell, of California, and a brother, Joseph Main, of Providence, R. I.

Mr. Main was born in Bells, Texas, on 1889. In 1915 he was graduated from Williams College, and later became married Miss Pattie Palo Alto, Calif. Before coming to Michigan in 1920, he was a resident of Providence, R. I.