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SIXTY-NINTH YEAR—NO. 9

City Prepares Program For Memorial Day

Major E. S. Sikorski Will Be Speaker At Morning Ceremonies

Plans for Birmingham's observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 30, are being completed today by a committee of members of the committee in an American Legion and Birmingham Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, headed by the pastor, the Rev. Corryell, of the Legion, who will serve as chairman of the program.

This same committee is arranging for the annual Memorial Sunday service, which this year will be held at the First Methodist church May 26 at 11 a. m., with the sermon by the pastor, the Rev. Arnold F. Runkle. There will be special music by the church choir.

For Memorial Day, 20, it is planned to have the program as follows: The program will be held at the Birmingham Municipal Building. The speaker of the day will be Major E. S. Sikorski, of the U. S. Army, a Lake road, veteran of the war in Europe, Africa and India.

The parade will move at 10:30 a. m. from in front of the Commercial building, then north on Brown to Woodward, then south to Maple, east to Pierce and west to the Municipal Building for the ceremonies of the day. Bruce Booth will be the official of the parade.

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Marcia Ann Loomis, Metropolitan Spelling Champion, Goes to Washington for Finals

Tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock in the auditorium of the National Press Club in Washington, D. C., little 13-year-old Marcia Ann Loomis will endeavor to spell down 23 other youngsters from various parts of the nation and win the National Spelling Championship.

Marcia, daughter of Mrs. Peter B. Loomis, 1648 Dorchester, and an 8th grade student at Barrum Junior High School, correctly spelled "piquant" to defeat James McCallum, 12, of South Lake School, St. Clair Shores, and became winner of the Detroit News Metropolitan Spelling Bee last Friday.

It was Marcia's third attempt and first triumph in the Metropolitan spelling bee. She won the district title in both 1943 and 1945. She was the first Metropolitan spelling champion the first year, moving to 4th place the next year.

Miss Anna McCormick, Marcia's 8th grade teacher at Barrum Junior High School, was the most poised and assured of the 23 contestants on the stage at the Detroit News Metropolitan Spelling Bee last Friday.

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Fire Causes \$1,000 Damage To Oakland Hills Country Club

Fire resulting from a blowtorch being used to remove paint caused approximately \$1,000 damage to the Oakland Hills Country Club last Monday afternoon, according to John Brennan, club manager.

Maintenance men working around the club immediately marshaled the club's fire fighting equipment and prevented the fire from spreading too far before it was extinguished with the aid of Birmingham Township fire department.

It is expected the damage will be completely repaired for a month due to material shortages, Mr. Brennan said.

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Use of Quonset Huts In Veterans Housing Is Approved By City

The government's plan to furnish Quonset huts to Birmingham to be erected and used in connection with the Veterans' Housing Program won approval of the City Commission, Monday night. But the Commission voted to secure government approval of a different site. The federal housing authorities had approved a site on East Lincoln and Eton road, which has drawn opposition from both property owners in that area and also members of the Commission.

Other sites to be offered for the project will be on property already owned by the city. It was indicated that the site finally selected will have water, electricity, sewer and other facilities and probably gas.

The proposed housing program was approved by the City Commission, the local businessmen's committee, the federal government's Veterans' Housing Program, and the federal government's Veterans' Housing Program.

The lots offered will be brought to Birmingham and erected by the city under the supervision of the federal government's Veterans' Housing Program.

Mr. Estes reported six new requests for housing had come in since the last meeting of the Commission.

Commissioner W. C. Allen offered the motion that the City Commission should be given the authority to purchase the site on East Lincoln and Eton road.

The commission moved unanimously to reconsider the motion and the proposed site on East Lincoln and Eton road.

At Monday's meeting nearly three hours were given to the study of the housing problem. A number of residents of the area in which it was proposed to locate the homes filed written objections.

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Government is Both a Benefactor and a Tyrant

This thing called Government is a mixture of all that is human. At times it is warm, sympathetic, filled with the mill human kindness.

At other times it is cold, unfriendly, even a tyrant. An area of the land may be the victim of a great earthquake, earthquake, or some other catastrophe; immediately Government will marshal all its every resource, calling upon the whole nation to lend a hand in providing food, clothes, housing, and kindred services.

A submarine may sink to the bottom of the ocean, and only once every resource of the U. S. Navy is made available in the rescue; the same would be true if but one man were missing, hoping remaining for his rescue.

Many times one or more men have been caught in mine disasters, and at once every national human resource would be made to get them to safety.

Yet, Government in times of crisis needs a Great Benefactor, at others it runs the gamut from that role down to most that is low and mean.

For example: the United States of America, for 14 years, has had a government which has been characterized by the following: it tolerated all that is evil in labor organizations, it tolerated all the various types of winning votes.

New Dealers may say that they really wanted to give the abundant life to "more people"; to be sure, many New Deal objectives were good, and still are; but one looks about his country today and appraises all the strife and friction, the constant bureaucracy, the increasing federal debt, the clash between management and labor, and the very Government that has given us this "abundant life" (in the name of "liberty")... well, one does not have the right to be a benefactor, but that is of Benefactor.

Yet if one of these businessmen were adrift on a raft on the ocean, and a government agency would rush to his rescue; the same consideration would be manifested for people in other emergency conditions... for the Tyrant would become a Benefactor.

What an inconsistency! What a paradox! What a calamity! Perhaps the explanation can be found in this fact: men and women, in the name, are without the ability, or even the desire, to work mutually for their progress and security, and those who hold the public office spend their time and effort in trying to hold on to it.

However, let us think I am too pessimistic; let me assure you that I believe mankind has a way out from the jungle to better things, and that is by following the step footpaths that lead up to the Highway of Civilization; that is, by following the step footpaths that lead up to the Highway of Civilization; that is, by following the step footpaths that lead up to the Highway of Civilization.

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Board Fills Four Teacher Vacancies

Four teachers were appointed to positions in the Birmingham public schools for the year 1946-1947 by the Board of Education at its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night.

Miss Annabelle Cripps, a graduate of Michigan State Normal College at Ypsilanti, and who has two years' teaching experience at Pigeon and Inland, Mich., was appointed instructor of the 2nd grade at Pierce School.

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Garden Committee Urges More People Raise More Food

With the possibility of further food rationing controls, and the critical shortage of wheat, it was pointed out today by the Birmingham Garden Committee that home grown fruits and vegetables would have to fill out the family menu this summer.

Victory in the fight against starvation abroad and achievement of a balanced diet at home is the slogan of Birmingham gardeners who have taken up their spades and rakes again this spring.

At Poppleton field community garden plots available for those given plots by Howard P. Estes, in charge of the project. According to Mr. Estes, there is yet land available which has been plowed and is ready for planting.

While the garden committee has not attempted this year to provide land, there are several community garden plots available for those who do not have their own land. Those who wish plowing may phone 1230 and leave their names. Ownership of vacant land which may be used by securing permission will be determined at the office of Elmer Haack, city assessor.

PAPER WILL BE LATE Because there will be no delivery of mail in Birmingham on Thursday, May 23, Memorial Day, subscribers will not receive their copy of The Eclectic until Friday morning.

The paper will be printed at the usual time Wednesday evening and sent to your homes for delivery when mail service is resumed after the one-day holiday.

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Pierce Addition Being Examined By School Board

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