I never see a baby but what I think of the tremendous duties of its parents, as they bring it from infancy to maturity; to the Mother, of course, come most of the chores and responsibilities—though both parents, by their example, do more than they think to mould the future of their offspring.

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THIS and THAT

By C. R. A.

Why Democracy Has Given Executive the Veto Power

You may, in many things, trust to the common sense of experienced people; to the everlasting credit of wise men in government, covering the cumulative knowledge of generations, democracy is, I more firmly believe, the best system ever devised by free men and women.

Consider, for example, one power that is vested in the Chief Executive, whether he be head of a State or of the entire nation; I refer to the power of veto.

Not until I had served through the recent legislative session as Governor Kim Sigler's executive secretary, where I had the opportunity to be in the midst of what was going on in Lansing, did I appreciate the veto power given by the people in their constitution.

Why, you may ask, can one man, though he be the Governor, override the vote of 100 representatives and 32 senators who have passed certain legislation by voting that vote? Why should a Governor veto one or more legislative Acts, as Sigler has done, and thus make null and void all the work that went into those Acts?

Well, Folks, the answer is simple.

Indeed, there are several answers, or reasons, why a Governor or the President should veto certain legislation.

Many Don't Know

There are some bills that get through legislatures, even Congress, without too many of the elected representatives and senators knowing to any great extent just what they voted for. I have heard Lansing newspaper correspondents declare that during the recent Michigan legislative session more than one bill was passed without a dozen men, from both houses, knowing what was in the bill; the remainder of the majority votes were cast in ignorance, or as favors to the introducer of the bill; also, because they wanted to please those favored by the bill.

There are bills passed simply because, in the traditional "horse trading and swapping" of legislative votes, John Doe will vote for Richard Roe's bill because John wants Richard to do likewise for one of John's bills—and there are many Johns and Richards in a Legislature or a Congress.

There is much confusion during legislative sessions, of course; the number of bills, covering as they do a wide variety of subjects and interests, is too much for the average legislator to know all about; he may depend upon some pal in the Legislature to give him the nod of "Yes" or "No" when the bill is voted on; he may, and often does, take the word of a committee chairman for advice on how to vote—with the net result, of course, that practically every Legislature enacts bills that find ready vetoes by the Executive.

Away from "Heat"

That is where, as I more fully see it now, the whole people have wisely reposed in a Governor or a President the power of the veto. For the Executive, away from the scramble of the legislative "heat" and confusion, has the time and the facilities to scan each act objectively, and to approve or disapprove accordingly.

True, even a veto may be overridden. Governor Sigler has, as I recall, vetoed 10 bills; but yet another wise provision has been inserted into state and national governmental Constitutions to make it possible for the legislature to override the veto by a two-thirds vote. So, this week, in the State Capitol, legislators may come back in sufficient numbers, if they wish, to override as many of Sigler's vetoes as they desire—which is the reason the Legislature always makes final adjournment after the statutory time has passed for a Governor to approve or disapprove of bills.

While the legislature, you remember, went home the first week in June, they did not adjourn for the final session until this week. All in all, the Governor approved 383 of the Legislature's Acts, vetoing 10 of them.

Need Better Society

Yes, Folks, more than at any time in my life I am convinced that our form of government is

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Floyd St. Hearing Adjourned 90 Days by City Commission

Floyd street residents want relief from flooded basements, not a paved street, they informed city commissioners Monday evening during a hearing concerning the proposed improvement.

When informed that the new pavement would not relieve the flooding which follows heavy rains, the commission postponed for 90 days further discussion on the matter until City Manager Donald C. Egbert reports on tentative sewer enlargements planned in the area north of Lincoln avenue, extending almost to Maple avenue.

Egbert pointed out that the Lincoln sewer, where emptied into the five-foot Woodward trunk sewer, was entirely inadequate to drain the area, which includes Floyd street.

Recreational Champs Are Determined

Checkers, Skating and Rope Jumping Contests Are Held

Warm weather this past week has been no handicap for the close competition which featured the first all-city playground tournaments held at Barnum school last week presenting the checker, roller skate and rope jumping champions of the city, according to Franklin Whitney, director of the city recreational program.

Tom Grimshaw, 14, of 677 Chapin street, came through without too much difficulty to become the checker champion. Tom is a 9-A student at Barnum.

Bonnie Dayton, 12, of 844 Pierce street, had a tough time eliminating Ann Rutlidge in the finals of the rope jumping contest, but Ann, who is also 12 and lives at 823 Pierce, came right back to become the city junior roller skating champ.

Award Special Emblems

Ann had to defeat Caroline Killing, Marjorie Richards, Pat Tierney, Susan Brennan, Bonnie Dayton, Earl Bresindine and Jerrry Cavet.

All-city champions are being awarded a maroon and white felt emblem for his or her efforts this year.

"Other tournaments have already been scheduled, Whitney said. "They are: Badminton, July 10; ping-pong, July 11; junior golf at Springdale Park, also July 11; junior tennis, July 14; marbles, July 17, and kite flying, July 18.

"All contests are open to Birmingham boys and girls without charge. Golfers must not be over 19 and all other tournament entrants must be below high school age," Whitney stated.

Tennis Tournament

A senior tennis tournament for the high school age and above will be held later on this summer. Balls will be supplied for the junior tennis tournament.

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Youth Is Killed Saturday Morning as Car Overturns

Francis H. Delahunty, Jr., 20 years old, of 248 S. Adams road, died at 1:05 a.m. Saturday in St. Joseph Mercy hospital as a result of injuries suffered when his automobile overturned in an accident on Woodward avenue just north of Lone Pine road in Bloomfield Hills.

State police said his car left the road, struck a lamp post and a tree and then overturned, pinning him underneath. Police, unable to determine the cause of the accident, believed he might have fallen asleep at the wheel.

He was born June 29, 1927, in Detroit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis H. Delahunty. His family moved to Birmingham in 1939 where he attended Baldwin High School and was a member of the Sportsman's club of Grayling.

Services Held Tuesday

He was a veteran of World War II, and was attending Highland Park Junior college.

He is survived by his parents, two sisters, Mrs. J. J. Zoller, Jr., of Birmingham, and Maureen, at home. Also surviving are his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Culhan of Highland Park; Mrs. Sarah Delahunty, Detroit, and a great grandmother, Mrs. Anna Vogt, of Detroit.

Rosary services was held at the Manley Bailey Funeral Home on Monday. Funeral services took place at Holy Name church at 10 a.m. Tuesday with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Hungarian Cardinal Pays Visit to St. Elizabeth's Home in Bloomfield

With only one day's stay in Detroit during his very brief visit to the United States, Joseph Cardinal Mindsyenty, Primate of Hungary, the first cardinal bishop of that country to ever visit the United States, greeted some eighteen Hungarians at the St. Elisabeth Briarbank Home for the Aged in Bloomfield Hills last Thursday afternoon.

"How fortunate you are that in a country like America you can enjoy the privileges of living comfortably and being so adequately taken care of," the Cardinal told those who thronged about him. "In bomb-ravaged Hungary no one has such opportunities," he remarked.

Speaking only in his native tongue, he commented on the beautiful grounds, and excellent facilities of the home.

Appreciate Help

After attending the Conference of Archbishops in Ottawa, Canada, recently, the Cardinal came to this country to express his thanks and appreciation to the Americans for their help to his countrymen during the war, and during the present difficult times.

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—Photo by H. P. Estes

Cardinal Mindsyenty

Latest Thing in Pumpers is the City's Newest Fire Wagon

—Photo by H. P. Estes

Fireman Joe Collins (left) helps Inspector Lee Carroll polish up the new 1000-gallon pumper which the Birmingham Fire Department received last week.

Police to Switch To New Wave Band Within 8 Months

Within the next eight months the Birmingham Police Department will have $3,500 worth of new broadcasting equipment in order to operate on the new police wave length in accordance with recent requirements of the Federal Communications Commission, City Manager Donald Egbert has announced.

"The entire matter of radio police equipment for Oakland County has been given considerable study and this has resulted in a plan whereby the Sheriff's Department and all municipal units from Birmingham north would be in the system using the same wave length and sharing times on the air," Egbert stated.

"It is contemplated that each unit will have their own broadcasting station rather than handling all messages through a central station in order that each unit may immediately contact their cars," Egbert continued.

Commission Approves

He also mentioned that these messages will be picked up by most of the cars in the north section of Oakland County and that there will be times when there will be a certain amount of interference.

"However," Egbert said, "the volume of business is not and will not be sufficient to cause difficulty, in the opinion of the officials setting up this system."

The units in the south half of Oakland County will also share one wave length.

A permit has been granted by the FCC, and which was approved by the city commission approximately six months ago, to begin construction to switch Birmingham equipment over to this new wave length.

Fire Dept. Considered

It is contemplated that the new equipment will be purchased and installed so the police department

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Smoke Fills Wabeek Building as Heater Becomes Draft Bound

The Wabeek Building was filled with smoke last Monday when the hot water heater became draft bound at 7:46 p. m., according to Chief Vernon Griffith of the fire department.

A draft was re-established by heating the chimney, and the stairway and upstairs foyer cleared of smoke, the department reported.

City Firemen Are Proud of Their New 'Number 3' Which Arrived Last Week

They've got a new "baby" over at the City Fire Department that has been receiving big smiles and hearing words of praise. She arrived last week and the boys in the department are still getting used to her.

The "baby," it might be explained, is the new, big, shiny 1,000-gallon-per-minute pumper, the latest in fire trucks, the boys proudly mention.

Built on the composite specifications from various fire departments over the country as to what a pumper should be, the new "Number Three' will replace the old 400-gallon-per-minute pumper, the chassis and cab of which will now be turned over to the city's forestry and parks department.

"In a city the area and population of Birmingham, we need bigger and better pumpers, and the new Number 3 will add greatly to the effectiveness of the department," Fire Chief Vern Griffith commented.

Protected Life Net

An inspection of the new vehicles reveals that the cab is located ahead of the front axle, providing the driver with 30 per cent more vision than in older style trucks.

Another extra feature is that it will hold five men rather than the two on the truck being disposed of.

The life net on the old pumper was not protected and thus the springs and fabrics were subjected to considerable weathering. The new truck has a special locker built to contain the net.

It also is built to draw water from hydrants or from a lake or stream if the need arises, the Chief pointed out.

Various members of the department have already been instructed on the proper use of the new truck and have taken it out on road tests to familiarize themselves with how it drives.

Band Program for Summer Announced by A. W. Berndt

Arnold Berndt, recreational instrumental music instructor, has announced the schedule for this summer's band program which begins July 14.

Classes for winds and strings will be held at 9 a. m. each week day. The 9:45 a. m. period will be devoted to the band number two groups and beginners, he has stated.

The 10:30 section will consist of all band number one members and the final morning period, at 11:15 will be for all orchestra members and drum majors.

Turnout Expected

A special feature of this year's program will be the night band which is open to all music players in Birmingham. It will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 in Hill School.

A large turnout is expected for Wednesday night's session to welcome back Berndt who has been conducting instrumental music activities at Michigan State College for the past three weeks.

The recreational department this week requested the work shop at Barnum School to limit class period attendance to 35 persons in order to avoid undue congestion and provide for closer individual supervision.

Each child will be limited to one project a day. This week's activity will consist mainly of building kites, nylon parachutes, stilts, leather and wood articles.

City Ordinances Will Be Checked for Revisions

Birmingham's ordinances are going to be brought up to date and kept filed in such a manner that will make it very easy to refer to them, city commissioners resolved Monday night.

They gave their approval to City Manager Donald C. Egbert's recommendation to have the city attorney check over existing ordinances for possible revisions or outdated provisions that should be repealed.

"The city now has on its books a number of old and obsolete ordinances that should be looked into for possible changes," Egbert outlined to commissioners.

Will Be Printed

He said that the water department ordinance, and ordinances governing zoning and a few other matters, have received quite a bit of recent attention.

Egbert asked, and was given, permission to make a compilation and classification of existing ordinances with the idea of having them printed after they had been brought up to date.

The work will not necessitate the changing of present ordinance numbers but only the addition of code numbers for easy reference, Egbert explained.

City Attorney Forbes S. Hascall was instructed to comb present ordinances and to suggest possible revisions. City Clerk Irene Hawley will determine the best method of coding the ordinances.

No Fireworks Yet, City Can't Start Starling Campaign

The city can't start its campaign to rid the community of thousands of starlings until it receives the shipment of fireworks it has ordered, City Manager Donald C. Egbert revealed Monday.

The city's strategy committee, which consists of practically anybody who has a possible answer on how to get rid of the blasted birds, thinks that some well aimed shots from a stack of Roman candles might be the answer.

"No one seems to have hit on the answer in other communities, but we'll keep trying here," Egbert declared.

Victor and Bluebird Records. New releases weekly. Leonard Electric, 162 W. Maple. adv. tf

Norge oil burning space heater, delivery. Heats five rooms. Sunand's, 162 West Maple. Immediate adv. tf

Man Leaves Own Skill Unrealized, Speaker Declares

Man, the human organism, has so cluttered his existence with mechanical specialized equipment that his human potential has remained largely unrealized, declared Genaro Florez, of Florez Incorporated, Detroit, in a talk at the Rotary Club luncheon at the Community House Monday noon.

To show how even our recreations tend to grow encumbered with mechanical aids, Florez exhibited an assortment of golf equipment, including all the varieties of tees and putters currently in use. It formed an impressive array.

"We've been paying so much attention to tools and equipment with which to simplify, amplify, or replace human effort," Florez said, "that we've forgotten to keep our eye on the human ball—on the undeveloped possibilities of the man himself.

No Substitute for Skill

"There is no substitute," he said, "for carefully developed fundamental skill. And that is not only especially applicable to golf—it applies to every activity.

"Man as a human entity remains unmapped, unexplored. We have only made random samplings of his store of energies and talents, while expending our main efforts on electronic, atomic fission, and other non-human fields.

"The creative possibilities present but undeveloped in the familiar relationships of father and son, teacher and student, employer and employee, are only beginning to be sensed."

Cites Corrective Measures

Turning his attention to industry, Florez said that not merely strikes were costly in man-hours, but goldbricking, lack of interest and effort, lack of know-how, and excessive turnover in personnel.

As a corrective measure, Florez, whose organization specializes in training and promotion, recommended a four-point program:

1. Picking the right man for the right job with as much scientific care as we now use in selecting raw materials for fabrication.

2. Providing proper rewards in direct compensation and also in opportunities for promotion, personal prestige, and esteem.

3. Furnishing adequate training in what to do and how to do it, which involves the use of personnel skilled in transmitting such information effectively.

4. Intelligent understanding direction of human effort—in the

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Secretary of State Branch Office Planned for City

A branch office of the Michigan Secretary of State's office will be established in Birmingham within a few weeks, it was disclosed this week by a representative of the Secretary of State's office.

This official also stated that the individual who will manage the Birmingham office already has been determined. When final details are completed for the local office, full details will be made available, he added.

Roof Fire Causes $1000 Damage to Oak Street Home

A roof fire at the home of Thomas Thurber, 664 Oak street, last Thursday morning caused an estimated $1,000 loss, fire department officials reported this week.

The fire, which burned away approximately one-fourth of the roof, was caused by sparks from papers burning in the furnace, Fire Chief Vern Griffith stated.

Believed to have been smouldering for some time, the fire was noticed by neighbors who notified the fire department.

School Board Seeks Other Locations for Bus Garage

An attempt is being made this week to determine another location for the school bus garage which the Birmingham Board of Education proposed to place on the Pierce school site, Dr. John H. Springman, assistant superintendent of schools, stated Monday afternoon.

"We have been offered a couple of alternative sites which Ernest W. Seaholm, president of the board, is now looking over," Springman declared.

Residents Protest

Residents in the Pierce School area have vigorously protested the construction of the bus garage just north of the Pierce Athletic Field.

Construction of the building was already under way before homeowners in the area protested to the city zoning board of appeals which, in a hastily convened special meeting Saturday, June 28, agreed with the residents that the garage was not the type of building that could be erected on this site under provisions of the zoning ordinance.

The two possible alternatives which Seaholm is investigating are the location of the garage either on school property immediately across Pierce street from the school, or on city-owned property on Eaton road where the city maintains garage facilities for its vehicles.

Rest of District Involved

"Should the board decide that neither of these solutions is practical, then it may be that $17,500 worth of buses may be left out in the open until some answer is provided," Springman stated.

Several school officials questioned the advisability of 40 or 50 members of the school district being able to impose their desires on the more than 10,000 other members of the school district who have an equal interest in the preservation of their tax dollars as represented by the investment in the buses.

"Perhaps these Pierce street residents think that the garage will become a major repair unit with all its accompanying nuisances," one official mentioned. "It should be remembered that the school system has its repair shops up at Hill School."

Far Reaching Effects

Some school officials believe that the city government itself may discover that it will become entangled in the ruling of the zoning board if the city should run counter to the wishes of surrounding property owners in contemplating such things as new water towers, pump houses, etc.

"It may prove to have far reaching effects, not only for the school board but the city as well," one official observed.

Franklin Area Dial Service By January 1

'Longacre' Will Be Name of Exchange, Announces Fauser

Sometime between November 1 and the first of next year, the West Bloomfield telephone exchange will be in operation, thus marking the first step in switching the Birmingham - Bloomfield Hills area over from manual to dial operation, it was revealed this week by Walter B. Fauser, manager of Michigan Bell's Birmingham office.

The West Bloomfield exchange, located on Middlebelt road between 14 Mile and Maple, is nearing completion, Fauser stated, and barring any unusual and unforseen circumstances, installation of the automatic dial equipment is expected to be completed before the first of the year.

According to Fauser, the new dial system will have a "Longacre" exchange, and will include the approximate area bounded by Orchard Lake, 13 Mile, Telegraph and Long Lake roads.

New Cabling Required

Before the new $12,000 BI

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Ask That Stores Consider Close on Wed. Afternoons

During the months of July and August, the Retail Merchants Association board of directors has recommended that local business establishments adopt the general practice of Wednesday afternoon closings, it has been announced.

The recommendation was made in an endeavor to have as many stores as possible close at the same time to prevent shopping confusion on the part of customers, Foster Toothacker, association president, explained.

"Banks and hardware stores have already announced they will be closed on Wednesday afternoons," he said.

A number of other Birmingham stores have been closing Wednesday afternoons for some time.

Owe It to Public

Toothacker indicated that next fall the association will try to promote a program aimed at the elimination of the general helter-skelter store opening and closing hours that now exist.

"It is my opinion that store owners owe it to their shopping public to make it as easy for them to shop as possible. One of the first things they must do to achieve this is to establish more regularity in the over-all picture," he declared.

Toothacker also revealed that the association is now making plans for its usual Christmastide activities, consisting of a children's party, downtown Yuletide decorations and a residential decoration contest.

Detroit Youth Pleads Guilty in Gem Robbery

A 23-year-old Detroit youth yesterday morning pleaded guilty in Oakland County Circuit Court to a charge of breaking and entering the home of Fred D. Keller, 6000 Wing Lake road, where he made off with more than $10,000 worth of jewelry.

The youth was identified by Prosecutor Clyde D. Underwood as Richard R. Rich, 1124 W. Philadelphia, Detroit.

Judge George B. Hartrick set July 18 as the date of sentence. The crime carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison, Underwood explained.

According to Underwood, the Detroit boy was arrested by Highland Park police early Saturday morning on a minor charge. In tracing a gun they found on him, police learned it was the one stolen from the Keller home at the time the gems were taken.

Highland Park detectives, in searching Rich's place of residence, came upon the stolen jewelry.

Highland Park police turned Rich over to Oakland County police officials for prosecution.

Asks People Not to Dispose of Branches From City Trees

Persons who feel they are doing someone a favor by picking up and disposing of branches that have been left by the wind on city trees should leave the branches as close to the tree as possible and report the fact to the Municipal Building, Forester John Johonnot, advised Tuesday afternoon.

"Most likely the tree from which the branch was blown is in need of other care to prevent it from dying or falling apart," he explained.

He asked persons discovering fallen branches to leave them as near the place they fell as safety permits, and to call the Municipal Building immediately, leaving their name and address.

This will enable an inspection to be made of the tree, Johonnot said.

Appears That Birmingham Is One of Few Towns Not Reporting 'Flying Discs'

By George Wm. Averill

Seen any flying discs lately? Well, neither have we.

In fact, since no local resident has even so much as intimated that he might have seen these peculiar flying objects, it is to be assumed that the flying discs are not interested in Birmingham, Michigan.

That alone, it might be reasoned, would make a newsworthy item since practically every other community in the nation has at one time or another in the past few days reported the objects overhead.

Just Some Jazz Records

But the discs came close to Birmingham, if Tuesday's account by a Pontiac man can be believed. He said he saw them while he was boating on nearby Orchard Lake. He even snapped a picture of the objects he said he saw.

One local chap, when he saw the reprint in a Detroit afternoon newspaper, declared, "Phooey; someone undoubtedly sailed a couple of those lousy jazz records off the clubhouse porch toward the lake."

Lots of people claim to have seen the discs—people in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, New York, the North, the South, the East, the West.

Army Gets One

Some say they're a few inches in diameter, some say they're as big as a house.

Day time, night time they've been seen flying across the heavens.

And all colors, too.

Australians and British Islanders now claim to have seen them streaking through the air above their countries.

Where do they come from? Is the U. S. government experimenting with some more atomic stuff? Or is Russia, like some claim, using the U. S. for a proving

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