I have always observed that when a person seeks to gain something by unethical, unfair means, Life finally exacts the inevitable penalty. It may take many years, or just a few hours; but the Law of Right can never be denied its day in court.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

That cake being prepared for the wedding of Britain's Princess Elizabeth to Lt. Philip Mountbatten promises to be a four-decker, replete with about everything that frosting can be worked into—the latter to reveal in the baker's sculpture much of British history. It is to be hoped that no heavy trucks pound past the baker's ovens as the stuff is cookin'.

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The world's three greatest cut-ups have been named by the International College of Surgeons. Unlike Tommy Manville, however, this trio confines its activities right on top of the (operating) table.

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It never can be said that, dur-ing the Detroit 1947 municipal primary election only a few citizens were willing to give their lives for the Common Council. With only 24 officials to be elected, 205 names were on the bed-sheet ballot. It sure takes lotta paper to clean up Detroit's governmental mess, doesn't it?

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A well known commentator last Sunday night predicted that there will be no war between the U.S.A. and Soviet Russia for at least three years, and it's about time the American people were given the real facts on this subject?

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Michigan faces in the very near future the problem of raising more taxes to carry on State public services. You'll be hearing more details about this as the ranks roll on toward the special session of the Legislature, to be called some time after January 11, 1948.

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It is going to cost the taxpayers of the Birmingham public school district more than $800,000 to carry on for the next year. That's a lot of money, of course; but when compared to what properly educated youth can do in the next generation, it is cheap. I've always held that the schools should have more of the national income to spend on the right kind of education—and am still hoping for that "right kind" to come into existence.

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Since serving Gov. Kim Sigler as his executive secretary Dan Jansing, starting last January 1, I have come to this conclusion: There are as many good and poor employees in government as there are in private industry; they reveal about the same characteristics in public office as outside it; there are loyal, unselfish, and devoted public employees, just as the same type is found in private employment. In other words, human beings are the same, wherever you find them.

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A lot of new Michigan laws will go into effect Friday, Oct. 12, a minute after the clock strikes midnight. They were enacted this winter and spring by the Michigan Legislature. If they do not interfere with some of your own vested interests or rights, you'll approve of them; if one or more of them does, you'll probably be offended. That's the privilege, and the heritage, in a democracy, to be helped or hindered by new legislation; however, it can be said that those offended will be motivated by more selfishness than humanitarianism. This especially will include labor union leaders—even though most of the rank and file of union men will praise the new Michigan labor laws.

Students Delayed 20 Minutes Till Door Is Finally Opened

Excitement prevailed for 20 minutes last week Wednesday morning as Miss Lyla McCormick and her 7B students tried unsuccessfully to open a balky classroom door.

The bell rang at 11:30 a. m., as usual. The youngsters started to leave their class, as usual.

And at that point the unusual stepped in: the door refused to open.

Miss McCormick tried to budge it; various students also tried, but to no avail.

School Principal Miles W. Robinson attempted to get the door open from the hallway side.

Finally, after 20 minutes, school janitors released the students and Miss McCormick by taking the door off its hinges.

Latest reports indicate that no one has yet discovered why the door refused to open.

Gra-Y Clubs Plan Visit to Factory

Gra-Y club members, under the leadership of Ed Kibert, will tour the Coach Division of General Motors at Pontiac tomorrow morning. The group will leave at 8:40 a.m. from the Greyhound station and return by noon. Roger Emmert, local resident, will be host to the boys.

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Better Education Results if Parents, Teachers Cooperate

(Editor's Note: The Eccentric has asked Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of Birmingham schools, for his opinion concerning the responsibilities and obligations which the general public and public school teachers owe one another in mutually solving the problem of teachers' salaries, quality of instruction and other related matters in order that the American school system will continue to be the bulwark of American democracy. Dr. Ireland's article follows.)

By Dr. Dwight B. Ireland
Birmingham Superintendent of Schools

Teachers' salaries have been the focus of attention over recent years. The inadequacy of their financial remuneration has been brought to the attention of every lay person by articles in all the leading newspapers, periodicals, newsreels, and radio. As a result, there seems to be little question in the mind of anyone as to the need for improvement in teachers' salaries.

This situation has been further emphasized by the acute shortage of teachers. Enrollment in colleges of education throughout the country has been inadequate to take care replacement needs, and thousands of positions are filled by persons who are inadequately prepared to educate the youth of this land.

Legislatures have been aroused to the need for action, and minimum salaries of twenty-four hundred dollars a year have passed by many states, as well as increased appropriations in practically every state. As a result of all this, salaries have taken a sharp upward trend and many measures have been proposed to make the teaching profession more attractive to young people.

Quality of Instruction

As an aftermath of this movement, attention is being focused upon the quality of instruction. New York has passed legislation which requires communities to consider merit in teaching as a prerequisite for salary increases. It would seem reasonable that improved salaries should bring about increased efficiency in the instruction of boys and girls.

Some educators feel that the public must recognize the fact that this cannot take place immediately. Teaching has reached a low level in that it has not attracted the best minds into the profession in recent years, and it will take time to eliminate the need for employing persons with special certificates who are inadequately prepared for the responsibilities of the classroom.

There are also teachers of average ability who are retained because better prepared persons are

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Community Asked to Cooperate in Clothing Drive

Birmingham residents will have the opportunity to bring all their usable clothing and shoes to the schools in their districts on next Wednesday, October 15, in the third annual "Bundle Day" established through the cooperation of the Birmingham schools and the Save the Children Federation, Birmingham branch.

The goal of this year's drive will follow the simple plan of last year's effort. Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of Birmingham schools, will send home with each child a directive including the appeal as well as suggestions for bringing usable and outgrown clothing and shoes in as good condition as possible to save extra handling in New York City where the Birmingham bundles will be sent via ship across the Atlantic to Europe.

Try for New Record

Both Ireland and Mrs. Rudolph E. Cole, local president of Save the Children Federation, look for even greater cooperation this year.

Mrs. Esch said, "We would certainly like to top the thousand pounds of clothing and thousand pairs of shoes collected in the past two drives. The need of winter school clothes in the European schools is appalling and every piece donated by Birmingham families will be precious.

"The thank you letters that pour back to our American families and school children attest to this deep gratitude experienced by those who receive our cast-off but still usable clothing and shoes. Save the Children Federation has clothing centers in France, Belgium, Holland, Poland, Finland, and new centers being opened in Greece where baby clothing is the most sorely needed."

Each school will have its own Student Save the Children Committee which will receive all bundles any time on October 15th, and assist the volunteer workers of the Save the Children Federation who will supervise the packing and coming as well as of labeling the boxes which will go off from every cooperating school direct to New York City for re-shipment.

List Volunteers

Those volunteers serving are: Baldwin High School, Mrs. Walter Ross; Barnum school, Mrs. Eduard Mathieu; Pierce school, Mrs. Chalmers Smith; Adams school and Apple Orchard school, Mrs. Graham Shinnick; Quarton school, Mrs. Frederic W. Sevin; Bloomfield Village School and Bloomfield Hills High school, Mrs. James P. Mit-

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Mt. Clemens, Baldwin in Scoreless Tie

By Gerry Hughes

"Feudin', fussin', and a fightin'," best describes the Maples' first away football classic as they plugged the roving Bathers of Mt. Clemens for a scoreless tie last Friday afternoon on the latter's field.

Playing their first Eastern Michigan League game, the Maroon gridmen made true the adage "Where there's a will there's a way," in a slam bang battle, in which advantage changed hands three or four times during the encounter.

Outplayed in the first half, the Maples came back fighting to give the Mt. Clemens' ground gainers nothing but a brick wall to pound against as their unconquerable spirit stopped the Bathers cold.

The closest either team came to scoring in the first half was in the second quarter when Reggie Trombley, Mt. Clemens' scatter, back, whizzed around the Maple end to bring the ball to the 11-yard stripe. A pair of costly fumbles followed, dealing a fatal blow to the Bathers' scoring possibility.

Inspired Maple Team

Throughout the entire first half Trombley's rocketing end runs combined with Fred Listenbee's steamrolling drives through center proved to be the force that rocked the Maples continually.

A changed and inspired 11 met the Bathers in the second half as the charging Maple forward wall shattered the Mineral boys' offensive attack. Aided by some mysterious inspiration, Maple backs, George Burdick and Walt Bodle began passing their way down the field with a successful aerial attack. However numerous penalties hindered Birmingham's chance to tally.

Playing neck-to-nose race ended with Mt. Clemens taking the lead statistically while Birmingham matched the Bathers in the score column.

Gigantic 14½ Foot Sunflower Grown by Fred Mallender

On display at The Eccentric's business office for the past three days has been a gigantic 16-inch sunflower, grown in the garden of Fred Mallender, 1444 Chesterfield road.

It is the same sunflower which Mallender reported to The Eccentric some weeks ago.

"I had to cut the thing down to measure it," he explained, "and it had grown to a height of 14 feet 7 inches."

The stalk at the base of the plant measured three inches in diameter, while just below the flower it was one and a half inches through.

"The leaves, many of them, measured 21 inches in length and 19 inches at the widest part," Mallender pointed out.

A little fertilizer around the base of the plant on the first of the season, then lots of water during the dry summer days is what Mallender claimed produced the giant blossom.

Before he left The Eccentric office, he plucked a couple of seeds from the face of the flower.

"Maybe I can grow these seeds to grow an even larger plant next year," he confided.

Candidate Pastor at Baptist Church

The Rev. Emil Kontz of Chicago, will preach at the First Baptist Church Sunday, according to an announcement made by George Goodwin, chairman of the pulpit committee.

Mr. Kontz, who comes as a candidate pastor, will also conduct the mid-week prayer services Wednesday evening. The church congregation will vote, at a later date, as to whether or not a call will be extended to him to become the regular pastor.

U. S. Must Be Prepared, Says Gen. Reinhart

Nation Has Yet to Evaluate Lessons Shown by History

"A fool just repeats his mistakes, while a wise man learns from them—are we Americans fools or wise men when it comes to the matter of universal military training for the youth of the nation?" Maj. Gen. Stanley E. Reinhart (retired) demanded of Birmingham Rotary club members at their Monday noon luncheon.

"Throughout American history, we have always made ourselves an easy mark for potential enemies by practically disbanding our military forces after each conflict," General Reinhart emphasized to his audience.

He was introduced by Dr. Edson K. Pool.

Tracing America's battles from the Revolutionary War up to the present time, the General pointed out where the United States relaxed almost completely after each fight and made no effort to dissuade foreign powers from contemplating other attacks.

Matter of Luck

"It is only by pure luck that we won the wars in which our nation found itself engaged," the speaker said.

"Because the pioneer had to know how to use a rifle to keep himself and his family alive, we were able to defeat the British and become a nation. Our armed merchant marine in 1812 and our trained sailors won that war for us. Lincoln, for all his wisdom, believed that 50,000 men in 90 days could subdue the Southern states. A comparatively small group of West Point graduates won the Mexican War for us.

"We had a weak enemy during the Spanish-American war. Industrial might favored us in the two World Wars. But we never learned our lesson from any of them," Reinhart pointed out.

Get What We Ask For

He believes the American citizen made Pearl Harbor possible. "You and I got what we asked for by not being prepared. Your agents protective—the Army and Navy—were not provided with the proper and the quantity of materials to do the job at that time," he declared.

"An insurance-minded people like the American should certainly provide themselves with the military tools with which to prevent aggression, he stated.

"We insure our houses, our cars and our lives against calamity. Why don't we learn our lesson from history and insure the safety of our country, too?" he wanted to know.

Admitting that such an organization as the United Nations would be the ultimate solution to the world's problems, he said, "We cannot, however, strip our nation of its military might until such a means of settlement becomes an established, working fact."

Needs Military Training

A man cannot become a soldier overnight, General Reinhart emphasized.

"He needs the training that will enable him to fit into a military program which is flexible; one would if he knew nothing about it. We made many mistakes in the

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Time to Consider Christmas Mailing to Overseas Areas

Christmas is coming along with its usual speed and those servicemen overseas will miss out on their gifts if residents don't take heed of the advice from the Birmingham Post Office.

Parcels for overseas should be mailed between October 15 and November 15. Those mailed later than November 15 stand the chance of not arriving in time.

Parcels mailed for delivery in Japan, Korea, and the islands in the Pacific should be mailed as early as possible during the period stated, preferably not later than November 1 in view of distances involved.

It is also suggested that parcels for Navy and Marine Corps personnel, serving in the most remote areas, be mailed not later than October 15.

About Christmas Cards

Christmas cards may be sent at any time but it one wants to be sure of a pre-Christmas arrival he should mail it before the 15th of November.

Parcels should not weigh over 70 lbs. nor be more than 100 inches in length and girth combined. The services provide food and clothing so it is suggested that the public eliminate such articles as gifts. Limiting Corps personnel, serving in the most remote areas, be mailed not later than October 15.

Each box should be very strong and tied with heavy string or cord, preferably by four separate pieces, two lengthwise and two crosswise, knotted at crossings. Wrap articles with sufficient cushioning so that contents will be tightly packed to prevent their rattling or loosening.

Speaks Saturday

Russell Barnes

Student Delegates to Hear Address by Russell Barnes

By Dick Adams

Russell Barnes, celebrated foreign affairs commentator and local townsman will be guest speaker at the fall conference of the Eastern Michigan Congress of Student Governments Saturday, October 18, when delegations from the six league schools will gather at the Birmingham Community House for the third meeting of the organization.

Born in Huntington, Indiana, Barnes graduated from high school there and worked on the Huntington Press during his high school days.

While attending the University of Michigan he worked on student publications and wrote the books of two Michigan Union operas, "George Did It" and "Top of the Morning", produced in 1921, with Thomas Dewey of Owosso, now governor of New York, singing the principal role.

Becomes Political Writer

Immediately after graduation, he began his journalistic career as a reporter on The Detroit News, specializing in political news. Assigned to Paris in 1925, he had the run of the continent of Europe for six years.

Back in the states four years and with a year as a Washington correspondent, in 1937 he organized and became secretary-reporter of the Detroit committee on foreign relations, of which Lieutenant General William S. Knudsen was then chairman.

Returns to Washington

November 2, 1942, he left the News for three years of work for the Office of War Information, beginning in New York, whence he broadcast news of America to foreign countries by short wave.

He was later sent to Egypt and then to Algiers, where he became director of the pyschological warfare branch of the staff section of Allied Forces' headquarters in the Mediterranean area.

Barnes commanded some 4,600 American, Franch, Italian and British army men and civilians in the conduct of psychological warfare; he was responsible for the overall distribution of news in Italy, the distribution of nearly all anti-Nazi propaganda leaflets by airplane, and the operation of a dozen radio stations and five mobile units.

Public Invited to Meeting

He resigned from his wartime positions in October, 1945, and upon his return to Washington was awarded the war department's Exceptional Civilian Service Emblem. He was the third civilian outside the employ of the war department ever to receive this distinction.

Since early in 1946, Barnes has covered the United Nations' Conferences in New York and London as well as the Paris Peace Conference. He returned to Detroit as the only correspondent from Michigan to report the meeting of the Big Four foreign ministers in Moscow and is now in New York to cover the present United Nations session.

Inasmuch as the Eastern Michigan Congress of Student Governments is fortunate in having such an outstanding speaker, the Birmingham public is cordially invited to hear Barnes's morning address.

Anyone interested in acquiring one of the limited number of guest tickets, should phone 825 or 364 between 8:30 and 11:30 a. m. and 12:30 and 3:30 p. m. any weekday except Saturday.

Bloomfield Hills PTA Group to Be Formed Next Thursday Night

Parents and teachers of the Bloomfield Hills school district will meet at the Vaughn School at 8 p.m. next Thursday, Oct. 16, for the purpose of forming a parent-teacher organization, it was revealed this week.

About 80 representative parents and teachers met last week at the home of Dr. Harry G. Clark on Lahser road to outline tentative plans for the next meeting.

It is planned to have a speaker for the October 16 meeting at the school.

All parents and teachers in the school district are urged to attend this meeting.

Schools Close Oct. 9-10 for Conference

Teachers to Attend the Annual MEA Meeting in Detroit

Birmingham school children will be given a two-day vacation this week Thursday and Friday as the system's 125 teachers attend the annual Region Six Conference of the Michigan Education Association to be held in Detroit October 9 and 10.

Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, Birmingham superintendent of schools, will speak before a group this afternoon which meets to discuss local, state and federal finance. Ireland will discuss local school finance.

Three other members of the local school system will participate in afternoon sessions today.

E. A. Hubbard, chemistry instructor at Baldwin, will serve as chairman of the section which will discuss retirement. Miles W. Robinson, Barnum Jr. High principal, will lead the section considering vocational counselling and guidance.

Five Counties in Region

Miss Muriel Brusie, girls counsellor at Barnum, will speak at the vocational section meeting on, "Guidance Practices in Birmingham."

Teachers from five southeastern Michigan Counties will be assembled in Detroit for the Conference.

An extensive program of speakers has been scheduled for the Conference. It will be headlined by Robert Kazmayer, author, news commentator, who will discuss "What Russia Means to Us." Eugene B. Elliott, state superintendent of public instruction, and Mary Ellen Lewis, president of the Michigan Education Association, both will address general programs of the Conference.

Another headline speaker to appear in Region Six is Mrs. Eslanda Goode Robeson, noted anthropologist and author. Mrs. Robeson's talk will be titled "The Negro in the Pattern of World Affairs."

Royal Oak Choir

Music for the general programs will be furnished by the Royal Oak High School A Cappella Choir, directed by B. Bruce Feighner, and the Northwestern High School Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Stacey Edwards. Group singing at the General sessions will be led

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Birmingham Group Leads Area in Y Membership Drive

Reverend James W. Wright, chairman of the 'Y' membership drive, reports that the Birmingham Branch is out in front among the 10 Metropolitan Detroit YMCA branches on their goal of 4012 new members with 73 per cent of their goal of 100 obtained. The drive ends Saturday, October 18.

John Maynard, local resident who is chairing the membership campaign and the committee for the 'Y' Assembly to 'Advance to '52' said this about the future course of the YMCA:

"Tuesday night the efforts, plans, hopes, and visions of approximately 200 of our strongest 'Y' laymen were presented to us in blue-print form out of which will develop the future stature and service of the Detroit 'Y' and to the welfare of our community.

Purpose of Occasion

"It is the purpose of this occasion that we turn their theories to truths; their hopes to possibilities; their hopes into happenings; their aspirations into the inspiration to begin now to realize the goals they have set in the Detroit 'Y' 'Advance to '52" program.

"The second purpose of this meeting and the one job of immediate concern which I have the privilege of being chairman, is to further the 1947 membership enrollment. This first step in our 'Advance to '52' is the start and heart of the Centenary program. Without additional membership and lay leadership our expansion program cannot be effectively implemented.

"It is not the usual procedure for the YMCA to have a membership campaign. Only always a worthy effort carefully considered, properly timed, devotedly supported, expertly lead. This campaign meets all these conditions, Maynard stated. Each of us here can feel a part of a great and essential movement of men and boys and know we have the backing of capable staff, counsel and campaign strategy as we set out to meet, the genuine need of others and of our community by enrolling members into the YMCA.

Peace Demands Leadership

"These are times when we want to strengthen and fortify personal elements of good character and those institutions that develop Christian manhood. Our community needs to further the efforts and influences and support those individuals and organizations who are striving to bring a better understanding among men. Our world at peace demands a leadership of stamina and Christian stature.

Parking Ordinance Discussed; Further Study is Required

Birmingham's proposed off-street parking ordinance, revamped to include previous study and criticism, was given a working over by city commissioners and a small number of public representatives Monday evening in an attempt to arrive at a solution to present and future parking congestion problems within the city.

Monday's discussion was limited to the proposed requirements for residential and industrial zoning areas. Commissioners agreed that the present downtown parking problems and their proposed treatment would result in enough discussion in itself to require an entire separate evening meeting.

The commission set November 3 for another hearing on the ordinance.

Designed to regulate future residential building in Birmingham, the ordinance would require a stipulated area for parking of motor vehicles, as well as create public parking lots in the downtown area.

Industrial Requirements

Both commissioners and members of the public agreed that residential building should be made to provide parking places, the amount of space depending on whether the property was improved with a single residence or multiple dwelling.

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Admits Charter Violation

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On the three streets for which Corson gave cost estimates for the buying and spreading of the gravel, the figures were: Bennaville, 669 cu. yds. at $1,204.20; Chapin, 912 cu. yds. at $1,641.60, and Cummings, 186 cu. yds. at $334.80.

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Plans Further Discussion

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Admits That City Charter Was Violated

City violation of a charter provision which required that public improvements costing over $500 must first be advertised, was admitted by City Manager Donald C. Egbert at Monday evening's city commission meeting.

He referred to the current project on Grant, Bennaville, Chapin, and Cummings streets where the city is laying gravel roadbed prior to further improvement with a 2-inch asphalt surface to be put down by a contractor.

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Confirm Quarton Project; Abandon Paving of Floyd

Following confirmation by the city commission of the assessment district for the construction of a combined sewer and the West Maple from Fairfax to the River Rouge, City Manager Donald C. Egbert said that a contract for the sewer construction would be let sometime this winter in order to get the project completed early next spring in an attempt to head off future flooding of basements in that area.

Commissioners confirmed the assessment district with payments to be spread over a one year period.

"This will enable the city to get half the money for the project in within the next 30 days, and these funds will permit the city to proceed almost immediately on the Maple sewer," Egbert explained.

Two Sewers in Project

The improvement includes combined sewers down both West Maple and on Pine Street, Fairfax to the Rouge and Quarton Lake, respectively, at a total estimated cost of slightly more than $43,000.

Thomas H. Adams, 746 Puritan, spoke for seven property owners at the north end of Puritan just below Oak street.

According to Adams, these seven properties have natural surface drainage to the north and south and therefore he believes the properties should not have been included in the assessment district.

He said that they are now served by storm and sanitary sewers which do not contribute to the congestion to the south during periods of heavy rainfall.

Abandon Floyd Paving

City Assessor Elmer Haack and Egbert explained that the seven lots could be considered as part of the district since none of them would have access to street storm sewer drainage unless it was across private property.

In another improvement which came before the commission Monday evening for hearing, commissioners abandoned the proposed paving of Floyd street between Lincoln and George.

Egbert explained that most of the property owners have objected to the improvement since the original petition was brought in.

"They now find themselves in the Lincoln-Purdy sewer assessment area and feel that two assessments at the same time would be rightly excessive," stated the manager.