

If all life was smooth, even without a few detours and rough spots, it would be an uninteresting travel as a stretch of straight, level ground. We need the bumps—that's why we need spiritual shock absorbers.

WHAT

By G. R. A.

"...where you may unbosom and be kind!"

In the passing of Babe Ruth, baseball's most recent immortal, millions of Americans found a natural outlet for the expression of the human quality of adoration and hero-worship. Many at times hard and callous to the sentiment of life and living, found in Ruth's departure an opportunity for the release of thoughts and feelings that, when expressed, made them a bit happier for the outpouring.

There is, I have found over many years of observation and experience, a deep yearning within normal folk to want to be proud of something or somebody; to want to stand before the living reality of the past and feel the thrill and gain the emotional thrill from so doing.

There is, of course, much to be said for such an experience. Mankind cannot "live on bread alone." There are deeper portions of his nature which require nourishment, and the contribution that Babe Ruth made to baseball and to that greatest heritage of all people: their kids—these things created within millions the spontaneous response that followed Ruth's passing.

It all reminds me of something I committed to memory many years ago: "Love some one, in God's name, love some one, or this is the least of the inner life, without which a part of you will starve and die. And, though you think you must start, start hard, in your daily life of affairs, make for yourself some little corner in this great world where you may unbosom and be kind!"

Typical of America
For a time, at least, American radio fans may be wooed by the "backlog" of programs being currently by certain programs. While, in a way, the stunt is a form of publicity, the Federal Communications Commission cannot do to control it; Congress, it appears, not long ago removed such authority from the Commission—though neither agency of government recalls why it did so.

While the federal government has "newspapers" mailed to its subscribers, the mail is for its advertising lotteries or any form of game, the FCC is without the regulation of the same. Confronted with a comparable problem, in the meantime, untold millions of Americans will hope that they become the recipients of the variety of prizes offered on these "lotteries." Come to think of it, isn't that a typical part of America?

The Martins and The Starlings
The starlings and the martins for years have perched in local trees; they make a lot of raucous noise and tantalize the girls and boys as everybody sees. Now I don't know the cure to use to get these birds to leave; if I had, I could tell you. I only can perceive the final way to keep them out of your home or rain will be to wrap the trees all up in heaps of cellophane.

Local Nostalgia
With much personal regret, this week I am bidding adieu to the Eccentric's out-of-town mailing list... a name to whom this list is being turned over. I have gone for many years, with the compliments of the publisher.

With her passing will be recalled, by many local old-timers, many early memories of a Birmingham that was once a bustling Detroit suburb. Like most of the automobiles were few, and hitchhiking posts plenty, when great old folks would be seen on the main avenue; when most local folks were the other folk... Ladies and Gentlemen, was before the Atomic Age.

Yield Right-of-Way to Pedestrians, Motorists Warned

Failure to yield right-of-way to pedestrians, motorists warned, will result in a \$10 fine to in-hurry motorists, Ralph Moxley warned this week.

"We have been getting too many complaints from pedestrians that drivers are letting their cars blast on their horns and swinging around corners with little or no regard for the rights of the pedestrian," Moxley stated.

School Children End Vacations Sept. 7

Expect More Than 2,800 Enrollment

Pre-School Meeting for Teachers Set for September 1

Summer vacation for more than 2,800 youngsters in the Birmingham school district will end Tuesday, Sept. 7, when the troop to their respective schools to begin the 1943-44 school year.

"Attendance on the first day of school is important," Superintendent of Schools Dwight B. Ireland said this week. "If an appreciable number of children report late to school, it destroys the balance in class size which the schools try to maintain, and requires adjustment."

New students registering at Barham school for the first time are asked to enroll at the school between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on or before Sept. 3. This does not apply to students transferring from other Birmingham schools as their registration was completed in June.

Half-Day Session
Pupils will report to school Tuesday morning, secondary school students reporting at 8:30 a.m. to the junior and senior highs, and elementary school children reporting to their respective buildings at 9 a.m.

On the first day school will be dismissed at noon. Building principals will meet with their respective faculty in the afternoon to make any necessary adjustments in class size.

Full day sessions will begin Wednesday, Sept. 8. However, for the school principals and faculties, the school year commences Sept. 1 when they return for a three-day pre-school conference on the theme, "The Role of Social Studies in the General Education of the Child."

To Plan Program
That afternoon and following morning will be devoted to group planning of the social studies program in local schools, and projected plans for a study and evaluation of the program during the course of the year.

Thursday afternoon, Sept. 3, 1943, the college of education meetings and principals will discuss plans for the opening of school.

A picnic at Springdale Park will be staged Thursday evening for all faculty members and the board of education. Arrangements are being made by the Teachers' Club, National Education Association and Harold Noble, club president.

On Friday morning Dr. John C. Stalter, the college of education at Wayne University will lecture on "Conservation of Human Resources" to be followed by visual aids on this topic. That afternoon a lecture on "Conservation of Human Resources" will be given by Dr. Stanley Cain of the Cranbrook Institute of Science. This will also be followed by visual aids.

Rotarians Undertake Community Service Project



Front Row (left to right): Walt Fauser (who acted as timekeeper), 8-year-old Harvey Karik, Bob Mason (project chairman), Roy Lloyd Milliman and Jack Calvert. Back row: Clarence Wiley, Lloyd Linton, Bill Torrence, George Marin, Paul Kurth and Paul Friedrich, club president.

Even though there were many aching muscles the morning after, the group was able to remember favorably the ice cream and soft drinks enjoyed just before the men left for home and a relaxing tub of warm water.

Reverses Stand, Lets Contract for Field House

Birmingham high school athletic teams are going to have a field house within the next few months, the board of education has decided. In fact, the contract has been let this week to the same construction firm which is finishing up the new two-story addition to Pierce school.

This was disclosed this week by Superintendent of Schools Dwight B. Ireland, who declared that the need for a field house was immediate to relieve an "intolerable" situation.

The school's athletic department is in dire need of additional facilities that only a new field house will solve, Ireland said Monday. "The present locker room at Pierce school was never designed for more than an elementary school program. When the high school began using it years ago, there were only 35 students out for football. Now there are about 80 reporting."

In the spring, Ireland pointed out, present facilities are swamped when more than 150 boys use it for track and baseball.

An Editorial We've Started Something-- Now Let's Keep It Up

Last week four local citizens started something that, if its pattern is continued, will mean great things for the City of Birmingham. Yet the idea is not new in the realm of community planning. It is a plan which has been adopted, in recent years, by the larger, more farsighted cities in the size of Birmingham.

We refer to Mayor Milton F. Mallerder's appointment last week of three residents—Herbert H. Gardner, J. J. Hogan, and Harrison E. Thurston—to a committee to determine how the city shall finance municipal parking lots for local shoppers.

These men are experts in the field of municipal finance—and they live right here in Birmingham! They are vitally interested in the future of their home town, either from a business or a residential standpoint, or both. Accordingly, they have offered their services and their experience to the solving of a particular local problem, a problem which perhaps they, more than most others in Birmingham, can properly solve.

Now how about the other problems peculiar to Birmingham? There are these concerning recreation, parks, water softening, sewers, water supply, transportation, streets—to name a few. City officials, including the commissioners and the city manager, are aware of these matters, aware that solutions must be presented—and comparatively soon on a few of these situations.

Commission Sets New Record with 10-Minute Meeting

What do you think you could accomplish in just 10 minutes? Well, here is what was accomplished Monday evening when the city commission met for a record-breaking ten minutes.

Called the meeting to order, answered roll call, approved the minutes of last meeting, spent \$39,432.25, invested another \$38,717, approved a special assessment hearing, abandoned an assessment, decided to build a sidewalk, set a date for hearings on two special assessment projects, made an appointment to a committee—and adjourned, all in a matter of 10 minutes!

City commissioners, city manager, city clerk, nor members of the press could recall any regular city commission meeting ever having been over in such a short time.

At 8:10 Mayor Milton Mallerder called the meeting to order. Commissioners Mallerder, Ralph Main, Theron Van Dusen, Garland Tait, Bruce Booth and Don Bell answered the roll call. (Commissioner William Martin was out of town that evening on business.)

Since the minutes of previous meetings are now sent to commissioners for corrections prior to Monday evenings, it took only a few minutes to approve them.

All Youths, 18 to 26, Are to Register at Pontiac Showroom

All 18 through 25-year-old Birmingham youths will register for the draft at the Barney Habel auto showroom, 34 Mill street, Pontiac, beginning next Monday, Aug. 30, officials of Selective Service Board No. 67 announced this week.

Here is how the registration will be made: Youths born in 1922, after Aug. 30 of that year, will register on August 30; if born in 1923, register Aug. 30 or Sept. 1; if in 1924, register Sept. 2-3; if in 1925, register Sept. 4 or 7; if in 1926, Sept. 8-9; if in 1927, then Sept. 10-11; if in 1928, register Sept. 13-14; if in 1929, Sept. 15-16, and if born in 1930, before Sept. 19 of that year, register on Sept. 17-18.

Carlton C. Patterson, 815 Woodland, member of the old Birmingham Board No. 7 and recently appointed to the new board (No. 67), asked that all registrants bring with them their birth certificate.

"If they are veterans and have served more than 90 days in any one of the armed services, they should bring their discharge papers or a photostatic copy (showing both sides) so the board can defer them immediately," Patterson explained.

To Get Questionnaire
Headquarters of Board No. 67 is at 310 Pontiac State Building (telephone Post. 5-871). Registrants are urged to contact the board for any detailed information they may desire.

Milk Driver, Helper Escape Serious Injury in Accident

A Birmingham man is in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, the victim of the fifty-second accident in the past three years at the Woodward-14 Mile road intersection. The victim is Leo Flynn, 59, of 321 Pierce street, who suffered severe head cuts and lacerations and abrasions on other parts of his body when his milk truck was struck by a southbound Woodward avenue motorist at 10:25 a.m. Tuesday.

A 14-year old helper, David Green, 16244 Birwood, Southfield, Michigan, only suffered bruises when he was thrown approximately 100 feet after the impact.

Driver of the other car was 19-year-old David LaToche, 419 Puritan, who was not injured.

LaToche told police, who investigated the accident, reported that LaToche admitted to them he was driving "about" 40 miles per hour when he spied Flynn, attempting to cross on 14 Mile.

LaToche told police, they said, that he saw Flynn pull in front of him, but that he (LaToche) didn't have time to apply enough brake pressure to avoid the accident.

Milk, eggs and cheese was spread over the accident area from the demolished truck. Accident records show that Flynn's truck finally stopped on the pavement between the two traffic lanes, while LaToche's vehicle had careened to the left and wound up on the extreme east edge of the Woodward lanes.

Flynn's condition "good"
Hospital authorities late Tuesday reported Flynn's condition as "good." At the time of the accident, he was believed to have suffered considerable serious injuries, but no medical examination failed to show any serious effects.

This latest accident at this particular intersection has touched off considerable local criticism of the State Highway Department for getting its metal traffic signals at this point.

Special Troy School Board Election Is Monday, August 30

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Faulty Thermostat Causes Much Smoke, One Burned Roast

An automatic thermostat which failed to work while a beef roast was in the oven and the family away also caused a fire Sunday evening at the T. W. Eustis home on Linden avenue.

A son, Bill Eustis, came home ahead of the rest of the family and discovered the house full of smoke. Firemen were immediately called in and after setting up a big fan, managed to get rid of most of the smoke.

Injured in Fall Caused by Hole in the Pavement

Mrs. Roy Hawthorne, 920 Chester, is in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital as a result of a fall last Sunday. She was leaving the Hawthorne store and had turned into the alley off Maple avenue when she stepped into a small hole and tripped. The hole had been left by the recent excavations made on Maple.

She received a broken arm and painful bruises in the accident and will remain in the hospital for a few more days, her husband said Tuesday.

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