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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Lots of Work Planning a Legislative Special Session

During Governor Kim Sigler's absence from Michigan during the past five weeks, there has been plenty to do by members of his Executive Office staff, I can assure you, Folks. Outside of the routine activities, plus several emergencies, I have been working with Budget Director John A. Parkins, the Governor's legal advisers Victor C. Anderson and H. H. Warner, administrative aide James Magdanz, and Roberta Applegate, our press secretary, on a variety of issues relating to the coming special legislative session that begins March 16. Without revealing exact information, I can tell you that there are no less than 75 measures which, if everybody and every group were made satisfied, would get into that session.

But most of them won't, of course.

Emergencies Only

For a special session is the type of Legislative get-together when only measures of an emergency nature should be considered. It is at the general session, every two years, that the Legislature can, of itself, consider anything and everything it wants to. You may remember that the regular session, starting January 2 of last year, kept going for six months and one week, and during that time considered over 500 various bills, passing over 300 of them.

There are a number of "emergency" measures currently at hand, I can inform you; our little group in Lansing now is going over each, preparing the needed data on them for the Governor's final decision upon his return. You may rest assured that he will have plenty of "deciding" to do during the six weeks preceding March 16.

Should Be Back Today

I expect him back in Lansing this afternoon, or tomorrow—weather permitting his flight from Florida northward. I talked with him Thursday of last week, while he was in Houston, Texas, held there by an unprecedented snow storm. (I am writing this piece Sunday, January 25, at home.)

Measures for the Governor's consideration for a special session arise from several sources; first, within his own thinking and from those who are on his staff; from various agencies in government who observe that the ever-changing picture of government requires legislative changes in statutes, or new ones passed; and from individuals or groups outside of State government who want more money; additional powers and controls, or changes in existing laws.

I can assure you, from my vantage point as the Governor's executive secretary, that there never is a let-up in the demands of people upon their government. To separate the wheat from the chaff is not always a problem—but you can always be sure that the chaff folks are doing everything they can to impress the Governor that their stuff is the very best of wheat.

A Bit of Guessing

Some people have asked me how long I think the coming special session will last; this answer nobody can provide with exactitude. But I do guess that it will be not less than three weeks—depends on how rapidly the Legislature wants to do the job given to it in the Governor's message.

But it's "democracy in action" and its wonderful to live in a land where representatives of the people can get together and seek solutions for their common problems!

'Scout Sunday' Plans Being Made by Local Troops

Plans for the observance of Scout Sunday, Feb. 8, are being made by Troops B-1 and B-12, B-1, which is sponsored by the Men's Club of the Presbyterian Church, will have charge of the Sunday afternoon service for all Scouts and Cubs of the Protestant faiths, while Troop B-12 of Holy Name Church will conduct similar services for those of the Catholic faith.

The observance at Holy Name will begin Friday evening, Feb. 6, at 7:30 in a Holy Hour ceremony during which prayers will be offered for the peace of the world.

A Court of Honor for the troop will be a part of the program. On Sunday morning at 8 o'clock there will be a Communion Mass and in the afternoon Troop B-12 will participate in the Detroit city-wide services at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

Protestant services will be held at the Presbyterian Church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Details of the program will be announced later.

Following the usual custom, all Scouts and Cubs are expected to attend the regular Sunday morning services of their own churches with their parents, preferably in uniform. The special services are open to all Scouts and Cubs and their families and to friends of the Scouting movement. Visitors from other communities are invited.

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'March of Dimes' Aids Local Woman

—Photo by H. P. Estes

Dr. Ethel T. Calhoun, 707 Lakeview, head of the polio staff of the Oakland County Contagious Hospital, Pontiac, discusses the immense value of the March of Dimes campaign with Mrs. Mildred Littleson, Birmingham beauty operator for many years before she was stricken with polio. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis is providing hospitalization and treatment for Mrs. Littleson through its March of Dimes. The campaign ends Saturday, leaving only 2 more days for persons to contribute, points out H. H. Gardner, local drive chairman.

County Red Cross Sets $97,483 Quota for Annual Drive Beginning March 1st

"Red Cross Time" will roll around again March 1st with an Oakland County quota of $97,485, according to the announcement by Milo J. Cross, Chairman of the 1948 Red Cross Fund. In addition, Cross announced that H. L. Lawford will be vice-chairman of the 1948 fund drive. While the advisory committee is not yet complete at this time, the following people will assist: Marshall E. Smith, chapter chairman; Charles G. Rudderham; Harvey Johns, industrial chairman; Mrs. T. W. Jackson; Mrs. Charles Crawford; N. J. Quickstad; E. M. Beresford, public information, and H. Russel Holland.

Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills quotas have not been determined yet, according to County Red Cross headquarters in Pontiac. It is believed, however, that this year's quota will be slightly lower, since the whole county effort has been reduced about $11,000 from last year. County quota for 1947 was $109,282; Birmingham's share was $8,492, Bloomfield Hills, $6,712.

With the 1948 slogan "It's Red Cross Time" and a poster showing the American flag and the Red Cross flags on a "Main Street" lamp post, many posters and other publicity will also carry the sentence by President Truman: "Many times a year the people turn to the Red Cross . . once a year the Red Cross turns to the people."

The funds raised by the American Red Cross in the 1948 campaign will be utilized by the Oakland County chapter and by the national organization as follows:

Basic Obligation

To carry out one of its basic obligations to coordinate and direct the resources of the county and the nation in time of disaster.

To meet primary and fundamental Red Cross responsibilities to the nation's armed forces and to veterans and their families.

To provide for medical use, without charge for the products, sufficient blood and blood derivatives throughout the nation to help save lives and prevent needless suffering.

To cover the maintenance of established and continuing Red Cross services for civilian welfare in this country (such as First Aid, Water Safety, Nutrition, etc.).

To continue the Foreign Relief program whenever consistent with the national interest and possible within the scope of activities and resources of the American Red Cross.

To deal with situations that have developed or that may develop as the result of war; and to meet any other requirements for Red Cross assistance covered by its charter responsibilities.

Discouraged, Discontented, Danes Begin Eyeing U. S. With Suspicion, Distrust

(Editor's Note: This is the second of two articles which Gunvor Bergshagen has written for The Eccentric, analyzing the Danish reaction to the current international situation. Miss Bergshagen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erik Bergshagen, of N. Adams road, has been in Denmark for several weeks, visiting relatives.]

By Gunvor Bergshagen

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK, Jan. 8—A New Year has started and people all over the world must be wondering what the New Year will bring. The people over here welcomed the New Year with a prayer in their hearts that this would be a peaceful year—what all countries would work together toward a common goal—and that the old years of war and hatred could be forgotten in a New Year of love and peace. But, in their hearts, they know it will take many New Years before their faiths and hopes will be realized. They just want this year to bring them all a few steps forward in the search for universal peace.

Although we know peace is something that cannot be attained in a year or even in five years, the people here in Denmark and the rest of Western Europe seem to be going through a period of discontentment. This is natural in the course of events.

Are Tired of Fighting

In Denmark the period of the occupation with the resulting strain on the resources, production and on the people themselves, and now, nearly three years since their liberation, the continuing struggle for peace, it is no wonder that the people are tired of fighting—first for peace in war and now for peace in peace.

"Are we fighting a long battle?", they ask. "Will the forces of Communism defeat us even

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Debris Being Cleaned from River Rouge

Program Is Part of City's Flood Control Efforts

Cleaning up of the Rouge River bed, a phase of the city's flood prevention campaign, is more than half completed, City Manager Donald C. Egbert reported to the city commission Monday night.

"City crews started at the city limits at Northlawn boulevard and have progressed northward to Maple avenue," the manager said.

Trees, stumps and other obstacles in the river current are being removed to facilitate the flow of water.

During springtime thaws and heavy rains—such as occurred last year—debris in the Rouge overflowing its banks, particularly in the Woodward avenue area. By clearing out the debris on the river bed, Egbert believes a greater amount of water will be permitted to escape downriver and possibly prevent damage to basements and stores near the Rouge.

To Reinforce River Banks

"This work contemplates the removal of all dead trees, stumps and debris from the river channel, plus those live trees which it is necessary to remove to provide a free flow of water," Egbert explained.

During the dry season next summer, he said, the city proposes to use chunks of discarded concrete to reinforce certain portions of the river bank subjected to wash.

"There is much debris being removed from the stream bed and this should materially reduce the liability of flooding this spring."

Citizens Favor More U. S. Activity in World Trade

Birmingham, by nine to one, favors increased activity by the United States in world trade, according to results of a public opinion poll made by the Community Council Institute Committee as part of the program of Birmingham's World Trade Week, which ended last night with a public discussion meeting at the Community House.

The poll, taken by telephoning every third residence listed in the telephone directory, also disclosed an almost three to one belief that the long range effects of lowered tariffs will benefit the United States, and showed that local people favor, more than two to one, a return to the importation of products and raw materials which could not be obtained from abroad during the war, and are now made synthetically in the United States.

Very Speedy Survey

The survey, Jan. 21 and 22, from 7 to 9 p. m., was made by 20 volunteers directed by Mrs. Warren S. Sumner, a member of the Community Council Institute committee. The opinion of 1181 persons was tabulated during those four hours, with the assistance of the local telephone office which added ten operators to its usual staff for the purpose.

Miss Laura Schroeder, in charge of the staff which totaled 35, has been with the Birmingham office for nearly 20 years. It was not the largest telephone survey that has been made in Birmingham but it was one of the speediest, she said.

Questions asked, and answers to them, were as follows:

Q-1 Would you like to see the United States more active in world trade?

A—Yes, 968; No, 99; No Opinion, 114.

Q-2 Do you think that the importation of products, drugs, raw materials, unavailable during the war and now made synthetically in the United States, should be resumed?

A—Yes, 686; No, 310; No Opinion, 185.

Full Report Next Week

Q-3 Do you thinkthat the long range effects of lowered tariffs will be worth while from the United States point of view?

A—Yes, 645; No, 225; No Opinion, 311.

Nearly one-third of those questioned indicated that they intended to be present at last night's Community Council discussion of world trade problems and economic aspects of world peace.

Because the Institute was held after the Birmingham Eccentric has gone to press, a report of the panel discussion and an after-dinner speech by Prof. Dudley M. Phelps of the University of Michigan, will be reported in next week's issue.

C. of C. Dinner, Election Tonight

First annual meeting of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce will be held tonight at the Community House. Dinner will begin at 7 p.m., the business meeting at 8:30.

Principal item of business will be the election of nine officers to the permanent board of directors.

Passes On Saturday Evening

Mrs. George G. Booth

—Courtesy of The Detroit News

Mrs. Booth, Co-Founder of Cranbrook, Is Buried Here

In the family plot at Birmingham's Greenwood Cemetery, Mrs. George G. Booth, co-founder of the Cranbrook educational center in Bloomfield Hills, was laid to rest Tuesday afternoon in final rites conducted by the Rev. Dr. Charles H. Cadigan, rector of Christ Church Cranbrook. Funeral services were conducted earlier at Christ Church.

Mrs. Booth died Saturday evening at the age of 84.

She was the wife of George G. Booth, former president of the Detroit News and daughter of James E. Scripps, its founder.

Moved Here 40 years Ago

Mrs. Booth was born July 10, 1863, in the old Scripps home on Howard street, Detroit. In 1887, in a church built by her father, she and Mr. Booth were married.

In 1903, after Mr. Booth's retirement as head of The News, she and Mr. Booth moved to Cranbrook House on Lone Pine road in the Hills.

The Cranbrook Foundation stands as a memorial to her and her husband and represents many years of careful planning.

When Mr. and Mrs. Booth purchased the lands in Bloomfield Hills 40 years ago, they actually joined in with a few other wealthy Detroit families, who had moved into Oakland County, in setting the pattern for the residential atmosphere of most of Bloomfield Township, including Birmingham.

The original Booth lands were portions of several farms; after they had constructed the large mansion house, there still remained numerous farm buildings on the property.

World Famous Program

It was due, in large measure, to the artistic and love of the aesthetic things of life that they launched what has become known as the Cranbrook project, consisting today of a world-famous educational program for pre-college boys and girls, in two separate buildings; included, too, is the art museum and institute, as well as the Cranbrook Institute of Science and beautiful Christ Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Booth made many trips around the world, bringing back priceless art pieces, many of which are now on public display at Cranbrook.

It was the influence, too, of Mr. Booth's late father, Henry Wood Booth, that helped to shape the Cranbrook program. The elder Booth spent the early years of his life in his birthplace, Cranbrook, England; he taught and preached at Cranbrook's first formal educational venture, now the Brookside School for elementary school children.

Plays Important Part

It is estimated that Mr. and Mrs. Booth have contributed more than 20 millions of dollars to further their educational and art dream which is hailed as unsurpassed anywhere in the United States.

In this project Mrs. Booth played an important, though seldom publicized, part.

Mrs. Booth is survived by her husband; two sisters, Mrs. Edgar B. Whitcomb and Mrs. Grace Scripps Johnson; a brother, William E. Scripps, president of The News; her children, James Scripps Booth, Mrs. Grace Wallace, Warren Scripps Booth, Henry Scripps Booth and Mrs. James Beresford. She is also survived by 22 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Feb. 7 Satevepost to Carry Article by W. A. P. John

Special to The Eccentric

In connection with National Heart Week, The Saturday Evening Post in its issue of February 7 will publish an article by W. A. P. John, Birmingham resident and nationally known advertising man, based on a near-fatal heart attack he suffered a year ago.

Titled "I Have a Scar On My Heart", the article is believed to be the first ever written by the victim of a heart attack and tells, in breezy yet informative manner, of the consequences of a bout with America's No. 1 Killer.

John's vivid story of his brush with death will prove particularly interesting to Birminghamites because of the number of local residents who appear in it.

Highly Unusual Story

In an introduction, the Post editors say, in part, "This personal experience story is highly unusual in that not one man in many thousands would live to write it. The author came so close to dying there must be a harp in Heaven (assuming the best) with his fingerprints on it.

"The heart attack that almost got him may have been brought on by a life-long habit of living and working at high speed and with great intensity. Now he is devoting the same enthusiasm to living at low speed and finds he can enjoy that, too. He seems to be the sort of man, who, if confined to a wheel chair, would set out with great gusto to design better wheel chairs than ever before, and probably make a fortune at it. He is obviously out now to become a champion at relaxing."

John resides in Tooting Lane, Birmingham, and is chairman of the board of MacManus, John & Adams, Inc., national advertising agency.

Opening of Street

Necessity for the opening of Fairway drive between Oak Lane and Larchlea will be determined at a city commission hearing March 1, commissioners decided Monday night.

Old City Trucks to Be Replaced

Replacement of eight city trucks, two of which are 17 years old, was recommended to the city commission Monday evening by City Manager Donald C. Egbert.

Commissioners, agreeing that city services cannot be adequately performed by ancient vehicles, instructed Egbert to ascertain new equipment prices preparatory to letting bids.

The commission also authorized the purchase of a $368.50 power grass cutter to be used on park areas and at Greenwood cemetery.

Community House Annual Meeting Is Next Monday

Reports on the operation and financial situation of the Community House, which will be presented at the annual meeting of members of the Birmingham Community House Association next Monday night, will contain the statement that attendance at events at the Community House last year was more than double that of any previous year, according to Mrs. Velma Isley, director of the House.

Estimates made in her office show an attendance at Community House events of more than 161,000 and an increase over last year of 900 in the number of groups which registered for the use of Community House space for meetings or social events during the past year. The number of groups was 1715 in 1945-46 and 2650 in 1946-47.

Steady Growth

Mrs. Isley's report to members of the Association will include information on the steady growth of the use of the Community House for the past ten years and will also outline the expansion of its program of service to the community.

Next Monday's meeting, set for 8 p.m. at the Community House, may be attended by any member of the Community House Association which includes all who have contributed one dollar or more to the support of the House within the past year. Presidents of all clubs which use the Community House have been notified of the meeting and urged to attend and participate in it.

The Association will vote upon nominations for six new members of the board of directors of the Community House and hear reports from the various House directors and committee chairmen.

Adjourn Hearing on Paving of Lincoln Avenue

City commissioners Monday evening adjourned for four weeks the confirmation of the assessment roll for the 44-foot paving of Lincoln ave., between Woodward and Adams.

This action was taken when several other commissioners agreed with Commissioner Donald S. Bell, who suggested that the plan for that intersection be studied further.

"There are three parties involved at that particular location —the city, the county and the state," Bell pointed out. "The city wants Lincoln paved to provide an east-west city traffic route. Adams road is a county highway, and the State proposes to extend the Adams-Woodward intersection to do away with present traffic hazards."

State May Make Changes

Bell said he believed the three plans should be coordinated before the city approved the Lincoln paving.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert explained to the commission that the State has indicated it might make a few changes in the proposed Adams-Woodward reconstruction.

The plan presently calls for the diversion of southbound Adams traffic to the west on Lincoln to an intersection controlled by traffic signals.

Are We to Have 6 More Weeks of This Weather? Ground Hog Will Tell Us Next Monday

By Alice E. Morgan

Monday is the day. The day on which the fate of a city, yes, a nation depends. It is the day on which foretells the fate of farmer and city dweller alike, of industry and pleasure, of fact and frivolity. It is as serious as were the Ides of March to Caesar, for Monday is the day on which the ground hog sallies forth from the deep nest he digs in the earth, looks slyly around, and—well, will he, or will he not see his shadow? Will we, or will we not have another six weeks of winter?

The horrible part of it, as far as Birmingham is concerned, is that no one seems to know just who the official ground hog checker-upper is. Does that mean that everyone, on his way to work, to school, or on his way home, must go peering through field and meadow looking for this elusive and dangerous little rodent?

Just in case this is the situation, it might be well to enlighten everyone so they will know exactly what to look for. To save you the time needed to look it up, we quote Mr. Webster as saying a woodchuck is "A thick-set marmot." Webster a thick-set marmot is described by the learned gentleman thusly: "Any of certain stout-bodied, short-legged rodents with short fur, a bushy tail and small ears. The American species are called 'woodchucks or ground hogs'."

Of course, it is important that the person who elects himself to the task of checking, get close enough to be sure about the texture of the hair, the length of the tail and the size of the ears. It would not be fair to pounce on the first small, furry shape in the field

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Baccalaureate Sermon Heard by Graduates

January Class to Receive Diplomas This Evening

Addressing the 42 members of the Baldwin High School January, 1948, graduation class at Baccalaureate services in the Presbyterian Church Sunday evening, Rev. William C. Lovejoy, pastor of the Franklin Community Church, spoke to his listeners on the human attitude toward the word "master."

"When we hear the expression 'Lord and Master'," he said, "we become resentful because it is contrary to our American way of life. We are free men, we have no lords and masters, and we deeply resent the implication. However, if through the heart the Christian has followed, willingly, a Lord and Master, whose spirit will lead for all time.

"The great personality of Christ has made us His willing slaves, and rightly so. Without Him we are as nothing; with Him we are always right."

Daily Influence

He pointed out how this can influence our daily lives; how a man may choose a profession simply because it affords him a livelihood, and may become hardened and bitter. On the other hand, he may select a career which will be of value, and thus become of value to himself and those with whom he comes in daily contact.

"Christ's whole personality was one of cooperation," Lovejoy told members of the class, "and we know, today, just what this can mean. We have seen the failure which comes without it, and the gleaming success which can be gained through it. We must accept Christ, and we have accepted Him, for we live with Him daily to our own advantage and the betterment of the world."

Commencement Week

Commencement Week will come to its climax this (Thursday) evening, when commencement exercises are held at Baldwin High School at 8 o'clock, and the 42 graduates receive their diplomas.

The speaker of the evening will be Dr. Frank D. Slutz of Dayton, Ohio, noted lecturer and educator.

The commencement exercises will open with the invocation by Dr. W. Glen Harris of the First Presbyterian Church, followed by the presentation of the class gift by Richard Adams. Tom Mills will accept the gift.

Ross A. Wagner, principal of Baldwin, will introduce the members of the graduation class who will be given their diplomas by Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of public schools.

Dr. Ireland, in speaking of the program this evening, wishes to remind residents of Birmingham that it will be open to the general public.

Local Woman Wins Recognition from Danish Red Cross

For her outstanding services on behalf of Denmark during the war years, Mrs. Alfred E. Grann, 452 Bonnie Briar, last Friday was presented with the Danish Red Cross Medal by Commodore Kai Hammerich, president of the Danish Red Cross.

Mrs. Grann, chairman during World War II of the Queen Alexandrine Unit of the Detroit Chapter, ARC, had previously been honored with the Medal of Liberation.

Firemen Have Busy Week; Damage Light

The Birmingham Fire Department has been busy during the past week but hasn't had to work very hard. They answered a total of eight calls, none of them serious.

One alarm was sent in when passersby saw what appeared to be smoke coming from a roof. Firemen found it to be steam rising from the cold surface. Two alarms were caused by defective furnaces sending smoke through the jackets into the heat ducks and on into the rooms. A third was due to a damper in a flue being allowed to stuck, with a slight resultant damage to the mantel.

One run was made in response to a gas leak in a refrigerator. Others were confined to overheated chimneys, none of which resulted in any property damage.

Conservation Officer to Work from B'ham

Birmingham, last Thursday, became the headquarters of Roland J. McLarty of Detroit, who has been assigned as Michigan Conservation Officer of Southeastern Oakland County.

This action came about when the State Conservation Commission divided the county into quarters, with an officer to serve each, rather than the previous arrangement of dividing the county in half on a line east and west.

McLarty said his temporary headquarters would be at the police department in the Municipal Building.