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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Ab, Easter . . . When Will Mankind Pay This Tribute?

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Cheap Politics

Can we expect to live in a nation where two many of our highest political leaders play cheap politics? Where avarice and the lust for power dominate so many of these in public office? Can the present President of the United States expect 140 millions of his fellow citizens to set as Christians, when he fails to lend the support of his office to cleaning up election frauds in Kansas City, Mo.?

What is the effect upon America of the case of Ed Phuley, wealthy oil-man, who speculated in the grain markets, (though Truman policy denounced such trading), while at the same time he held a high public office in Washington at the pleasure of Truman?

Key to Our Troubles

When men and women fail to get along within the personal sphere in which they live, what effect does this lack of tranquility have upon the cause of peace? One could go on indefinitely, running the entire gamut of human relations, and point out examples of those inhumanities, those failures to measure up to even the fringes of Christian charity. . . .

Yes, I am convinced that the enactment of a million new laws upon the books of State or national governments will not do much to improve the quality of our citizenship, or that of our leaders. What we do need, and desperately, is the application of the life and the ethics of the Christus, together with the best examples of teachings, by men and women of every religion.

Easter ought to mean something more vital in human relationships than the materialism that so surrounds it in these modern days.

"Thanks, The Ad Got Good Results!"

We're sending Herbert S. O'Brien, formerly of Detroit, but now a resident of our town, because one of our want ads found him a room, better. Mr. O'Brien is one of many who have found that the Eclectic want ads get results.

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Ask for a classified ad taker who will help you with your ad.

Deadline is Tuesday at 5 p. m.

City Churches Set for Holy Week Climax

Announce Services Which Are Planned for Easter Sunday

Birmingham churches will greet Easter morn with special services. At the First Presbyterian church a sunrise service will be held for the junior and senior high school students at 7 a. m. The morning worship will be held at 9:30 and 11 a. m., when Dr. W. Glen Harris will preach on "The Third Day Christ Arose." The Sanctuary choir will sing "Russian Easter Carol" and the "Tree" and the Hallelujah Chorus from "The Messiah."

At Kirk-in-the-Hills Presbyterian church Dr. Joseph A. Vance, pastor emeritus of the First Presbyterian Church in Detroit, will preach at both the morning and afternoon services. Special music is being planned for both services by the director, Dickinson's "In Joseph's Garden" will be sung by the Youth Choirs at the vesper hour.

At the First Baptist church a 15-minute recital of Easter music will be given by the church organist, Mrs. Walter E. Turner, before the morning service. Rev. Emil Kozts has chosen for his sermon theme, "The Victory is Ours!" Special music has been planned by the members of the church choir.

Guest Soloist
During the evening service, Rev. Kozts will speak on "He Showed Himself Alive." Miss Doris Mink, violinist, will be the guest soloist.

Rev. Theodore Wigganizer, pastor of the English Lutheran church, will speak on "What the Apostle Paul Might Say to an Easter Congregation of the Twentieth Century." Two duplicate services are planned here, one at 9, the other at 11 a. m. Appropriate music is planned for both services.

In Holy Name and St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic churches the traditional Easter services are planned, with special masses and the hymns familiar to the season.

This is also true of St. James Episcopal church and Christ Church Cranbrook. Here again the traditional ceremonies of the church and the age-old hymns will be the featured part of all services.

Sunrise Service
In the First Methodist Church Rev. James W. Wright will preach on "Easter—An Eternal Hope" at the sunrise service at 7 o'clock.

At the morning service, scheduled for 9:30 and 11:30 a. m., Rev. Arnold F. Runkel will preach on "He Arose."

"Reality" is the sermon topic of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Birmingham, as through out the rest of the world. The sermon will be held at the regular hour, 11 o'clock.

A special sunrise service will be held in the Methodist Church in Troy when Rev. Jesse D. Epps, pastor of the Embury Methodist church, will officiate. The service will be held at 7:30 a. m., featuring Easter music and sermon.

At 11 o'clock Rev. Epps will preach on "Our Eternal Hope" at the Embury Church. The choir has arranged several appropriate numbers.

In all churches, church and Bible school periods will be devoted to special Easter lessons for classes of all ages.

Whether a member of any local church, or not, all residents of Birmingham are invited to join with the various congregations in worship for this special day.

City Commission Buys Trucks, Trees

Purchase of two new dump trucks at \$2,535.99 each, and 700 two-inch sugar maple trees at \$1.70 each was approved by the city commission Monday night.

The trucks will replace antiquated vehicles, and the trees will be used in the city's planting program.

Special Articles on City Functions to Be Presented

How does the City Treasurer know how much in city taxes to charge against your property?

Why do we have special assessments for streets and sewers?

How is special assessment figured?

These and many other related subjects will be presented to readers of The Eclectic in a continuing series of special articles which will start April 15.

This series is the result of an agreement between city officials and The Eclectic in order to give Birmingham residents a better knowledge HOW and WHY our city government functions as it does.

To Render a Service
In this series of articles, The Eclectic believes it can render the citizens of Birmingham a definite service in getting them to understand city administration and operation, thereby creating a greater interest and participation in local government.

The city, on the other hand, realizes that many of its functions—maybe all of them—are little understood by the general population.

Through the cooperation of The Eclectic and city officials—The Eclectic in writing and presenting the articles, the city officials in providing the facts—it is hoped that Birmingham will obtain a clear, simple insight into municipal affairs.

Tornado Scare Results From Squall Warning

Many Birmingham residents became alarmed early Friday afternoon when they understood a tornado was heading in the direction of the city.

It all resulted from a garbled news report over a Detroit radio station which warned that the tornado was on its way.

The Eclectic and the Birmingham police department received several phone calls about 2 p. m. asking for confirmation or denial of the report.

It is believed the erroneous report resulted from a squall warning at Selfridge Field that by repetition was blown up to the proportions of a tornado by police radio and the Detroit radio station.

Birmingham did experience high winds that were the tail end of a tornado which swept through the lower Midwest.

Several Birmingham housewives called their husbands working in Detroit, who rushed home to stand by in case of emergency.

No Interruption
Passenger schedules between Birmingham and Detroit have not been affected by the government's recent order restricting train operations because of the current coal strike, local Grand Trunk agent E. E. Carl announced Tuesday.

Drawing of Proposed County Hospital Addition



(TOP) Architect's drawing of the proposed \$1,700,000 four-story addition to the Oakland County Infirmary and County Hospital, Pontiac.

(BOTTOM) A photo of one of the women's wards showing the already overcrowded conditions.

County Supervisors Ask Electorate for Money to Erect Hospital Addition

(This is the last article in a series being presented by The Eclectic to explain the three types of proposals which will be presented on the April 5 election ballot. Today's article explains the Oakland County proposition for an additional 2 mills for 2 years to provide an addition to the County Hospital in Pontiac.)

By George Wm. Averill

The Oakland County Board of Supervisors are of the opinion that a \$446-bed addition, to be erected at an estimated cost of \$1,700,000, should be constructed for the Oakland County Infirmary and Convalescent Hospital.

This, they believe, will adequately take care of the present load as well as for a few years in the future.

The \$1,700,000 would be obtained through a special 2-mill tax each year for two years, if it is approved at the polls April 5.

The present infirmary building was erected in 1925 and cost \$327,087.51. It was designed to accommodate 125 patients. Today, it is pointed out, facilities have been crowded to 273 patients, an overload of 158 persons, or more than 100 per cent.

Convalescent Ward
A convalescent ward was set aside in 1926 to reduce as much as possible the cost incident to adult hospitalization, most of which took place at University Hospital, Ann Arbor. At the present time the board of supervisors state that the ward, to all practical purposes, has since grown into a hospital.

This overcrowding, it is explained, is in violation of state regulations; not only that, but a direct menace to the health and welfare of the occupants. It is pointed out that in many cases people desiring to be admitted to this hospital for convalescence must be refused because there are no beds available for them.

Sixty-five per cent of infirmary patients are over 65 years old, the board states. Of these, 42 per cent previously drew old age assistance.

Look at Future Load
"The total old age assistance load in Oakland County at present is approximately 3,268 persons," a board report reads, "and it is reasonably certain that a substantial portion of those will reach the infirmary soon, and if past experience is an index, 42 per cent reaching the infirmary will be hospital patients."

"Many of the persons on Old Age assistance are being supplied support from the Welfare Department because their allowance, due to inflation, is not sufficient to support them. The span of life has been extended, due to medical science and other causes, so we

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Johnson Memorial Award Given to J. M. Anderson

By Warren Rouse

Elected last week to the Johnson Memorial award, considered the highest honor a Baldwin student can attain, was James R. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Anderson, 789 Southfield.

An outstanding student as well as athlete, Anderson has maintained a high B average for his three years in high school. He is also active in many school organizations, holding the offices of president of the National Honor Society and of the assembly club.

He is also vice-president of the Varsity Club after having served as secretary last semester.

Anderson is a versatile athlete, participating in basketball, cross country and track. In the latter sport his specialties are broad jumping, pole vaulting and high jumping.

Sparks Maple Cagers
Anderson was captain of the '47 cross country team, placing first in every meet but one and finishing as runner-up in the state meet. He also took first in the meet with Ypsilanti.

In basketball Anderson played at guard and was a main cog in the Maples' offense.

This award is a fitting climax to an outstanding athletic career.

The Johnson Memorial award was established in 1930 in memory of George F. Johnson, football coach and athletic director from 1925 to 1930. The award is made annually to the best student-athlete, scholarship and athletic ability counting equally.

Eton Road Hearing

A hearing on the assessment roll for the improvement of Eton road, from Yorkshire to Derby, was set for April 19 by the city commission Monday night.

Council Is Plagued By Complaints on Condition of Streets

City officials, from the commissioners down to the superintendent of public works, this week would not mind if the temperature went up to 90 degrees and stayed there 24 hours a day for a few days.

This natural temperature increase might, they believe, lower the blood pressures and temperature of a number of local citizens who decended on the commission Monday evening to complain of everything from impassable streets to "swimming pools" on front lawns and sidewalks.

All this resulted from the unusually deep frost line and warmer weather.

According to Marx Falls, DPW superintendent, about 30 city blocks have been barricaded against automobiles until the streets dry out and city equipment can get in to repair them.

Been Impossible to Work
"A few more days of this, present weather, and we will find practically all of these blocked streets open for traffic," Falls stated.

"It has been impossible to work most of them because city equipment itself would become mired down. But it will be only a few days, if this nice weather keeps up, before the streets will be opened."

A group of Henrietta street residents were present Monday night to learn why the street was not being improved with hard surface all the way from 14 Mile to Lincoln.

A spokesman for the group, Fred Little, 1568 Henrietta, remarked, "Two years ago we petitioned for curb, gutter, gravel and blacktop for the entire three blocks. We now hear that only the south half of the street will be developed, leaving the north half untouched. Is this true?"

Contractor Didn't Bid
Answering Little's question, City Manager Donald C. Egbert pointed out that the city commission had divided the street into two assessment areas; the south to be improved with curb, gutter and blacktop, the north half with only curb and gutter and gravel.

"We attempted to have this south portion of Henrietta improved in the curb and gutter contract last year but the contractor would not bid. The manager said, since a building contractor has indicated he will participate in the southern portion of the street, we will let it in a contract to be advertised within the next three weeks."

The distance between 14 Mile and Northlawn will be fully improved. The manager said, since a building contractor has indicated he will participate in the southern portion of the street, we will let it in a contract to be advertised within the next three weeks."

"It's nothing but a big swimming pool on Southlawn between 14 Mile and Henrietta," a resident complained. "A neighbor and I worked all day Sunday digging a ditch to drain the sidewalks so the kids could go to school. Why can't the road, which is about 6 inches higher at this point, be cut down to prevent this sort of thing?"

Practically Impossible
Commissioners told him it could not be done properly until the street was improved with curb and gutter.

Dorr F. Lovett, 1189 Stanley, pointed out that his street was practically impassable because of the mud. He was assured the repairs would be made as soon as weather conditions and the DPW schedule would permit.

The terrible condition of Harmon street was mentioned by Jules Debeauxen, who lives at 895 Harmon.

"I'd like to see the city come in there, scrape the road and level it off, thereby getting rid of the potholes now existing in the old surface," Debeauxen remarked.

Jack Sitta, 1699 Henrietta, complained to the city commission about ditches in roads caused by new water and sewer connections.

When He Pernetti, 1699 Henrietta, said, "And are building contractors allowed to pile sand, bricks, cement blocks and other materials in the street and create a traffic hazard?" Sitta asked.

He was hastily assured that such

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Biographical Sketches of Candidates for City Commission Are Presented

When registered Birmingham voters go to the polls on April 5, they will elect three city commissioners for 3-year terms from a list of six candidates running for the office.

As is customary prior to the election, The Eclectic contacts each city commission candidate to obtain a brief biographical sketch which is published for the information of the electorate.

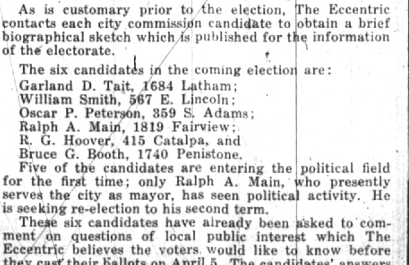
The six candidates in the coming election are:

Garland D. Tait, 1684 Latham;
William Smith, 567 E. Lincoln;
Oscar P. Peterson, 359 S. Adams;
Ralph A. Main, 1819 Fairview;
R. G. Hoover, 415 Catalpa;
and Bruce G. Booth, 1740 Penitence.

Five of the candidates are entering the political field for the first time; only Ralph A. Main, who presently serves the city as mayor, has seen political activity. He is seeking re-election to his second term.

These six candidates have already been asked to comment on questions of local public interest which The Eclectic believes the voters would like to know before they cast their ballots on April 5. The candidates' answers

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William Smith



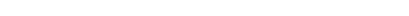
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