

If mankind could produce a set of circumstances and an environment of orderliness and harmony for little children, what a grand spectacle it would be to see them playing as they should in the fullness of time.

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# THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

## Some Phases of Politics Are Like Trading Horses

You may get assured that the people you are out for Harold Stassen for Republican candidate for President are working hard to get their man. While Gov. Kim Sigler was vacationing in Florida a few weeks ago, a well-known Michigan Republican, who claimed he was not a pledged supporter of Stassen's—yet who had "to" sell the Michigan delegation to Philadelphia will cast its first ballot for Senator Vandenberg, who is the second choice.

Reminding him that Sigler had come out flatly for Vandenberg, I kind of ask the question: "What's your question for a few minutes, finally declaring: 'Why, at the moment, the Michigan delegation has no second choice.'"

...in this respect, of course, I was stating a mere political truth—but it is in the very essence of politics: wisdom, seeking a convention to keep others from knowing just what you are for.

This to many of you, may sound incinerate; but I can assure you, folks, it is in the nature of things.

...this week my questioner again telephoned me asking the same question, but with the added phrase: 'Have you talked it over with the Governor since his return?' He also said: 'Something, George, if you'll tell me something interesting, highlight by his personal acquaintance with many prominent personages in Russia today.'

## Lima, Ohio, Educator to Replace Retiring Quorton Principal

Grant Barber, 36, Lima, Ohio, will become principal of a new elementary school in Boring, Ore. Education announced Tuesday night at their regular monthly meeting. He will replace Mrs. Magdalene Frederick, who is retiring this summer from the local system after teaching here 30 years.

## \$91,000 Hills Budget Tentatively Approved

The Bloomfield Hills city commission meeting Tuesday night approved a \$91,000 city budget for the year 1948-49, tentatively approved last week.

## Clerk Elmer Kephart said the proposed new budget exceeds last year's by \$2,400, but that last year's surplus this year, plus expected additional revenues next year, will offset the increase resulting from higher costs and salary raises.

## Fined \$75 for Two Short Weight Scales

Joseph Rolando, manager of the N. Woodward Kroger store, and Edward R. Hoyer, assistant manager, paid a \$75 fine last week for operating two short weight scales. While they pleaded guilty to the charge, they denied any knowledge of the 3% and 3% ounce shortages discovered by John Johns, city inspector. Johns signed the complaint.

## IN TODAY'S ISSUE

Read the Complete Text of City Manager Donald C. Egbert's Recommendation for 10-Year Program for Birmingham Streets, Parking and Sewer Systems.

# Here's What a City Commissioner Does for His \$5 a Week

By George Wm. Averill

To the casual, uninformed resident, all a Birmingham city commissioner has to do is to be sure to attend commission meetings every Monday evening. He supposedly arrives at the Municipal Building shortly before 8 o'clock, answers the roll, looks over the city's bills, approves a tree removal and a new street assessment, concurs with the Mayor in the appointment of a city recreation board member, adjourns and goes home. Any day for this little bit of work he receives five dollars each Monday. This is the extreme, of course.

But if you want the real story on just what work the position of a Birmingham city commissioner calls for, get one of the commissioners aside and get him to "let his hair down."

It is then that the inside information will be known. While it is not exhausting work, it is demanding.

Gets Agenda Early  
An agenda of the following Monday's meeting is presented to the commissioner on Friday. It has been prepared by City Manager Donald C. Egbert in order to perform the work of the city during the preceding weekend of the forthcoming Monday session.

Suppose, for example, the manager is going to recommend the closing of an alley. The commissioner has a foggy notion of where that alley is located. But he wants to see the "lay of the land" for himself. So he drives out to the particular alley and looks it over.

He states the traffic problem that may be created, or that may be eliminated by such closing. He also asks the question: "What are the property owners in the neighborhood to ask the opinion of nearby property owners? They will come here on Monday night, he knows pretty well which way he wants to vote."

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Expelled by Reds, Magidoff to Tell His Story Here

Robert Magidoff, veteran NBC correspondent, who was recently expelled from Russia, will tell all about it at the Community House on Monday, June 7 at 8:30 p.m. Magidoff was with the Soviet Red Army when he was expelled from Russia. He was expelled for working at an American correspondent. He was associated with the Communist Party in Moscow.

Kiwanis Club Sets May 25 as Date for Charter Night

Looking forward to Charter Night, May 25, the Birmingham Kiwanis Club made final plans at their regular meeting Tuesday night. They will celebrate their 30th anniversary on May 25 at the Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills.

Reserve Officers to Hear John Demman

John Demman, noted Detroit radio commentator, will speak to members of the local chapter of the Reserve Officers Association at their May 26 meeting at the Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills.

Escapes Serious Injury As Vault Door Topples

Two workmen moving a 4-ton vault door at the Birmingham National Bank miraculously escaped being injured or killed when the door tipped over, pinning one man to the floor and knocking the other aside.

Terence Naysart, 26, of 4426 Coplin, Detroit, escaped serious injury when two-by-fours, a steel filing case and a small hand truck rolled over him at the Birmingham National Bank on Saturday night. When the door came down, it glanced off a steel filing cabinet and brought with it several pieces of lumber which prevented it from seriously injuring or even killing Naysart. The door struck Cox and glancing blow in the knee, and a broken two-by-four hit him in the side, throwing him back against a deep gash on the head. He is expected to be released from the hospital this Saturday.

# Proclaims World Trade Week for Michigan

Mrs. Philip H. Pretz (left) of the Birmingham branch of the League of Women Voters, was present when Gov. Kim Sigler signed a proclamation setting May 16-22 as "World Trade Week in Michigan." Mrs. J. F. Dunnigan, of the Lansing branch of the League, was also present.

It is also hoped by the young wife tied frequently there. Then, the husband must spend his evenings in study, alone or with a few students. It is not a successful prospect; many, the divorce courts are showing, are not.

Former NEA Officer  
They will deal with such things as training or preparation, personal qualifications, nature of the work, advantages and disadvantages, remuneration, and possibilities for personal growth.

Merland Kopka was educated in Michigan schools and received his AB from Michigan State Normal College and his MA from the University of Michigan. He is a veteran of World War I and has held various offices in local social and civic organizations.

Well Known Here  
Dr. Cooke is well known to many Birminghamers for his work in the local schools, and his connection with the Oakland County Commercial Art League. He will serve the panel, having a background of membership in more than 100 civic organizations.

Fourth member of the panel is Dr. Margaret Ruth Smith, who holds a doctor's degree from Columbia University. She is a former high school teacher from the East.

Members of the panel will be introduced by Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools, and by the City of Birmingham art commissioner, Carl Wenzelberger. In addition, Dr. Robert L. DeWitt, chief official, will introduce the panel.

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# Arlington-Shirley Area Also Favors 'Village' Streets

Dustproofing of and construction of permanent surfacing of a number of Birmingham streets received the lion's share of attention at the city commission meeting Monday evening.

Mayor Milton F. Mallender, who for more than a year has been the commission's outspoken advocate of permanent surfacing, struck out again at local citizens who wanted bumps and holes and "the village atmosphere" maintained in their streets.

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# Pannel Discussion by Wayne University Group to Begin Annual Careers Day Clinic

To open the annual Careers Day Clinic, which is being jointly sponsored by Baldwin high school and the Birmingham YMCA, a panel discussion on vocations will be given by four members of the Wayne University faculty.

# U of D-Michigan Baseball Game at RO Memorial Field

A big-time university athletic contest has never been staged in Birmingham. The University of Detroit Mercy baseball team will be, but one will take place close to our city tomorrow evening when the University of Detroit Mercy baseball team comes to Royal Oak Memorial Park at Woodward avenue.

# Preliminary Hearing Next Monday Night on 1949 City Budget

City commissioners will look over the 1949 budget proposal for the City of Birmingham at a preliminary hearing next Monday evening, May 24, at the Municipal Building. The meeting starts at 8 o'clock.

# First Week Nets \$1085 for Children

Elmer Sylvester, 253 Hupp Cross road, chair chairman for the first week of the campaign, reports that the first week's contributions received through the mail, or at the Wakeek, Birmingham National Bank, totaled \$1,085.

# Gardner Reappointed

Herbert B. Gardner, 172 Aspen, president of the Birmingham National Bank, has been reappointed to a three-year term as public utility member of the City Employment Retirement Board.