

Another summer has about fled its wings. Time, however, has left its tiny mark upon the world (including you) not in spite of it.

# The Birmingham Postmaster Will Determine Number of Voters Next Tuesday

## Must Consider Rest of City, Residents Told

**By G. R. A.**  
**President Truman Sounds Theme in His Campaign**  
While President Truman opened his political campaign in Detroit with his Labor Day speech, clock strikers must have run up and down the main spines of many of his more intelligent advisors. For the President, in his bid for the white vote, he has below the dignity of his high office, in his opinion; he did this by advocating, in plain statements, that the labor movement must blindly oppose decent American business.

It is true, of course, that in some segments of our business life employers of labor are opposed to the labor movement, and bargain collectively. But with the vast majority of employers this might have been recognized as the fact Mr. Truman utterly failed to admit.

President's complete eulogy of all of the labor movement's leaders and strategies revealed how far Mr. Truman is willing to go in his frenzy to win votes for re-election. His failure to discriminate between more responsible employers and practices which cost him plenty of honest labor votes—for your average honest employer means more to the labor's more statesmanlike leadership, is not going to vote for the "low road" in Truman's New Deal carry-over.

**Dominating Theme**  
The Truman Detroit speech was dominated by the theme: Men of labor, you cannot trust the business man; you cannot trust anything that emanates from a Republican; you cannot trust anybody but Harry S. Truman and the labor movement.

What a poor presentation for a man occupying the office of President of the United States! When he tried to speak "off the cuff" in a sort of natural-like, off-the-back-fence, improvisations Mr. Truman floundered in both thought and diction; when he re-iterated his "I believe in a fourth like a high school valedictorian."

Mr. Truman, you should have remained in the Senate.  
**Getting on the Hook**  
You remember when President Truman spoke in Detroit Labor Day he "suggested" that they should "take a little" from the Frank E. Hook, of the Upper Peninsula, instead of Republican incumbent in some of the districts.

Well, folks, it is always requested of the top man on a political ticket to make a valuable local effect on the voters.  
Mr. Truman, you recall, did not designate any one of the Democratic candidates for Governor of Michigan, simply because there is a fair amount of shuffling for that place. Doubt, however, that that up with Hook will do the trick in the coming election in Michigan. But you know, Harry, have been any good, but a success during his experience as a former Congressman.

Mankind's world was a mess during the first time it was a mess during it... and remains such, as all who observe it can see. The only hope for us who have fought wars for our country, it must be heart-breaking to see the quality of the citizenry that we have, once war is finished. But that is of course, the way life is; it is the saddest thing in our collective society. Individuals may reveal generosity and appreciation, but when they operate as a group, they become, less democratic.

Most adults are still children, interested in the spectacular. A man advertises he will run the Niagara rapids in a barrel; thousands gather to see him. Announce that some famous man or woman will be editing a new magazine, and by comparison, a mere handful voluntarily will attend.

**Managers Condemn Proposed Stream Commission Action**  
In a meeting held last week in the city hall, representatives of surrounding cities, including Birmingham, met and condemned as "a waste of money" a proposed Michigan Stream Commission resolution requiring more strict enforcement of storm sewer runoff water.

## Picked for Marine Corps Officers Reserve

**Postmaster Examination Announced**  
**Applicants Must File for Position By September 28**  
An open competitive examination to fill the position of postmaster of Birmingham has been announced by the U. S. Civil Service Commission. Applications will be filed by September 28.

The examination results from the retirement last month of Joseph A. Byrne, postmaster here for the past 15 years, Bernard E. Fowler was named as Postmaster General as acting city postmaster until a new permanent appointee is named.

**Not Written Exam**  
In order to be eligible for the examination, applicants must be U. S. citizens, residents within the delivery area of the Birmingham office or residents of the city for at least the past year.

Under terms of an act of Congress, approved June 25, 1938, the civil service commission will certify the names of the three qualified eligibles to the Postmaster General who will submit the names to the President for nomination. Confirmation by the Senate is then required.

**During maneuvers in the field Sgt. Richard L. Halsted of Birmingham studies a photograph of terrain occupied by the enemy (elements of the 22nd Marines), the 2nd Battalion Marine Corps training regiment attacked and overran the enemy position. Blank ammunition was used by both sides.**

**QUANTICO, Va.—Sgt. Richard L. Halsted, 31, of 1098 Fairfield, Birmingham, is one of the 1500 men selected from colleges and universities throughout the nation to become second lieutenants in the Marine Corps Reserve. He is currently a member of the Platoon Leaders' Class, Marine Corps Reserve officers' training school, located at Quantico, Virginia.**

The PLC program is designed to train college students during their vacations. Following two successful training periods of six weeks each, the students are qualified for their reserve commissions and are then upon graduation from college.

At Quantico, Sgt. Halsted and his classmates are given intensive instruction in drill, tactics, and weapons; they are thoroughly indoctrinated in the ways of a junior officer. Their time is divided between classroom lectures and problems and field demonstrations and maneuvers.

A number of days are spent on the rifle range where weapons such as the rifle, carbine and pistol are fired. For the final three weeks of the PLC's move from their modern barracks and routine life at the Quantico reservation to training under field conditions.

Sgt. Halsted is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Halsted, who attends District High School.

## Highway Deputy Promises to Follow Thru on 14 Mile Light

The third accident in the past two weeks—and the 54th in less than a three-year period—look place at the hazardous Woodward-14 Mile road intersection last Friday evening.

Mrs. Bertha Weiss, 60, of Summerville, N. J., narrowly missed serious injury when she walked into the side of a car driven by George A. Flaig, 24, of 7077 Arcola street, Detroit.

According to Birmingham police, Mrs. Weiss was crossing the north-bound Woodward lane as Flaig approached the intersection. Flaig stated to police he honked the horn and tried to judge where Mrs. Weiss would be, but that she apparently paid no attention. He swerved his car but she walked into the right rear of the Better.

She was taken to St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac, where she is treated for multiple contusions and a strained left wrist. Meanwhile, local agitation for a signal light at this intersection took a turn for the better over the weekend.

## Local General Motors Vice-President Succumbs at 58

**Executive Dies**  
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Mr. Saucedo signed a complaint against her husband Tuesday morning. He is a resident of Birmingham.

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## Community House Appoints New Youth Director

Mary Shelly Ingalls, a veteran of American Red Cross overseas work, and the sister of the late Mrs. Robert Ingalls, Birmingham, has been appointed as the new youth director of the Birmingham Community House.

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## Neighbors Rally to Aid Zerber Family with Roof Repairs

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## New Ordinance Controls Local Housing Problems

In order to ascertain undesirable housing conditions as well as to prevent future undesirable conditions, the Birmingham city commission has passed a new ordinance designed to control public housing and to control the operation of tourist homes, hotels and motels.

The ordinance will govern the number of persons who may be accommodated in a room. It will also provide information as to what a landlord is expected, and legally obliged, to furnish in a room.

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**Pays \$20 Fine**  
Carl C. Moran of Lapeer, Mich., caretaker of about 15 donkeys being used for "donkey baseball" in neighboring ball parks, paid a \$20 fine on a disorderly charge Monday.

**\$500 Burglary**  
Approximately \$500 worth of suits, dresses and other apparel was stolen from the Welch cleaners, 446 S. Woodward Thursday night by thieves who entered the establishment through an unbarred door.

**Presidential Party Provides Excitement for Holiday Weekend**  
Birmingham celebrated the long holiday weekend calmly, and with practically no traffic trouble, according to reports from the city.