

In this age of gadgetry, it may be difficult to lead the simpler life of our fathers—indeed, on the whole, the life of the past is a thing of the past. But, if you are one of those who are dissatisfied with the distractions that impact upon us today, can find in the past a more serene and contented inner life, and a bit of tranquility.

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TITLES AND THAT

By G. R. A.

In the passing, last week, of Michigan's former Governor, Chase S. Osborn, a great mind, great heart, and great presence left this earthly scene. Born in poverty, receiving little of formal education, this man rose to prominence and gave away two fortunes; the extent of his personally-gained knowledge brought him degrees from many universities and colleges.

He knew, intimately, the habits of the natural world, whether they be flora, fauna, geology, or the complexities of human nature. He was not only a citizen of the world, but he had acquired an "at-homeness" with life. Every moment of every day he treasured his life, and he was of intense interest to the 89-year-old gentleman; if you happened to meet with him for an hour or days, he would increase your own interest in and knowledge of this earth and its life and living.

Like a Celestial Comet
My own friendship with "Uncle Chase" (a signature that he used to scrawl over his notes and letters to friends during his last few years) began in the fall of 1919. It was during that year when U. S. Senator James Couzens was running, with Chase opposing him.

The latter had been saying what I thought were some unkind and unflattering things about Senator Couzens. In an editorial, I commented on the personality of Chase, and in a letter, I wrote his intelligence and public record, likening him to a celestial body—a fixed star, but rather a fast-moving comet whose course was unpredictable and whose trail would then be destroyed other celestial bodies.

Couzens was re-elected, but a week or so later, he received my first letter from Chase S. Osborn in which he said, "I have read your editorial, and I am sorry to hear that you criticized, panned, ramed, and otherwise pierced with opposition to me. I have never had so much as in your editorial. . . and, at this season of the year, I am glad to hear that you and your family a most Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years!"

So he began a correspondence that lasted for nearly a year. He visited him at his "Postum Pokes in Postum Lanes, Poland, Wis. county, in those days when I was full of his usual vigor and health. My last visit was at his Duke Island camp, in St. Mary's River, where he spent his summers; he was then totally bedridden and physically feeble. . . but even then, his valiant spirit was apparent.

Friends with Couzens
Ament his attitude toward Senator Couzens, under date of Feb. 15, 1936. Chase wrote me, in longhand: "Congratulations! Mr. Senator Couzens and I are now friends with a perfect personal understanding of each other. I'd like to see him in a delegation large to the Republican National Convention, June 9, in Cleveland."

Another letter includes: "You ask me if I have ever been cynical. I have not. I have never been homesick a day in my life. I have never had any doubts in my mind in my life. I have never been cynical. I believe in humanity and in the future of our country, day and night. My faith in God has not wavered in 60 years. I look upon the world as a fine place for exploration."

Chase Osborn had deep convictions on the subject of philanthropy. He once wrote me: "One must keep doing for others, because that is the real source of happiness. Bread cast on the waters DOES return! I may come back as swivelback or in some other form, but it does come, and it is wholesome. Anybody who does anything for another for the sake of appreciation or profit, except as an actual business transaction concerned, is selfish. I pay no attention to whether anybody likes me or not except to the extent that I would like to know who are kind to me. My attitude toward you and all the rest is in my regard toward me. I like me at and after a while they change their minds and mood."

On the subject of blind patriotism, another letter contains: "I am not a subject of any appointment that follow contemplation of the masses, sometimes more than I can bear. I consider that miracles never occur unless they occur WITHIN the pattern. The miracle of the social work does not help. He is putting on a soothing surface course that does not reach the marrow."

Once he summed up his philosophy by quoting from memory this: "I live for those who love me, for those who think me true, for those who have their hands above me, and the good that I can do."

It is the wrongs that need exist. (See THIS & THAT, Page 2)

2 Injured Here In Weekend Accidents

Crash in Illinois Hospitalizes Four Franklin Residents

Four Franklin people are hospitalized in Chicago Heights, Ill., following a head-on crash there about 9:30 p.m. Friday, a Birmingham youngster escaped serious injury when he was struck by an automobile on Woodward, and a Royal Oak Wood was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, Pontiac, when his car turned over and hit an underpass.

In a Chicago Heights hospital, were Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Brehm, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Brehm, Jr., and Mrs. M. L. Brehm, to spend the Easter weekend with the younger Mrs. Brehm's sister, Mrs. L. Brehm.

The accident happened at the intersection of Cicero avenue and the Chicago River, when the car crashed head on into a commercial bus.

Reports said that older Mrs. Brehm was seriously injured, suffered lacerations about the head, broken ribs, three fractures of the right leg, and a fracture of the right leg. Her husband received a broken nose, broken ribs and ankles and injuries about the head.

Was Relief Driver
Mrs. Brehm, Jr., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wooley, 1042 E. 12th, was driving the car at the time of the crash having relieved her father, an adult oculist and an injured ankle.

She received severe bruises about the head and is suffering from shock. He was driving at the time of the crash having relieved his father at the wheel only a short time before the accident happened.

Maurice Germaine, Jr., 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Germaine, 28 S. Huron, was released from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, Sunday. He was taken to his home after suffering from severe leg bruises and a cut on the head after having been struck by a car driven by Joseph H. Hadjiski, 61, of 744 Bates.

Hadjiski told police that he was driving north on Woodward, and noticed a small boy on a bicycle. His car was on the extreme inside lane, with the boy riding next to the curb, when the lad swung toward the center island on the highway. Hadjiski said he applied his brakes but was unable to stop before striking the boy who was thrown from his bicycle.

Tries to Make Curve
John G. Bechtel, 20, Royal Oak, suffered possible internal injuries, which were treated at his car while driving east on Big Beaver road early Sunday morning. According to the report, Bechtel was on the Oakland county sheriff's department, the driver lost control of the car, striking a tree at the intersection of Kensington road. The car rolled over and landed on its side. Bechtel was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, Sunday.

Miss Dorothy Williams, 19, suffered lacerations of the foot and leg. Other passengers in the car were Miss Dorothy Williams, 16; Jean Jenkins, 16; Marilyn McGuire, 15; Norrine Williams, 14; William Young, 23. All are from Royal Oak and vicinity.

Court Citations for Detroiters Using Highways Illegally
Dudley Frame, supervisor of Southfield township, reports that the cases of eight Detroit vendors who were cited for illegal use of county sheriff's department for investigation last week. The men are charged with entering a plea of guilty for purposes other than traffic.

According to Sheriff Hubbell, as first offenders the violators will receive only court citations at this time. However, second, or subsequent violations will bring jail sentences in addition to fines.

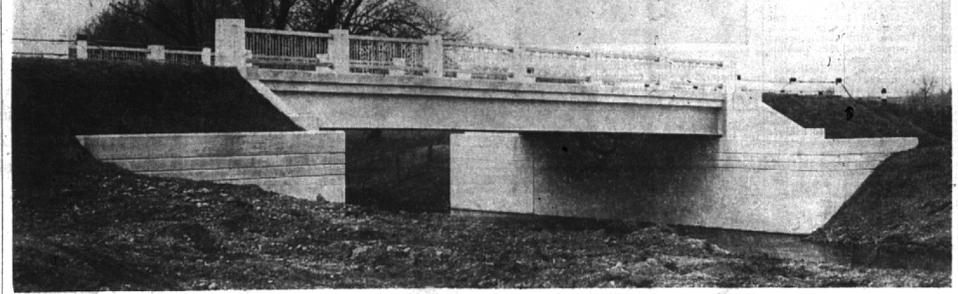
Board of Review To Be Appointed
Mayor Donald S. Bell this week said the city commission that next Monday night will be the first of a series of meetings to present a list of names of candidates for appointment to the city's board of review.

To meet this year on May 12-14 to review proposed amendments to the City Assessor Elmer Hancock, Elliott Kinney and Walter Mack, El-

Eye Birmingham's Centric

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New West Maple Bridge Over River Rouge Will Look Something Like This



The above photo of a recently completed State Highway Department bridge shows the general design of the city's proposed new West Maple bridge over the River Rouge. The city commission Monday evening approved this type of design as being the most economical as well as providing a good appearance.

The Maple bridge will be constructed with a foundation and span that will eventually permit four traffic lanes, but only the middle two will be completed at first.

State highway department survey crews will be in the city this week to make borings for the bridge foundation.

Monday night the city commission awarded the contract for the designing of the bridge to the Foster Engineering Co. of Lansing. Company representative will meet with City Manager Donald C. Egbert today to discuss preliminary plans.

Deplors Loss of Wildlife That Results From Fires Set Off to Burn Dead Grass

By Alice E. Morgan

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"They really aren't killing the weeds, because most of the seeds have fallen to the ground late last summer. About all they are doing is killing baby rabbits and destroying nests which already have eggs in them."

The lady went on to say that "Everyone will admit that, in some few cases, rabbits are a nuisance. However, this is not a rural community, and the amount of damage they do, or would do, is negligible."

Lots allowed to grow wild are unsightly, but there's a solution. It would not only solve the problem, but would prevent the spreading of weeds a great deal if they were to be moved before the seeds have developed. This would prevent a double service at one time—it would destroy the weeds and eliminate the unsightly spots, and at the same time would be a step forward in preserving a great deal of wild life.

City Wins Safety Award for 1948 Traffic Record
Ralph W. Moxley, chief of the Birmingham police department, has received a telegram from the National Safety Council extending congratulations to the city on its traffic record.

The wire, sent from the Chicago office, reads: "Judges of the National Safety Traffic Council voted an award to your city for completing 1948 without a traffic death. Your mayor has been notified. Award will be shipped to you within a few days. All Birmingham citizens are congratulated on this achievement. (Signed) Ned H. Dearborn, president, National Safety Council."

According to a news release from Chicago, Birmingham is one of 92 cities in the country whose population exceeds 10,000 persons, to win such an award for 1948.

Hills to Vote on Proposed Change in Zoning Laws

Residents of Bloomfield Hills will attend a public hearing May 3 on a proposed change in the city zoning ordinance.

The hearing will be held in the Bloomfield Hills high school at 8 o'clock. The proposed change, according to Elmer Kephart, city manager, concerns the properties between Woodward avenue and the Grand Trunk railroad.

The change will reduce the required size of these dwellings to 35,000 cubic feet, with off-street parking provided by each unit.

This change, if accepted, will be the first zoning change in the city since 1928. It will include, in addition to the present zoning, "A," "B" and "C," along with a commercial district, will stand.

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Judge Toms, Who Presided Over Nuremberg Trials, To Moderate UN Town Meeting

Speaks Here Monday

Judge Robert M. Toms, one of Michigan's more distinguished jurists, has accepted an invitation to moderate the UN Town Meeting to be held in the Birmingham Community House at 8:30 p.m. May 16.

Sponsored by the Birmingham League of Women Voters, the meeting will be a public one at which Judge Toms will share the platform with a panel of experts on the United Nations. The topic will be "The United Nations in Spring," which includes programs of many civic organizations as well as 21 neighborhood discussion groups, Judge Toms remarked.

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Survey Crews To Start Here Next Week

Two Other Stretches Are Scheduled for Completion in 1949

State Highway Department survey crews will be in Birmingham next week to begin gathering engineering data for construction of three sections of access roads along US-10 and Hunter boulevard, City Manager Donald C. Egbert disclosed this week.

Within the next 60 days, he said, the state expects to begin construction of the first section on the west side of US-10 directly in front of the city such as an access road, which are just south of Redding road.

Other sections which will probably be built this year, the manager said, would be along both sides of Hunter, between Oakland and E. Maple, and on the west side of US-10 between Havel and Haynes streets.

Owners Want Installation
"Owners of the Colonial Court development are asking that this type of driveway be installed in front of their property as a means of solving the dangerous situation which now exists there when cars park directly across the heavily traveled thoroughfare," Egbert explained to the city commission Monday evening.

While the matter of financing has not been definitely determined, as the present time, the state undoubtedly will do more than 50 per cent, Egbert stated.

"However, the city's approval of such an access road does not commit the city to participate in the cost unless the commission so decides at a later date," the manager pointed out.

Design Previously Discussed
Design of the access road, as approved by the state, would be the same as the one discussed in our commission discussions; a straight curb immediately back of the present ribbon curb, a 20-foot drive (probably blacktopped), and an 8-foot sidewalk. The sidewalk is to be constructed on the city's 36-foot right-of-way.

Egbert said he agreed with the state that similar drives should be constructed on both sides of Hunter between Maple and Oakland before further commercial development took place. A new driveway has been constructed on the east side in this area, while a dentist's office will open shortly on the west side.

"Packers Outlet is getting underway on its new store on the south side of the city, and the west of Hunter, while an automobile service garage and showroom will be going up on the north side of Bowers," said Egbert. "It would be advisable to construct access highways at the point before further development takes place."

Commissioner Milton J. "Lender" said he saw coming for US-10 and Hunter Blvd.

Has Seen It Coming
"The state is presently doing the same thing along Groat Ave. all the way up to Pt. Huron," Mullender explained to fellow commissioners. "It was logical that they intend to do the same along US-10 in Birmingham."

Egbert said that the financing of the access roads does not necessarily set the pattern for payment of future access drives. "The state has to be able to see what the cost estimates are before it thinks of offering to pay any part of the cost of them."

Also at Monday night's meeting the commission authorized Egbert to proceed to negotiate with the state highway department that would permit Birmingham to maintain its own access roads.

"The city is now going a portion of the maintenance work without compensation," the manager said. "We have to paint crosswalks, the street is often dirty. The state has tentatively offered to be able to take over maintenance if we take it on, which I believe we should do. We certainly ought to be able to devote more time to landscaping so it really is a beautiful looking highway."

Come Clean
City Clean Up Week will be May 2-6, the city commission decided at the Monday evening meeting.

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