

What a wonderful possession an infectious smile can be, when backed by a warm, generous personality. I think that all of us enjoy beautiful smiles and sunny, just as we enjoy smiling faces of others. Isn't that sufficient reason why each of us should cultivate the infectious smile?

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HIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

America, like all rich nations, is expected to help out its poorer relatives. Extending financial help, alone, seldom helps either a poor relative or an impoverished nation. Each must be required to help himself, too.

Princess Margaret, 19, is trying to get her daddy to allow her to visit England for a visit this summer to the United States. Why not, Dad? She ought to see the people of the nation that is, these days, helping her own.

A bureaucrat is a person occupying a public job. Some bureaucrats are honest, able, sincere, and good-public servants; others are just the opposite. This latter group is growing rapidly and, of course, wish to be in the "bureaucratic state" in a future "bureaucratic state."

Paul Robeson, the Negro singer who made a fortune in free America, is proving himself more loyal to Soviet Russia than to his own country. Robeson, prior to his pro-Soviet revelations, was among both Negroes and whites in the U.S.A. He must be a very little man, within himself—bitter as the fate that made him black instead of white. He must be a very little man, no longer will bring him big royalties, I expect... for what? That America is his family's living room!

Detroit's municipal budget becomes a \$310,000,000 total starting July 1. Its taxes have been raised for years and years. Residents and industries are moving away from the City Dynamic. Detroit, while it is being bled from internal graft and corruption, appears to be a poorly managed city, with no doubt accounts for a portion of its high taxes.

For 50 years 80-year-old Sigismund Z. Engel syndicated, it is reported, a \$10 million dollar. He would marry them, then suddenly leave them, while they were in the middle. He was quite a Casanova. His victims said: Here, it seems, is money, it is mine!

UAW-CIO demands upon the Ford Motor Co., including \$100 per month pensions, health insurance, and a guaranteed annual wage. Any company, engaged in a competitive business, cannot long survive as free enterprise under such conditions. The only way Ford can meet these demands is to be subsidized by the government. If it moves, of course, it will be the absolute shackle on free enterprise, and Ford property and interests would become mere puppets of control by bureaucracy.

It is inconceivable that Thomas E. Dewey will make a third effort to become the Republican candidate for the Presidency in 1952. Even though he should win the nomination (which is very much doubtful) he certainly wouldn't win the election... even against Truman again. It is hard to see Stassen appear to me to be the best current Presidential timber. Either one, with Gov. Earl Warren of California as Vice-Presidential candidate again, ought to win against any Democrat.

New Attendance Record Set for Summer Program

Unusual warm weather, along with many new activities, has caused a new all-time attendance record to be established for Birmingham's summer program. Over 4,900 participants have engaged in one event during the first week of operation.

As in the past, Barnum's pool has been taxed to capacity. Crowded classes have greatly hampered the efficiency of the expert swimming instruction offered. But it is expected that class sizes will reach normal levels when parents begin their out-of-town vacations.

Other relief will come also as some of the younger swimmers are moved to the intermediate and advanced periods. The pool open for adult activity on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday evening is family night. Youngsters, regardless of age, are welcomed, provided they are accompanied by one of their parents.

One of the most popular activities this week at Barnum playground has been trampolining. The young fry enjoy just bouncing up and down on it, and the older boys and girls are already doing tricks that must be seen to be believed.

Mickey Plumstead holds the record for consecutive sets. Dropped classes have greatly hampered the efficiency of the expert trampolining instruction offered. But it is expected that class sizes will reach normal levels when parents begin their out-of-town vacations.

Each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning, swimming life (See RECORD, Page 2)

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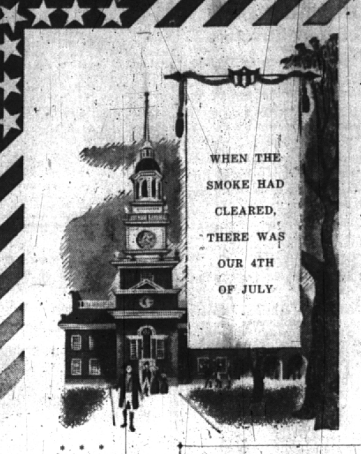
'Jake' Is Former Walnut Laker, Now Royal Oak Resident

It's as simple as that. Last week's Eccentric carried a brief item from Dorothy Kendall, Walnut Lake correspondent, of a turtle which was caught there. Now this was no ordinary turtle, for it had been in the lake since 1929. Everyone began asking, "Who is Jake?"

Monday morning a telephone call from Royal Oak solved the deep, dark mystery. "Jake" is Jacob Drake, owner of a hobby shop in Royal Oak.

As a little boy he lived at Walnut Lake with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Drake. Like all little boys, he had to have something to torment him. Like a lot of other little boys, he found that release for his energies about the lake. He made a hobby of catching turtles and painting his name and a date on their backs before returning them to the lake.

So far as anyone has yet been able to ascertain, however, this is the first time the turtle has been questioned through the help of one of its former "victims."



WHEN THE SMOKE HAD CLEARED, THERE WAS OUR 4TH OF JULY

By Alice E. Morgan

The history lesson for the week, and the Fourth of July. More years ago than most of us can remember, some men in Boston got mad at some other men and threw all their tea in the ocean. The men who owned the tea got mad, and before they knew it they were all over the place. What was happening, Paul Revere went galloping around waking everybody up.

By that time the whole section was mad, and they began to fight. When the smoke was all cleared away they decided they'd worked awfully hard and ought to have a day off. They felt pretty independent, taking that day off, so they called it Independence Day, and every year since then the public has taken a day off on July Fourth.

Good Old Day

That day's been noted in a lot of ways. They tell us that back in the "good old days" they used to shoot off the old cannons that were parked in practically every village square. (It must have been a whopping big war to have used so many cannons.) Once in a while some overzealous soul would get out the old muzzle-loader and let loose a blast just to show he was independent all by his lonesome.

That sort of thing went on until some bright boy hit on the idea of "wrapping little bits of TNT in little pieces of paper and finishing the whole thing off with a little bit of fuse. The idea was to light the fuse and then light quit—at least, for a reasonable distance. These things got bigger and bigger and noisier and noisier and worse and worse until some other bright boy wagged their heads and said it just had to be stopped. And by golly it was! Making them today you can travel the country over and you won't find a firecracker. They stopped making them and selling them. Well, they had to stop selling them when they quit making them.

It's made celebrating Independence Day a tough proposition. Truman was when it had to do was give the kids all his money for firecrackers, and borrow money enough to buy

Kroger Managers Fined on Short Weight Charges

Fine totaling \$100 were assessed against the two managers of the North Woodward Kroger store last week by the city scales.

The men, Arthur Knop, produce manager, and John Hied, acting store manager, entered a plea of guilty when charged with short weights on butter, cabbage, bananas, cherries and potatoes, according to Johns.

Johns, who signed the complaints, said this was the third offense listed against them. He stated that he made this inspection after several complaints had been filed in his office.

"Butter", Johns said, "was found to be an ounce under the listed weight. Since this item is not packaged at the local store, we are asking the Kroger main office to investigate it on their own."

Reappointed to Plan Commission

Mrs. Peter B. Loomis, Edward Bissell and Dr. Robert J. Mason were reappointed to the city plan commission for three-year terms Monday night by Mayor Donald S. Bell.

Did You Ever See a Dream Walking?

Human nature being what it is, we spend the winter months dreaming of warm sands, under rustling palms, and the summer months with visions of piles of nice, cool, fluffy snow before our eyes.

You can imagine our surprise in the dark room the other day when the above image began to take form on the

film. We'd been out along North Woodward taking pictures and, from the evidence at hand, had been doing a pretty good job of dreaming about those cool breezes as we tried, heroically, to keep enough steam off our glasses to at least see a little bit of what went on around us.

\$825,505 PARKING PROGRAM OUTLINED BY STUDY GROUP

City Considers Collection of Waste Paper

Basements Clogged as Residents Feel Effect of Market

Because waste paper, particularly newspaper, is bringing practically nothing on the paper market, newspapers are beginning to clog basements in Birmingham homes, City Manager Donald C. Egbert informed the city commission Monday night.

"We have received many complaints about the mounting piles of papers in city homes because it apparently is no longer economical for outside agencies to cart away and burn this sort of waste material," Egbert said.

Commissioners discussed briefly whether the city could afford to extend this waste paper collection to residences. Paper is collected from the business areas because merchants are prohibited from burning such trash in the congested commercial districts.

Difficult to Stop

Egbert warned the commission that once the service was started, it would be difficult to drop it. "It would undoubtedly become a service which will be maintained from now on as it is practically impossible to eliminate services which have been provided to citizens," he cautioned.

The commission tabled the matter for a few weeks in anticipation of further discussions on paper collection after July 1. The new city budget anticipates an increase in rates to business establishments for such collections.

Commissioners felt it would be better to discuss both business and residential aspects together.

David Ingram, 10, Is Polio Victim

David M. Ingram, 10, first polio victim of this area, died last week Wednesday in St. Joseph Mercy hospital. Pontiac.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Ingram, 1486 E. Maple in Troy township, he was born in Detroit on Dec. 3, 1938, and attended school there.

He is survived by his parents, a sister Penny and brother Don; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Grace Ingram of Detroit and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Merson of Battle Creek.

The funeral was held Saturday afternoon from the Bell Funeral home with burial in White Chapel cemetery.

Hit by Auto, Local Girl in Hospital

Condition of Child Injured on June 4 Remains Critical

Annabelle Scheyer, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Scheyer, 256 Ravine, is in St. Joseph Mercy hospital after being struck by a car driven by John A. Gillespie, Detroit. The accident happened at the triple intersection of Willets, Woodward and Oakland. Hospital authorities report her condition as "fair."

According to several witnesses the Scheyer girl was crossing Woodward from west to east, and apparently did not notice the approach of the Gillespie car as she appeared to focus her attention on one leaving Oakland. She was about 15 feet from the west curb when struck.

Gillespie told police that he was driving on Willets and turned to go north on Woodward. He reported that he was watching another car and did not see the girl ride into the path of his car. She made a "U-turn" into the path of his car. She was traveling about 50 feet after applying his brakes.

The man was arrested and charged with reckless driving.

Hospital attendants Wednesday morning said the girl had regained consciousness, and that x-rays were to be taken to ascertain the extent of head injuries.

Kathleen McGowan, 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McGowan, Aspen road, who was injured June 3 when struck by a motorcycle, still remains in a critical condition in St. Joseph Mercy hospital. Attendants said she was semi-conscious, and that at times she can recognize her name. She suffered severe head injuries and a broken ankle.

Meter Revenue to Bear 72% of Cost for 3 Large Lots

An \$825,505 off-street parking program for the City of Birmingham was outlined in a 14-page report made public today by James J. Hogan, chairman of the city commission's off-street parking committee.

The result of an intensive 10-month study by the committee, the proposed program calls for three downtown lots which would provide 850 parking spaces. All lots would be within 750 feet walking distance of the city's central business district.

Proposed sites, in order of their construction, are:

- Lot A—The northeast corner of Willets and Bates (199 spaces)
- Lot B—The southerly end of the block bounded by Oakland, Ferndale, Hamilton and Park (253 spaces)
- Lot F—The block bounded by Woodward, Brown, Pierce and Merrill (398 spaces)

The plan has received the unanimous recommendation of the city plan commission, and the report has been officially sent to the city commission. The city commission, before the program becomes official, must submit it to the voters at a special election, probably early this fall.

Prior to the election, however, the city commission recognizes the need for public discussion of the matter and plans to hold one or more public hearings on the proposal.

Financing Would Be Over 20 Years

The plan would be financed over a 20-year period from net revenue from operation of the lots and street meters, special assessment against benefited business spread over 10 years, and the city's share to be collected over 10 years.

According to the report, net cash revenue from lots and street meters would provide \$692,959 in 20 years. This would pay 71.84 per cent of the cost of the program, the committee believes.

The assessment against business places would provide \$187,320, or 22.70 per cent. Then general city share would be \$46,330, or 5.67 per cent. Interest on assessments, it is calculated, would bring in the remaining \$4,680, or .57 per cent.

The report states in regard to business assessments: "The basis of assessment, as between different parcels of business property, would be by use of a formula which was worked out jointly by the committee, city assessor and city manager. The formula is weighted 50 per cent for area and 50 per cent for present parking space requirement of each individual business. Area, in turn, would be weighted for distance from the lots, for future potential development, and for other restrictive or less desirable factors."

It is the opinion of the committee that business assessments represent actual capital outlay which will be reflected many times over in the increased market value of Birmingham business properties.

Cost of Curb Parking Would Increase

"If this were not so, there would be no economic justification for creating a parking facility," the report stated. "The point has been proved in many other communities where city-planned lots are operating."

Lot would be constructed the first year, Lot B the second, and Lot F the third. If future requirements warranted, the lots could be made into multi-level units.

In order to encourage the use of the lots, curb parking would be increased to 5 cents for 30 minutes. A charge of 5 cents for two hours would be made for lot parking.

The committee, in the report, recognized the fact that condemnation of property for these lots would be necessary in most instances.

The following is the complete report submitted by Hogan and his committee, consisting of Herbert H. Gardner, Harrison E. Thurston, John D. Maynard and A. R. Forster:

(See PARKING REPORT, Pg. 5)

SAVE THIS REPORT!

The Eccentric today prints the COMPLETE report on the proposed city off-street parking program, as prepared by the Off-Street Parking Committee and unanimously endorsed by the City Plan Commission. CLIP IT AND SAVE IT IF YOU BELIEVE YOU WILL HAVE NEED FOR IT, OR WANT TO REFER TO IT LATER. Official copies are very limited, and this reprinting of it in The Eccentric probably will be the only one you will see.

Official maps, outlining the proposed parking areas, are now on display at the Municipal Building. So is the business area which will carry an assessment. Assessments have been figured out completely, so that local merchants may see exactly how far away their establishment is from each lot, plus the assessment their business will be asked to bear should the project be approved by the people.

Ask at the Information Desk in the Municipal Building for the location of the room in which these maps are on display.