*To deceive another, deliberately, for little or big personal gain, is an act that, somehow, catches up with the doer during his or her lifetime. To try to live through the art of deception, it seems to me, would be like trying to breathe fresh, pure air in a smokehouse.*

# The Birmingham Eccentric

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## THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

**A Poor Record in Lansing**

History of Michigan probably never will show that the current Legislative session in Lansing broke any records for real public service. While it is true that the Legislature is dominated by Republicans, with Democrats in the Executive Office, the blame cannot be placed against that thing called "politics" alone.

Certainly, much "politics" always plays its part when there is a political difference of opinion in officialdom; some elements of each party seek to glorify themselves, and thus their party, looking ahead to the next election, of course.

Perhaps, however, the real lack of decent co-operation between Governor Williams' office and the Republican members of the Legislature lies in the plain fact that one segment of our State, namely: Labor, had too much influence with G. Mennen Williams and his policies; and only one group of labor, at that—the C. I. O.

Governor Williams is, personally, an honest man, I believe. He, in his way, wants to do good—even though he may be too young in years to know how to deal with others to get his way, especially in public affairs.

Had the Governor revealed his personal independence of labor more than he has; had he been more charitable in his criticisms of the Republican Party than he has; had he been a bit more frugally minded regarding the taxpayers' money . . . well, he might have done better.

Regardless of what he has done and what he hasn't done, the Governor is still regarded as a nice fellow, and retains hosts of friends.

The Republicans haven't shown too much leadership, either.

But enough of this for this week . . . I'll have more to observe as the days roll on . . . and so will you, citizens of Michigan.

**One hundred and fifteen thousand people personally witnessed the recent Kentucky Derby, and countless millions thrilled to the radio account of it . . . just to see and hear about a great horse race that lasted only two minutes and four and one-fifth seconds. Millions of dollars were risked on that race, too. Americans, (and most people all over this earth), love the thrill of sportsmanlike competition. They show it in their attendance at all manner of sports. How much more glamorous sports are than is the more serious business of domestic and international peace!**

**It is estimated that more than** a million people will be affected by the Ford strike that started last week. Reports state the strike was called because of a so-called "speed-up". Henry Ford II termed the strike "unnecessary". He said he was willing to submit the problem to arbitration, thus making it possible for the men and women to continue earning their livelihoods; but the union leaders have said "no". If that technique were applied to all international disputes, there'd be more wars than one could talk about.

**Well, I wonder how Ingrid Bergman, the movie actress, is getting along in her new love life . . . if** reports that she is interested in that Italian movie director are correct, she could use her life-story thus far for a smashing celluloid hit . . . even vying for glamour with her recent role as Joan of Arc. Anyway, Ingrid is entitled to lead her own life, without movie direction, it would seem.

## *Mrs. John Humphrey Killed in Nevada; Husband Badly Hurt*

Mrs. George Chesley, 468 Willits, has received word of the death of her mother, Mrs. John B. Humphrey, in an auto accident near Battle Mountain, Nev. Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey, 620 Vinewood, who were celebrating their golden wedding anniversary, had gone to California a month ago and were enroute home at the time of the accident.

Mrs. Humphrey was killed when their car hit a soft shoulder on the highway and plunged out of control down the side of the mountain.

A resident of Birmingham for the past 30 years, Mrs. Humphrey was a member of the First Presbyterian church.

Mr. Humphrey is confined to a Nevada hospital suffering from severe shock, head injuries and a fractured leg and ankle. His condition is considered serious.

Besides her daughter, Mrs. Humphrey is survived by two sons, Wilfred Humphrey of Van-Wert, Ohio and John B. Humphrey, Jr., of Glendale, Ohio.

The body will be returned to Birmingham this week but funeral arrangements are incomplete.

The City Commission will hold its 1949-50 BUDGET HEARING MONDAY, MAY 16 at 8 p.m. in the city commission room at the Municipal Building

## City Ready for Debate on 'UN and U.S.'

### Son Of Iranian Premier Will Be Among the Audience

Against a backdrop of UN posters and the official United Nations flag, a panel of distinguished leaders of business, labor, education, the church and the Association of the United Nations will debate the answers to a provocative series of questions next Monday evening at 8:30 in the Community House auditorium.

From their varied business and professional backgrounds, and with on-the-spot knowledge of such areas as Germany, Greece and China, Roy Gifford, Ted Silvey, Dr. Marshall Knappen, the Rev. Edgar Wahlberg and James Eldridge will focus their attention on these questions:

Is our present US foreign policy endangering or benefitting the United Nations? Is the United Nations the cornerstone of American foreign policy? Should it be? What UN policy should our government pursue and in what directions should our support as citizens go?

**10-Minute Speeches**

The general subject of the UN Town Meeting, under which these questions will be considered is, "The US and the UN: United We Stand?" Judge Robert Toms of the Circuit Court of Detroit, moderating the speakers, will allow each one ten minutes for his initial presentation, after which the panel members will have time for rebuttal of debatable points and for questions from the floor.

Sponsored by the Birmingham League of Women Voters, the UN Town Meeting has had as consultant Russell Barnes, foreign correspondent and UN specialist of the Detroit News, who has advised on both the subject of the UN discussion and the make-up of the panel.

An additional feature of the program will be the introduction by Judge Toms of Tim Reed, Baldwin high school senior, who has been chosen to represent the 110 Birmingham students who recently returned from a trip to Lake Success where they attended United Nations meetings and consulted with UN officials.

Students from more than a dozen nations will be dinner guests here in Birmingham next Monday evening preceding the United Nations Town Meeting.

Among the guests will be the son of the Premier of Iran, Manuchehr Manu Parivi, liberal arts junior at Wayne who will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Segadas-Viannas, Birmingham residents from Rio de Janeiro.

**Chinese Guests**

Mrs. Graham John Graham has asked Mlle. Monique Leutwyler, of Geneva, Switzerland, member of the International Social Service staff there, and Miss Dorcas Shun Takahashi, Japanese fellow of the Rockefeller Foundation who is specializing in Public Health at the Wayne School of Nursing. Miss Takahashi will head the nursing staff of a large hospital on her return to Japan.

From China come Bacon Kee, Chemistry major at Wayne, who will be entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lonis, and Miss Louise She, specialist in Child Welfare from Merrill-Palmer. Miss She will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hollister Mabley, as will Mr. Naim Kawwas, Palestinian Arab studying at Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip A. Hart have invited Miss Amelia Hakim, pre-law student at Wayne. Miss Hakim is from Iraq. Mrs. E. Scheyer has asked Mrs. May Kim Joh, teacher at Adrian in the Wayne Graduate school, former faculty member of Ewha Womens University of Seoul, Korea. Mrs. Scheyer will also have as guests Mrs. S. Pritam Singh, Merrill-Palmer student from India and Miss Blanca Elena Gil, Venezuelan student also specializing in child development at Merrill-Palmer.

**Here from Egypt**

Miss Britta Holstrom, studying psychiatric social work in Wayne Graduate School, will be entertained by Mrs. Irene Murphy; and Miss Viorica Rugila, Wayne student of pharmacy, will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Elliott will be hosts to Mr. Surak Essayan, Egyptian student of engineering at Wayne, chairman of the International Student Society Welfare Committee. Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hadjiski round out the list of people entertaining visiting students with two guests from Greece, Miss Silviete Marapoulos and Dionysios Botseas, both undergraduates at Wayne.

Other specially invited guests are Miss Florence Cassidy of the Detroit Council of Social Agencies, Mrs. Lillian Amerman, Adviser to

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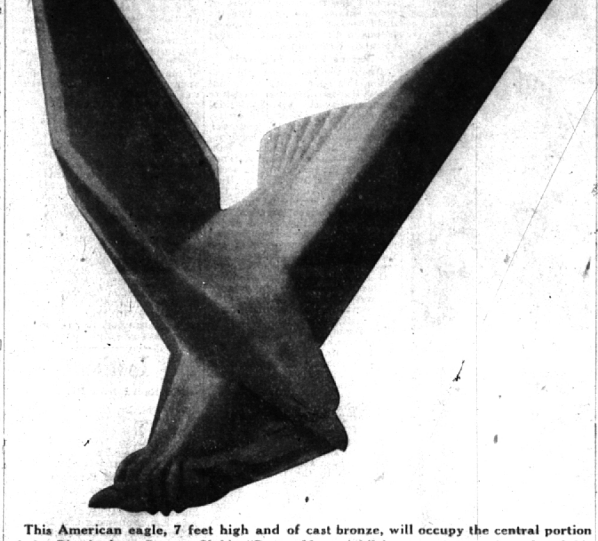
*To Be in Center of Rotary Club's Peace Memorial*



**This American eagle, 7 feet high and of cast bronze, will occupy the central portion of the Birmingham Rotary Club's "Peace Memorial," it was announced at the club's Silver Anniversary dinner last week Wednesday.**

**Designed by Birmingham's noted sculptor, Marshall Fredericks, it is a quarter scale model of the same eagle which is to be placed on the Detroit Veterans' Memorial Building, now under construction.**

**With wings outspread and grasping a laurel and palm branches in its talons, the eagle in the Birmingham memorial will be dedicated to those local men and women who have served the nation faithfully in the armed forces. (Photo by Arnold Studios)**

## Community House 1949 Roll Call Is $7,774 Short

There is still a gap of $7,774 between the total and the goal of the Community House annual Roll Call, the board of directors of the House learned at the monthly board meeting Monday night. Roll Call Chairman Charles B. Kase reported the Roll Call as of Monday, to be $23,106.

The budgeted operating costs of $30,880, which is the goal of the Roll Call, provide for only essential repairs to the House. If it becomes necessary through failure of the community to subscribe the entire amount of the Roll Call, budget revision must be made at the expense of the present Community House program of service and activities, Mrs. Howard J. Liverance, president of the board, pointed out.

**Not Given Up Hope**

However, the campaign committee has not given up hope that the entire amount of the budgeted operating cost will be raised by contributions. Mrs. Cassius L. Miller, chairman of the committee of 400 workers who contacted donors, reports that contributions are still outstanding from 17 per cent of last year's contributors. "We not only expect to hear from nearly all of them, but we also hope that more new contributions will continue to come in," she said.

Mrs. Miller's files show that the 1949 campaign has added the names of 285 new donors to the membership of the Community House Association. The goal was 300 new subscribers to the current Roll Call and Mrs. Miller is confident that the number will be reached.

Another optimistic note was sounded by Mrs. Miller's report that the campaign, while it seems to be slow to reach its goal, is actually $1,000 further along at this point than the campaign was last year when a total of $28,500 was subscribed.

The Community House board voted Monday night to add two new members, replacing Mrs. Robert N. Woodruff and John T. Spencer Jr. resigned. The additions are Mrs. O. A. Luckenbach, 424 Willits, and Covert Robertson, 1091 Lake Park.

## *Library Submits $35,000 Budget*

The Library Board Monday evening sent to the city commission a 1949-50 library budget request for $35,475, designed to cover normal operational costs plus some building repairs which are needed.

A "subsistence budget" for $30,000 was also submitted in the event the commission did not approve of the larger one.

## *2nd Family Life Institute for Youth, Adults Set for May 19 in Local Schools*

"Why don't you grow up?" How many times do parents use this remark in reprimanding an offending offspring without clarifying to themselves and the child what they actually mean in the fullest sense by "grown up"? What processes is the child expected to go through to be grown up? In other words, do parents and children actually get together on everyday problems of adolescent living?

This is only one phase of famiily living to be covered by the Family Life Institute which will be held all day May 19 in the junior and senior high schools of Birmingham.

**Program Is Enlarged**

A year ago this month Birmingham first launched the idea of a Family Life Institute. It met with such enthusiasm frem both students and parents that a number of civic, church and educational groups, backed by the Community Council, have decided to do it again this year with an enlarged program to foster more parent participation in the program.

Keynote speaker will be Dr. Evelyn M. Duvall, executive secretary of the National Council of Family Relations, with headquarters at the University of Chicago. Dr. Duvall is a Ph.D., author of many books on marriage and the family, associate editor of "Marriage and Family Living", a journal published quarterly, and was chairman of the committee on dynamics of family interaction for the National Conference on Family Life at the White House last May.

Her radio appearances have included America's Town Meeting of the Air. She has taught at the following colleges: Indiana, Iowa, Northwestern, Chicago and Tennessee. She is also member of 12 national organizations in relation to her field of work, including Pi Lambda Theta, Sigma Xi and Phi

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## Pontiac Man, Unable To Raise Bond, Held On Traffic Charge

Justice Alva J. Richardson ordered James E. Hayes, 35, of Pontiac, held in Oakland county jail after he was unable to furnish $100 bond after being arrested by Bloomfield Hills police Saturday afternoon and charged with drunk driving. He entered a plea of not guilty when he appeared oe fore Justice Richardson. The trial has been set for 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

According to police, Hayes was arrested after his car struck the car of Stephen Lamprecht, also of Pontiac, and another machine which had stopped for the traffic light at Woodward and Long Lake road. The Hayes machine finally came to a stop in the center parkway.

Hayes, Lamprecht and the latter's wife were taken to St. Joseph Mercy hospital, where they were treated for minor injuries received in the crash.

## Ecorse City Engineer Accepts Similar Position Here, Replacing L. B. Kordell

Leland R. Gare, 46, Ecorse city engineer, has been named Birmingham city engineer by City Manager Donald C. Egbert, the manager disclosed this week.

Gare told The Eccentric Monday that he expects to take over his duties here the first part of June.

"I still have a few matters here in Ecorse that I must attend to first," he stated.

**U of M. Graduate**

He succeeds Leon B. Kordell, who resigned April 15 after eight months here to reenter the building construction field near Chicago where he formerly lived.

A resident of Dearborn, Gare was born in Northampton, Mass., and was graduated in 1925 from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in engineering.

He immediately began working in the City of Dearborn engineering department and was assistant city engineer there when he left to become Ecorse city engineer in 1942.

He is a member of the Engineering Society of Detroit, the American Public Works Association, and the Ecorse Kiwanis club.

# *Road Commission OK's 16 Mile Road Survey; Aug. 1 Deadline Set*

## *Strong Finish Nets 2nd CM Relay Title for Maple Trackmen*

By Guy Tunnicliffe and Sandy Gruber

Overcoming a 25 point lead the Birmingham track team defeated Ypsilanti to win the Central Michigan Relays for the second consecutive year when they topped the 23 Class B entries Friday. The meet was held at Mt. Pleasant.

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At 7:30, when the finals started, the Maples trailed Ypsi 46-21 with Mt. Pleasant and Charlotte also ahead of them. By winning five of the evening's seven events, the Maroon cindermen scored 51 points for a total of 72 to Ypsi's 65, while a surprisingly strong Mt. Pleasant team finished third with 50.4 points.

**Sets New Relay Record**

The old saying, "A track team is only as good as its sprinters" was certainly proved demonstrated when dashmen Jere McMillin, Bob Fohn, Conrad Burkman, Rick Cunningham and Joel Ross combined to win three relays and the only individual dash event.

Jere McMillin won the 100 yard dash in 10.5 seconds to set a new relay record. The Maple sprinters also established new meet marks in the central relay and 440 relay.

Rollie McGinnis set a new record in the pole vault with 11 feet 6½ inches. This mark also ties the school record held by Fred Zoellin since 1942. Rollie also ran second to State champion Dave Hill in the 120 yard high hurdles with Mac Booth third.

One of the outstanding performers of the meet was Ypsilanti's Dave Hill, who won the broad jump with a leap of 21 feet 2½ inches, and set a new record in the high hurdles at 15.3 seconds.

**Hills Team Is Second**

Birmingham's shuttle hurdle-relay team, consisting of Boynton, Booth, Cunningham and McGinnis, won this relay in a time just one second slower than last year's record set by Birmingham. The mile relay team of Boynton, Lee Hanson, Chuck Tyron and Eric Heiser, placed first with a time of 3:47.35 to put the Maples in position to win.

In class D, Michigan School for the Deaf also successfully defended its title by piling up 97½ points.

Birmingham's neighbor, Bloomfield Hills, placed second with 60½ and Vestaburg third, with 45 points.

The scores for the top five schools were: Birmingham 72, Ypsilanti 65, Mt. Pleasant 50.6, Charlotte 32, Ludington 25.5, and Alma 25.5.

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## *Maples Make Ponder's Win Look Easy*

By Hal P. Buerge

I suppose the guys and gals that had a small wager on Ponder to win the Kentucky Derby were thrilled a-plenty when they heard him romp home ahead of at least a half dozen horses who were supposed to be kicking dirt in his face from start to finish. And I suppose the rest of the faithful at Churchill Downs are still wondering, "Wha Hoppen."

Still, the thrills at the derby were nothing compared to those of the small band of Birmingham High School track fans who witnessed the almost unbelievable performance of the local thinclads at the Central Michigan Relays in Mt. Pleasant last Friday.

Coach Lloyd Cooper took his full squad north with slim hope of retaining the title won at the relays last year. What with Ypsi Central and their great prep performer, Dave Hill, leading the way to the relays last spring and first in the River Rouge Relays early this season. Then too, there strong entrys from Alma, Charlotte, Mt. Pleasant and Ludington, all fielding unusually strong teams in their sections of the state.

**Is History Now**

What happened is history by now and the Maples are again champions, having taken 72 points in a most unusual stretch performance. Ypsi fell by the wayside in the last event after a grand start and Mt. Pleasant, third team in the meet, just couldn't keep up the torrid pace set by the Maples.

The meet was an afternoon and evening affair with half the events run off in 90-degree heat in the afternoon. In spite of the heat Birmingham remained comparatively cool and by dinner time were back in the pack, wallowing around in fifth place. Ypsilanti was so far out in front that the main topic of conversation at dinner among local fans was, "How are we ever going to get enough points to gain second place?"

The Maples didn't have many points at the end of the afternoon section of the meet. 21 to 46 for the Ypsi Braves. Mt. Pleasant, Charlotte and Ludington were also ahead, with Alma mighty close.

Nightfall came. The weather

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## *City Spends Part of Sewer Bonds*

Slightly more than $34,000 was appropriated Monday night by the city commission for the city's share of the cost of four sewer projects: Grant street sewer, Lincoln-Purdy interceptor, Eton road sewer and Quarton Lake Estates sewers.

The money was the first spent from the recent $100,000 bond issue voted for this purpose.

## Safety Patrol Leader Wins 4-Day Trip

### Ralph Hotchkiss Chosen to Visit Washington, D. C.

Eleven-year-old Ralph Hotchkiss, safety patrol leader at Quarton school in Birmingham, will be among 87 outstanding leaders from Michigan schools leaving today for Washington, D.C., on a four-day all-expense tour sponsored by the Automobile Club of Michigan.

Hotchkiss, who lives at 844 Hazelwood, was named by Auto Club safety authorities to make the trip after his school was cited by the Club for its superior safety patrol during the 1948-49 school year.

"Superintendent Dwight B. Ireland, Principal Grant W. Barber, and the local safety patrol are to be congratulated. Michigan's child traffic death rate is low and much credit is due them," said Club Safety Director Ernest P. Davis.

**Special Pullman Arranged**

All expenses of the 87 Michigan boys are to be borne by Auto Club as a reward from the motoring public for the 200 hours per year which each of 41,000 Michigan safety patrol boys spend guarding school corners.

Safety patrol leaders chosen for the trip will assemble in Detroit this afternoon from all parts of the state. After being registered, the youngsters will be given a physical check-up and an outline for the next four days' activity. Along with adult supervisors and registered nurses they will board a special group of Pullmans on the B & O Ambassador for the overnight trip to the Capital city. After dinner aboard the train the boys will be entertained by a professional magician.

**Will March in Parade**

Friday morning they'll see downtown Washington and the Capitol building on their way to the Willard Hotel, a short way from the White House. In the afternoon they will visit Ford Theater where Lincoln died.

Arlington Cemetery, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the first U. S. public school, and Lincoln and Washington Memorials will be visited by the young leaders on Saturday. Saturday morning the boys will join with 20,000 other patrol leaders from all over the United State in a parade down Constitution Avenue.

After several hours of sight-seeing and buying souvenirs, they will leave Washington Saturday at 5:50 p.m. EST and arrive in Detroit Sunday. They will be routed and supervised to their homes by members of the safety staff.

## 14 Mile Rd. Study Will Follow Next

### Agreement Reached at Special Meeting Held in Pontiac

A survey for the completion of 16 Mile road, between US-10 and Adams road, will be taken by August 1, the Oakland County Road Commission has promised the City of Birmingham.

Following this will be a survey of the 14 mile road, between Southfield and Cranbrook roads.

This is the preliminary work that must be done to determine grades, drainage structures and right-of-way for the eventual completion of the two roads.

Mayor Donald S. Bell said that this agreement for survey work was arrived at last week in a special meeting in Pontiac between the three-member road commission and Oakland County supervisors from Birmingham, Southfield, Clawson, Royal Oak and Troy.

David Levinson, chairman of the city plan commission's committee for the completion of these two roads, in a letter to Lee O. Brooks, chairman of the road commission, thanked him for the "fine consideration and attention to this problem."

**To Relieve Traffic Situation**

"We are gratified with your agreement to proceed promptly with the engineering work on the 16 Mile road, and shall look forward to early advice from you that this work has been completed," Levinson wrote.

Birmingham officials for some years have been attempting to enlist the road commission's aid in opening these two roads to relieve the traffic volume on Maple particularly through the city. As a result of recent articles in The Birmingham Eccentric calling attention to the need for this completion, other surrounding communities have joined Birmingham's campaign.

## Assign Location of 2 Hunter Signals

**The State Highway department has informed City Manager Donald C. Egbert that traffic lights will be installed along US-10 at Emmons and Bowers, in addition to the one already assigned to the Woodward-14 Mile road intersection.**

**"These lights will probably be the suspended type, rather than that which is projected over the street on a mast arm," Egbert said.**

## Construction Slump Noted During April

Permits for alterations on single family dwellings outnumber those for new dwellings, 16 to 5, according to the April report just issued by E. S. Clark, acting building inspector for Birmingham. The permits also include fire repairs to a residence, one new business building, alterations to three business places, the construction of a new private garage and alterations to three others. Three basements are also being remodeled and repaired.

Inspector Clark's report included permits issued to move three buildings and wreck one.

The valuation of this construction, set at $125,604, is for 15 new buildings and alterations on 31, and represents the lowest monthly figure so far this year.

## PTA to Organize at Annie Lathrup School

LATHRUP—An organizational meeting of the PTA of Annie Lathrup school will be held Monday evening at 7:30 in the school auditorium.

Mrs. Holley D. Taggart is chairman of the planning committee with Mrs. James Wright in charge of the publicity. All mothers in the area are urged to attend and assist in starting a PTA unit here.

A spring exhibit of the students' work, done during the present school term, will be on display.