

No one ever came to find him... The truth is found upon Eternal... and is as dependable in human affairs as the stars in the firmament... to the mariner upon the wide and lonely seas.

## THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

### Michigan Politics in 1950 Will Be Warm Affair

At the moment, invited Republican leadership in Michigan is an unknown quantity. Owen J. Cleary, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, is engaged in trying to bring to a government program which will be popular with a majority of Michigan voters. At the same time, he hopes to win the only openly avowed candidate. The others are biding their time, waiting for the psychological correct moment to announce.

Currently, potential Republican candidates for Governor appear in the persons of Frank M.iger, Secretary of State; D. Hale Brake, State Treasurer; Dr. Eugene C. Keyes, former chief of the Michigan Albert Engel, western Michigan Congressman. To date, Keyes is the only openly avowed candidate. The others are biding their time, waiting for the psychological correct moment to announce.

Governor Williams, having surprised old-line Republicans by changing them into "welfare programs", faces a fight for re-nomination next year. The Governor's Democratic don't like the Governor's suggesting up to CIO policies, and they may campaign against Williams in the 1950 primaries.

As so far, most political observers agree that Williams hasn't harmed himself too much with Michigan voters.

While disagreeing with some of Williams' notions, many are praising his leadership in the past year. In other words, they are captivated by his warm personality, an excellent charm for anybody, in or out of public life.

Yes, 1950 should be an interesting election year in Michigan.

### How To Be a Pessimist

An example of the new pessimism is revealed in the following anonymously written piece, eloquently and pessimistically to the voice of pessimism he can become a pessimist. It is typical of the pessimism in high and low places on earth, people who want to bring discouragement to themselves and to others, to prepare them for dependence upon others, including the fancy notions and the fancy notions of the pessimist.

Here is the piece:  
A line is laid by the side of the road and lived hot dogs.  
He was hard of hearing so he had to yell.  
He had trouble with his eyes so he read no newspapers.  
And no longer could he read.  
He put up a sign on the highway telling how good the hot dogs were.  
He stood by the side of the road and cried: "Buy a hot dog, mister."  
He increased his meat and bun orders.  
He bought a bigger stove to take care of his trade.  
He got his son home from college.  
But then something happened...  
"You're right, son," the father said to his son.  
"We are certainly in the middle of a great depression."

### ARE YOU... AND AS CONSCIOUS

This Advertiser Said:  
"Sold everything in hardly no time at all, could have sold more and over again."  
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"We are certainly in the middle of a great depression."

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## B'ham Leads All Suburban Torch Drives

### Committees Report Five-Eighths of Quota Already In

Approximately \$50,015 down and \$32,235 yet to go! This is the current status of the United Foundation Torch Fund Drive goal of \$82,250 in the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills division, according to Henry J. Whiting, chairman.

This puts us out in front of all the "suburbs", he continued. "While returns to date have been encouraging, 40 per cent of the quota must be raised during the coming week," Whiting said.

The campaign committee heard his encouraging report when they met for luncheon Tuesday at the Colonial Tea Room.

Mrs. J. Rowland Quinn, campaign director, urged area chairmen to make an appeal to the workers to complete solicitations at the earliest date possible.

Most unanimous participation in the campaign is reported by the workers. The "Give one for all" theme has struck a responsive chord among the citizens and they are giving generously. Solicitors and employees have had many surprises, including loosening of the purse strings where least expected.

Many local business firms and their employees have increased their pledges over last year by a large percentage, some two to three times as much. Each employee made a generous contribution averaging more per person than in any other city department.

Local School Campaign: Comparisons of the year's pledges, employees of the McBride Hardware Co. have pledged an increase of 110 per cent; S. J. Krueger Co. employees have increased theirs by 40; Davidson's by 25% (See DRIVE, Page 2)

## Southfield Boy Killed By Car

Edward Peresien, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Peresien, 28820 Lahser road, was killed instantly at 11:30 p.m. when he dashed into the path of a car near 12-Mile road.

B. Grimes, 46, of Detroit, driver of the car, told Frank Hansen, deputy in the sheriff's office, that he was driving on the ditch and apparently did not notice the approaching car. Hansen said the car had been standing on the east side of Lahser road watching a man standing on the ditch and waving quickly, and without warning started to cross to the west about 11:30 p.m. Grimes' car struck the rear fender of Grimes' car. The driver was killed instantly.

## Merchants to Have "Christmas Prevue" On Monday, Dec. 5

At a meeting Tuesday evening, Birmingham merchants made final plans for their Christmas "Prevue", which will be held Monday, Dec. 5, from 7 to 10 p.m. The business committee of the Chamber of Commerce has been working the plan for some time. The plan is to invite local residents who are acquainted with residents with whom local merchants will offer special merchandise.

## Dr. Kemp Appointed

Dr. W. Lloyd Kemp, city health officer, has been appointed to the position of chief administrative officer of the Birmingham health department. The formation of the group and the appointment of Dr. Kemp was announced Tuesday by Gov. G. Mennen Williams.

## "Among Those Present" At the Halloween Parade



John and James, 16-month-old twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Filkins, 224 Gray court, take their role of mighty hunters seriously as they ride their way through the annual Halloween parade. Armed with their trusty shot guns and wisely clothed in bright red jackets and caps, they sit snug in their "duck blind" while ghosts, skeletons and all sorts of weird creatures frolic around them. It was a bad night for the hunters, even though they did win prizes because a wild duck showed up.

## Commission O.K.'s Uniform Traffic Ticket Policy

City commissioners Monday evening adopted the uniform traffic enforcement policy for the City of Birmingham. This system has been used by some 34 cities in the state, with many others preparing to adopt it.

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley said the new policy would not go into effect until next Monday, January 1, 1950. He explained that it would require that much time to properly train the officers in the use of the tickets, and to have the forms printed.

Moxley explained that if adopted, there will probably be a slight decrease in traffic fine revenue, but that the fair and square treatment of motorists would receive more than make up for a financial loss. It compensates for police to do a better job, and for traffic court judges to maintain a more even rate of fines. Fines will be levied according to the circumstances which are involved in a violation.

## Another Long Scoring Run

Again copying the red zone in the first quarter, the Big Red released Rex Rabidue on the Birmingham 18. He scampered 48 yards to provide a 12-0 lead over a downhearted Maple squad. Miller's conversion was wide, and Port Huron led 6-0 in the first minute of play.

## Score in Final Quarter

Early in the fourth quarter Port Huron, rolling again, was set back on their own 41. Big Red Lornie Kerr threw a beautiful aerial to Tom Ullrich on the Maple 15. He ran the remaining yards to give Port Huron its final six points in the Eastern Michigan League standings.

## Monroe Here Friday; Broken Collarbone Sidelines Boynton

By Bob Hardy  
Tomorrow night under the lights at "Purcell" Field, Birmingham will play host to Monroe Catholic Central High School for the first time in the school's history.

## Uninvited Guest at Halloween Party Makes a Hit

An uninvited guest proved to be the feature attraction at the Halloween party Monday at the City and Country School in Bloomfield Hills. This little fellow, a tame raccoon, was known in the nursery youngsters were playing their outdoor games. Game took second place on the program at once as they flocked around their visitor.

# School District Electors to Vote Next Monday on \$3,100,000 Bond Program

## An Editorial

### This is Why We Believe the School Bond Issue Merits Your Support:

Next Monday the Birmingham Board of Education is asking that registered electors of the Birmingham school district approve a \$3,100,000 bond issue for the construction of a new high school, a new elementary school, and additions to Walnut Lake and Franklin schools.

In the past seven weeks, The Birmingham Eclectic has presented a series of articles explaining this expansion program, using facts gathered and made public by the board of education. During this time, the board and school superintendent have met with quite a number of local groups to be certain that as many people as possible are aware of current school needs, and understand exactly what the money is for.

Why are the school electors being asked to approve these new school buildings and additions? Because, the school board reasons, school enrollment figures show present building facilities are at the point of overcrowding. These statistics indicate that a new high school is necessary because of the flood of elementary school children heading for it in increasing ratio. Elementary facilities are at the straining point because of increased growth of the school district population.

How adequate are present facilities? Baldwin high school, designed for 500 students, today finds 598 there. By the time the new high school could be constructed and used (in September, 1951), there will be at least 704 students in Baldwin high school.

Barnum junior high school has reached its capacity, the school board states, and in addition has a kindergarten and first grade to accommodate. The lunchroom, gymnasium facilities, and art room are badly crowded.

In the past two years, 10 classrooms have been added to Pierce school, yet it is still growing in attendance. The present situation exists because of limited playground area in the building, and special facilities are congested.

Quarton school enrollment is beyond capacity. There are no vacant rooms; the pupil-teacher ratio is 34.1 to 1. There are no facilities for art, music, or lunchroom.

At Adams school, the pupil-teacher ratio is 33.5 to 1. An acute situation exists because of limited playground area. This school has no lunchroom facilities, either.

Franklin school has an average of 30.3 pupils per teacher, lacks a lunchroom and special facilities, and makes excessive demands upon the teacher since she must teach two grades as well.

The Walnut Lake school has grown to the point where the general-purpose room (for assemblies) has been divided into two classrooms. Rooms for special purposes have been converted to classroom use.

Bloomfield Village school is the only school which has not reached classroom capacity. It does lack office facilities and an adequate lunchroom.

How adequate are the school board's proposed building plans? The new high school would be designed for 1,100 students, an enrollment which would be reached in 1955, four years after the school was ready for use. It would include the ninth grade, thus relieving the junior high situation.

The new Torry school (for kindergarten through grade three) would take considerable pressure off Adams, Pierce and Barnum.

Conversion of Baldwin into a central elementary school would absorb many youngsters who now attend Adams, Pierce, Barnum, and Quarton, aiding further the serious enrollment situations at these respective schools.

The additions at Walnut Lake and Franklin would relieve the congestion at those two schools.

Before considering the finances involved in this new program, we should ask, "What is the financial condition of the school district today?" This December's tax levy will pay off the last of the old refunded school district debt. The district will owe nothing.

What are the individual cost components of the proposed new building program?

A new high school	\$2,714,300
Torry elementary school	235,700
Franklin school addition	75,000
Walnut Lake school addition	75,000

How is it proposed that the district pay for this program? The bond issue will be spread over 17 years. It will require 6.5 mills (\$6.50 per \$1,000 of equalized valuation) for nine years, 4.5 mills for the next four years, and 3.1 mills for the final year.

Has the board "played safe" in this entire matter by including any safeguards? The bonds will only be spread over a 17-year period. The bonds for the last four years will be callable. During the first five years, a reserve fund will be accumulated that will amount to any one year's obligation.

The board has estimated only a 70 per cent tax collection during this period (the current collection rate is 94 per cent). The repayment program is based only on the total amount of property valuation TODAY (building increases, etc., were not anticipated and figured in). The cost of building is based on 95 cents per cubic foot. (See EDITORIAL, Page 2)

Electors of the Birmingham school district will go to the polls next Monday to decide whether the district will embark upon a \$3,100,000 school building expansion program. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The proposed plan calls for a new \$2,714,300 high school on a site at Cranbrook and Lincoln, a new elementary school to cost \$235,700 on the Torry location, and a \$75,000 two-story addition to both Franklin and Walnut Lake schools.

Because recent state legislation made it possible for registered electors in a municipality to be automatically certified and placed on school district registration records, 10,000 to 12,000 persons are eligible to vote in Monday's election, the board of Education estimates.

List of Voting Places: Prior to this legislation, normal Birmingham district registrations amounted to about 2,000 persons. Since there are many more persons eligible to vote in Monday's election who have never voted in a school election before, here are the school district voting precincts and their boundaries, together with the voting place of each precinct.

Precinct No. 1—Vote at Adams School  
If you live in the school district west of Woodward and east of Woodward avenue, you will vote at Adams School.

Precinct No. 2—Vote at Quarton School  
If you live in the school district west of Woodward, north of Maple, west of the River Rouge, north of the Birmingham Golf Club, north of Cranbrook road, you will vote at Quarton School.

Precinct No. 3—Vote at Barnum School  
If you live in the school district west of Woodward, south of Maple, east of the River Rouge, and north of Cranbrook road, you will vote at the Barnum School.

Precinct No. 4—Vote at Pierce School  
If you live in the school district west of Woodward and south of Lincoln, you will vote at the Pierce School. (This includes Beverly, the former Southfield No. 3, and Southfield No. 1 districts.)

Precinct No. 5—Vote at Franklin School  
If you live in the former Franklin District you will vote at the Franklin School.

Precinct No. 6—Vote at Bloomfield Village School  
If you live in Bloomfield Village west of Cranbrook Road (former Bloomfield District No. 5), you will vote at the Bloomfield Village School.

Precinct No. 7—Vote at Walnut Lake School  
If you live in the former Walnut Lake District, you will vote at the Walnut Lake School.

There is no election in this election, one for general electors and a second for taxpaying electors.

The general electors will mark the ballot entitled, "Tax Limitation—Establishing a working fund for property will be given an additional ballot titled, "Bond Proposition."

Van Wagoner, Wife 'Glad to Be Home'  
Murray D. Van Wagoner, former governor of Michigan, and Mrs. Van Wagoner have returned to their home on Abbey road after two years in Bavaria where he served as chief administrative officer. Van Wagoner was the first civilian governor of Bavaria, and during his two years there, saw many changes take place. Van Wagoner commented Tuesday, "Birmingham certainly looks good to us, and we're very glad to be back." He said he will probably return to his practice in conjunction with other officials in Detroit.

Aid for SOC Planners  
The city plan commission has approved a \$25 appropriation to study the proposed code book and make recommendations for its improvement and modernization. The aid will be delayed until next Tuesday evening, Mayor Donald S. Bell said.

Appointments Wait  
Appointment of a committee to study the proposed code book and make recommendations for its improvement and modernization will be delayed until next Tuesday evening, Mayor Donald S. Bell said.