Have You Been Bloodtyped? B'ham Program Ends Saturday

Ever notice, when you are gathered with a group of people, how much negative discussion is held? Criticisms of things and people, complaints against this and that situation . . . few, indeed, are those dominantly joyous and happy.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Will the UN Survive?

Recent developments in Korea have shown that all the members of the United Nations group who subscribe to freedom cannot agree on how to solve the problem of communist aggression.

The United States, bearing the brunt of that fight, is becoming disillusioned over the inability and/or unwillingness of, for example, Great Britain and France to throw in more than token strength.

The fact that both these nations want to recognize Red China at the UN, and are willing to offer appeasement to the Red Communists to settle the Korean scrap, is equally discouraging to the U.S.A.

Does this mean the beginning of the end of the idea of a UN organization, if it does, then Uncle Sam's nieces and nephews are going to have less concern about affairs outside their own boundaries—a move, alas! though realistic, will not prevent international strife. Of course, the UN, like any other human production, is only of value if used wisely and well.

Margaret Truman's valiant efforts to become a great singer deserve the admiration of all Americans. In spite of her dad's importance, the young woman is making her struggle pretty much on her own.

Imagine, for example, if she were tarred with the same stuff that the late FDR's offspring are . . . why Margaret really would be making the dough, and one or more persons perhaps would get a profitable "ha" in important government circles.

Much as we disapprove of some of Little Harry's antics, we respect his daughter—and also his devoted wife.

Two American military officers for three weeks kept a night watch in a former Nazi headquarters used by Herman Goering. They were checking a story that the late be-medalled pig was doing the ghost act.

The Americans failed to see or hear anything supernatural. How could they? Fat Herman never could climb up those long stairs from Hell.

Much as we hate Communism, our glorious leaders are going to give some of our dough to Jugoslavia's Marshall Tito to help that country in its defense against the Kremlin. When will our leaders decide to influence Red China by the same tactics—"Might be worth a try", as the late FDR often said.

Michigan U. S. Senator Homer Ferguson is presumed to oppose and detest paternalism in government. Long has he fought the socialistic tendencies of the New and Fair Deals.

Recently, however, he found it advisable to aid the Kaiser-Frazer Corp. in getting a new loan of $25,000,000 from the RFC. Thus you see, friends, how a politician must subordinate his personal convictions when confronted with a decision that might cost him votes.

Homer, we hasten to add, wasn't just politically minded, for he knew that if K-F didn't get the loan it would close up and thousands of good people would lose their jobs. Nevertheless, he was party to the further spread of paternalism by government, as opposed to private industry remaining free from government subsidy.

But who, in these foolish days, could have done other than the Senator did, and remain in politics?

Fundamentally, what human society needs — always has needed in every generation—is intelligence enough to perceive the right road to follow, and courage enough to follow it! It is when we depart from the right course, whether through compromise or appeasment, that we get into trouble. That is why diplomats are unable to do their full part in keeping nations from going to war.

BUYING A TV SET FOR CHRISTMAS?

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State Report Notes Survey, Youth Council

Community Council To Discuss Institute At January Meeting

Birmingham Youth Council and the recreation survey were listed among the achievements of the State of Michigan reported at the 1950 White House Conference on Children and Youth last week in Washington.

This information was disclosed at Community Council meeting last Thursday by Mrs. Alec Parnie, Youth Council chairman.

The progress report to Michigan citizens by the Michigan Youth Commission also carries a statement from the 1949 Birmingham survey among its outstanding recommendations, Mrs. Parnie said. A copy of the progress report was shown at the Community Council meeting.

Charles X. Sampson of the national organization of Community Chests, here to make a health, welfare and recreation survey for the area advisory committee of United Foundation, was present at the meeting.

SAMPSON SAID, "The recreation survey has been of tremendous assistance to me in my work in Birmingham. After a discussion with representatives of the various public and private recreation agencies I am confident that the survey tells a true story of Birmingham recreation. It will be incorporated in my report."

Mrs. Thomas Snelham, Junior League delegate, spoke about the League's new project, the Senior Workshop, a group of retired people who meet every Friday from 10:30 until 3 o'clock at the Community House. In the morning they make toys, etc. for children's hospitals. After a sandwich lunch, crafts are taught to the seniors.

Mrs. J. Roland Quinn reminded delegates of the Senior Group which meets weekly at the Community House for an evening of games and "good conversation."

MRS. F. G. GARRISON Community Council president announced a change in the date of the regular Community Council meetings to the last Thursday in each month. All meetings will include luncheon at the Community House.

"Planning for the Institute is on the agenda for the January meeting," Mrs. Garrison stated. She requested all delegates to prepare memoranda for Institute subjects to be available to the board before Jan. 3.

Saturday to Mark Closing of Blood Typing Program

Saturday will mark the closing date of the blood typing program in Birmingham. Residents are urged to take advantage of this service being offered as a civilian defense measure.

It is pointed out that it will serve in the event of peace-time mishaps, as well as war casualties, and that this knowledge, available immediately, may be the means of saving your life.

John J. Hamel, civilian defense director, said Monday that the program had already typed about one-third of the Birmingham residents.

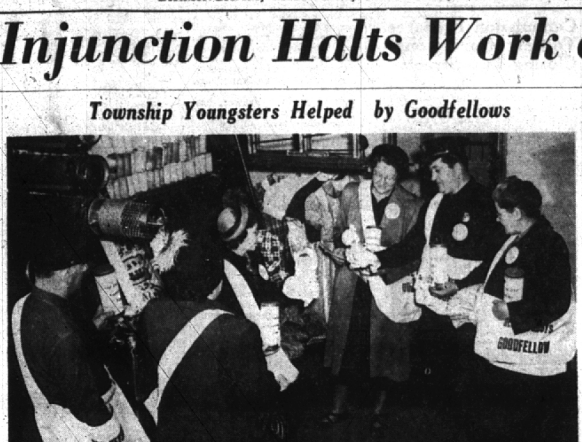
"We hope to have about 50 percent of the population typed, if not more, by the end of the week," Hamel said.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE and city officials urge those who have not visited the station to do so at once. Final typing will be made Saturday at 5 o'clock.

At present there are no indications that the typing team will be recalled to Birmingham.

Injunction Halts Work on Merrill Street Cut-off

Township Youngsters Helped by Goodfellows



Southfield township Goodfellows discuss the annual newspaper sale which will be held Friday, Dec. 15. From left to right are Joseph Desnoyers, Mrs. Warren Reid, Mrs. George Brown, Mrs. E. F. Packard, Fire Chief Alfred Kruck and Mrs. Martha Siegmund. (Joe Wheeler Photo)

Southfield Goodfellows Sponsor Paper Sale Friday

About 200 Southfield township children will be given welcomed Christmas gifts this year from proceeds collected in the sixth annual Goodfellow paper sale, Friday, Dec. 15. Nearly 75 firemen and interested citizens will be on various township street corners selling newspapers.

The following day, Saturday, Dec. 16, the Franklin volunteer fire department will sell in the village.

Southfield township Fire Chief Alfred Kruck is in charge of the paper sale and Mrs. E. F. Packard, 19130 Hilton, is president of the Goodfellows. Mrs. Packard stated that the goal for the Goodfellows drive this year is $5,000.

Kruck stated that the selling will start at 7 a.m. Friday morning. Each school child also will be given an envelope Thursday and asked to bring back a contribution the next day, in exchange for a newspaper.

MRS. PACKARD said that if enough money is raised from this sale, efforts will be made to purchase shoes and galoshes. In addition, toys, dolls, dresses, shirts and groceries will be distributed the day before Christmas.

Besides the paper sale, the Goodfellows have raised money from a variety show and contributions from various civic organizations. Last year, the paper sale netted $1,300.

The Southfield Goodfellow organization is made up of at least 25 township organizations. Each year the Southfield fire department takes charge of the newspaper sale. Besides The Eccentric, the Four Corners Press and The Franklin Crier will be sold.

Sumner Elected C of C President

Warren S. Sumner, 990 Fairfax, was elected president of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce at the board of director's annual election last week. He succeeds Richard Patterson, 1622 Bates.

Elected vice-president was George Wm. Averill, while Dr. Edwin W. Dear was named secretary.

Merrill C. Adams was re-elected treasurer.

City Attorney Forbes S. Hascall will appear Monday morning before Oakland Circuit Judge George B. Patrick in Pontiac to defend the city's right to construct the Merrill street cut-off through Baldwin Park.

Judge Patrick on Dec. 5 issued a temporary order restraining the city from proceeding with the street extension and ordered the city to show cause why the injunction should not be made permanent. It was served the following day on City Clerk Irene E. Hanley.

The suit was filed by Baldwin Manor, Inc., and its president, Charles C. Currie, 959 Kennesaw, and Ada G. Dewar and Maude D. Johnson, of 679 W. Maple.

Baldwin Manor is a terrace development on Southfield, immediately south of and overlooking Baldwin Park.

IN THE BILL of complaint, it was charged that Baldwin Manor was constructed only after a careful search of deeds which established and created the park on the condition that the property would be perpetually maintained as such.

Plaintiffs also charge they have a vested right and interest in the park's continued maintenance, and that if it is changed it will cause them "irreparable damage and injury."

The Merrill extension is one phase of the relocation of W. Maple in connection with the new River Rouge bridge to the west.

The city intends to create a cut-off so east-west Maple traffic can use Merrill street to Woodward and thus avoid traffic congestion in the downtown Maple area.

THE CITY engineering department has surveyed the park and done some preliminary work regarding drainage of the area. The forestry department also has removed a number of trees where the cutoff would go.

Two deeds conveyed the park to the city. The first, for the portion nearest the Maple and Southfield intersection, was given on June 13, 1924, by Albert Wood and Birmingham Plank Road Co. The deed specified that the property be used for a park "perpetually."

The second deed, for the southern portion, was granted on Sept. 7, 1909, by Martha Baldwin, who stipulated it be used as park "or revert to my heirs."

Concerning the Martha Baldwin portion, several city commissioners previously have expressed the belief that Miss Baldwin has no heirs.

Light Turnout for Second Hearing on Proposed Parking Plan

Birmingham's proposed off-street parking program was described as "financially unsound" by Charles Dean, 287 East Brown, who spoke at the second hearing of the program last Thursday evening at the Community house.

A small crowd of approximately 65 persons turned out on the cold, stormy evening, for the two and one-half hour meeting. In addition to Dean, Clarence Vliet, 416 West Brown, also gave his impressions of the proposed program.

DEAN SAID he was speaking on behalf of the group who have homes in the areas proposed for public parking. He said he was concerned over the prospects that the program would fail and the ordinary taxpayer would have to suffer the brunt of the financial load.

Dean pointed out that there is a growing trend across the country for new stores to have their own parking lots. He stated that where there are both free and paid parking, the public will tend to support the merchant who offers parking without charge.

The speaker asked that the city get a legal opinion as to whether default of the program would make the taxpayer responsible.

He also pointed out that the property owners affected feel they will stand to takes a "rather substantial financial loss."

He concluded, "If it's a money making scheme, let's put the property on the market."

VLIET SAID he was secretary of the Retail Merchants association four years ago when the program was first discussed. He stated the association then supported an amendment to provide public parking.

He pointed out that he is in favor of public parking but he cautioned against a "tremendous allover plan."

Vliet stated, "We should pick out one place which will involve a modest sum of money and embark on the plan. A site should be chosen which will do the least personal damage."

Mayor Bruce Booth, who acted as moderator, stated, "I assure you we have an open mind. We're trying to determine what plan is best to be placed on the ballot next April. It's not a simple matter and will require much study."

A letter was read from Herold J. Hall, district manager of the Detroit Edison Co. It pointed out that the present parking lot owned by the company which is in a site proposed for public parking, is essential to the company's business. Hall stated in the letter, that "the Birmingham office must expand with the growth of the city and district."

HALL WAS ALSO present at the meeting and he emphasized that the company desires to keep all its present space and has plans to expand.

Mrs. W. J. McKinney, 211 East Brown, stated, "It seems to me that the logical parking space is at the rear of the Birmingham National bank, which is located across tae street from proposed parking lot two.

Members of the city plan commission who were present said that this area was too shallow as it is only 90 feet deep. They pointed out that it would permit only two rows of parking.

An unidentified person in the audience asked why the general taxpayer should be expected to help pay for the parking areas.

Mrs. Peter B. Loomis, chairman of the plan commission, replied that the present plan doesn't provide for any city tax support. She said that only those persons who own property in the downtown area involved in the proposed parking program woould be affected by a special assessment.

DURING THE public discussion, Dean stated that appraisals should be made by the city. He said no one has been approached by the city as to how much it will pay for the land it believes it needs.

Booth replied that if the program is approved, then the properties will be appraised.

He stated, "We'll endeavor to see that a price will be given which is fair both to the property owner and the taxpayer."

City Manager Donald C. Egbert pointed out that estimates of the value of the property have been prepared by both the city assessor and members of the off-street parking committee. He added that the figures were recently revised and increased to meet the true market value.

Robert S. Owen, 303 Park, reported on a survey which was taken during the month of November on streets surrounding parking sites two and three.

HE SAID THE streets were checked six times each day. Owen pointed out that on the streets surrounding proposed lot two (Hamilton avenue), an average of 64% of the curbside parking was unused, when the survey was taken. These streets include East Maple from Wooodward to Hunter; Hamilton, Park and Ferndale.

In a survey of the parking in the Merrill, Pierce, Brown and Woodward area, Owen said that 42% of the curbside parking space was unused.

He stated, "If people won't use streets which surround the parking sites, why will they support the proposed parking lots? I can't see how a public parking lot will pay off when we now have all these parking spaces available."

Ernest Seeholzer, a member of the planning commission, said the survey didn't take into consideration the growth of the city.

He said, "The city is growing. Unless we are forehand looking, we'll be crowded out."

At the first public hearing held Oct. 26, City plan commissioner James F. Pedder, explained the plan commissions ideas on off-street parking, to about 200 persons who attended.

British Foreign Policy Subject Of Jellicoe Address

Cranbrook school was the host last Wednesday afternoon and evening, to the annual legal institute of the Oakland county bar association, and the guest speaker was the Right Honorable Lord Jellicoe of London, England.

Lord Jellicoe, First Secretary of the British Embassy in Washington, D.C., and a member of the House of Lords, addressed some 150 prominent lawyers from the Oakland county area on the topic "Contemporary Britain's Role in International Affairs."

"PEACE WITH Freedom" was the theme of the speech given by Jellicoe, son of the admiral who commanded the British Fleet in the Battle of Jutland in World War 1.

He denied that Britain is buying appeasement in international affairs today, and said, "To label our present policy as appeasement seems to me an odd choice of language. It is a curious word to describe a policy which involved sending British troops 10,000 miles across an ocean to fight and die beside their American companions in arms in Korea."

He explained that the reason England is not helping much in Korea at the present time is because of previous commitments in Malaya and other countries in the Near East.

He expressed the hope that a third World War may be averted by the United States, the Commonwealth, France and other free nations of the world.

UF Survey Ends; Committee Expects Report Next Month

Charles X. Sampson, "on loan" from the Community Chest and Councils, Inc., has returned to the New York offices after completing his preliminary survey here.

Sampson came to Birmingham two weeks ago to compile data on the health, welfare and recreation facilities and possible needs for the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin area. The work was sponsored by the local advisory committee of the United Foundations.

His preliminary report will be returned to the committee for study, probably before Jan. 1. Sampson expects to return to Birmingham to meet with the committee for discussion about the middle of next month.

HENRY WHITING, chairman of the local committee, said Sampson had met with local organizations and had had excellent cooperation from all.

"We are very grateful to the organizations and individuals for their cooperation," Whiting said. "All contacted by Sampson were most generous with their time and information. All felt the survey was needed here and should be useful in preparing the way for a better understanding of the social needs of our rapidly expanding area."

Icy Pavement In Hills Delays 3,000 Cars Last Thursday

Approximately 3,000 cars were tied up for several minutes late last Thursday afternoon on Woodward avenue in Bloomfield Hills, as the hill was too icy for the vehicles to climb.

Police Chief I. C. Banks said that the sudden drop in temperature caused the extremely icy pavements. After sand was placed on the road, the traffic was able to move again.

Plans Underway for Troy Twp. Civilian Defense Program

Troy township supervisor Charles R. Ryan is now looking for a civilian man to take over the duties as civilian defense director in the township.

The township board at last weeks meeting decided to get a civilian defense program underway because of the present "unsettled world conditions." The matter will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Covers Stolen

Four manhole covers were stolen from the city dump over the weekend, Robert Hurley, DPW worker, reported to local police. Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley said the covers, weighing more than 100 pounds each, are valuable only as scrap iron.

Dick Patterson To Fill Vacancy On Commission

Richard Patterson, 35, of 1622 Bates, was unanimously elected by the city commission Monday evening to fill the commission vacancy caused by the resignation several weeks ago of John S. O'Gorman, Jr., 147 Abbey.

O'Gorman, elected in April 1949 to his first term, resigned on the advice of his physician.

Patterson will serve until next April when voters will elect a commissioner to serve for the remaining year of O'Gorman's term. Terms of Mayor Bruce G. Booth and Commissioners Ralph A. Main and Garland D. Tait also expire in April 1951.

PRESENT AT Monday's meeting, Patterson was immediately sworn in by City Clerk Irene Hanley and took his place at the commission table.

He is with Goodbody and Co., Detroit, investment brokers. During the last war, he served with a Navy amphibious force in the European theater. In service for 3½ years, he was discharged as a lieutenant.

He is immediate past president of the Birmingham chamber of commerce.

In welcoming Patterson to the commission, Mayor Booth remarked, "Public service requires courage. The performance, no matter how effective, will be largely unsung.

"Undoubtedly there will be criticism, but there is also the possibility of an inner satisfaction that can come only from the knowledge of a duty well performed."

Unexpected Shower Falls Upon Trees

Last week the trees in front of Poppleton school had a thoroughly frozen appearance. In addition several limbs and branches were lying on the ground below. This sight wouldn't have been so odd, had other trees in the nearby area been in similar shape.

However, the effect was caused by the overflowing of the water tank at the corner of Crooks and Big Beaver roads.

Charles R. Ryan, Troy township supervisor, said the pump house switch controls failed to work, but has now been repaired.

Presentation of Master Land Use Plan Discussed

Best means of presenting the proposed master land use plan to Birmingham residents was discussed Tuesday evening by the city plan commission and its publicity committee at a dinner meeting at the Fox and Hounds.

Dr. Charles Barr, Michigan State College planning expert, was present and answered questions concerning certain aspects of the plan, which he developed this summer at the request of the plan commission.

During the past several months, the commission has made detailed studies of Barr's proposals.

Consensus at Tuesday's special committee meeting indicated newspaper articles, special meetings and displays probably will be used in getting the plan before the public early next year.

Roll Call Plans

Tentative plans for the annual Community House roll call were discussed at the executive board meeting Monday evening. A special meeting of the drive committee Friday night will see further development of 1951 campaign details.

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To File for Southfield Twp. Incorporation

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL

If incorporation is considered in Southfield township, residents should first weigh the advantages and disadvantages of incorporating the entire township before permitting it to incorporate by small municipalities.

This is the feeling of several Magnolia subdivision residents who today will file a petition with the county clerk calling for a special election, probably in April, to vote on incorporation of the entire township.

According to the legal counsel for these individuals, their petition will take precedence over one filed in October asking for incorporation of the area bounded by Eight Mile, Greenfield, 200 feet south of Mt. Vernon road and Plum Hollow Golf club, with the exception of Magnolia, Westhampton and Baseline subdivisons.

LAST SPRING the Magnolia Civic Assn. board of trustees unanimously opposed any incorporation in the township," declared Wardley D. McMaster, 17531 Cornell, one of the persons circulating the petitions which will be filed today.

It is the feeling of many township residents today that incorporation is not desired.

"We are not worried about the previous petition's effect on Magnolia, but what it may be on the township as a whole. Planning authorities we have talked to agree it would not be best to let a large number of small communities develop as they have in Royal Oak township."

He said it might be more advantageous administratively and economically to incorporate as an entire township.

"WE ARE ACTING as individuals in circulating our petitions," he explained.

About 185 persons must sign, but McMaster said he expected about 500 names would be presented to the county clerk.

"Personally, I don't believe any of the petitioners actually want to see the township incorporated," he said.

"But we feel the entire township should first be given the opportunity of knowing all the advantages, as well as disadvantages, of township incorporation before smaller units are permitted to become municipalities.

"WE ALSO understand that if our petition is turned down, the smaller one filed in October then will go to an election in the area concerned.

"But we believe the people should be given the opportunity to look at the over-all picture first."

Their petitions are the legal step which must be taken immediately, then public discussions can be held on the matter in succeeding weeks, he said.

"We haven't any axes to grind, but we want to find the facts, study them and then have the entire township decide whether or not it would be better to develop as a single unit, rather than as small groups," McMaster emphasized.

General news deadline is 4:30 p. m. each Tuesday.

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