

## THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Who says that Secretary of State Acheson has been able to accomplish something on the side of peace, as the result of his meetings with heads of several European nations. Mr. Acheson, unfortunately, seems to be able to do better in foreign countries than he does in his own.

President Harry S. Truman is the chap who was able to beat his Republican opponents in the 1948 election, when almost everybody thought he had no chance to do so. Since then, he has become quite the cock of the walk. His victory intimates him to that, if that is what he wants to do. But in more ways than one, he is to be pitied. He is like a chap who, standing before the glory of Niagara Falls, only sees the rising mist before him. Standing, as he does, on the highest pinnacle of political public life, he sees only the opportunities to lash out at everybody who disagrees with him, to set the agents of evil to believe that he owes more to his cronies than he does to his office, and that terrible negatives conceit and arrogance are.

We observe that Michigan's youthful Governor Williams is a candidate to succeed himself on the Democratic ticket. This is probably not to be opposed by his own party. We trust, however, that he stages a hot campaign with whoever becomes his Republican opponent. Such a campaign is good for all the people, in the final analysis.

Empty, indeed, are most of the platitudes offered in speeches at Memorial Day ceremonies by politicians. There is a vast chasm between the utterances of some public figures and the deeds they actually perform. Memorial Day is these times a hard memory day for most of the people who are the beneficiaries of the freedoms that soldiers gave up their lives for.

The economy of the United States is making like the water system of a big city. Government men are getting the picture of the people via the tax route, then pump a bit of it back by means of the hard money rolls of public employees, etc. It is socialism, using the money to buy the people's loyalty. But just wait until the pumps at the wells break down, and you will see how the people will then will drought and famine come over the land!

Ancient Vice-President Alben Barkley is a politician who knows most of the answers relating to getting and keeping a public office. The venerable Kentuckian recently accepted a \$100,000 check from Texas "White Democrats" who raised the money at a barbecue to which all Negroes were excluded. Barkley, of course, while giving northern lip service to Truman's civil rights program, made no effort to defend it in Texas. To him, it seems, a check for a hundred thousand political ticks is not worth fighting over.

Those Dionne quintuplets, now 16 years old, aren't allowed to begin their romantic careers. What's wrong with that, if you ask me?

Economists say that high wages and high prices will prevail for some time. Considering that much of today's public and private debts were acquired during high cost times, it is only fair that they should be paid off with the same high cost money. But there are those who believe that money will get cheaper and cheaper, as time goes on. That will be tough on the pensioners and all others whose investments are in the past are to be paid in mere dollars.

## Closing Dinner

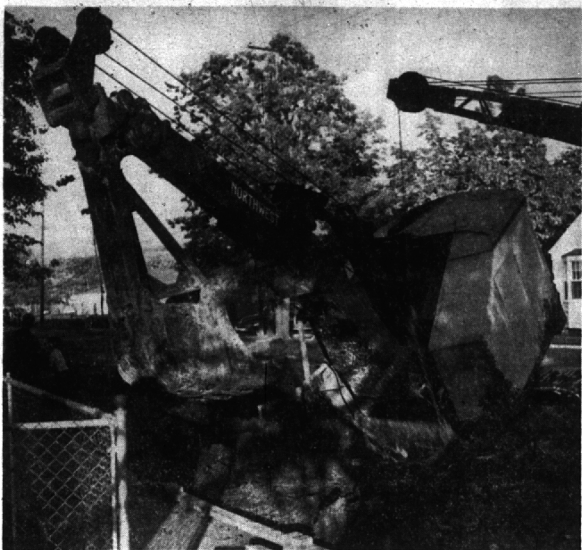
The Senior Activities group will close its second year with a dinner at the next Monday evening in the Community House.

### The Latest Wrinkle?

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## Causes Considerable Excitement for the Neighborhood



While digging an trenchment for a water main at the corner of Southlawn and Bates last week Wednesday, this power shovel almost turned over as it slid into the hole. Workmen labored until late that evening and half the next morning before it was hauled out. (Photo by Dick Shirke)

## School Enrollment Up Considerably, Early Report Show

A preliminary report from Mrs. Irene Stevens, who has directed the activities of the school census enumerators, shows an expected overall increase in coming enrollments.

While all reports are now in, the vast job of compilation has only started, according to Mrs. Stevens. Two districts, representing the smallest and largest areas have revealed the picture of the entire Birmingham school district, she believes.

At the Bloomfield Village school the total number of children has increased by 15. The current figures show 42 children of preschool age and 238 who will be in school next September, or a total of 280. Last year these two groups were 55 and 210, a total of 265.

At the Pierce district as representative of the larger districts, she said the 1950 figures showed 124 school children numbers 967 and those of school age (including high school) to be 1,361.

In 1949 there were 824 preschool children and 1,591 in the second classification. There is an increase in this district of 233 children.

"Since nearly every enumerator reported houses under construction in her area," Mrs. Stevens said, "we assume that some of the new babies are being born with children before the fall term. This will bring another rise in the number of children which cannot be estimated at this time."

"IT APPEARS that our school program will not be completed too soon. Every district shows the same trend, an increase in enrollment. Enrollment is steadily increasing and it seems almost as though we are barely keeping pace with it."

## Board to Meet

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Community House board of directors will be held there at 8 o'clock next Monday evening.

## City's New Phone Book to Be Used Only 5 Months; Another Planned for Dec.

On Saturday, the Michigan Bell Telephone Company will begin the distribution of the largest telephone directory ever published for the Birmingham exchange. Nearly twice as big as the old one, it will carry three columns of listings on each page.

Walter B. Fausser, manager here for the company, said the new book would list all Birmingham customers—and their new Midwest 4 telephone numbers—up to the time it went to press on May 4. The directory will also include phone numbers of users here in separate sections, he said.

Effective with the cutover to dial operation here at 12:01 a. m. June 18, extended-area subscribers will be able to call Pontiac without paying a toll charge. The plan is now limited to Mayfair, Southfield, Royal Oak and Big Beaver.

THE NEW DIRECTORY will have a big green cover to readily distinguish it from the old one. "It is important," Fausser said, "that telephone users here consult the new directory for the number of the party they are calling after the cutover to dial."

"This is the only way," he emphasized, "to eliminate the annoyance and wasted time resulting from reaching the wrong number."

The new green-cover directory in Birmingham-Mayfair-Pontiac districts are being printed for local distribution by mail early in June. Present forecasts by Michigan Bell indicate that demand for telephone service throughout Birmingham is continuing on a high level. As a result, the company plans to keep the new green-cover directory in service only about five months. Plans for another directory to be delivered in December are already under way.

EXTENDED-AREA customers in Royal Oak, Big Beaver and Southfield will receive a new directory by mail early in June listing only Birmingham telephones. All Pontiac customers, and those Mayfair users who subscribe to extended-area service, will be mailed a new Birmingham-Walled Lake directory at the same time.

## 8 Property Owners File Appeals With Tax Commission

Eight separate appeals, representing 15 Birmingham properties, have been filed with the state tax commission protesting 1950-51 assessed valuation increases, Edward W. Kane, commission secretary, said this week.

Appealing to the commission are Edwin A. Gage, Hugo A. Freund, Richard F. Freund, Louise and James M. Peck, Robert Allen, Merton E. Snow and Mrs. Stella E. Fisher.

Kane said triplicate forms requesting additional information have been mailed each appellant.

"WHEN THESE forms have been returned, a commission field staff will visit Birmingham and recommend to the commission what action should be taken regarding each of the appeals," Kane explained.

Hearings on the matter will be held before the end of the summer, he said.

## Traffic to Use Lahser During Telegraph Widening

Telegraph road traffic will be routed over Lahser road during the widening of US-24, the state highway department revealed this week.

Vehicles will be turned east on 10 mile road, up Lahser to W. Long Lake, then west back to Telegraph, department officials said.

To aid traffic movement, new signals will be installed at 12 Mile and Lahser and Long Lake and Lahser. The county road commission has been instructed to widen Long Lake from Lahser to Telegraph from its present 16-foot width to 20 feet.

TELEGRAPH 15 to be widened into a four-lane highway between Long Lake and Northwestern highway. A 4-foot concrete island will separate the traffic flows. The contract is expected to be awarded in a few days, officials said.

## Among First 10

STANLEY REINHART, JR. Ranking academically among the first 10 in his class, Stanley E. Reinhart, Jr. was graduated Tuesday from the United States Military Academy and commissioned a second lieutenant in the field artillery.

He maintained an excellent scholastic average above 90 percent for the entire 4-year course. He also won the prize offered by the department of mechanics by standing number one in the mechanics course.

## Recreation Program to Start June 26

Director Says Plans Are 'Most Extensive' in City's History

"The Birmingham Recreation Board has planned the most extensive program in its history for those who wish to participate in wholesome, fun-guided activities this summer," Recreation Director Frank Whitney stated this week.

Events which are to be sponsored are arts and crafts, badminton, baseball, bicycling, box hockey, boxing, checkers, educational features, contests, crafts, croquet, tennis, football, basketball, dramatics, electrical recordings, fencing, finger painting, games, golf, hikes, playground sports, jewelry making, lariat throwing, music, ping pong, rifle shooting, roller skating, roller jumping, shaver pooling, shuffle board, still walking, softball, swimming, tennis, volleyball, tether ball, tournaments, track and field, trampolines, treasure hunts, water polo, drum marking, story telling, free play, trips and others.

GOLF AND MUSICAL activities will start Monday June 26. Playgrounds at Adams, Quarton, Pierce, and Barnum school, craft shop at Barnum, Barnum pools, and rifle range will open the following day, Tuesday June 27. Free golf tickets will be available to all those who wish to play at Birmingham Park on Mondays for eight consecutive weeks.

Classes will be scheduled in instrumental music for beginners, advanced winds, percussion, day and night bands, strings, orchestra, and advanced drum marking. All sheet music and some instruments will be furnished. Expert instruction will be provided for all individuals who attend.

Playground activities will consist of story telling, modeling, contests, games, tennis, art and craft work, dramatics, and free play periods.

"THE CREATIVE craft shop at Barnum will be available for about 10 days. It will include woodworking, loafing, fixing, wood, butchering, nail bending, toy building, sawing, planing, pouring, cycling, smelting, and other arts and crafts labor." Whitney explained.

Seven daily class periods will be scheduled for the Barnum pool. Groupings will be made according to ability. Two swimming classes will be held for those who desire to learn to swim. The pool will be open on all Thursday evenings for all members of the family.

All rifles and ammunition used on the range is furnished by the Recreation Board. No youngster under 16 years of age may be unless accompanied by a parent. Members of adult classes may use their own firearms providing they pass range inspection.

AMMUNITION sold at cost and no range practice is allowed at any time except that which occurs during organized and supervised club firing.

Besides the 32 tournaments which will be held sometime during the summer, many special activities will be listed from time to time.

Among these are to be the children's dramatic productions, the junior baseball league, the old fashioned turkey trot demonstrations, beginning tennis classes, the trampolines, and many other special activities.

Small fees are required for a few of the activities. The program is free for all citizens in the Birmingham school district.

Children must be of school age to participate in playground events and beginning swimmers must be tall enough to stand with their heads above the pool surface.

## B'ham Picnics Only at Springdale Park

Picnic facilities at the city's Springdale Park are to be limited to Birmingham residents, city officials here announced Monday evening.

A sign informing the public of this new policy is to be erected in the park entrance, City Manager Donald C. Egbert said.

The golf course still will be open to the public until such time as the city can make the entire park for use of local citizens only.

## C of C to Urge Wednesday Afternoon, Friday Night Openings for Local Stores

Birmingham merchants will be asked to remain open Wednesday afternoons and Friday evenings for the convenience of local shoppers, the Chamber of Commerce's business committee, announced this week.

Campbell said replies to a recent committee questionnaire indicate merchants will cooperate in this regard.

Wednesday afternoon closing during July and August brought the closest vote, Campbell said. In favor of remaining open were 43 merchants, while 32 others said they would like to close their shops that afternoon.

A PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN will get under way in September to encourage citizens to frequent a day night shopping center, Campbell said.

"The committee emphasizes the right of each business man to do as he pleases," the chairman added, "but we do desire to emphasize the necessity for wholehearted cooperation on a uniform hours plan."

"We feel if uniform hours cannot be accomplished, that it will be increasingly difficult to properly promote Birmingham as the great shopping and business center for the trading area living west of Detroit."

Two new patrolmen, George Q. Kelley and Howard Hall, were promoted to sergeant on June 1, according to Police Chief Ralph Moxley.

Kelley is 25, married and lives at 1938 Cherokee, Lawson. During the war, he served four years in the navy.

Hall, 32, is also married and has one child. He lives at 1571 East Benaville and is an army sergeant. He has been employed with the city engineering department for the past three years.

All makes of inner spring mattresses are available at W. H. PHONE 1-0788.

## 'Bargain' Gas Conversion Unit May Be Expensive

A gas conversion unit is no bargain if you have to buy a new one a few weeks later at the full market price, City Inspector Frank Martz said this week.

"Residents are apparently being approached with 'bargain' gas conversion units not approved by Underwriters Laboratories," Van Flaten explained.

He said three such installations have been uncovered here this week.

He credited the recent Detroit ban on additional gas conversions with contributing with the local installers.

"UNLESS SUCH conversion units are fully approved, the homeowner will have to buy a new one which meets city standards," he said. "This may result in a loss of more than \$200, so it pays to check with the city before having a unit put in your home."

All conversion units are eventually checked by the city, Van Flaten said. The city's inspectors reports show new installations, and if the appliance is not approved, the city orders the homeowner to get a suitable replacement is made.

"Before you have a unit installed, call the building inspection department and ask to check it against our approved list. It may save you money," he advised.

## Couple Fights Bright Light; Also Say Too Hard on Front Yard

If the city can prevent the light from shining into a front bedroom, the Birmingham couple says, the youngsters will refrain from using the front lawn and porch as a night play area.

Edgar A. Bongort, 1375 Humphrey, gave no objection to the restoration of a street light in front of his home.

The children have caused considerable destruction to their neighborhood because they played under the light at night, Mrs. Bongort declared in arguing against the light which 29 other neighbors have asked the city to restore in the middle of the street.

City commissioners turned the matter over to the City Manager Donald C. Egbert.

Patrolman Robert Schaulé, Birmingham on the special committee studying possible incineration of the city's rubbish, said the city will have the power to act on a solution.

## To Draft Necessary Legal Steps Leading to Rubbish Authority

City Manager Donald C. Egbert has been appointed by city commissioners to study the possibility of creating a rubbish authority.

The committee will take such legal steps as necessary leading to creation of an 80C rubbish authority.

Commissioners also approved a \$244 appropriation to the group in Birmingham's share of preliminary legal costs.

## Vaughan Students Graduate Tonight

Edgar A. Guest will speak at the commencement exercises of the Vaughan school district Monday evening at 7:30 in the auditorium of the Cranbrook Hall of Science.

Students who will receive diplomas at the exercises, Harry Martz is valedictorian.

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## Two Girls Capture Highest Honors In Graduating Class

Two girls—Virginia Dars and Marcia Loomis—were crowned of top scholastic honors in the June graduating class of nearly 150 members, it was revealed last night at the annual senior dinner at the Community House.

Virginia, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar W. Dars, 459 Willits, is valedictorian, Marcia, the salutatorian, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter B. Loomis, 1648 Dorchester.

Baldwin Principal Ross A. Wagner made the announcement of awards and honors.

Virginia was editor-in-chief of the 1950 yearbook, and has been active in school affairs. She was a member of the student congress and one of its officers and served on the city commission during recent Civic Control Day activities.

SHE IS A MEMBER of the National Honor society and Quill and Scroll. Marcia has been awarded a scholarship to Radcliffe college.

Marcia has been active in the work of journalism, writing mainly in a humorous trend. While in the eighth grade she earned a trip to Washington by winning the metropolitan Detroit spelling bee. She recently won an honorable mention in the regional writing contest.

Besides the two leaders, six boys won scholarships with averages of 8.5 or higher are also laudable students.

They are: Charles Burnham, Dick Shalberg, Stewart Pack, Jim Buchanan, Kinch Swartz, Catherine McQueen, Mary Hahn, Nancy Middleton, and Jack Rice.

Elected to Quill and Scroll, international honor society for high school journalists, were Virginia Dars and Martha Kraft.

A CERTIFICATE of merit was presented to Phil McNeill, winner of the 1950 six-week contest of his sports writing in the regional writing contest and honorable mention in the national contest sponsored by the Scholastic Magazine.

National membership in the Detroit Alumni association was awarded to Betty Loomis, who earned two and one-half units in mathematics and one unit each in chemistry and physics. She has a grade below B, who is going into engineering or an allied profession.

Patrolman Robert Schaulé noted the personality and disposition necessary and desirable in a professional engineer.

## Alert Policeman Thwarts Attempt at Shoplifting

THE BIRMINGHAM student loan fund scholarship was won by Robert E. Polytchek, a native of Detroit.

Other scholarships received by seniors to date were also announced by Betty Lewis, Joan Buchanan have earned scholarships to Michigan State College, University of Michigan, and physical examinations for the Naval reserve officers' training course. Other colleges they plan to attend are David Frayne, Michigan State; Delbert Koenig, University of Illinois; and George Weinhold, University of Rochester.

Senior girls who earned short-hand proficiency certificates were Ruth E. Harris, Betty Lewis, Joan Reing and Gail Rowe.

Other features of the program were the traditional senior luncheon, numbers, such as the will, prophecy, mock election, etc.

## THE CLASS PRESENTED gifts to the valedictorian and salutatorian, and the former also received a free subscription to the 'Eccentric'.

The dinner was the first of a series of traditional senior affairs.

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