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THIS and THAT

By G.R.A.

"Beware the Wolf!"

Truth's touchings every plank of human existence have been known for centuries. The rise of "a champion of the people who, in sheep's clothing, wears the inner nature of a wolf, the most treacherous and cunning of beasts" is well known to intelligent leaders of the past. For example, in the fourth century B.C. Plato, the learned Greek scholar, knew something about both freedom and tyranny, and points between them, as one said: "The people have always seen a champion whom they set over them, one sure of greatness... This and no other is the root from which the tyrant springs; when he first appears he is a protector... In the early days of his power he is full of ardor, and he solicits every one whom he meets. When the tyrant has disposed of his foreign enemies by conquest or treaty, and there is nothing to fear from them, then he is always stirring up some war or other, in order that the people may require a leader. He is not another object which is that they may be impoverished by payment of taxes and thus compelled to devote themselves to their daily wants and, therefore, less likely to conspire against him. Oh, I do not mean to infer that every tyrant or semi-tyrant started out as an enemy of freedom. But those who continue to seek more and more power, and play upon the weaknesses of the people to achieve it, are, in the end, disastrous leaders. Some folks are born tyrants. Others become so by political and personal necessity. Peddling to a free people the opium of alleged economic security is but to make them weak, lacking in self-reliance and initiative; "do-gooders" of a kind, whose final days are shackled to ruin. Remember the leader who robs Peter to pay Paul... in the end, Paul also loses his pants. Still Want Santa Claus—It is impossible to abolish, in human thinking, the Santa Claus. Even though British voters recently swung over to the Conservative Party, it is quite possible that they will make the prospects of the Party's inability to make the Santa Claus work. They will expect the Conservative Party, under Winston Churchill, to become a more practical Santa Claus. Many adults, like children, get the habit of looking for Santa Claus to make their wishes come true, saying too much attention to the cost of paying the cost of what old Santa carries in his pack. CIO's Socialist Policy—Residing over the economic situation, as adopted at their convention in St. Louis, the CIO demands that a general restriction of the country's wealth be achieved through the power of taxation, to the end that the business and industrial investors be held to a minimum (the exact amount is not stated); that government assume the responsibility and control for full employment, even though it has to pass laws to enable it to do so; and the areas of private ownership. In brief, the CIO believes that the planned economy is the only way to maintain stability in a competitive system—even though that system eventually will be followed up on political expediency. This ideology, of course, is but another way of defining socialism. During 1948, the citizens of Michigan paid into the federal treasury the sum of \$2,252,280, 55¢, and received back in aid and grants \$198,467,807. Other industrial States fared likewise. What we need is a Constitutional Amendment limiting the power of the federal politicians to levy taxes. Then the States can have available some of the tax sources with which to finance their own programs. Not Just a Robin, But Five of 'Em—It's not bad enough when that loud old son of a gun comes singing and pretty and there's a warm whiff of spring in the air—but someone has to report seeing the familiar haringer of spring—the robin! Not only one, but five, all together out 14 Mile road. Fred Timmer of West Bloomfield held the Eccentric Times morning report this fact and is nominated the first person to definitely say "spring's a coming".

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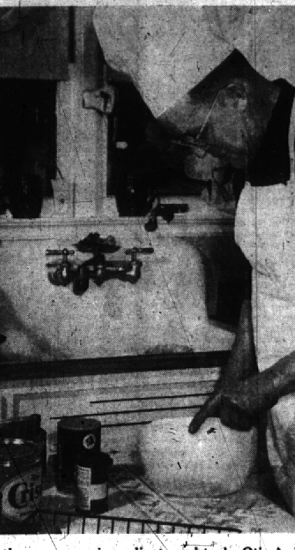
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PART ONE

"The Proof of the Pudding..."



Surrounded by all the necessary ingredients and tools, Otis A. Zahn of 5850 Inkster road, Walnut Lake, prepares a tasty dish for the Men's club bake sale, Yes, 'tis true, the men will hurl their challenge to their ladies fair Saturday afternoon, beginning at 1 o'clock, at the Walnut Lake grocery store.

Zahn, a former railroad and short order cook, claims there are some excellent chefs among the club members and that the cakes, pies, cookies, salads, baked beans and other goodies will be as good, if not better'n what the ladies make and sell.

He has been informed that one of the men plans to bring an angel food cake, a challenge to any baker, according to most cook's opinion.

The money raised will be used to improve the club's quarters. (Joe Wheeler Photo)

Last-Minute Rally Gains Maples 5th Consecutive Class B District Crown

Birmingham won its fifth straight Class B basketball district championship Saturday night by defeating Berkley 38-36, in the annual tournament played on the Ferndale courts.

The game was close throughout with the Maples behind until the fourth quarter. Even in the final period, the going was rough and the score was tied several times.

Only a few Maples remained when Harry Wall, Maple forward, scored two free throws to win the game and the championship for the Maples.

Maples Have Difficulty—The Maples seemed to have difficulty operating the fast break, usually their chief weapon. Berkley's defense was no stronger than the Maples', but offensively the Bears were sinking long shots with amazing accuracy.

Eccentric Tracks Down Mystery of Smelly City Water

After several calls asking "What in the world has happened to the water to make it smell so?" this reporter set out on the trail of the mystery.

Our noses for news sniffed around City Hall until we had finally rounded up Fire Chief V. W. Griffith, Marx Fall, DPW superintendent, and Richard Gare, city engineer.

Griffith said that all his department had to do was get the water from the wells into the mains. He maintained that at that point it did not smell.

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CH Roll Call Starts Here Next Friday

State UF Director to Address Workers at Kick-off Meeting

Walter C. Laidlaw, vice-president and general manager of United Foundation for the state of Michigan, will be principal speaker at the "kick-off" meeting next Thursday evening, March 16, for solicitors, workers in the annual Community House Roll Call drive.

Harold K. Turner, chairman of the campaign, said this week. The meeting will be held at the Community House.

\$32,000 Goal—The Roll Call, with a goal of \$32,000, will begin on March 17 and continue until the end of the month.

Charles B. Kass, president of the Community House board of directors and Roll Call chairman for the past two years, will introduce Turner at next Thursday's assembly. Turner will take charge of the program for the remainder of the evening.

Special feature of the gathering will be presentation of skits by members of the board of directors depicting both the right and the wrong approach in asking for a donation. Mrs. Richard T. Hatch, co-chairman in charge of solicitors, will handle this phase of the program.

On the opening day of the drive, (See ROLL CALL, Page 2)

Estes to Submit Gas Resolution Next Thursday

Coroner's Inquest Week or Two Away, Prosecutor Says

Howard R. Estes' joint resolution calling for a special legislative committee to study gas distribution system safety regulations will be introduced next Thursday morning to the special legislative session, he told The Eccentric Monday noon.

Estes is Birmingham's state representative. "We will convene Wednesday morning, hear the governor's message and report to the special legislative committee. I don't expect to introduce my joint resolution at that time."

Estes said the legislative service bureau in Lansing now is preparing the resolution.

No Delay Expected—"Under ordinary procedure, it will be referred to the house rules and resolutions committee. I don't believe there will be any delay in its being reported out and the special study committee appointed."

Immediate support of the measure expected, says Kent county's delegation, Estes believes, Grand Rapids, in Kent county, reportedly expressed several serious gas explosions.

Estes' action arises out of a gas explosion here Dec. 11 in which five persons were killed. An inquest into the blast has been promised by Oakland County Prosecutor Clyde D. Underwood.

It will be held in a week or two, and will be an open hearing. Underwood said this week.

He has received a list of 23 persons who may be subpoenaed during the inquest. The names were submitted by Det. Sgt. Fred E. Davids of the state fire marshal's Detroit office, who has been working on the case since the explosion.

Underwood said he was uncertain just where the inquest would take place. His principal names, Mr. Arthur Johnson of Dearborn, is still confined at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac. He was the only one of six persons to survive in the explosion. His husband perished in the explosion.

Ford Engineer Dies in Plane Crash in West

Donald B. Eberhart, 37, of 1356 S. Bates, was one of 15 persons to die when a Northwestern airlines plane crashed in a residential section of Minneapolis Tuesday night.

Mr. Eberhart, an industrial engineer for the Ford Motor company, was en route to Fargo, N. D., on a business trip. He was with the parts and accessories department of the Ford division, Highland Park plant.

He came to the Ford company in February, 1949, having previously been associated with Montgomery Ward and company in their Portland, Ore., section, where he was head industrial engineer.

He is survived by his widow and two sons, Donald and Philip, all of Birmingham and one brother, Clarence Eberhart of Monticello, Iowa.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Battered and Bruised Many Times, Limb Finally Knocked Down



Willits street traffic was temporarily re-routed for a half hour Friday morning as city forestry crews pulled a huge tree limb from between this truck cab and its seat. The driver had come out of the Maple-Willits alley, and started west on Willits. But the top right corner of the trailer struck the 8-inch thick limb and it dropped between the cab and the trailer.

Close examination showed the limb had been grazed many times before by other trailers. The limb had also started to decay in the center. (Joe Wheeler Photo)

New Church Site Approved by Methodists Community House and Schools Resume Normal Activities Next Monday

Officers Instructed to Proceed With \$480,000 Program

Construction of a \$480,000 church unit on a new site was overwhelmingly approved by the First Methodist Church congregation at a special meeting Sunday night.

The congregation gave permission to sell the present site on W. Maple at Henrietta, buy a new one, hire an architect, let the necessary contracts and start work out the financial arrangements for the new church.

By a vote of 231 to 34, the church members accepted a quarterly conference recommendation that new, enlarged facilities be provided.

Option Can Be Exercised—"This action by the congregation gives church officers a 'green light' on the project and puts the matter squarely in their hands," explained the Rev. Arnold F. Runkel, pastor.

"The first thing to be done is the employment of a permanent architect who will present church officers with more detailed plans of a new church and auxiliary structures."

The result of Sunday's special session will permit bond of trustees, headed by E. W. Allen, to exercise an option on a 5.25-acre tract on the southeast corner of W. Maple and Pleasant streets.

According to Rev. Runkel, the new church project is estimated to cost \$480,000, and would include the sanctuary, social hall, and one-half of the educational unit.

Other Meetings Planned—The remaining portion of the educational unit and the chapel are to be built at a future date," he explained.

Rev. Runkel said the church now has a total of \$168,000 in cash and pledges toward the new building, with a conditional \$100,000 from the Kresge Foundation that the remaining \$212,000 be financed by church members.

"From time to time, there will be meetings such as was held Sunday night to keep the congregation fully informed on progress of the new church," Rev. Runkel said.

Permanent Surfacing for Three Streets

Three streets in Pembroke Manor subdivision will get an oil treatment this summer, with permanent asphalt paving. The streets are W. Maple and Winchester and Manchester, from Eldon to St. Andrews and Edensrough between Buckingham and Manchester.

Monday night the city commission confirmed the assessment plan for this project at an estimated \$26,000. Private property owners will bear \$18,219 of this cost to be paid in two equal payments.

Any kind of letter, notice, correspondence, or advertising, please send to: PERRY HODGSON, ALLY, PHONE B-10728.

Future Winter Taxes to Contain Levies for Flood Control

The city's \$8,473 assessment for its share of the new Clinton river spillway drain for flood relief will be paid by April 1, to save \$339 in interest, the city commission decided Monday evening.

The money will be advanced from the city general fund, to be repaid next December by a .25-mill winter tax spread.

Residents will find this quarter a mill extra on their winter tax bills for the next three or four years to pay off scheduled flood relief drains. City Manager Donald C. Egbert said.

Egbert anticipates additional assessment for the city's participation in the forthcoming Red River project, with a River Rouge improvement expected within the next five years.

Registration for New Voters

For the information of the many newcomers to the city, registration for the city election April 3: The city clerk's office will be open for registration Saturday, from 9 a.m. to noon; Monday all day and until 9 p.m. Tuesday until 7 p.m. Registration will close at that hour.

Voters must be 21 years of age, residents of the state for the past six months and of the city of Birmingham for 20 days prior to registration.

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