

Over The Top in 1950

THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Americans Still Love The Idea of Santa Claus

Many political observers throughout the nation agree that the Nov. 7 elections suggest that more and more Americans are tired and weary of the New Deal-Fair Deal program that has lasted for 18 years, and that these voters want definite changes from government.

In this contention I agree, with qualifications. Certainly, the masses want a change... just like people want more commodities at less cost. But to argue that the people are tired and weary of wanting Santa Claus to visit them—that is hardly the truth.

People still want Santa Claus, in the wearing apparel of a benevolent and paternalistic government to provide for them but at much lower prices.

THAT IS THE trend of human nature. It follows the old law that declares "Most people want the most they can get with the least amount of effort."

Also, they may realize that the "reform" government doesn't produce practical results for the whole nation.

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They merely want another political party to enact Santa's role, hoping it won't cost them so much for the gifts.

Today the federal government debt amounts to \$218,000,000,000. State and local government debts amount to \$18,000,000,000. Private firms and individuals have debts totaling \$295,500,000,000.

The man who is willing to sacrifice every principle and engage in a mad race for money, often can get rich. The same rule applied to politics, can allow men to "get places."

Rumor too often finds many wagging tongues to speak it along the human road. Relating unfounded gossip about others causes more trouble than foot knocking.

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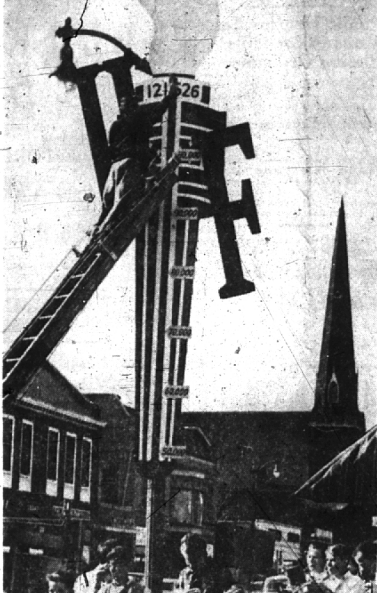
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While the Baldwin high school band plays and interested residents stop to watch, Joe Bachman, president of the Baldwin student congress, "breaks" the thermometer for the 1950 Birmingham Torch Drive, recording \$123,000 donated.

Mrs. J. Rowland Quinn, drive chairman, said Monday that this figure included the allocations from large firms which have branch offices in Birmingham. The Birmingham quota was \$121,500.

Ritchie Praises Editorial Deploring 'Down Payment Plan' for City Projects

City Commissioner Chad M. Ritchie this week congratulated the Eccentric on its Nov. 16 editorial criticizing the city administration for not having revealed the extent of the West Maple street revamping at the time the \$50,000 bridge bond issue was presented to the voters in April 1948.

The editorial pointed out that voters believed the \$50,000 would pay for the entire project.

In recent weeks, it has been brought out that it will result in at least another \$100,000 to complete the whole project, of which the bridge construction is only a part.

Ritchie's statement declared: "I want to congratulate The Eccentric on its very excellent editorial in the Nov. 16 issue relative to the bond issue for the West Maple bridge and the DPW garage."

"I have personally checked issues of your paper previous to the April 1948 vote on this issue and the implication is definitely there that \$50,000 would be the full amount necessary to finance the bridge in full operation."

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Churches Plan Thanksgiving Union Service

The Rev. Emil Kontz is Guest Speaker At Presbyterian Church

Special Thanksgiving services of the Protestant churches of Birmingham will be held in the First Presbyterian church, 17th and 11th, on Friday morning at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. Dr. W. Glen Harris, pastor of the hostess church will preside.

The Rev. Emil Kontz, pastor of the First Baptist church, will deliver the sermon, speaking on "Think Before You Thank".

Participating churches in this service will include the First Methodist, Embury Methodist, Franklin Community, Southfield, United Presbyterian, First Baptist and the hostess church.

The First Church of Christ, Scientist of Birmingham will hold a special Thanksgiving observance at 11 a. m. The Golden Text will be taken from Psalm 107-21, 22 which reads:

"OH THAT MEN would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of Thanksgiving and declare his works with rejoicing."

Quotations from the works of Mary Baker Eddy will also be used.

The annual Thanksgiving vesper service will be held at 7:30 p. m. at Lutheran church at 4 p. m. The Rev. Theodore Wugzagar will speak on "The Magnificent Minority."

Special music by the choir, soloists, and organ will also mark the service.

At Christ Church Cranbrook a special service at 10 a. m. will feature Holy Communion and special hymns of thanksgiving.

Combination of Dog And Wet Concrete Unhappy for All

The Hollywood practice of leaving footprints in concrete in a lasting record is not so popular in Birmingham. In fact, it is officially frowned upon.

Frank Day, city engineering inspector, signed a complaint against a brick setter last week after the poach took a walk in a newly laid batch of concrete in the Hill neighborhood.

Said Day, "I might not have been quite so mad if the same dog, by twisting its body, had left the track the week before over Oak street."

Mrs. David Micou of Lone Pine road, Bloomfield Hills, ended the case to justice court.

In the meantime, Day still maintains that dogs should not be allowed to run loose. He adds that people should keep their feet out of wet concrete, too.

Hunter Home With His Buck Five Hours After Season Starts

One local resident wasted little time in shooting his deer and returning home with his trophy, first day of the hunting season.

Chester MacMillan, 228 George street, shot a deer in the woods near his home in Birmingham on Monday.

MacMillan was in Birmingham with his prize by 11:30 a. m. The deer is located in Ray County and is about 120 miles from Birmingham.

Winning up their season Thanksgiving morning at Pierce Field, the Birmingham Maples hope to salvage a victory from Royal Oak which would, to great degree, lessen the sting of defeats both by this year's opponents and last year's 19-0 drubbing at the hands of the Acorns.

By ART FAIRBANKS

which they use left and right, the Acorns employ the running ability of Gmelin along with the speed and blocking talents of Hector.

What adds to the inconsistent brand of football exhibited by Birmingham in the Berkley game as well as throughout the season, coaches Secontine and Newcombe are endeavoring to iron out past mistakes and have the team ready for the coming game.

Coach Nyl Hayes, Royal Oak mentor, said: "We are an average team, not particularly outstanding, and Birmingham's record shows the Maples to be about the same as the Acorns. It is either team come in which either team could come out on top."

BIRMINGHAM'S Coach Vincent Secontine stated, "The Royal Oak game is a truly traditional one that Birmingham teams look

Blood Typing Projects Get Under Way Here



MRS. J. F. MCCOY MRS. D. A. GOULD MRS. LAURENCE CLARK MRS. V. VANFLEET Birmingham newscomer gets blood classification. (A Joe Wheeler Photo)

Charge of Selling Unfit Birds Faces Owner of Gold Crest Turkey Farm

Sentence will be passed Friday on Kenneth Wein of Exeter, Ont., who has entered a plea of guilty of operating an unsanitary slaughter house in connection with his Gold Crest turkey farm at 10 Mile and Inkster.

Municipal Judge John J. Schulte, Jr., of Farmington will pass sentence. This charge, a misdemeanor, carries a possible 90-day jail sentence plus a \$100 fine, or both.

In the meantime, Carl Williams, agricultural department inspector, is seeking a warrant charging Wein with selling turkeys unfit for human consumption. A high misdemeanor, this carries a sentence of 90 days and \$500 fine, or both.

The present action against Wein began Oct. 16 when A. G. Bradbury, owner of the farm site, circulated a petition protesting the unsanitary conditions of the farm.

He told officials of Southfield township, where the farm is located, that he had tried every legal means of having Wein removed from the property but had failed.

Wein had secured a five-year lease from former owner and has refused to acknowledge Bradbury's request to vacate the premises.

Dr. John A. Maloney, township health officer, made an investigation of the farm and reported unsatisfactory conditions to township officials.

He said he found 12 birds suffering from coccidia, a disease peculiar to turkeys. He said he ordered them isolated and not fed.

In an Oct. 17 letter addressed to Supervisor Dudley P. Frame and presented at the township meeting Oct. 24, Dr. Maloney said: "As you requested, I inspected the farm and found 12 birds suffering from coccidia, a disease peculiar to turkeys. He said he ordered them isolated and not fed."

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Blood-Typing Program Gets Slow Start

Local Organizations Asked to Volunteer For Group Typing

Birmingham's blood-typing program got out to a slow official start Monday, due probably to inclement weather and possibly to previous plans or the holiday rush.

Civilian Defense director John Hamel said Monday afternoon he was disappointed in the opening response and that the number of persons who visited the station at the municipal building should have been much greater.

"We are going to handle between 400 and 500 a day. We finish the city's typing in the time allotted," Hamel said. "I hope there will be a large showing in the number of persons reporting later in the week."

"Our first day may have been had because of the weather and it is possible that many of our local housewives are busy with Thanksgiving plans and are not planning to be typed until later in the week."

THE PRESENT hours are from 9 to 5 daily except Saturday and Sunday. The typing station has been set up in the basement of the municipal building.

Beginning next week as an accommodation to persons who can't visit the station during the day, the city will operate each Monday and Wednesday from 6 to 10 p. m. at the municipal building, Mayor Bruce G. Booth said.

During a "preview" of the program Nov. 16 at the Community House, 58 members of the Newcomers club were typed.

At Bloomfield Village school, the following day, a total of 171 persons, including parents and preschool children, were typed. This was the first school visit made by the transient team which will cover them.

Hamel pointed out the typing program is of importance to every person.

"SUDDEN ILLNESS of accident victims may make immediate blood transfusion necessary. A person whose blood type is known can receive much more prompt treatment than one whose blood type is unknown. In the event that we have a sudden illness of an active war, its value would be increased a thousand times."

Hamel cited an instance in Jackson which saved the value of the typing. During the program there one man was found to be a blood type which was in a case. From the records kept, the doctor was able to locate several persons who volunteered to donate the type blood needed.

Records of the individual blood types are maintained in Birmingham and Lansing, with another going to the person typed.

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Trio Arrested Here, Wanted in Rochester

Three Rochester men have been turned over to the Oakland county sheriff's department following their arrest here Sunday.

The three, George E. Layton, Clyde W. Harvey and Anthony Zebis, are charged with illegal driving away of an automobile. They were arrested about 3 a. m. when Patrolman Milton Jones became suspicious of their idle driving around the southeast area.

Officers reported finding a woman's coat, watch and earrings in the car.

Ill Health Causes O'Gorman to Resign

The Michigan State Tax Commission this week denied appeals of three local businesses for a reduction in their 1950 property taxes as determined by the city assessor and approved by the board of review.

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The Merrill property was assessed at \$205 a front foot. Green for \$100, and Gage and Freund at \$180.

CITY ASSESSOR Elmer W. Haack said these assessments, as were all the others in the business district, were figured on a basis of 40 per cent of current value.

The tax commission hearing was held Nov. 6 in Pontiac. In the decision revealed in a letter received Monday by Haack from tax commission secretary Edward W. Kane.

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