

"The gift without the price" is an old saying. It means, of course, that a mere gift of itself, in an unselfish way, is a gift that really means the gift of the receiver of a gift to which the gift is given as the spirit in which it is given.

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By G. R. A.

The UN Is A Worthy Project

It is difficult for most of us to understand how freedom-loving members of the United Nations are able to maintain control of themselves when confronted with some of the barbaric statements and acts of Communist members of that same organization.

For example, there's Russia's foreign minister, Andrei Vishinsky, and our own Ambassador, Austin, who often jock horns around the UN conference table.

Here are some of the more interesting, opposite viewpoints. Vishinsky typifies barbarism at its worst while Austin argues for civilization.

Each knows that between their countries war may some day occur; yet often they smile at each other, shake hands, eat and drink at the same banquet—yet all the time Austin knows that Vishinsky's government is freedom's most terrible enemy today.

But therein lies the basic value and genius of the UN.

If we can keep the leaders of various opposite ideologies together at a conference table, most certainly this device can help in preventing the unnecessary outbreak of strife—which can happen to a nation or an individual if it or he always remains aloof from opportunities to get together to talk over problems. That's why we believe the UN is a valuable ally of peace.

Washington, D.C., officials are planning a campaign to type the blood of every person in the land. By the way, has there been developed by science a means of determining what type "red-blooded American" you are?

Let the skeptics sleep... but to the informed person the five years of United Nations' efforts to bring down the last year's Acheson and Truman haven't always agreed on our Asiatic policy. Perhaps not that Truman has not been talked to. McArthur, the President will wake up to the facts about Communism and require Acheson to quit his job and stay in jail about cleaning up the State Dept.

Once upon a time this nation boasted of great men and women of letters, poets, naturalists, prose writers. But that was long before it was discovered by the Republican leadership that the half-nude figures of women on magazine and paper novel covers.

More and more men are seen without ties and neckties that they are but the vanguard of a generation of no-toppers?

For nearly 20 years the so-called Democratic Party has had a sort of perpetual lease on the White House. Finally, as we all know, President Truman had to move out of it while it is being reconstructed. So why shouldn't the wear and tear on the old edifice be slowed down by having the Republican take it over for a few years?

Troy Twp. Boy Runs Into Car; Injured Slightly

An 11-year-old Troy township youth escaped serious injury Sunday afternoon when he ran into a moving car on John R. at Larchwood.

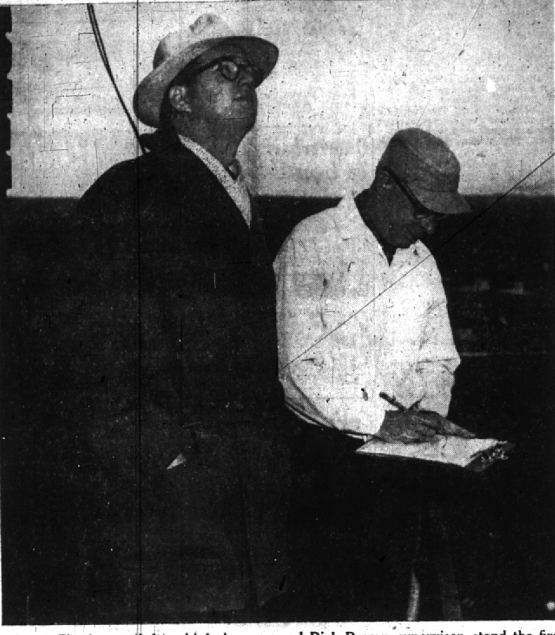
Frank Weaver, 1750 Larchwood, was driving on the highway and the driver, Dallas H. Nicley of Highland Park, said the boy ran into the side of his car after getting out of a bus.

The Birmingham Eccentric

BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1950

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Sky Watchers On Duty At Municipal Building Tower



James Fitzsimons (left), chief observer, and Dick Dewey, supervisor, stand the first shift of the two-day ground observer's test held here Saturday and Sunday. The 16 local men who staffed the post during the nationwide test, reported 42 planes to the Michigan air filter center in Grand Rapids as a part of the civilian defense program.

Dewey said local calls to Grand Rapids varied from 20 seconds to a full minute between spotting the plane and completing the report.

6,699 Votes Set Local Record

Birmingham, traditional Republican stronghold, went more than 5 to 1 for the GOP ticket in Tuesday's election as a record 6,699 persons cast their ballots.

In the surrounding area, Republican candidates were given the nod except in Troy township, where an extremely small margin was handed the Democrats.

Complete tabulation of votes can be found on Page Two of this section.

Bloomfield Hills also went 5 to 1 for the Republicans. Southfield township was in the GOP camp by 2 to 1. West Bloomfield township voters favored the Republicans, 13 to 10, while Bloomfield township gave them an edge of 6 to 1.

Bloomfield Twp. Appoints Hulet As Treasurer

After serving as justice in Bloomfield township for the past 16 years, Arno J. Hulet, Franklin road, was appointed township treasurer this week, to fill the vacancy created by the appointment of David Anderson as supervisor. Both terms expire next April.

The treasurer's position was vacated Oct. 31, upon the resignation of Perry A. Vaughan as township treasurer since 1942, was named to replace him.

Hulet has been active in youth affairs. For the past year, he has been student counselor at Royal Oak high school and previous to that time he was superintendent of the Oakland county juvenile home. He was also connected with the Pontiac chapter for 18 years.

Plasma Bank Unit Plans Nov. 29 Visit

Under the sponsorship of the State Health department and the American Red Cross, the Michigan state plasma unit will visit Birmingham on Nov. 29. The unit will, be at the Community House where blood donations will be received.

Mrs. Sheldon Noble and Mrs. John Blanchard, co-chairmen for Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, stressed the local unit would receive blood on a volunteer basis only.

Employees of the state health department will be assisted in their work here by members of the Gray Ladies club, under the supervision of Mrs. W. C. Sproule.

Pets Die In Fire At Hubert Switzer Home

A small radio left turned on in the basement resulted in a \$2,000 fire at the Hubert Switzer home, 1248 Humphreys, Thursday morning.

Mrs. Switzer told firemen she left the house about 10:50. The alarm was turned in at 11:24 by neighbors who discovered the blaze.

Fire Chief V. W. Griffith said the greatest damage was to a partition in a first floor room.

A dog and cat left in the home were annihilated.

Sunday Night Crash Injures Berkley Girl

Eileen Edwards of Berkley was the only person injured in a three-car crash at the intersection of Woodward and 14 Mile road Sunday evening. A passenger in a car driven by Richard Beckman, also of Berkley, she received treatment in Royal Oak General hospital.

Beckman, with George W. Arnold, Jr., of Royal Oak and Earl Ferris of Clawson, occupied injury.

Youth Council to Meet Monthly; 3 Committees Formed

Birmingham's Youth Council has become a permanent organization to plan and coordinate youth recreational facilities here.

By voting Nov. 2 to continue its existence, it follows on the recent University of Michigan recreation survey recommendation.

Mrs. Alec Parrie, chairman, said the meetings will be held the first Thursday of each month at 10 a. m. at the Community House.

The council also set up three committees to aid in its program. A coordinating committee, directed by Mrs. Syster H. Thingstad, will plan and coordinate information concerning programs for young people.

A referral committee will aid youngsters who want some group activity to find the group in which they can most happily participate.

MRS. ROBERT YINGLING, who was named chairman of a committee through the twelfth grades, indicates there is a sizeable number of youngsters who are not participating in group activity.

"IT IS WELL KNOWN that pre-adolescent and adolescent children need the security of belonging to one or more groups. At these ages they are normally joiners, and are happiest when acting in group programs."

Swearing in a future meeting with the guidance council of the board of education, will formulate specific plans for this committee.

Concerning the work of the referral committee, Barham school counselor Miss Mariel Brunie commented, "Children need time to be free, to walk in the woods if they wish."

The youth council does not want to see all youngsters organized or their free time planned full. But we recognize the importance of having a group activity for all youngsters who wish it."

THE BALDWIN public library has offered to keep a list of those persons interested in leading hobbies.

"I urge every one who has a hobby and an interest in young people to offer services to the Birmingham children," said Mrs. Yingling.

Effort is being made to bring into the council young people who are aware of and can express the needs of the younger people.

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Blood-typing of Residents Expected to Start Nov. 20

Birmingham signified its willingness to participate in the Michigan blood-typing program Monday when Mayor Bevo Booth signed a contract with the Michigan War Council. The council was represented by Col. A. D. Howell and Robert Shipp, both of Lansing.

Blood typing will begin here on Monday, Nov. 20, and it is hoped will be completed in 30 days. The local station will be set up in the municipal building basement, City Manager D. C. Egbert believes.

One of those persons who volunteer for blood-typing will be processed. This program is in no way compulsory, city and state officials emphasize.

"But we urge that everyone participate," they added. The state has agreed to furnish properly printed forms for recording all individuals typed.

BIRMINGHAM WILL PROVIDE whatever supplies and technical help are necessary to successfully carry out the program. It expects to be reimbursed by the state upon the presentation of an itemized statement to the director of civilian defense.

The program will be carried out under the general instructions and under the supervision of the state, which will furnish the equipment necessary.

A total of 500 to 600 persons can be handled each day, according to officials of the program, which is now being Birmingham to easily complete its program during the 30-day period.

Former Governor Will Be Speaker At C of C Session

Guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Birmingham Chapter of Commerce Nov. 29 will be Murray D. Van Wagoner, former governor of Michigan and military governor of Bavaria. He will tell of his experiences in Europe.

The meeting will be held at the Community House.

Ballots will be mailed next week for the annual election. The committee of judges on ballots are J. M. Ball, Foster, Toothack, G. S. Hall, Lawrence, V. H. White and Dr. George Marin.

Gas Investigation Group To Conduct Hearing Here

The state legislature's five-man gas investigation committee, headed by Rep. Howard R. Estes, will be in Birmingham Thursday to conduct an investigation into the Dec. 11, 1949, gas explosion and fire here which claimed the lives of five persons.

Estes said the open meeting would start at 10 a. m. at the Municipal building.

"While in Birmingham, we will also hear testimony on three other gas explosions, one that occurred two years ago on Hazel street, a second in Clinton township in Macomb county, and a third in Garden City," Estes stated.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO hear from John Aher, Chicago consulting engineer on gas transmission systems. Expenses of his trip will be split by the committee and the city of Birmingham, Estes said.

The hearing is expected to take most of the day.

70 Per Cent of Torch Funds In, Chairman Reports

Seventy per cent of the Birmingham area's \$121,500 Torch Drive quota had been received as of Wednesday morning, Henry Whiting, local chairman, disclosed.

The amount collected and pledged was \$85,000.

Thursday the official closing day of the drive.

"I feel sure we will make our quota; however, it will not be possible to date more than 70 per cent contributed until all reports have been completed by the area captains," Whiting said.

"It takes considerable time to process reports and it would be most helpful if the workers and the donors would complete as soon as possible," Whiting continued.

The Bloomfield Village area, under the leadership of Mrs. Haines P. Walmsey as captain.

Dearborn Motors Employees Give 100% to UF Drive

Dearborn Motors' 850 employees have contributed 100 per cent to the Torch Drive, headquarters announced Monday.

Employees gave \$13,407.42, the highest quota ever reached by \$15,000 from the corporation.

was first to go over the top and report contributions in excess of the assigned quota, according to Mrs. J. Rowland Quinn, campaign director.

"ALTHOUGH SOME of the workers in this area have not completed their reports, contributions have exceeded last year's total," Mrs. Quinn said.

Reports from the Birmingham business district have been slow to arrive but are still complete.

Commenting on this, Frank Cozzens, Jr., said, "Many new chapters have been organized this year and this requires more time. Present information indicates we will attain our goal."

Mrs. T. Hollister Mabley, residential area captain said tribute to her workers as she pointed out the fact that they have been slow in reporting.

"This doesn't mean that they have been lagging on the job," she said. "Birmingham women are doing a good job through their assignment and I feel sure the final report will again prove the charitable spirit of this area."

They reported that Jackson, which is still working on the project, has typed about 60 per cent of its population to date.

Egbert pointed out that Jackson has had fine cooperation from its residents and expressed the hope that the same would be true out here.

IT WAS ALSO BROUGHT OUT that the program has a deep importance for each individual either in the event of war or in peace time. Each person typed will be given a permanent record of his or her blood type, recognized as a great aid in any emergency which requires an immediate transfusion.

In addition, a control card will be kept in local files with two other cards to be held in Lansing.

Col. Howell stressed the fact that all persons were invited to visit the station for this service. He said no reasonable expense would be spared to carry the program to a successful and satisfactory conclusion in Birmingham.

Mayor Booth announced that the contract either party may terminate the arrangement should it prove unsatisfactory, upon written notice to the other.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE DIRECTOR John J. Hamel has been in charge of making contacts and plans for the uniform typing program in the city.

Mayor Booth announced that he had appointed Dana Whitman of the city manager's office, to act as Hamel's assistant in civilian defense affairs for Birmingham.

City to Sell Lots, Use Proceeds for Park Development

Sale of unneeded city-owned property in the Sheffield Estates subdivision should net the city about \$24,000 to use for improvement of the huge park in that area, City Manager Donald C. Egbert has recommended to the city commission.

Commissioners authorized Egbert to negotiate for the sale of 10 lots on the east side of Woodward, between 14 Mile and Dunshire; those in the triangular block bounded by Eton, Sheffield, and Milton; and other lots facing on Eton and Dunshire.

THEY ALSO APPROVED the sale of large lots at the southeast corner of Woodward and Bloomfield streets.

They also said two church groups and certain builders have expressed an interest in acquiring the Sheffield area property.

Wrong Equipment Delays Hunter Signal System

It probably will be several months more before the state highway department can place its new inter-connected traffic control system along Hunter Blvd., a department spokesman admitted this week.

"The master control units were ordered March and were delivered Sept. 1," said Samuel J. Levine, the department's highway engineer. Levine said that the units did not meet the specifications required for the Birmingham installation, and therefore were refused.

He said the department now must negotiate with other manufacturers for the proper equipment, and several more months may elapse before it is received by the state.

October Building Swings Upward From Prior Month

October building costs in the city were nearly 100,000 above the September figure although weather was less than ideal. The 1950 total to date for all types of building is \$114,567,788.

During the month 69 private dwelling permits issued were valued at \$739,000; 15 private garages, \$20,010; two business alterations, \$21,000; seven single family alterations, \$1,600.

The 84 new buildings were set for completion by the 12 contractors at \$33.75 million.

A survey of the permits issued showed that the trend toward less costly single family residences still holds in Birmingham. The cost of each unit was \$11,800, with the average slightly over \$11,800 per unit.

Troy Twp. Board to Consider Tax Levy To Pay for Drains

A special Nov. 9 meeting to consider the possibility of levying a one mill tax in Troy township this year will be held by the township board.

Supervisor Charles Ryan said the proposed levy would help to pay for the cost of the drain and report back to the board this evening.

"This doesn't mean that they have been lagging on the job," she said. "Birmingham women are doing a good job through their assignment and I feel sure the final report will again prove the charitable spirit of this area."

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