

Practicing the art of true humility is one of the noblest of human virtues. For he who achieves humility attains peace of mind, a sense of freedom, and a contentment that is not dependent on circumstances.

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# HIS and THAT

By G.R.A.

### We Now Live "In The Valley of The Shadow of Death"

Americans are told by our highest federal authorities that Russia's possession of the atom bomb makes every large city in the nation vulnerable to attack.

Detroit, of course, is considered one of the most important cities in the world. The Soviets make a "Pearl Harbor" attack in start-up would.

This means, then, that the lives and fortunes of more than a million human beings in the Detroit metropolitan area are in constant danger. It means, too, that the same fate awaits people in more than a hundred other vital American areas.

Never in human history, however, so many people have been the potential victims of war as today.

### THE SITUATION

is so filled with potential disaster to civilization that, in comparison, nothing in our human affairs is of more importance than the prevention of a conflict with Russia.

Russia, of course, is equally, or even more so, subject to the same danger that our own stock pile of atom bombs can inflict upon it.

The only difference between the two nations is that in the United States don't want a war, we have individuals who have freedom—whereas Russian leaders, numb to the rights of individuality, are not so much concerned with consideration of individual human destiny.

### RUSSIA LOOKS UPON

people as mere pawns in the hands of a few Kremlin leaders. It is their people to be used merely as a means of killing other nationalities, regardless of the cost to the Russian people themselves, or their satellite nations.

This is only one aspect of the fact that our own land, free from foreign invasions for more than 150 years, now is menaced by the murderous tools of war that an enemy may use against us.

Our leaders admit that it will be impossible to prevent the dropping of atomic bombs upon some of our cities, regardless of our defense methods. Thus every citizen in this country lives in the shadow of death and destruction.

### LIKE THE PEOPLE

who live in the shadow of a volcano, or in the valley of a mighty river not currently at flood stage, we in this country have inherited the danger that comes with modern war—only the light is far more dramatic than the results of eruption or flood, for we would have no advance warning.

In the face of this common danger, our public officials in each place appear to consult many of us here. For, after all, the world is to be shared from World War III, it will devolve upon our leaders to achieve this purpose.

Think of it! Within the hands of perhaps not more than a thousand world leaders today lies the fate of civilization!

All of which proves how important in a democracy is the citizen's responsibility to see that he is represented in high public offices by intelligent and honest men and women.

### Southfield Twp. Tax Appeal Rejected by State Commission

Southfield township's request for a larger share of county tax returns was turned down this week by the state tax commission.

Friday, a special hearing called by Louis Nims, state tax commissioner, was held at the county building in Pontiac.

D. P. Frame, Southfield township supervisor, then asked that a greater proportion of the 15 mills allotted to the township be diverted for use by the township board.

In dismissing the appeal, the state tax commission stated its previous decision of the county tax allocation committee.

If the increase had been granted, 15 mills would still have gone for use in the township, but a larger proportion would have been given to the township board and a similar share taken from the allocation for the school township.

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### B'ham Drops Grid Opener to Dearborn

Penalties Totalling 130 Yds. Called on Locals; Score: 13-12

By BILL AIKENS

After driving 69 yards down the field in the waning minutes of the final quarter, the Birmingham high school gridder fell less than an inch short of a vital first down on the Dearborn three-yard line, and lost to the Pioneers 13-12, in the season opener at Dearborn last Friday.

After staving off this final Maple threat, although outgained on the ground and in the air, Dearborn managed to take out a slender one-point victory, Birmingham racked up 14 first downs to its opponents' seven.

TWO OF THE factors which caused the Maple defeat were injuries to three regulars and the loss of 130 yards in penalties. In the last quarter, Dearborn's defense was particularly effective.

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### Radio Broadcasts of Local Football Games Cancelled

The remaining games on the Birmingham school football schedule will not be broadcast over WEXL, Royal Oak, as originally planned. The cancellation is due to the fact that the radio station will be out of the city for the remainder of the season.

Birmingham's first game of the season with Dearborn last Friday was carried by WEXL.

A 60-yard touchdown run by half-back Tom Tracy that would have secured a 10-0 victory was nullified by a holding penalty called against Tracy.

Tracy's initial kick was taken on the six-yard line by Larry Park, speedy Dearborn halfback, who was brought down on his own ten-yard mark by the Maple forward wall. Dearborn was forced to punt on fourth down.

### PIONEER QUARTERBACK

Verteron's punt was picked up by the Dearborn defense, who was stopped at his own 21. On this play, tackle Andy Dennis was forced to punt, eliminating him from the game.

In possession of the ball for the first time since the game began a sustained drive upfield, with Captain Gordon Shira, full-back, leading the charge to Birmingham moved to the Dearborn 40.

Nearly all for no gain on the next play, the Maples took to the air with Tracy completing a pass to the end, who was tackled on the next play, Tracy with the aid of excellent blocking, cut loose and ran left, after which he gained for the first tally of the game.

### Birmingham School Enrollments Above Last Year's Totals

Estimates of school enrollment in the Birmingham public schools have been exceeded, according to Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools.

Name school officials also reported a substantial increase in enrollment over last year's figures.

Final figures at the close of the second week of classes in the public schools revealed a total of 3,942 pupils. The enrollment of a year ago was 3,661, which shows a net gain of 281 students this year.

BEFORE 'DE start of the school year, Dr. Ireland had estimated an enrollment of 3,600. There are 2,468 elementary pupils and 1,474 in the secondary grades.

An enrollment of 639 pupils this week was reported at Lincoln and Harmon street schools. At the first Harmon street school, with the enrollment of 400 pupils, it was possible to accommodate more students.

### Explorer Scouts Make Good Showing In Emergency Test

"Be Prepared"

Thousands of Boy Scouts throughout the country, held to the test of an emergency test, showed their ability to gain any appreciable advantage, Verteron kicked-off for Dearborn, but Birmingham was offside and the play was run over. This time the punt was taken on a return from Halm to Tracy.

(See FOOTBALL, Page 2).

### Charge Woman With Negligent Homicide In McGirr Accident

County Prosecutor Clyde D. Underwood has authorized the issuance of a warrant against Mrs. Ruth Powell Brede of Royal Oak, charging her with negligent homicide.

Mrs. Brede was the driver of one of the cars involved in a three-car crash at Lincoln and Southfield on Sept. 14, in which three people were killed and 15 others injured.

Police Chief Ralph W. Moskaly was arrested on charges of negligent homicide when and if an emergency arises.

### Methodists Ready to Build Their New W. Maple Church

Bids are now being taken for construction of the new First Methodist church on its recently acquired five-acre site at W. Maple and Pleasant streets, the Rev. Arnold F. Runkel, pastor, revealed this week.

"Plans have been completed, and we are ready to build just as soon as the contract is awarded," he said.

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### Last Rites Held For Mrs. Vernor

Mrs. Grace Stoddard Vernor, 4805 Hursdale road, Bloomfield died Sunday in Henry Ford hospital, Detroit.

The wife of James Vernor, president of the James Vernor company, Detroit, she has been a resident of this area about 45 years, coming here from Saginaw, Mich.

Mrs. Vernor was a member of the Women's City club, and was very active in civic and charitable work. One of her deep interests was the welfare of the St. Elizabeth's Home for the Aged in Bloomfield Hills. She was a member of Christ Church Cranbrook.

The survivors include her husband; one son, James Vernor, Jr.; a brother, George Stoddard and two grandchildren, James Vernor, III, and Grace Shannon Vernor.

Services were from the William R. Hamilton funeral home Tuesday afternoon with burial in Woodlawn cemetery.

### Upside Down Stroll In Police Station Proves Man Sober

Abdulla Ben Ibrahim of Detroit tried to prove he was sober, Ibrahim paid off at Bloomfield Hills police station after a charge of drunk driving to reckless driving against him.

Ibrahim was arrested last Wednesday when he was sober, Ibrahim was accused of speeding, and also was accused by officers of being drunk.

The new building, designed by Andrew R. Morrison of Detroit, will be a gothic revival style divided into three sections, each on each side of the sanctuary.

ONE OF THE PLAN'S unique

### Halloween Committee Recalls Early Affairs As 1950 Plans Are Laid

By ALICE E. MORGAN

Next Monday afternoon will mark the first committee meeting to plan the 1950 celebration of Halloween in Birmingham.

Started some 16 years ago by a small group of men headed by S. O. Wylie, Bell Joseph E. Stroup, Sr., and Charles J. Shain, the original celebration was patterned along the lines still used today.

There, however, the resemblance ends. In comparison, those early events were little more than family parties. One newspaper account estimates that "between 400 and 600 parents and children took part and enjoyed the hospitality of the community for sandwiches, doughnuts, cider and coffee."

Last year committee members estimated that nearly 4,000 of the city's youngsters were served at the refreshment stand.

No estimate was given as to how many took part in the parade or stood on the streets to watch it pass. The prizes, alone, today are nearly equal to the total participation of the first events.

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### Mayor Considering Appointment of Plan Commissioner

After asking him to reconsider, James J. Hogan's resignation from the city plan commission was accepted this week by Mayor Bruce G. Booth.

Hogan resigned two weeks ago, and last week Mayor Booth asked him to insist I accept his resignation.

Hogan told me that he had given the matter serious thought but insisted I accept his resignation." Booth explained.

Within the next two weeks Booth said he expected to appoint a new plan commissioner to replace Hogan.

Monday evening at the city commission meeting the mayor took under consideration the name of Charles Dean, 287 E. Brown, which was suggested in a letter from Mrs. A. Leslie Schaefer, 251 E. Brown.

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### Most Local Doctors, Dentists Unaffected By Military Situation

Birmingham citizens will not find their local doctors and dentists being drafted into the armed services unless the nation goes into a full-fledged military conflict.

This was explained this week by representatives of the local physicians and dentists.

Dr. J. B. Hassberger, speaking for the dentists, said: "Although a large number of our group are members of military reserve units, they have been assured they will not be called up unless a full-scale shooting war develops."

Dr. George W. Martin, spokesman for Birmingham's 23 dentists, explained that "the military list has gone into military service, and there is a possibility of two more being drafted. The list will not be affected unless, of course, there develops another world war."

### Philip Hart Seeks Democrat Nomination

Oakland County Democrats will back Philip A. Hart, 377 Westwood, as a candidate for the office of secretary of state when the party convention is held in Grand Rapids Saturday. The solid support of the county delegation was assured him at a Pontiac meeting last week.

Hart is attorney for the Detroit Lions football club and the son-in-law of Walter O. Briggs, Michigan Mirror vice-chairman of the county's party organization.

The current election, said Hart, is one of the most important in the pattern which has become traditional in Birmingham.

### Normal Food Bill Here Is Double National Average

(Special To The Eccentric)

NEW YORK—Sept. 25—Living in what is now a luxurious life in Birmingham during the past year for the average resident than it was for his counterpart in most other places in the United States.

This is brought out in a study of living standards, based on spending habits and other factors, undertaken by Sales Management.

A principal index of living standards is the amount of income used for food purchases.

In Birmingham it was high. The local expenditures for food, in meat markets, vegetable stores, groceries and the like, came to \$6,061,000 in 1949, equal to \$1,560 per family.

THIS COMPARES favorably with the average American food bill of \$700 per family. The food bill in the East North Central States of \$715 per family.

Viewed in another way, the Birmingham housewife apportions for food 26 cents out of every dollar she spends in retail stores.

Elsewhere in the country such expenditures are limited to 24 cents out of the dollar. In the East North Central States food takes 23 cents and, in Michigan, 22 cents.

Birmingham's food bill of \$6,061,000 comes out of a volume of \$23,438,000 in the various retail stores of the city during the year, representing purchasing at the high rate of \$6,000 per family.

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### Recreation Improvements Suggested

U-M Survey Lists 8 Recommendations For Better Program

Eight recommendations for the improvement of the city's recreation program are contained in a 61-page University of Michigan survey released this week by the Birmingham Youth Council.

Concerning program and administration, the survey suggested:

1. Development of the summer program to provide twilight activities, day camping, and supervision of playgrounds at Terry school and city property at Eton and Buckingham;
2. Cooperative planning of publicly and privately supported recreation agencies through regular monthly meetings;
3. Continuation of the Community House Ranch Room program with emphasis on youth responsibility and community-wide participation;
4. Continuing recognition by school authorities or responsibility for use of facilities by privately supported recreation agencies and by neighborhood and community recreation groups;
5. Development of a year-around program to include winter sports, increased attention to activities for girls, organization of interest groups among high school students, organization of hobby groups among adults, a central recreation information service, and community celebrations;
6. Extension of the recreation program to the school district area outside the city limits;
7. A full-time, year-around recreation staff;
8. An annual recreation budget of \$20,000, an increase of \$5,700 over the present \$14,300.

These 14 capital improvements also were recommended by the study.

A LANDSCAPE PLAN for each of the undeveloped areas, to be developed by the city and school board, through joint planning;

Development of playgrounds and playfields at Terry school, Poppleton park and the Eton-Buckingham area;

Development of a playfield at the new high school;

Development of the Quorton school grounds;

Neighborhood skating rinks; increased number of baseball diamonds and tennis courts constructed at playfield sites;

Lighted and unlighted courts;

Construction of shelter and toilet facilities at recreational areas;

IMPROVEMENT OF Springdale park as a picnic area;

Development of a park of an area for activities or the over-65 age group;

An auditorium at the new high school;

Outdoor swimming pool;

Swimming pool at the new high school; and

Continuation of a camping site.

The University of Michigan was asked to make this survey by the (See RECREATION, Page 2)

### City to Flood Four Areas for Skating; Other Plans Mapped

Plans for the winter program were discussed by the Birmingham Recreation board at its monthly meeting last Thursday evening.

It was announced that four skating areas would be created in the city this winter. They will be located in St. James, Harmon and Pembroke parks, and, as soon as completed, the Terry playground.

A basket ball program is also planned with playing centers at Quorton, Adams, Baldwin, Barnum and Pierce schools.

Swimming will be scheduled for both boys and girls each Saturday morning at Barnum Park. A craft shop, also for boys and girls, will be started as soon as proper location is found.

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