

When you observe, in certain areas of human existence, the evidence of mass that is being done to be completely disorganized, mankind, though able to vision a better life, is still shackled with the barbaric, civilization evolves slowly.

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Uniform Equivalency Tax for County

IS THAT and THAT

By G.R.A.

Frankly, the way some of our republican members of Congress are acting over the MacArthur subject is disgusting. Senators Wherry and Cain and Congressman Joe Martin appear unable to refrain from injecting their political bias into everything they do and say. MacArthur is perfectly able to take his own story and that story is more important to the American people than any political or party over can be.

A bill is now pending in Michigan's legislature. If passed, would seek to regulate the public and private conduct of any judge or justice of a Michigan court of record. The bill would give the State Superior court the right to find an erring judge or justice guilty of contempt or possible guilty of a fine up to \$1,000, or one year in prison, or both.

To expect a career politician (one who depends upon votes for his job) to think and act like other people is foolish. The politician is a distinct breed, whose world is that of government, supported by your taxes. When he says one thing Monday and does quite the opposite Tuesday, that is in itself not unusual. It is the politician who uses the policy of expediency. In a way, he lives from day to day in order just as he does from campaign to campaign to stay in office.

As this is written, President Truman has announced that he will send Maj. Gen. Harry Vaughan, his "deep freeze" military aide, to the State Department. Mr. Arthur when the letter arrives at Washington airport April 26, he is expected to be there.

What an evidence of a lack of American decency on the part of the man who occupies the White House. Truly, all I know and it is that the larger number of our Senators would be lowered to the pigmy level of the man who occupies the White House.

(We hope that Little Harry will change his mind and do the right thing. He is only for the good of the great office he holds. Certainly, the American people are entitled to something better than the petty vindictiveness so much in evidence. It is time we don't recall her ever getting into trouble, either.)

Katherine Hepburn, the movie actress, admits that she is not beautiful, and doesn't want to be. She usually too busy being fascinating—as for me, I'm tall, skinny, and I don't have an antelope.

IN A LETTER from W. A. Blazo, secretary of the Birmingham Real Estate board, it was stated that the board "strongly urges" the commission to take immediate and positive steps to properly solve the parking problem.

Had Little Harry really wanted to be thrifty with the taxpayer's money, a mere telephone call from his office to the State Department would have resulted in less expensive furnishings.

April 29 to Mark Opening of Annual Clean-Up Week

In a proclamation issued by Mayor Chad R. Ritchie this week residents are urged to support the Chamber of Commerce sponsored "Clean-up Week" which is scheduled for April 29-May 5.

During this time numerous items which are ordinarily not included in rubbish pick-up should be placed at the curb. A DPW spokesman pointed out that regular collections are made in the load-truck and combustible materials cannot be taken.

HOWEVER, DURING clean-up week trucks are sent out to handle extra loads of such materials as will be included. Rubbish may be placed at the curb for collection as usual.

Bills Called Violation of 'Home Rule'

Citizens Asked to Send Objections to Higgins, Estes

Birmingham taxpayers may be forced to spend \$85,000 more a year in firemen's and policemen's salaries if two bills, now pending in the State House of Representatives, are adopted, City Manager Donald C. Egbert warned city commissioners Monday night.

Commissioners quickly reacted by strongly recommending that local citizens express their views in letters to Senator George Higgins and Rep. Howard R. Estes, who introduced the bills. "These two bills invade the cities' rights to govern their own affairs," emphasized Commissioner Milton F. Mallender.

City Employees Granted Cost of Living Increases

A new cost of living increase for city employees was approved by the city commission Monday evening.

Parking Proposal Set for Hearing Monday Evening

A new proposed street parking ordinance designed to relieve downtown business area will be considered at a public hearing at the city commission meeting Monday evening, April 30.

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Southfield Twp. Considers Foss Suit Action

Legal advice will be sought by the Southfield township board whether to continue with its suit against Stanley Foss.

Commissioner Cites Hazard of Children Awaiting School Bus

City Commissioner Richard Patterson points out a dangerous condition which exists in Birmingham, involving the Holy Name school children and commuters going to the Grand Trunk station on Eton road.

State Defense Director to Explain Birmingham's Role in An Emergency

Brig. Gen. Lester J. Maitland, Michigan's director of civil defense, will speak here April 27 on the sponsorship of the Community Council.

City, Schools May Cooperate in Assessments

Superintendent of Schools Dwight B. Ireland hinted in a letter to the city commission this week that the board of education may participate in assessment projects where schools and cities are involved.

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