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There are many, many ways of expressing kindness to others and not one of them, be it large or small, has the ultimate effect upon those who receive it. It is a word of encouragement to another may change the course of a whole life.

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THIS and THAT

By G.R.A.

Diplomats Are Not Honest

For the most part, the art of politics is the application of part truth, part falsehood, and part hokum by politicians as they seek to win the public's votes. This is not to say that all politicians are fundamentally dishonest. It simply means that they cannot rise very high higher than the mass-intelligence and integrity for lack of these as manifested by the voters.

That is why politicians make election promises and protection alibi. They know (and to some extent the public knows) that they are appointed by a process—a science—which prompted an ancient philosopher to observe that politics is the art of the possible, not the science of the ideal.

Well, if an objective politician, such as a crazy game is played, it is not true that in international relations the diplomats play the same kind of a game? It is!

FOR WHY SHOULD A diplomat, dealing with foreign governments, be any more honest and sincere than the politicians are as they talk to their own people in discussing governmental problems? All of which is to say, Dear Reader, that any time a diplomat in our State Department (and the same goes for other nations) tries to make you think he is a veritable angel of good, he will just take his statements with a very certain grain of salt.

Diplomats are only politicians who didn't have to run for office. They are appointed by men and women who risk the chances of the ballot box.

While I presume, makes diplomats wear striped pants. The retail price was that started in New York City, when Macy's took advantage of the U. S. Supreme Court decision disallowing the application of fair trade practices to the retail trade. This will be hard to swallow by the New Fair Deal planners. Think that such a regulation is the best way to protect the public.

Upon sufficient time, the list of names of those who belonged, but later renounced the name, will add up to quite a total. The remarkable thing, however, is that they had enough intelligence to quit an outfit that they once thought was a k.

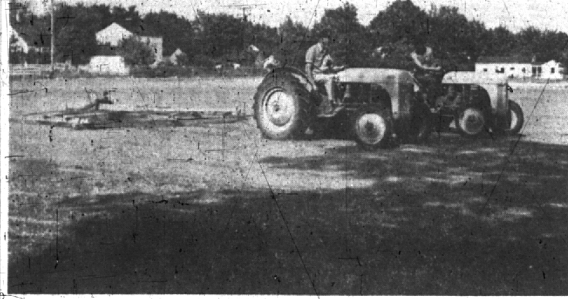
One reads so many American magazines getting fat and fatter that they are unable to pay for the cost of a protein supplement as much more than a mere substitute.

So long as the majority of mankind pursues the predatory policy, he has manifested to date, but will not be marked full to attain and retain world peace. You cannot expect dynamic to blossom into a lovely and aromatic flower.

These are a disintentioned people who believe that public officials should first undergo a psychiatric test to prove eligibility know very little of human nature as it acts in government, and that the only way to have to be given by other human beings, in or out of government, and that the only way to make the voters big or little tyrants. In a democracy, every person not in prison or an insane asylum, otherwise qualified, is presumed fit to run for office. That is why the chance is a free freedom takes—there is no bureaucratic road to eligibility, and there should never be one.

One To Come
Mayor Chad Ritchie said one member must yet be appointed to the electrical examining board of the city plan to meet this fifth member during the week.

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TRACTOR TEAM DRAGS LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD
Dearborn Motors provides necessary equipment. (Betty Traxell Photo)

First Little League Game Is Monday

Boys 8-12 to Play Game at St. James Field

First game of the season for Birmingham's Little League Baseball organization will get under way Monday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m. when the Tigers play the Red Sox at St. James field.

League President Eldon Auker has arranged to have former Detroit Tiger star, second baseman Charlie Gehringer attend for opening game ceremonies. Also expected are Mayor Chad Ritchie and several commissioners.

For the first few weeks of the season games will be played at St. James and Pierce fields, but plans call for future tilts to be played on the new diamond now under construction in the rear of the Lutheran Church on West Moprt.

THIS PROPERTY is owned by the church and several contributions have been made by members of the congregation to provide recreation facilities. Dearborn Motors Corp. is doing the work regarding the diamond for play.

This league for boys from eight to 12 years of age is claimed to be the first Little League baseball organization in Michigan. Need for such a program was suggested by the Rev. Theodore Wuzgazer and Malcolm G. Adam last fall.

Both men, connected, local PTA groups, churches, service clubs, and met with much cooperation in way of furnishing representatives and contributions.

The four teams in the league each have 18 players, 12 in uniform. Each team is headed on by boys 12 years old, four of age 11 and three of 10, or less.

Games during the first week are Yanks vs. Indians, Pierce field, Tuesday, June 19; Red Sox vs. Yanks, St. James field, Wednesday, June 20; Indians vs. Tigers, Pierce, Thursday, June 21.

All tilts get underway at 6:30 p.m. St. James field is located on Edgewood near Lincoln and Pierce fields are located on Pierce school grounds. Officials emphasized the league is invited.

MANAGERS AND COACHES

are Tigers, John Hindley, Tom Stohrer, John Adamson; Yanks, Horace Shankweiler, Herb Brink, Andy Stuehr, Indians, Dave Jones, George Stark, William Roberts, and Red Sox, A. Bates.

Umpires in charge is Rollie Reese and he will be assisted by Mike Jennings, Brad Springer, R. F. Webber and Tom Appel.

This week members of the four teams picked up their uniforms from the Quorton Sporting Goods store. Contributions for uniforms and equipment are still needed, according to Rev. Wuzgazer. Approximately \$2000 has been received and the total is \$2000. Donations can be made to Jerry Walcott, treasurer, 426 Park, or Tom Appel, 300 North Woodward, vice president.



BILLY LAWSON BOB CRAIG HANK BURDICK
Little league players get "traited out" for equipment.

\$500,000 for More Mich. Bell Facilities

Unprecedented growth of the local community, with an attendant demand for more and more telephone service, has Birmingham's telephone office literally "bulging at the seams."

To meet this demand, Walter B. Fauser, manager here for Michigan Bell today announced that the company has applied to the National Production Authority for permission to build a two-story lateral addition to its local headquarters office on Martin street.

The new structure will house dial switching equipment to serve people now on the company's waiting list, and will provide a margin of facilities to meet some future growth of the exchange.

Total cost of the addition, including the central office equipment, was estimated at about \$500,000.

Colbert, Bosworth Lead Class

Lester Colbert has been named valedictorian with highest scholastic rank of this year's Birmingham high school senior class and George Bosworth, banking second, salutatorian.

Colbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester L. Colbert, Martell drive, Bloomfield Hills, is an active member of the National Honor society, a member of the student press corps since entering high school and was assembly club president last semester.

Last October he served as president of the Eastern Michigan conference of student councils when it convened in Birmingham. He intends to enroll at Princeton.

BOSWORTH is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bosworth, 555 West Frank. He is senior class president and letterman in football and tennis. This spring he was captain of Birmingham's regional and Eastern Michigan league championship tennis squad.

He is also president of the National Honor society this semester.

Commission To Vote On Plan Ord.

Approval Means Changes in Plan Group Structure

Birmingham's city plan commission will become purely an advisory body next Monday night if city commissioners approve a new plan ordinance which has grown out of two discussions between members of the two groups.

The proposed ordinance, now being drawn up by City Attorney Forbes S. Hascall for presentation Monday, would:

- 1) Remove the plan commission from under the state enabling act;
- 2) Cut the size of the plan commission from nine down to seven members and restrict membership to Birmingham residents only;
- 3) Provide for public quarterly meetings between the two groups and make the city manager and city engineer, or other officials members of the plan commission.

THE FIRST discussion took place May 24, and was followed by a second and final meeting June 7.

Three points were discussed fully, although the city commission met in executive session after Monday's commission meeting to vote on whether the planning board should be reduced to seven members and made up of the two non-resident members who happen to be H. F. Kion of Troy township and Dr. Robert Mason of Bloomfield Hills.

The city commission initiated these changes in the plan ordinance after receiving considerable criticism from local residents in connection with the proposed master plan for the city.

COMMISSIONERS felt it might be advisable to remove the plan commission from under the state enabling act, which many firmly believe, would require filing of the master plan with the county register of deeds.

Such action, it is contended, would "highlight" properties especially if earmarked for future city development.

Criticism also has attended the appointment of the plan commission to non-residents.

Mayor Chad Ritchie Tuesday said he was extremely pleased at the wonderful manner in which the plan commission members have listened to, considered, and finally accepted these changes.

"The relationships during the discussions have been most amicable," he commented.

Public May Inspect City Fire Department During Coming Week

City officials made their annual inspection of the Birmingham fire department Wednesday, after the conclusion of the spring annual tests and equipment checks.

Fire Chief V. F. Griffith said the department would be open for public inspection during the balance of the week and through next week.

All equipment including the new 100-gallon diesel emergency power unit, will be shown at the city hall station.

Sappington, Gregory Reelected to B of E

Race Close As 2,008 Go To Polls

Third Term on Board Started by Re-elected Members

One of the heaviest turnouts in Birmingham's history of education elections went to the polls Monday and re-elected Amos Gregory, 1216 Dorchester, and Mrs. Olga Sappington, 487 Arlington.

A total of 2,008 ballots were cast to elect the far last year's figure of 588.

Results were Gregory, 884; Mrs. Sappington, 827; Rollie Reese, 525; Charles James, 718; and Frank Hardy, 662.

CANDIDATES WILL be certified at an adjourned meeting of the board of education Thursday evening.

Gregory was reelected to his third term on the board. A member since 1944, he has served as secretary since 1947. He is trustee and secretary of the Kresge foundation.

Mrs. Sappington also will be elected to her third term on the school board. In addition to her seven years on the board, she served two years on the Birmingham recreation commission.

Results according to districts are:

District	Gregory	Sappington	Reese	James	Hardy	Total
Franklin	56	50	25	42	44	120
Ham	14	12	18	13	12	62
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Adams	235	230	234	291	290	1090
Hammond	50	50	50	50	50	250
Total	500	487	587	718	662	2008

Weed Problem at Quorton Unsettled

By RAY DENNIS

It appears that Birmingham's perennial headache, the Quorton Lake weed growth problem, is still far from settled. For years city commissioners have been attempting to find some solution to rid the lake of its unsightly condition.

Residents of the Quorton Lake area have been asked to attend next Monday's city commission meeting to discuss with commissioners what should be done about the situation.

This March the city commission appropriated \$985 so Dr. Bernard Donagalla of Butler, Wis., could chemically treat the pesky algae growth in Quorton lake.

However, there has been no solution to the problem received a setback when City Administrative Assistant received a letter from Donagalla this week.

DOMOGALLA STATED, "We certainly were very much surprised last Tuesday when we inspected Quorton lake and found that about 90% of the nuisance consisted of the dense, vegetative growth consisted of rooted water weeds and only about 10% consisted of algae that have no roots."

"About a month ago the typical algae growth was the only predominant vegetative growth on your lake and you as well as local residents stated that such algae growths are the cause of your lake trouble, which were similarly diagnosed by other biologists in past years."

"Therefore, since we all noticed that 90% of the nuisance consisted of rooted water weeds it would be foolish to spray only for the 10% algae, because your lake would still be in a very bad shape."

THE LETTER continued, "Based upon 25 years of water treatment experience, I would strongly advise that the present dense rooted water weeds be destroyed by our special chemical mixture adapted for the delicate algae."

"Rather than ask for more funds at this time I would recommend that you present this problem to the city commissioners and get permission to chemically spray one-third of Quorton Lake for removal of the rooted water weeds using the present appropriation to meet the cost of the work."

Donagalla concluded, "Then in about five days after this treatment your city can see for themselves that the rooted water weeds are dead and sink to the lake bottom. This is the only certain (based upon 25 years' experience) that your commissioners upon seeing our present treatment being so successful will then order that the rest of your lake be treated likewise."

CITY MANAGER Donald C. Egbert stated that based on the contents of the letter, the cost will be \$3,000 for eliminating the weeds, with a recurring cost of possibly \$800 to \$1,000 per year.

Egbert suggested that the lake can be drained by opening the gate to the dam. It could then be allowed to dry and a chemical placed on the bottom to kill the weeds before the lake is refilled. He stated that the DPW has been requested to investigate this possibility.

Following discussion, Mayor Chad Ritchie said, "I suggest we send a copy of Donagalla's letter to the Quorton Lake area residents and ask them to appear Monday to discuss the matter with the commissioners."

Back in 1946, the lake was drained and the bottom dragged,

Young Naturalist Nabs Big Snapper At Quorton Lake

Being the parents of an enthusiastic young naturalist has its moments, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Barlow of 432 Baldwin, can attest to this, for when their 11-year-old son, Robert, was out fishing, he caught what he will have with less than a week.

Although they have more or less grown used to his flights, even they were surprised Friday when he brought a 30-pound snapping trout from his home on Quorton lake. After making the catch, young Bill had to borrow a rooster wagon to fetch it home.

The turtle measured 26 inches from nose to tail and had a shell 14 1/2 inches across. Saturday, while confined in the yard, it laid nearly 30 eggs which Bill has buried in sand and is hopefully watching, waiting for a crop of young snappers.

HIS MOTHER said, among his other catches was a muskrat, a little snake, also caught in the vicinity of Quorton and a Deerey snake.

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Low, Robertson Elected to Troy School Board

With a total of 1,564 persons voting, Elmer W. Lowe and Russell Robertson were elected to the Troy Township School Board Monday.

Lowe, who has been treasurer for the school board topped the poll with 476 votes. He was followed by Robertson with 458. Other two candidates Donald G. Huber received 335 and James J. Hulse 295.

THE PROPOSAL to sell the old Log Cabin school football field to the city for \$125,000 by the city living in the former Log Cabin school district were the only proposals.

Money raised from the sale will go toward the new high school field.

Voting according to precincts were: (1) Baldwin, 134; Ham, 107; Adams, 232; Lowe, 226; Lane, 126; Huber, 124; (2) Troy town hall, 106; 141; Robertson, 134; Lane, 102; Huber, 96; (3) Troy fire hall, 106; 109; Lane, 107; Robertson, 92 and Huber, 85.

Dr. Arnold Runkel To Address Seniors Sunday Evening

The Rev. Dr. Arnold F. Runkel, pastor of the First Methodist church, will deliver the baccalaureate service for the 180 graduates of the Baldwin graduating class Sunday evening at 7:30.

The service will be held in the Baldwin high school auditorium with the Rev. Harold E. Towne of St. James Episcopal church presiding.

Members of the Baldwin high school choir, directed by Victor Ulrich, will sing "The Lord's Prayer" and "Lord for Thy Tender Mercies Sake." A Shanty Rossio will be at the organ.

Dr. Runkel has chosen for his topic, "The House I Live In."

COMMENCEMENT address will be given by Dr. Carl Winter, pastor of the Oak Ridge, Ill., Baptist church. Dr. Winter, a well known radio speaker, will take "Life's Glory Road," for his topic. He spoke in Birmingham in 1947, addressing the senior class.

Dr. Luther Gable, Chicago, Scientist who has been engaged to marry two former 180 graduates, spoken to the class members earlier this year.

Committee to Begin Study on Swimming Pool for Birmingham

City Commissioner Frank Ring will lead the committee appointed by Mayor Chad Ritchie to investigate the type, cost and location for a proposed community swimming pool in Birmingham.

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