

THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

A Nebraska professor of animal husbandry bespeaks a word in defense of the mule. "A mule isn't a mule," he declares, "he's smart. He doesn't let himself be manipulated into a dangerous position. Now that's a mule. Let's consider the two-legged type, professor."

Oakland County's sheriff, Clare Hubbell, notes that he will have no more of it in these parts. Mr. Hubbell, personally, thinks mules are what he's played for charity but, since he is presumed to enforce the law, he will now do so.

Gen. Eisenhower wrote his memoirs and got a 25 per cent capital gains tax, a net of \$740,000. Then Congress passed a new law, making it impossible for a non-professional writer to write off his current income tax as a capital gain. The new law means that Gen. Eisenhower's memoirs will get a million or more for it, he will keep the rest. It means that Mac wasn't fired soon enough.

It is estimated that, after 1952, it will cost American taxpayers \$346,000,000 annually to maintain the White House, exclusive of the salary paid the President. The renovated White House will have 128 rooms, instead of the previous 52. Plenty of space, especially for a President's cronies.

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Some sort of world-shaking news was made last week when the Duchess of Windsor called for vacation in France. (Isn't she always on a vacation?) and who has not simply a mask well over her eyes, tied by a ribbon in the back. Millions of us, of course, were told that she was wearing the fashions, are perturbed, with economic reasons. The Duchess, however, failed to point out any other changes in the Duchess wardrobe. She is wearing traditional clothing.

John Maragon, once a welcome White House visitor, has been sent to jail for 18 to 24 months for giving false testimony to a Senate committee two years ago. Maragon, the boss of Jimmy Hoffa's legal aid, Gen. Harry Vaughan, now knows that honesty is the best policy in the respect of persons. It now remains to be seen whether you will be able to "President" Maragon, as some gamblers have in the past six years.

Following its usual style, the Michigan legislature rushed through a lot of bills in its last hours, in many important cases without much complete understanding of them by the whole legislature. The reason why, regardless of political party, so many bad bills are enacted, so many foolish laws levied, so much of the taxpayers' money wasted.

When Michigan's Legislature closed its final and hectic session May 26, Gov. Williams appeared before them briefly and thanked them, saying, "You have done a good job. Of course, the Governor didn't mean everything just as I said it, though he had cause to be somewhat harsh. For some reasons, you are known, get along 100 per cent with Legislature. You are known, get along 100 per cent with Legislature gets the notion that he, too, can fill the Governor's chair in the "best office."

Birmingham Soldier Killed in Action In Korean Battle

An official U. S. Army communique has informed Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Guenther, 1194 1/2 N. 14th St., of the death of their son, Pvt. George H. Guenther, in Korea.

Pvt. Guenther, who had served 18 months in Germany, was recalled to active duty on Oct. 6, 1949, and was killed in action on Jan. 5, 1951.

He was wounded in early February and returned to duty a month later. He was killed in action on May 8, 1951.

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John Petrakis to leave Pontiac High School

New High School Cage Coach Looks Forward to Job

When John Petrakis, Birmingham's new basketball coach, received news of his appointment two weeks ago, he was hard at work in the big Pontiac High school gym where he has coached for the past five years.

His excitement and enthusiasm with his new job, and expressed the belief that it will be the finest position to be had in the state with the completion of the new high school building here.

"The job he was chosen to do, what he was able to do on the same day. Adding it all up, it means that Mac wasn't fired soon enough."

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Following this ceremony, the graduation exercises will begin Thursday evening under the direction of Robert Bates will take place.

This last, rushed graduation week will begin Thursday evening with the Graduation Ball in the school dining hall.

Among the 53 seniors graduating will be these local boys: Charles Carter, John Dreyfus, Cliff Zander, Reynold Francis, Donald Friedrich, Edward Godfrey, John Harlan, William James, John K. Pennington, George Rechin, John Stegeman, Anthony Underhill, and Peter Whitling.

HE WAS BORN in Birmingham on Oct. 31, 1927 and attended local schools, including in the Army before completing his high school education in Seattle.

In August, 1948, he married Constance Krachow, who with his parents and a five-month-old son, survive. He is also survived by a brother, Don and a daughter, Royal Oak.

WALTER FAUSER THEODOR HEINEMANN BILL HAWKINS
Oakland Hills mgr. (center) discusses installation with Mich. Bell men.

Eclectic Receives Honorable Mention In National Contest

The Birmingham Eclectic was named this week as one of four Michigan newspapers to win awards in the National Editorial Association 1951 Best Newspaper Contest.

The Eclectic received an honorable mention for excellence in typography, weekly division.

Sunday Marks Date For Breaking Ground At Lutheran Church

Ground will be broken for the new youth activities building of the Redeemer Lutheran church at 845 Sunday morning. The ceremony will be in charge of Richard Oberhauser, building program chairman, and the Rev. Theodore Wugghizer.

The \$140,000 addition to the church will have Sunday school rooms to accommodate 500 children and will house quarters for the various youth activities sponsored by the church.

Mayor to Appoint Study Committee For Swimming Pool

Appointment of a committee to study the possibility of a municipal swimming pool for Birmingham has been put off until next week, Mayor Chad Riech said.

At last week's city commission meeting, Frank Heng asked for appointment of a committee to find out what other cities have done and what Birmingham could do regarding a municipal swimming pool.

Accident Totals Reach Year's High

Traffic accidents last month climbed to the highest peak of the year. Ninety persons were injured in seven of the 38 crashes which caused \$32,000 property damages.

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley, in issuing the report, said excessive speed was indicated in 16 accidents. Following too closely accounted for 11, with not having the vehicle under control tagged for five. Moxley said both violations are tied with driving too fast.

Large Turnout Anticipated For School Election

A large turnout is expected for the Birmingham school board election Monday, June 11, as five candidates vie for the two positions open.

In the race are Charles E. James, Jr., 1791 Stanley; Frank B. Hardy, 851 Webster; Roland W. Reese, 1847 Webster; and incumbents Mrs. Olga Sappington, 487 Arlington and Amos F. Gregory, 1216 Borchester.

Last year there was very little voting, as only 700 electors went to the polls.

Seven polling places will be open for balloting from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m. election day. They are located at Adams school (one), Barton (three), Franklin (five), Bloombfield Village (six), and Walnut Lake (seven).

Park Extension, Willets Widening to Be Studied

Cornerstone Laid for High School

Students March to 45-Acre Site for Friday Ceremony

"It is in your power to endow this institution with mediocrity or greatness. It is the cornerstone of a tremendous challenge. What is your will?"

With these remarks, Ernest Seahorn, Birmingham school board president, turned the future of the new Birmingham high school over to the students who will receive their training and education there.

The scene was the June 1 cornerstone ceremony at the 45-acre site, Lincoln and Cranbrook. Builders and high school students for the second time in little more than a year, had marched to the location of the new school to take part in impressive ceremonies.

The previous occasion was the ground breaking ceremony held there on May 18, 1950.

Bill Aiken, student congress president, in replying to Seahorn's address, said Birmingham's young people would accept the challenge and do their utmost to keep faith with the citizens who were making this two and a half million dollar institution possible.

"I truly we are challenged," he said, "challenged to meet the standard of the past but to reach out and to far surpass this standard. We are proud of the students of Birmingham will accept their full share of responsibility in this great project, and we are thankful for the role which you have given us."

In his address, Seahorn outlined the thought, planning and expense involved in the undertaking, and asked "Is it worth the price?"

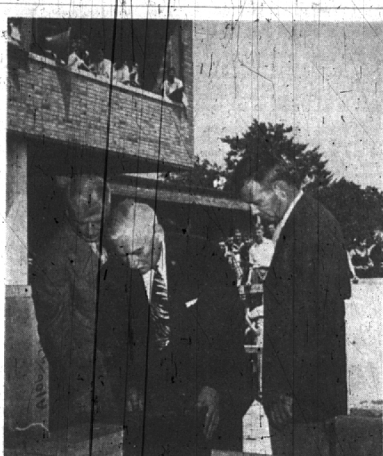
The answer, he pointed out, was not to come from the adults who had brought the new high school into being, but to the young people who would use it during the future years.

He told students and friends gathered there that only the manner in which students used the building could give it stature and worth of the institution he determined.

Ross S. Campbell, board of education trustee, presided over the program which began with the presentation of the flag by Mrs. Lewis B. Sappington, board member.

CLASS OFFICERS Ronald Phillips, Marc Joslyn and Charlene Weir presided over the flag raising after which Arnold Berden, music director, led the high school band in "To the Colors" and the National Anthem.

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WM. SPENGE WYLIE GROVES R. A. SAUERBRUN Trustees place box in cornerstone (Dick Shirk Photo)

Bell Funeral Home Sold To Wm. R. Hamilton Co.

The Bell Funeral Home, one of Oakland County's oldest, and William R. Hamilton Co., established in Detroit in 1865, have taken over all Bell's facilities in the Birmingham and Detroit metropolitan area.

In announcing the purchase, Otter said it was the first in his broadening Hamilton's facilities. The local unit will be known as the Bell chapel of the Wm. R. Hamilton Co., he said.

"Bell chapel is not a branch but a unit of Hamilton's, and we have taken over all Bell's facilities and equipment, supplementing it with the complete Hamilton facilities," Otter explained.

HE SAID the combination of facilities would permit any family to use both the Birmingham and Detroit chapels if they wish to do so.

Otter said Dwight Baldwin, who has been associated with Bell for 27 years, has been made manager and director of the Bell chapel at Gerald Walcott and Franklin Cornelia.

"It is a distinct privilege for the Hamilton Co. to be given the opportunity to carry on the service of the Bell Funeral Home."

Donald S. Bell and his late father, S. O. Wylie Bell, have created a high standard of professional service to this community since 1882.

Next week the sports eyes and ears of the nation will be turned toward Lahser and West Maple roads, and those who come to see for themselves will arrive by the thousands.

Those who cannot come will depend on their radios, newspapers, and television sets, to find out who will be the 1951 king of the golfing roost when the final putts are down in the National Open at Oakland Hills.

AND SO THAT an interested nation can join in as quickly as possible on whose head the crown will be placed, the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. has been planning for months on how to get the information out most expeditiously by telephone circuits.

Intense planning for communications facilities began by Michigan Bell's engineers and other golf courses when the Open was played in former years has been surpassed by Michigan Bell in an endeavor to foresee all of the requirements for quickly getting to the sports fans the news it will be waiting for next week.

Experience gained by these companies at the Marlon, Medinah, Riviera and other golf courses when the Open was played by Michigan Bell in an endeavor to foresee all of the requirements for quickly getting to the sports fans the news it will be waiting for next week.

After months of extensive study, Walter B. Fauser, Michigan Bell manager for this area, said:

Negotiate For Hiring Of Experts

Other Traffic Problems to Get Analysis

In an effort to find a solution to Birmingham's growing traffic problems, the city commission Monday evening authorized City Manager Donald C. Egbert to negotiate a contract with the Detroit traffic engineering firm of Gunderson and Dobeck.

Egbert stated the contract will be ready for formal commission approval Monday, June 11.

AT LAST WEEK'S city plan commission meeting, the five members present voted unanimously that appointment of the engineers be recommended to the city commission.

Studies would be undertaken on high accident locations, street capacity, turning movements, traffic control devices, parking, routing, traffic volume, street patterns, regulatory and special assignments from the city manager.

It is believed one of the first things the commission will do is instruct the firm by retuning the need for extension of Park street from Hamilton to Maple.

Another problem the engineers will probably be asked to study immediately is the possibility of widening Willets street.

The city has acquired a new attempt to set up policies under which the new off street parking facilities will function.

However, it may be several weeks before members of the commission will be able to discuss the Park and Willets situations may affect what the new group will consider as to the city's new parking lot locations, explained Mayor Chad Riech.

Public Utilities Disrupted Friday By Severe Storm

A general alarm was sounded Friday evening as all in standing by fire crews as high winds snapped electric wires and trees throughout the southern part of the city.

Fire Chief V. W. Griffith said the magnitude of the storm was such that the limit responding to calls where live wires were arcing and creating a fire hazard. Griffith said, he said, was merely a precautionary measure to bring station personnel to the scene.

Harold Hall of Detroit Edison said his company had repair crews on the line of the storm on until 11 p. m. on Sunday, restoring full power.

TWO POLES and one transformer were blown down, with fallen wires scattered through many sections.

"We had everything restored as soon as possible," he reported, "and crews working straight through the night as the work was finished."

At Michigan Bell Telephone Company, managers, Walter Fauser said about 800 lines were down and were restored to service promptly.

"Our crew was put right on the job and few of our customers were inconvenienced very long. We did send a crew of our repair men to Ann Arbor where, along with Wyandotte, the damage was much greater than in the Birmingham area. Most of our trouble was located just to the south of the city."

POLICE WERE busy patrolling streets and setting fire traps to guide motorists past fallen trees and limbs. No accidents were reported.

The storm ripped through Birmingham during the early evening, with high wind, hail and heavy rain. Apparently the worst of the storm by-passed the city, since damage here was far less than that in nearby communities.

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