

WHAT'S THE MATTER, MISTER?

Physical effort creates healthy desire for physical food. Efforts to become stronger. Efforts to serve others, to show kindness and consideration, to exemplify love, to hate bodily hunger for spiritual growth—thus growth toward happiness.

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THIS and THAT
By G.R.A.

Defense Against Political Tyranny

Let it be recorded that, on February 26, 1951, under the exercise of their freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, the people of this nation met here in live broadcast of the benevolence or the tyranny of any President or any political party more than two four-year terms.

That date, it seem to me, ought to become a national holiday. For, with the approving resolutions of the Legislatures of Utah and Nevada, 26 of the United States of America brought into existence a Constitutional Amendment forbidding any President (excluding of the incumbent Harry S. Truman) to run for a third term.

Thus, following 18 years of New Deal-Fair Deal administration of the federal government, during which time individual freedoms, as well as integrity in and of government, have been lessened and threatened while the programs of the federal government were used to corrupt and subsidize various un-American activities; when there swept over this nation a tide of class warfare propaganda, intended to divide the mutual interests of both capital and a labor...

BUT YOU WHO read and listen know about all this, of course. No doubt you agree, regardless of your political affiliations, that too lengthy a hold on an area of government by any individual or political party breeds the inevitable hunger for more and more power, which swarms the fetus of tyranny...

As average Americans, regardless of political affiliations, seems to me that we should never forget February 26, 1951!

Secretary of State Dean Acheson was given support when an American editor recently signed a petition on his behalf. Briefly, the petition endeavors to say the Acheson is capable, patriotic, intelligent, etc. From what we have heard about the Acheson it appears it was inspired by an educator whose own patriotism is somewhat of a question. Anyway, if Acheson is so darned good, why don't the majority of us sign the petition? It is a good one, including some members of Harry's own political party. Acheson should resign.

So far Blunt has never contained the sale of wine, or liquor by the glass in any of the city limits. It is hoped that future change into the indefinite future, will hold to this policy.

Michigan's township units received from the state treasury last fiscal year four times as much as they raised by local taxes. This is the result of the amendment, of the sales tax diversion formerly was placed in the State's general fund—and it's needs more...

It was in 1948 that the 39th Legislature in this nation approved the adoption of the federal income tax. It has required the combined efforts of the members of Roosevelt and Truman to change it to the "outgo tax."

Receipt for honest military and governmental needs, every electrical bill is merely to pay the holder, whose methods of holdup are no different than a robber, if caught, goes to prison; the politician, if "smart," gets elected or re-elected.

Philips Home, local interpreter of the times, took the stew off the boiling fire. He had a plan, and sat down to fill his glass. He had known what was cooking, and appeared to be sitting on a hot seat. "I think you are a lucky bird. You don't have to pay high prices for what you eat, because you are taxed on your home. You please, and when you please, with 2¢ a vote, as directed by the federal Dept. of Aeronautics, his shakedown, no wonder you are here and happy?"

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TIRED? LAZY? OR DON'T YOU GIVE A DAMN?

THESE ARE BUT A FEW OF OUR NATION'S PROBLEMS:

- Foreign Policy
- High Taxes
- Social Medicine
- Favoritism
- Farm Subsidies
- Scandals
- High Prices
- And lots of others

If You're Too Lazy to Write These Congressmen YOUR OPINIONS They'll Have to Continue to Do Your Thinking For You.

Sen. A. H. Vandenberg, Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C.
Sen. Homer Ferguson, Washington, D.C.
Rep. G. A. Dondoro, House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C.

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WHAT IS IT? Despite its present, unglamorous appearance, this structure now being constructed at the corner of Cranbrook and Lincoln will eventually become one of the finest looking buildings in the city. This \$2,714,300 project will accommodate Birmingham high school students. Workmen are now attempting to get the structure finished for fall school opening. (Joe Wheeler Photo)

City Considers Querton Algae Growth Remedy

The age-old problem of algae growth on Querton lake came up for discussion at the city commission meeting Monday evening, as a treatment was proposed by Dana Whitman, Jr., assistant to the city manager.

Whitman said that a proposal has been received from Dr. Bernard Domogala of Butler, Wis., for the treatment of the Querton lake weed growth. Momegala is nationally recognized as an expert in the treatment of obnoxious water growths.

Last fall he examined the lake and took several water and weed growth samples to his laboratory for analysis. He believes that the tough obnoxious water growth situation will become worse in the course of years and something must be done before it gets still tougher.

THE EXPERT SAYS he can chemically treat the Querton lake, making several sprayings during the 1951 season to kill off the floating water sprays. The total cost this year will be \$895.

While several treatments would be required the first year, only one is needed the following year. Dr. Domogala said if he was given the job this year, he would study the infowing water and see if he can work out a procedure to stop future contaminations of the lake.

Domogala was instrumental in cleaning up the lakes in Madison, Wis. and has conducted successful treatments in all parts of the country, according to Whitman.

MOST COMMISSIONERS felt that this chemical method was the cheapest yet proposed. Commissioner Ralph Main objected to the proposal.

He stated, "If we have that much money to spend, it should go for restoring our roads. Our roads are in bad shape."

It was pointed out that residential areas of the Querton lake have previously petitioned the commission to take action because of odor from the weeds.

The matter was placed on the agenda for the next meeting, Monday, March 12. Before that time Whitman will cover the proposal with the special Querton lake citizens committee appointed last year.

Registration Deadline Is Next Tuesday

All voting registrations must be completed by 8 p.m. Tuesday, Mar. 13, to be eligible to ballot at the April election, City Clerk Irene Hanley reminded residents this week.

Her office will remain open from 9 a.m. to noon Monday and from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday to enable those persons employed out of town to register.

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Birmingham Cage Team In Pontiac Regionals

By BILL AIKENS

District class B champion by virtue of a 42-31 triumph over Clawson in the final round of the Berkley tourney, Birmingham moves into the heat of regional competition Friday evening at 7 on the Pontiac high school floor, meeting the winners of the Farmington-Romeo game to be played Thursday at 6-15.

Pre-game favorite to win over Romeo, Farmington tied Walled Lake for first place in the Int'l Lakes conference this season. The Falcons had a season record of 10 wins and six defeats, two of which were dealt them by River Rouge, pre-tourney favorite for the state championship.

BEHIND THE LOSS to Rouge, Farmington suffered defeat at the hands of Walled Lake and Trenton, both strong B squads; but in the district tourney the Falcons removed Walled Lake in the deciding contest.

In spite of a somewhat weaker showing during the season, it might prove a disastrous fallacy to count Romeo out of the running. With a season record of 11 wins and six losses, Romeo captured the Tri-County championship.

Saturday night, if they win their first game, the Maples will meet the winner of the Plymouth-Utica game.

A member of Three-B league, Plymouth earned a place in regional competition by defeating Bentonly 46-47 for the district crown. In league play this season, Plymouth tied with Ypsilanti for second place as runners-up to Trenton, which in their district tourney, will only three points short of knocking off River Rouge.

DURING THE regular season, Plymouth had a won-lost record of 10 and five. In comparison, the Maples won 10 and lost five while Trenton placed in the Eastern Michigan league below co-champions Port Huron and Ferrandis.

Utica is favored to beat Plymouth in their game Friday at 8:30 at Pontiac. Utica is one of the top contenders for the state class B crown along with Rouge and Birmingham.

Undefeated in 17 games this season, the Utica Chieftains topped the Bi-County league championship with little difficulty. It will be the only quietest at the tourney that has not lost a game this year.

The winner of the class B game Thursday at Pontiac will go to the quarter finals at Plymouth next week.

Others nominated were high-jumper Walter J. Behn; board of review, Edwin Hagerman; and constables, Joseph Vetter, James Russell, S. T. Chesquiere and Jamie Martin.

Bloomfield Twp. Caucus Nominates Republican Slate

Approximately 250 persons attended the Republican caucus at the Bloomfield township hall Saturday afternoon where incumbents for the offices of supervisor, clerk and treasurer were renominated.

In Bloomfield township, the caucus replaces the primary election, as the Republican party is the only one filing there, the nomination clinches the positions for the candidates, although an election is slated April 2.

NOMINATED WERE David E. Anderson, supervisor; Robert H. Dudley, clerk; and Arno L. Huelt, treasurer.

The township board appointed Anderson as supervisor last fall, following the resignation of Perry A. Vaughan. He had been treasurer since 1932.

Nominated for justices were Albert C. Carr, 6060 Frank were Albin and Walter Tiede, 4180 West Madison. Carr's four-year term starts this July, while Tiede will begin as justice in July, 1952.

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Dr. Schoenfeld Memorial Fund Being Created

In tribute to the memory of the late Dr. J. B. Schoenfeld, for many years a Birmingham physician and surgeon, friends, colleagues, and former patients have started a Memorial Fund, to be used in the nature of a hospital trust for special equipment, apparatus, or the furnishing of hospital rooms.

The announcement was made here this week by Clarence W. Blenman, local attorney, who is acting as chairman of the committee raising the funds.

"We who knew Dr. Schoenfeld learned to love and respect him for his many never-to-be-forgotten and kindly services to the people of Birmingham and vicinity," said Blenman.

FOLLOWING HIS recent untimely passing, there was evidenced a spontaneous desire to do something as a lasting memorial to him.

"The profound esteem in which many of us held him led to the idea of a Memorial Fund. Instead, for example, of sending flowers for the funeral service, many decided to subscribe to the fund plan," continued Blenman.

At the request of the committee, The Eccentric has agreed to accept contributions for the Memorial Fund. Checks should be made payable to the J. B. Schoenfeld Memorial Fund, trustees for which will be announced later.

Sales of Auto Tags 15% Ahead Of Last Year

More than one-third of the 11,000 new auto plates sold up through the Feb. 28 deadline were handed out in the final three days, Charles Mortensen reported this week.

The few days following the deadline saw about 1,000 plates sold, he said.

"So far this year, local auto plate sales are up about 1,700 over the corresponding period last year, or about a 15 to 18 per cent increase," he explained.

Roll Call Hits \$28,000

This year's Community House roll call neared its goal as a total of \$28,000 was reported received Tuesday afternoon. The drive, which lasted only two weeks, closed Monday.

The goal is \$30,000. Chairman Charles N. Blunt said Tuesday that he is gratified with the results and "we are sure the drive will go over the top."

He added, "We want to close the drive as soon as possible and wish that those persons who promised to mail in contributions and haven't done so as yet, will send them in soon."

THE RESULTS WERE announced after 41 section captains brought in their reports.

Bomber Pilot Missing After Korean Mission

First-Lieut. Douglas R. Bitterle, 29, of 3603 Elmhurst road, Royal Oak, has been reported to his family as "missing" when the bomber he was flying on his 25th mission in Korea was shot down Feb. 17.

Lieut. Bitterle formerly was associated with his brother, Wallace, in the operation of a gas station in Chertseyfield and West Maple. His wife and two children and his parents all reside in Royal Oak.

A few days ago we received word from the War Dept. that Doug, after having dropped his bombs in support of ground fighting in Korea Feb. 17, became the target of enemy ground strafing which caused the bomber to crash," said Wallace who lives in Township, and who still operates the gas station.

"Whether he was still alive when his bomber crashed on the earth, and, if so, whether he is being held by the Chinese Reds, we do not know," Doug saw with the Pacific theater in World War II, and was called back into service last July.

Lieut. Bitterle has been awarded a number of medals plus the Distinguished Service Cross and Silver Star.

Consumers Power Co. Slates Plans For New Building

Consumers Power Co. purchased property at the corner of Henrietta and Merrill streets last week to be used for the future construction of a customer's building.

Birney G. Campbell, local manager, said that the company plans a "very nice building and one that will be pleasing to our customers."

He pointed out that architectural plans are not complete. The company now has offices at 348 East Maple.

The new site is the present location of a two-story dwelling at the corner of Henrietta and Merrill, which was removed from the municipal building.

First Examination

A first examination was called on Aug. 31, 1948, but subsequent one of the eligible persons withdrew. According to law, the appointing officer may determine a list of three eligibles, although he is permitted to continue a list containing only one name.

On June 28, 1950, the appointing officer called for a second examination because he had only two eligible names.

The civil service commission said seven other persons took the second examination: William L. Jones, John P. Hackett, William F. MacGregor, August C. Peterson, William G. Shughnessy and Chester L. Stinson.

Tax Information Leaflet Approved By Commission

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Similar leaflets have been used successfully for several years in many Michigan cities, he pointed out.

The Amount of \$135 will be appropriated from the contingent fund to publish the booklet. Commissioners emphasized that no propaganda, only facts, will be included.

Plans call for each homeowner to receive a copy throughout the mails.

It Bounced

A bad \$10 check was passed at the F. W. Woolworth store March 1, it was reported to Birmingham police. The check was sent to Lansing for comparison against files.

Certify 3 for Postmaster Vacancy Here

Now Up to Post Office Dept. for Recommendation

Names of three eligible applicants for permanent appointment as postmaster of Birmingham have been certified and sent to the U.S. Post Office department, the U.S. Civil Service Commission's Washington office revealed this week to The Eccentric.

The applicants are Bernard E. Fowler, acting postmaster since 1948, and Eugene C. Teers, assistant postmaster, and Tom Ward, 1684 W. Lincoln.

According to the Civil Service commission, the post office department now must recommend one of these names to the President, whose appointment must be confirmed by the Senate.

Property would not be charged for the lots unless there were actual use of the facilities for parking, and this property would be determined by the assessor in a logical manner, to provide the greatest possible equity, he said.

The district would include all property within 600 feet of the lot, and this property would be occupied by single and two family residences wouldn't be reclassified annually by the assessor. However, at such time as these places make use of the parking lots, a charge will be made.

THE PLAN ALSO stipulates that the total annual payment by business properties or those utilizing the parking service would be used to decrease the rate of the bond indenture. This total rate would be assessed annually, and his appointment could be subjected to review.

Egbert recommended that any surplus arising out of the operation be used to decrease the rate of the bond indenture, he said.

Secondly, he said, surplus should be used to subsidize the construction of the lots by street widening and rates, any surplus should be used to reduce the charges and rates in the lots themselves.

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A proposed plan to establish off-street parking lots as a utility and disregard special assessments as a means of financing them was discussed at Monday's city commission meeting.

Under this proposal, business places benefiting by off-street parking would be charged for this service on an equitable basis.

It was emphasized by commissioners that this financing plan must have the approval of the state legislature. The proposal will be sent to the Michigan Municipal League and the efforts made to have other cities cooperate in getting the legislation passed.

CITY MANAGER Donald C. Egbert said these basic principals were considered:

1. Business property utilizing the service provided by parking lots would pay a part of the cost of any parking lot.
2. Legislation should be enacted to eliminate the inequities created by presently proposed methods of assessment.
3. Legislation should be enacted which would permit the pledging of any real estate for the purpose of financing the parking lot.
4. The plan must be practical and provide for financing by the city.

Egbert said this plan would create a district to finance a portion of the cost of construction and operation of the lots. (This district should probably include all property within 600 feet or more of the parking lot.)

An annual payment would be required from each business establishment within the district to reimburse the services of the parking lot.

THE REVENUES from the lots, street parking meters and service charges to the business establishments would be pledged to the city manager and interest, the city manager said.

Egbert pointed out that the business places definitely receive a benefit from the cost of construction should pay a substantial portion of the cost of the acquisition and operation.

He said the service charge to business establishments would be a continuing charge and subject to revision annually, except for commitments made in the bond indenture.

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