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By G. R. A.

Distributing Poverty

Recently C. E. Wilson, president of General Motors, addressed a group of Michigan State College faculty members on the subject: "Fair Wages and Economic Stability."

He talked to a labor union leader who quoted: "I'm not a communist. I believe that communism is a marvelous system for equitably distributing wealth. Mr. Wilson also quoted Winston Churchill's statement that 'the principal accomplishment of socialism is its equal distribution of poverty.'"

In using these quotations, Mr. Wilson was strengthening his thesis that the best way ever devised for making to create and distribute wealth is through a competitive free enterprise system as developed in the United States.

PEOPLE who are aware of the limitations of human nature, who understand the historically true nature of power vested in either despots or bureaucrats, agree that the American system is the only method that can be used to improve the standard of living of a people.

The communist or socialist program is, basically, the pattern of despotism and tyranny... regarding how to create and distribute wealth is through a competitive free enterprise system as developed in the United States.

EVIDENCE of corruption in certain U. S. Internal Revenue officials throughout the country is being brought to light. This consists, largely, of various kinds of fees obtained by staff members to sell either their own and/or services to private interests. The whole thing is bad, of course. However, it is interesting to remember that the vast majority of such staff members are free from personal financial interests in their respective jobs... even though their government top leadership is poor examining of honesty and decency themselves.

Congress 'Too Without Course'

The American Congress has adjourned, following one of its longest and most unproductive sessions in history. Consisting of 96 Senators and 435 Representatives, this august body elected public officials achieved no great civic standards.

It rebelled, for the most part, against many of President Truman's ill-advised demands for certain types of legislation. It did lack basic courage to expose, then pass corrective legislation to repair some of the damage done the American people by Truman's drift into Welfareism.

THE FUNDAMENTAL FACTS OF POLITICS

are about it all embrace: (1) Cooperation is necessary if men are to stand must for reelection in 1952, so they "play politics" and to face up to the most honest issues of the moment. (2) Too few American voters, themselves are willing to demand that Congress act bravely, impartially, for the whole public good. In the words of Adams, "The man who empowers in their own lives those basic principles of civic courage and the necessary survival of good government."

All of which means, in its negative aspects, that the American way of life is slipping down the drain of private and public apathy, indifference, selfishness, and amorality.

In Tormented Unrest

Most of the so-called civilized world is in tormented unrest. Within the United States the masses of people demand that to assume the reins of government so that they may drain off more of the securities which have been paraded but ones that have been paraded because of the expense of wars they have kept free. Free from the wealth of the U.S.A. Within those backward nations, too, the masses are rising up against their leaders...

THE WHOLE EARTH IS IN STATE OF REBELLIOUS REVOLUTION.

Perhaps it is but an historic period in the life of mankind (repeated in past centuries) when the chemistry of life itself sets the masses pot-boiling, to drain off the drosses of human life that prevent the creation of a better, immune, these days, from the experiment.

Swimming Pool Committee Submits Report to Commission

A report by City Commissioner Frank Rading's swimming pool committee was submitted to the commission last week.

Rading stated the report summarizes information the committee has collected concerning various municipal swimming pools throughout the country, but doesn't contain any recommendations.

The committee's findings will be made public at that time.

Port Huron Outpowers Maples

By DICK EMERY

Displaying an almost impetuous defense and a powerful ground attack, Port Huron handed Birmingham a 13-0 loss, its first of the season, at Pierce field last Friday night to dash any hopes the Maples may have had of winning the Eastern Michigan league championship.

Port Huron converted two early breaks into touchdowns and clung grimly to its lead as the Maples, finding themselves suddenly in hand and playing under terrific pressure, lost their poise on offense and gained a scant 34 yards rushing.

BIRMINGHAM'S DEFENSE performed creditably against one of the state's top offensive teams, Port Huron having averaged better than 40 points in three contests as against none scored by opponents.

Birmingham received the opening kickoff, but on the play from scrimmage Port Huron recovered the fumble on the Maples' 35-yard line.

In 10 plays the Hurons moved to the 10-yard line and then fumbled and Birmingham recovered. Tom Tracy punted from his own 40-yard line and the Maples were in trouble again. Chuck Huxley returned the ball 25 yards to the 15-yard line. Thomas went 10 yards for a first down on the two.

Port Huron smashed at the line three times but the Maple defense held magnificently. On fourth down, Huron end Tom Duff drifted to the end zone and took a flat pass from Jim Dickson. Extra point was successful, making the score 13-0.

After Birmingham received the kickoff, a pass from Maple quarterback Bill Dodds was intercepted by Ray Adkins, who sprinted 50 yards for a touchdown. Thomas went 10 yards for a wide and the score remained 13-0.

BIRMINGHAM WAS unable to move the ball after receiving the kickoff and was forced to punt. The punt was intercepted by Tracy who intercepted a pass on his own goal line and returned the ball to the 25-yard line. On a drive that included a 20-yard pass from Tracy to Dodds, the Maples went 10 yards for a first down. Three plays later the half ended.

Receiving the second half kickoff, the Hurons were unable to do so. (See FOOTBALL PAGE 2)

FINISHING TOUCHES ON THE full-scale clay model of a bronze plaque dedicated to the memory of the late Arthur H. Vandenberg

at the University of Michigan. H. Vandenberg are applied by Marshall Fredericks, Birmingham sculptor commissioned to design the memorial. The clay model was sent this week to New York City where the original bronze casting will be made. The original will be placed on the north wall of the first floor of Alumni Hall at the University of Michigan. A graduate of Michigan, H. Vandenberg was a member of the Ann Arbor chapter for Delta Upsilon fraternity, which is presenting this work to the university. Duplicate bronze castings are to be placed in the U. S. Senate chambers and the United Nations Building in New York City, and a Measuring 30 by 40 inches, the plaque reads: "Arthur H. Vandenberg, American Statesman, Senator from Michigan 1921-1951; U. of M. class of 1904; Dedicated to his memory by members of Delta Upsilon."

(Dick Shirk Photo)

Over 750 Hear Reformation Sermon Sunday

"The most crucial single issue of our time is the threat of totalitarianism," Dr. Ralph W. Sockman told listeners at the annual Reformation services held in the First Baptist Church Sunday evening.

Addressing an estimated 750 persons, the largest Reformation congregation ever noted in Birmingham, the Rev. Sockman outlined the nature of Christian freedom.

"Christianity began under the dark shadow of control," he said. "Palestine was a satellite country under the political control of Rome and Rome was under the rigid control of the Jewish religious leaders. Christ came with the spirit, could be freed and tended man for freedom. God was not a dictator but, a father. God is a spirit, could be freed and worshipped any time, anywhere, because men were His children."

The prominent religious speaker told his audience that, as Christians, we are intended to have free minds.

HE POINTED OUT that truth is a liberating reality and is not limited. It must be sought, he told them, and found by the individual. "Christian truth," he admonished, "is not to be handed down by dictatorial authority. There must be respect for the freedom of men's minds. Authority is vested in a person, or even in an institution, however ancient, but in eternal truth. It is in that spirit and truth that we must pass on the faith to our youth."

For his third point the speaker said that, as Christians, we are to have a free church. He reminded them of New Testament teachings which teach that the church is the body of Christ, and the individual cannot live without it.

"WE READILY recognize the need of organization in other areas of life—such as labor and business. There needs to be organized religion as well, because there is need for group religious education and group worship. Lonely worship is possible but inadequate."

His closing message was that as Christians we must maintain a free church in a free land. He urged that we have a free church in the country in the first place for that very reason and the church must be free of the government and from forces of control within, and entangling alliances, and that parents are welcome to at- tend the recent appointment by a full ambassador of the United States. That is both unnecessary and harmful, arousing fear and even hatred among some people.

HOPE AND pray that the program leaders of the Roman church as well as the alert leaders in our Senate will not carry through an unnecessary and unfortunate plan.

"We desperately need unity in this age of decay. The forces of morality and decency must get together to maintain freedom in our country. The best way to learn that is to begin by appearing together."

Dr. Sockman's prayer here was under the sponsorship of the Birmingham Council of Churches, laymen from the several Birmingham churches took part in the program. Included among them were John Gilray, Lynn Russell, Fraser E. Pomeroy, Edwin E. Kirbert, Carl F. Mueller and A. Fletcher Plant.

The service was also marked by special musical numbers, sung by church choirs selected from the Protestant churches of Birmingham.

Saturday Swim Program Starts Here Nov. 3

Winter swimming program sponsored by the Birmingham Recreation Council will get underway at Barium pool, Saturday, Nov. 3, from 9 to 12.

The 1940 season was organized for both beginning and advanced swimming to all children of the Birmingham school district who desire to participate, according to Director Frank Whitney.

Classes will be organized to report to the pool with swimsuits, towels and a fee of 10 cents. In addition, girls must bring swimming caps.

DEFINITE TIME assignments will be made for the program to organize boys and girls into class groupings according to individual ability and number.

Tentative schedule calls for beginning boys, 9:30-10:30; beginning girls, 9:30-10:30; advanced boys and girls, 11-11:45.

Jay Myers, Birmingham high school swimming coach, will supervise instruction. Whitney said that parents are welcome to attend the recent appointment by a full ambassador of the United States. That is both unnecessary and harmful, arousing fear and even hatred among some people.



JOHN BUGAS SANDRA PULS W. F. HUFSTADER C. E. WILSON GM president presents award to local girl for her UF editorial

Swan and Hunters Upset Sunday Calm at Quarton Lake

An unusual touch of beauty was added to the Quarton lake area Sunday morning with the arrival of a large white swan.

Residents were amazed to see the bird there and have no idea where it came from. The small brown ducks which live around the lake also were surprised, if their actions are anything to go by.

People living on the lake shore said the little fellows swam a short distance from the shore and maddly among themselves for a short time. By Monday, however, they were not using a gun but were being ironed out and the swan and ducks were living together in the "most friendly" neighborhood.

SUNDAY RESIDENTS were disturbed by the sound of shots and upon investigation found two young men apparently shooting at the ducks. Questioned, they said they were not using a gun but were shooting firecrackers from a slingshot.

The two youths, described as being "in their twenties," drove away after being approached and warned that the area was protected by law against hunters.

Two Million Is Lucky Number for Local Man

Robert H. Brown, 580 West Lincoln, will testify that it sometimes pays to be way back in the line.

Brown bases his theory on the fact that a short time ago he applied for a loan through the Industrial Bank of Detroit to constitute a down payment on a house in itself is not a sensational event, because millions of people do it every day. In fact, 1,999,999 had done it before Brown.

That is why his loan was marked "two million" was presented a \$100 bond—just for being 2, Two Million.

Chamber of Commerce Sets Annual Dinner Date

Nov. 28 has been set as the date of the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner. The dinner will be held in the Commodore Hotel.

Mortensen said the board was forming plans to secure the services of a prominent speaker and to insure a good attendance.

Southfield Undergoes Large Growth

By RAY DENNIS

Probably few areas in the county have gone through such tremendous growth in the past several years as has Southfield township.

To keep pace with the influx of new residents, township officials have had to add new services and also meet many new problems.

SOME NEW INDUSTRIES have come to the township and school officials provide for construction of a new high school at Lahser and 10 Mile road. This structure, now under construction, will be the first high school in Southfield.

The 1940 census showed a population of 8,486 and by 1950 it had jumped all the way to 18,499. Since William Gossard, who was elected in 1948, a big construction year in Southfield as 1,276 building permits for projects worth \$13,590,034 were issued.

UF Fund Drive at \$86,985

After a flying start, contributions to the United Foundation Torch Drive slackened last week, leaving the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin area's 600 voluntary campaigners with a heavy schedule of work for the final third of the drive which closes November 8.

Mrs. J. Rowland Quinn, local campaign director, announced Tuesday night that contributions totaled \$86,985, or 70.1 per cent of the 1951 goal of \$122,884.

Reports by both residential and business solicitors showed considerably during the past week, with the heavy rains no doubt cutting down solicitations," Mrs. Quinn said.

"We are still entirely confident of meeting our quota, but we know from past experience that the last stretch always calls for the hardest work of all."

"I STRONGLY URGE that workers to turn in their reports and their earnings frequently instead of waiting until the end of the month. I also urge all the campaigners to make frequent reports to their supervisors and to avoid the last minute rush."

The campaign got some dramatic help in its stretch drive from Sandra Puls, 186 Linden, Baldwin high school senior. Her editorial was named best of 700 entries by Baldwin students in the editorial contest initiated by the United Foundation in cooperation with The Birmingham Eccentric.

In addition to lending aid to the campaign in this area, Sandra's work added a spark to the entire metropolitan Detroit drive.

WITH THE hour lights on but the Book-Cadillac Hotel, Grand Ballroom and a torch of light playing on the speaker's rostrum, the torch was winning editorial before nearly a thousand civic leaders in Detroit last week Wednesday.

John S. Bugas, vice-president of the Ford Motor Company, and United Foundation board member chairman; W. F. Hufstader, vice-president of General Motors and United Foundation board member chairman; John P. St. Clair, Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin campaign chairman; and a large contingent of students to the 17-year-old student.

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HE LISTED these as signs that teenagers may be taking dope: Sleepy, apathetic, cranky, unreliable and secretive. "He loses interest in school, takes articles of value from the home. He panics at the early addition, then he wants to quit school. His arms may be covered with hydroscopic needle scars," Walker explained.

Assessment Policies Explained to City Plan Board Members

Whether or not rezoning affects value of neighboring property depends on its condition. City Assessor Elmer Haack stated at last week's city plan board meeting.

He pointed out that he couldn't give a blanket answer to the question, as each parcel of property is considered according to its individual condition.

HE STATED that demand makes value and zoning controls value Haack added that zoning itself would help for value.

THE CITY assessor also was asked if new industry in Birmingham would help to build up the tax base. He pointed out that he would be able to answer that question without gathering statistics on a large scale.

A different city official will speak at each plan board meeting on matters affecting city planning.

'52 License Plates Here; 125 Needed to Tag Vehicles in Birmingham

Over 12 tons of 1952 license plates arrived in Birmingham last week, ready for local motorists on Dec. 1, when sales start. The color is black on silver, with the '52' in red.

Chamber of Commerce Secretary Charles Mortensen advised owners of commercial vehicles to contact his office regarding the license fees.

"Passenger car plates will cost the same as in the past," he said, "but commercial vehicles are nearly all increased. The biggest increase is on trucks over two tons and it would be well if all owners would contact this office for complete information on the increases."

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