

Selfishness may manifest over the value of one dollar or a million. . . the only difference being amount. The one who steals one big selfishness; combined, they to make up the confused and chaotic society in which we all live.

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U.S. and "HAY" By G. R. A.

A Reader Asks: "How Shall I Vote?"

Dear G. R. A.: As a long-time reader of The Eccentric, I'm generally interested in your various comments, especially as they relate to political and government. Most of the time, I have noted, your sympathies are with the Republican Party, its candidates, etc., although now and then you do approve certain candidates and propositions advanced by the Democrats.

While I do not agree with everything you print, I must admit that you are trying to point out that character values are essential in public officials if self-government is going to work, even with modest success. I also agree that an informed and alert voting citizenry is necessary, if we are to preserve individual liberty in the United States.

PRIOR TO THE FIRST administration of FDR, my own sympathies were with the Republican Party. I felt that, while it made many mistakes, it sought to build up the nation through hard work, but Hoover became the victim of a petitive system, respect for the right of each State to govern its own affairs.

But with the advent of the Harding administration, followed by Coolidge, my sympathies were with the Republicans. When Herbert Hoover took over in 1928 I believed that he would lead us to better, sounder days. But Hoover became the victim of economic times that were the fruit of World War I, and the 1929 boom that led to the depression days and bank closures, led me to vote for FDR in 1932. My first vote for a Democrat.

FDR DID, I think, a pretty good job during his first two years. His program was to get the country back to normal and to modernize and improve government conditions in Washington, with less tax on the rich, and use them to exploit through subsidies certain groups in the nation.

I didn't like this. Neither did I like the way FDR bowed American tradition aside for a third term. I voted for Dewey. I also voted for Dewey again in 1948 because I had no other choice. Now we have Harry S. Truman as president. He is no longer represents the old-line Democratic Party, most certainly not the one who was elected in 1948, or any other Democrat who wears the same Welfare State clothing now being worn loosely by the Truman administration.

For whom shall I vote, then? AS THINGS now appear, the Republicans aren't agreed among themselves on a candidate for 1952, but I believe that the best chance for the American political scene is at least most of that Party's leaders do.

To be sure, Eisenhower is being touted by the Republicans as a possible candidate, but he won't be. He is not interested in the job. Then there is Senator Taft, who, as we know, is nobody's fool. He possesses ability, character, but lacks what the political boys call "political sex appeal."

Dewey is out of the question and as appears Blanton, Warren of California, and E. A. Tamm, of the grade, except Blanton as the Vice President, G. R. A., in shaping the American political scene. Presidential race? Or shouldn't I vote at all?

Yours sincerely,
Eccentric Subscriber.

(Ed. Note: Of course you ought to vote. For whom? Well, for the chap you believe best fitted to carry out this nation's Constitutional guarantee. Keep on observing the American political scene between now and 1952's fall election. Make known your thoughts as you see them, but vote even as you have done in the above letter.

And don't forget to write, as often as you wish, to your U. S. Senators and Representatives—on the White House itself! Our Ship of State is leaking badly; the selfish elements in human nature are tossing it about on the Civic Sea. . . but don't leave your own station on the ship, for it's some danger yet from foundering. Do what you can to get another Skipper with better navigation charts, in charge. Then do a bit of quick praying. . . and don't ever lose your sense of humor!)

Frost Kills Mums At City Sewage Treatment Plant

Russel Grinnell, superintendent of the sewage treatment plant, had planned a special planting of chrysanthemums at the plant grounds this Saturday and Sunday, and the public was invited to attend.

Grinnell has been growing these plants for the past eight years and he felt that the mums would be at their best this weekend. However, Monday evening's frost froze the flowers and the showing has been cancelled.

Detroit Admits Local Robberies

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Tibodeau is being prosecuted by Detroit officials for a series of robberies committed in that city.

Youth's Arm Broken

Howard Marxer, 16, Royal Oak township, Friday was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, suffering from a broken arm. Police said the boy was reported injured at the "Big Beaver" road, Grand Trunk viaduct. It is believed he was either riding on, or trying to get on, a passing train at the time of his injury.

The Birmingham Eccentric

PART ONE

BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1951

28 PAGES FIVE CENTS

Inspection Finds 386 Hazards

Forty-four fire prevention experts converged on the 189 buildings in Birmingham's business section early Tuesday morning, when they had finished their inspections late that afternoon, they had left 386 recommendations for correcting potential fire hazards.

The teams were guided by a Birmingham boy scout. Of the 189 buildings inspected, 129 were reported to have some kind of a fire hazard.

Although the recommendations had not yet been evaluated, it is believed from the comments of several team members that very few "major" fire hazards had been found.

Followups by mail are to be made with each business place to see if hazards whatever their seriousness—have been corrected.

Tuesday's inspection was made by the Michigan State Fire Prevention Assn., composed of 44 men for many stock fire insurance companies.

While the teams were examining the business places, other inspectors gave fire prevention talks in Birmingham schools.

The one-day inspection, sponsored by the Bham Chamber of Commerce in connection with Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 8-13) was the first time all local businesses were inspected in a single day, although the Birmingham fire department's fire prevention bureau constantly tours local establishments.

FERDALE'S J. HODGE SNAGS PASS

Bob Davis (27), Marc Joslyn (35) fail to intercept. (Joe Wheeler Photo)

Ferndale Outed By Maples, 35-7

By NED SHARPLES

A determined Ferndale team met the Maples under the lights at Pierce field last Friday night and went home with the short end of a 35-7 score for the third year in succession.

The first half was played on a virtually even terms despite a 14-7 Birmingham lead. The Lines led in first downs and penetrated the Maple defenses for substantial gains, mostly via the airways.

FERDALE WON THE toss and elected to receive. Unable to advance the necessary distance, left half Larry Travis punted. On Birmingham's first play Captain Tom Tracy scooped up a had center pass 15 yards behind the line of scrimmage and raced 64 yards for his first of three touchdowns. He also kicked the conversion, making the score 7-0. The two teams jockeyed for advantage the rest of the first stanza.

Maple fullback Gordon Match in the second quarter snaggd lateral from Tracy and behind wood blocking raced 87 yards for the second touchdown. Tracy kicked the point to make the score 14-0.

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TRACY THEN KICKED off to Ferndale's 18 where Willie Johnson fumbled the ball and Russ Nordman recovered for Birmingham. The Maples raced the Maple four yard line where they sent the ball on downs just as the first half ended.

In the second half Tracy returned to the game and on second play caught a pass from Bill Dodds and scored for a touchdown in a beautiful exhibition of broken field running. He kicked the point and the score was 21-7.

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Vandal's Damage New Y Building

A flooded radiator heat shell and broken fireproof damper were the results of vandalism at the new YMCA building, Edgewood and Lincoln, last week Wednesday.

The building is being erected by the North Woodward Builders Association. The damage, believed to have been done by children playing around the site, has been repaired, according to Ed. Kierbit, Y secretary.

Kierbit said the tiles were removed from the floor to siphon water from the shell and a new damper has replaced the one broken when the weight of bricks thrown down the chimney.

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Local Gridders To Face Speedy Hazel Park 11

By STU SCHEIFFE

The Birmingham football team takes on Hazel Park Friday night at 8 p.m. at Pierce field in their fourth straight win of their third league game.

Hazel Park has a season record of 10-0. Your city is growing rapidly and will have to keep its fire department properly equipped and manned to prevent your slipping back into 6th class," he declared.

He pointed out that the city is recognizing this growing need by planning to have two fire stations, 100,000 sq. ft. each, to be built in the U. S. last year; that in the past 10 years there have been 100,000 deaths in fires; that 90 percent of all fires are preventable, he said.

Van Patrick To Speak at Little League Banquet

Popular sportscaster Van Patrick will be the guest speaker at the annual Little League baseball banquet at the Community House Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 8 p.m.

Last week Patrick was selected by the Detroit Baseball club to represent the Detroit Tiger game next season.

Little League Treasurer J. C. Connor, 551 Oakland, stated that 500 Oakland, dated 1950, are still available for the general public and can be obtained by contacting him.

The Skunk Starts Here

Discard Plan For Interim Use of Bridge

The city has abandoned plans to raise traffic over temporary approaches to the new West Maple bridge this winter.

Approving recommendations by the city engineer, city manager and police chief, the city commission Monday evening decided that the old West Maple bridge should be kept in use.

At the Sept. 24 city commission meeting, it was considered to utilize the new bridge for traffic and temporarily abandoning use of the old bridge or using the new bridge for westbound traffic and the old structure for eastbound traffic.

MRS. DOROTHY M. LUHRIS

Route of Skunk Makes Residents Breathe Easier

It was Sunday that the rescue in South Birmingham Monday afternoon.

Just about noon the police switched back from give out with reports of a skunk wandering around the Bird street area.

"Just ignore him. He'll mind his own business. Probably just looking for a winter home," called the police.

"Silence—for a short time. Then, the skunk was reported from Davis. The same advice and more silence. Then Chapin street came into the picture. The skunk had arrived there. Finally, he was reported turning into a gas station—that was too much.

AL SUNDELL, city dog warden, was dispatched to the scene taking with him patrolman Ralph Kelly and decided that killing the skunk might create an outbreak. He mapped a plan of attack and with great caution, carried it through.

Sundell got within striking distance and landed a very effective blow on the skunk's head. While still in an unconscious condition, the animal was hauled to a gravel pit outside of town and gently deposited there. Neither Patrolman Kelly nor Dog Warden Sundell remained to check the skunk's reactions when it finally "came to."

Census Board 'Kick-off' Luncheon Lathrup, Vge. Is Monday

First official census of Lathrup Village is now underway, and three citizens appointed by Secretary of State Fred M. Alger, Jr. have organized themselves as a census board and chosen as chairman Mrs. Dorothy M. Luhris, secretary and Charles D. Kelley is the third member.

The STATE ACTED on proposals sponsored by more than 150 Lathrup Village homeowners records at the census, and recalling an election thereafter by the incorporation of this township.

Mrs. Luhris stated, "She was formerly a teacher of aviation and flying in the army, and was made secretary of our board because he is deputy sheriff for Lathrup Village and is familiar with all the streets and home locations. His headquarters are at Lathrup town hall, 4700 Southfield road."

"KELLEY WAS APPOINTED" to the board because he could track the names of all freeholders with the complete, established records at the township hall. Our work, of course, is non-partisan. The census board has voted that they would serve without pay, although the statute calls for pay throughout the year.

Mrs. Luhris concluded, "It is necessary for us to visit all homes and enumerate all men and women and children, because if our state must then rebate to our state groups who have been established by the business and special interest groups who have their programs slightly in advance of the general campaign.

"While our quota for this year is the largest ever in the area," St. Clair said, "the amount of work is not as great as it once actually contributed by Birmingham, Bloomfield and Franklin figures which require all the help and energy we can muster."

MRS. QUINN said local workers are again being invited this year to attend the Torch Drive rally on October 16 at Olympia, where a large number of area residents are the entertainment world and with the Sullivan as master of ceremonies. Tickets may be obtained at local headquarters in the Bham Building.

She said that the United Foundation editorial content in the high school area has been reduced to an extraordinary amount of interest on the part of students and parents who are required to be in the hands of Judges October 10.

Census Figures Show Gains in All Local Areas

Substantial population gains have been reported for the various municipalities of the area, according to official 1950 census figures released this week. Biggest increase was reported from Southfield township, where the population has doubled since 1940.

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Police List High Accident Areas

Birmingham's traffic accident bureau reported 25 street mishaps occurred here during September causing an estimated \$4,850 property damage. Four persons were reported injured, none seriously.

A REPORT check for the first nine months of the year shows Hunter and Maple, Woodward and Maple, and Lincoln and Woodward to be high-accident intersections in the city.

At Hunter and Maple 15 property damage and three personal injury accidents have been reported. Ten property damage and one personal injury accidents happened at Woodward and Maple and 11 property damage crashes at Lincoln and Woodward.

West Maple is tops in the high accident streets with 11 property damage and 7 personal injury accidents. Woodward, south of Lincoln follows with 10 and 4, and South Hunter with 14 and one.

Fire Damages Only \$10 for September

Damage by fire in Birmingham last month was estimated at \$10 for buildings and contents, according to the monthly report of Fire Chief Verne W. Griffith.

The department answered 26 calls, 15 of which were for fire and fire investigations, eight for gas investigations and two first aid runs.

Alert Resident Foils Building Material Theft

An alert resident, complying with the police department's many requests to report any suspicious activities in the area, forested two Detroit men early Friday morning. Police received her call about 6 a.m., saying two men were taking building material from the site of the new First Methodist church building at Pleasant and Maple. Officers going to the scene were passed by a truck containing a quantity of material. The police took apprehension of the men was possible only because of one of her reports.

"This is a very good example of how the police department has been asking for some time. We hope that others will remember and call in any time they see suspicious activity or truck in their neighborhood."

All makes of inner spring mattresses. PHONE EMERGENCY 6319.

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