The pattern of a government, in and of itself, is no guarantee to liberty and freedom of opportunity. Human beings must operate any style of government, and what they produce is no better than the combination of their talents, honesty, and similar characteristics.

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'Give Once For All' to Your UF Solicitor

THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Stupid Republicans!

If you don't know just how wrong much of this nation's Republican leadership has been and still is, consider the case of Guy Gabrielson, chairman of that Party's National Committee.

Although former President Herbert Hoover inaugurated the RFC at a time when the nation was economically on its knees, the evils of that federal agency have grown up under FDR and Truman.

As a Republican leader, Gabrielson is supposed to be a defender of free, competitive enterprise—of enterprise that can (except in times of extreme national distress) survive in the give and take of free competition.

The RFC never was conceived by Hoover and the then Congress as a financial crutch to pour the people's money into weak and tottering businesses.

YET GABRIELSON, a Republican leader, sought financial aid for the company he heads when that same company (in times of no national distress) had to be "bailed out" by an $18,000,000 RFC loan.

Did the Republican National Committee, which elected Gabrielson, know that he had obtained such an RFC loan? If they did not, they were dumb and stupid. If they did, then why did they, as Republicans, elect a man who would depend upon such an agency (perverted from its original pattern by the New-Fair Deal) as the politically corrupt RFC?

This case only shows how inept, how predatory, how stupid much of our Republican leadership has been and still is.

Gabrielson's RFC connections prove his failure to remain loyal to the Republican spirit of free, competitive, solvent enterprise.

For this reason, among others, he should either resign his Party leadership, or be fired!

Mankind Is A Mob!

Mankind, generally speaking, isn't very far removed from the edge of the jungle.

For example, when Egypt's leaders publicly denounced England, France, and the United States a few days ago, remember what happened? The Egyptian mobs in Cairo began stoning all the property owned and occupied by the three nations so denounced.

Not that the mob knew exactly why it was doing it . . . It simply wanted to become jungle men again, and destroy things. The same situation has happened often in more civilized countries than Egypt; many times right here in the United States, when, during times of calamity, martial law has been declared . . . to prevent the mobs from looting, raping, destroying.

Yea, contemporary mankind still wants to tear with its manicured claws!

Solving The Insoluble

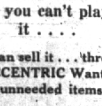
Just why some women marry some men will be investigated by a number of university professors, in various parts of this divorcing nation.

The National Institute of Mental Health has awarded nearly 800 thousand 53-cent-dollars to the learned gents, each l. g. to look into a specific phase of the eternal problem.

They will endeavor to learn why, for example, Joe married Liz because the moon was full, whereas had the moon been only slightly intoxicated Joe might have hooked himself up with Sadie. Etc. Etc.

Just what the l. g.'s findings will result in, one can never foretell. Perhaps another professorial group will study the l. g.'s to determine why they are interested in the subject . . . and why on and on, ad infinitum.

An Iowa doctor left $70,000 in the hands of four trustees, said money to be given to one or more "good Christians." Ten nephews and nieces are contesting the will, holding that to define what a Christian is is quite impossible. What a lot of chuckles the good doctor must be having, watching earth-beings fight for the right to prove themselves "good Christians."



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MRS. FISCHER CUDDLES HER TWO DAUGHTERS. Husband Bob brings girls for brief reunion with mommy. (Joe Wheeler Photo)

UF Funds Aiding Mother's Recovery

Two weeks ago young Mrs. Donna Fischer left her two small daughters with her husband, Bob, in their new little home at 2563 Windemere and went to St. James Episcopal church for her first class in teacher training.

She planned to help in the church school, but the next day she was stricken with polio and was rushed to the Sister Kenny Polio Center at Pontiac.

That was the last she saw of Kim, 3, and Ricky Lynn, 1 year and 11 months, until Saturday morning when, responding to her own determination to get well and the treatments of this United Fund Agency, she was able to sit in a wheel chair and be taken to the lobby at the Center for a brief reunion with her brown-eyed babies.

DR. ETHEL CALHOUN, the center's medical superintendent (and in private life Mrs. R. H. Whitlatch, 707 Lakeview), declares Mrs. Fischer's rare courage is helping her chances of complete recovery. But Ricky couldn't quite understand the tears of happiness. She kept saying, in wonder: "Mommy cry??"

The story of what happened in those three weeks carries hope for anyone similarly afflicted and puts heart in the United Fund Torch Drive, whose budget for 150 health and welfare agencies everyone will be privileged to contribute to during the fund campaign which began Tuesday and continues through Nov. 8.

Editorial Winners Picked by Judges

Winners of the editorial contest conducted among local area high school students by the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills-Franklin division of the 1951 UF Torch Drive, in cooperation with The Birmingham Eccentric, were decided this week by the judges' panel.

Placing first among more than 700 Baldwin high school entrants was Sandra Puls, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Puls, 185 Linden, for her entry, "The Flame of Hope".

Selected best of the 153 entries from Cranbrook School for Boys was "Why We Should Support the United Foundation Torch Drive," written by Ralph Himmelhoch, 19220 Kingston, Detroit.

OTHER BALDWIN winners were second place, Joan Heflin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Heflin, 11230 Birwood, and third, Russell Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sanders, 991 Mohegan.

Honorable mention was given to the editorials by Janice Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cooper, 544 Wallace; Myrna Millar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Millar, 1392 Cedar; and Bob Thalacker, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Thalacker, 1011 Westwood.

Among the Cranbrook entries, Alan Carlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip H. Carlin, 211 Williamsbury, placed second, while John Slayton of Newark, Ohio, and Robert Smith of Hollywood, Fla., tied for third.

HONORABLE MENTION was made to these Cranbrook students: Leo Butzel, Jr., 912 Westwood, Gordon Daugherty, Jr., of Pleasant Ridge, and Tom Jones of 289 W. 14 Mile, Clawson.

The two top editorials are published below (other leading entries will appear in subsequent issues during the current Torch Drive):

THE FLAME OF HOPE

By SANDRA PULS

1st. Place Winner
Baldwin High School

I am the flame of hope. Two years ago I was but a spark ignited by you. You kindled my light until I became a brilliant flame. Then you gave me a great job to perform. Mine was to be the cause of humanity.

You introduced me to the heartache of the world. you showed me others who would never hear, never know the rapture of a beautiful song or the joy of the words of a loved one; to them I was to be sound. You showed me pain and suffering and the means of alleviating this suffering. I was to be a crutch for the crippled, hope for the hopeless. The brilliance of my light was to be a beacon of guidance for the aged, the handicapped, and the ill. Without your support I could never have brought such hope and comfort to these people.

It is time once again to ask your help in rekindling my light. Its radiance will be determined by your con-

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600 Now Canvassing For Funds

Six hundred volunteers—probably the largest number of private citizens ever organized in this area for a joint community effort—launched the 1951 United Foundation Torch Drive here Monday.

With $122,884 as the Birmingham - Bloomfield - Franklin goal, nearly a third of the workers — housewives, civic, business and industry leaders — attended the "kickoff" luncheon at the Community House for final instructions.

They heard Merritt Hill, vice-president of Dearborn Motors and chairman of northern suburbs for the drive, describe the effectiveness with which united effort has slashed the cost of fund-raising for 150 health and community service agencies in the metropolitan area.

HE POINTED OUT that these agencies not only are able to do much more efficient work, but that the "Give Once for All" campaign makes giving more convenient, gives the largest possible number of people the opportunity to contribute and eliminates the nuisance of dozens of independent drives throughout the year.

John P. St. Clair, campaign chairman, and Mrs. J. Rowland Quinn, United Foundation director for this area, outlined final details of the campaign for the Birmingham - Bloomfield - Franklin share of the $11,666,000 being sought in the overall metropolitan area drive.

Mrs. Quinn pointed out that the 1951 campaign, which will run until November 8, will provide funds for the Birmingham Girl and Boy Scouts, and a share of the funds for the free clinic of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

OTHER LOCAL agencies supported by the Torch Drive are Family Service of Oakland County and Visiting Nurses, the YMCA and the many metropolitan Detroit health and community services which extend their work throughout the area.

Special emphasis is being laid in residential sections on the importance of homemakers contributing additional gifts of their own to the campaign so that the importance of the broadest possible participation may be realized.

"OUR OBJECTIVE, of course is reaching our money quota, as the people of this area always have in the past", said Mrs. Quinn. "But perhaps even more important is the principle of participation by everyone possible".

Before the luncheon, campaign officials joined in ceremonies at which a 16-foot "thermometer" was erected at the corner of Woodward and Maple, for registering progress of the drive at regular intervals.

Red Cross Agrees To Work With Fund

An agreement between the United Foundation and the Oakland County Chapter of the American Red Cross covering the latter's participation in the 1951 Torch Drive October 18th to November 8, was announced today by Walter C. Laidlaw, vice-president and general manager of the United Foundation, and Robert W. Kelso, chairman of the Oakland county chapter of the American Red Cross.

Under the proposed plan, the Red Cross will share in contributions received from the United Foundation chapters in business and industry in the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin area.

In accordance with the national policy the American Red Cross will conduct its annual membership drive in March, 1952 among non-chapter contributors.

Local 'Y' Drive Nets Total of 382 Members

Birmingham branch of the Detroit YMCA terminated its membership drive Friday evening with 382 new and renewed memberships reported on a goal of 400.

Co-chairmen, Harold Kalbfleisch and Bill Roberts stated the goal would propably be surpassed before the end of the month, when complete enrollments will have been made in all club groups.

Membership in Birmingham 'Y' now stands at 1,025 boys, girls, men, and women including 43 young men now in the armed forces. Servicemen's memberships are renewed automatically and their cards sent to them for use in YMCAs near their base of operations.

Business Woman, Ford Dealer Injured in Falls

Two prominent business persons suffered broken bones in accidents within the past 10 days.

Mrs. Alfred LaBelle, in New York City on a shopping trip with her husband, stepped out of a bus Oct. 7 onto wet pavement, fell and broke her hip.

Harold Turner, local Ford dealer, while opening his Tawas City cabin for the deer hunting season, Friday night stepped off the porch into a post hole and broke his left ankle.

TURNER DID NOT know any bones were broken until late Saturday night when upon his return here, he had his foot X-rayed at a local physician's office.

Mrs. LaBelle is in Polyclinic hospital, 345 W. 50th St., New York City. If her condition continues to improve as fast as it has, she is expected to be brought home to their Wing Lake residence sometime next week.

Hazel Park Edged Out By Locals

By DICK EMERY

Playing its most ragged game of the season, the Birmingham football team just managed to eke out a 26-13 victory over Hazel Park at Pierce field Friday night.

The game was much closer than the score indicates as the Maples looked sluggish and lacked their usual crispness in blocking and tackling. Hazel Park ran rampant in the second half, rushing over two touchdowns and except for one drive, held Birmingham to its most meager yardage of the season.

RECEIVING THE OPENING kick-off, Birmingham marched 60 yards for a touchdown, Tom Tracy going over from the five yard line. His kick for the extra point was wide.

Hazel Park was unable to advance the ball after taking Tracy's kickoff and was forced to punt. Again Birmingham staged a drive, this time for 71 yards, with Gordon Mutch crashing over for the tally and converting for the score 13-0.

In the second period Hazel Park fought back stubbornly, the Parkers moving the ball from their own 46 yard line to the Birmingham seven, with Captain Ray Hill carrying the ball on 9 of 12 plays.

At this point Tracy intercepted Hill's pass in the Birmingham end zone and raced 101 yards for a touchdown. Mutch again converted and the score seemed a safe 20-0.

NEITHER TEAM WAS able to

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D. HALE BRAKE

State Treasurer Will Speak Here

D. Hale Brake, state treasurer since Jan. 1, 1943, will speak to the Birmingham High Twelve club at the Oct. 22 meeting in the Community House. His topic is "Whose Government?"

Brake began his business career in a Grand Rapids law office in 1922. A year later started practice in Stanton under his own name, which he continues under the firm name of Brake and Miel.

His public career started in 1927 when he became prosecuting attorney for Montcalm county. He was elected to the state senate in 1934 and held office for four terms.

Brake is a member of the state administrative board and serves on several of its committees. In addition, he is serving on several state boards including the school and municipal employees' retirement boards.

CLARENCE VLIET AND "CHAMP" TUBERS
Educator's experiment very successful
(A Joe Wheeler Photo)

For Super Spuds Use S. Molybdate

By ALICE E. MORGAN

A former educator, turned experimental farmer, has come up with a potato crop which could become the subject of one of those senate investigations—if the Republicans in Washington hear about it.

Last year Clarence Vliet, 416 W. Brown, one-time school superintendent in Birmingham, read an article in a national magazine which whetted his curiosity.

It told of the work of a New Jersey experimental station, testing the effect of "trace elements" on growing plants. According to the article, the station discovered that a small amount of sodium molybdate would greatly increase potato yields.

Vliet, who has a small garden patch on Abbey road just outside Birmingham, sent for some of the chemical which, he said, comes from Colorado. While passing the time until spring, he studied the chemical as much as possible.

HE LEARNED that it is a white metal, used to harden and toughen steel for jet engines. He also learned that it has an atomic weight of 96.

Once the warm weather arrived and the garden was prepared, Vliet carefully followed the instructions issued by the New Jersey station.

"I dissolved in two gallons of water about as much of the powder as I could hold on the point of a case knife," he said, "and sprinkled it on the earth around the 90 hills of potatoes in my garden. From then on it was a case of wait and watch.

"As the summer progressed I watched the vines carefully. They were strong and healthy, but nothing sensational. The real results were not seen until I dug my potatoes this fall."

Vliet still looks a bit amazed when he shows samples of the crop. He reaches both hands into the basket to remove the tubers which are about the size of cantaloupes. He gazes at them as though wondering if they would remain in his hands and not vanish into the blue. The potatoes are enormous.

ONE HILL produced 19 potatoes with a total weight of 12 pounds 6 ounces. The "champ" of this little family weighed in at five ounces over two pounds.

It took only 16 hills to fill a bushel basket—and there were 90 hills in the plot. This sodium molybdate would produce 800 bushels an acre, compared to the normal yield of 400, Vliet says.

Mrs. Vliet gave the giants their final test and found they cook beautifully. The potatoes are firm, all the way through. They cook (boil or bake) mealy and white.

Commercially," the educator-farmer said, "they would not be a success. They are too big. But the experiment was very interesting."

Vliet also tried sodium molybdate on one tomato plant. The result was 54 tomatoes.

Several of Vliet's Republican friends, when they learned about his experiment and saw the results, became alarmed at what could happen to U.S. economy if the federal government made this sodium molybdate easily available to potato farmers.

"Why, the potato crop would be doubled, federal subsidies twice what they are now, with two times the amount of taxes needed to pay for the subsidies, and rotting excess potato heaps would be twice as high as they are now!" they exclaimed in horror.

Two-Day Vacation

The 4,860 students in the Birmingham school district will have Thursday and Friday off as their teachers attend the Oct. 18-19 Michigan Education Assn. district meeting at Masonic Temple, Detroit.

HAZEL ERDINE BATTY visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Batty, Lahser road, for four days last week before departing for Tokyo, where she will be connected with the Navy department. She is expected to be overseas for 18 months duty.

To Decide 'Estates' Problem

Were members of Birmingham Estates association overcharged in the amount of $14,907.16 for an assessment district for street improvements?

This matter will be discussed between now and Nov. 12 by a special committee of city commission members and representatives of the association. In the meantime, th hearing to consider the $19,500 reassessment the city claims members of the assessment district owes it, has been continued until Nov. 12.

PARTICIPATING IN the special meeting will be Mayor Dean Beier, Commissioner Ralph Main and one other city commissioner and Birmingham Estates President George Mullin and two other members of the association.

A. John Brennan, 988 Floyd, appeared at Monday's meeting with figures which he claims show the city overcharged the residents $14,907.16.

Mullin stated that the city took longer than it should in constructing the street improvements, which made the prices higher. He said the assessment district should not have to pay for these delays.

Mullin stated, "The responsibility seems to be the whole city's. They help to elect you and should share some of that responsibility."

In the joint meeting, the representatives will also discuss whether credit will be given the association for gravel and any other possible items discovered.

Members of the association asked why it had not been credited for gravel hauled away from its streets.

CITY MANAGER Donald C. Egbert stated, "It would appear reasonable that credit should have been given for this material. The city's cost for the hauling of the material to the yard and stockpiling same approximates 50 cents per cubic yard. There were 4,483 cubic yards of new material placed in these streets, and an allowance therefore of $2,241.51 should be made to the district by the city."

Commissioner Milton Mallender said, "The charter says we have no choice but to reassess if the total charges show that not enough money was assessed. The only place we have any discretion is whether the charges are correct."

AT THE Nov. 12 hearing, the commissioners on the special committee will recommend whatever conclusions are made from the meeting with the association representatives.

At Monday's meeting, Egbert answered a list of 20 questions which the association submitted pertaining to the reassessment of the district.

Establish New Catholic Parish For Birmingham

Establishment of a new Catholic parish in the Birmingham area was announced last week by Edward Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit.

The new parish, to be known as "Our Lady Queen of Martyrs" will be served by the Rev. Lucian A. Hebert. He is temporarily living in the rectory of the Shrine of the Little Flower.

Boundaries for the new parish have Lincoln road as the north line, continuing east to Woodward avenue. From Woodward it will run south to Normandy, thence to Dukeshire and on to 13 Mile. Beginning at Dukeshire and 13 Mile, the parish line runs to Cranbrook road, the western border.

For the time being, masses will be offered in the Little Flower high school chapel on 13 Mile road, just west of Woodward. Masses are scheduled for 8:30 a.m. and noon each Sunday.

The building site for the new parish is located on Pierce street, between 14 Mile and Locherbie.

Deputies Patrol Troy to Enforce Hunting Ban

To enforce the new no hunting ordinance, eight special deputies are patroling Troy township during the current hunting season.

Township officials stated that for the first violation, the hunter's gun and license will be confiscated until he appears in court. For a second offense, the weapon may be permanently taken.

This is the first year that hunting has been banned in Troy. The ordinance was approved by a township wide vote this spring.

Hunting is also banned in Bloomfield and Southfield townships.

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