

It is most remarkable how much more we are able to do in the hands of those elected or selected to govern them. Citizens might wonder to find that the same, such contains the seed of an enemy which, if not controlled, will overcome and conquer them.

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THIS and THAT
By G. R. A.

It is quite wonderful, in the affairs of human beings, to have living symbols of virtue, character, decency, nobility, etc. For example, the British people have a King, who in and of himself, wields little political power over the state of his "subject" the British sovereign, belonging to no active political party, may become the seed of a new one I have mentioned here.

On the other hand, a President of the United States, though his office warrants every possible respect, still remains the active head of a political party, and is subject to various and sundry destructive and constructive public criticisms. (Indeed, most of us seem to inherit both kinds of criticism.)

SO, FROM the symbolic side, it is wonderful to have British Princess Elizabeth and her husband, Duke of Edinburgh, visit Windsor last week. The remainder of her trip through Canada and parts of the United States should be interestingly refreshing.

All of which suggests that if our Presidents really became "the President of all the people," and not a predatory, manipulating politician, perhaps the American public would find that the man, as well as his office, with more respect.

Periodically I reprint a little thought in this column which originated some generations ago in the mind of a noted French philosopher. Said he: "This is an age of terrific indignities and terrible humiliations. What that man said long ago was true of his day, and has been true of every day since. The only man who raises life to the practice of greater ideals, all the laws that are made, and the progress we make, are the result of the man who will not change the situation."

Someone has advanced the opinion that the letter "e" is the most fortunate character in the English alphabet because it always cuts out of cash, forever in debt, out of danger, and in hell all the time. For some reason, he overlooked the fact that the letter "e" is never in war and always in peace. It is the beginning of existence, the commencement of ease and the end of trouble. Without it there would be no rest, no life, no peace, and it is the center of honesty, makes love perfect and without it there would be no editors, devils, nor news.

"I'm in poor health, so I must resign my position as chairman of the National Democratic Committee," explained William M. Boyle, Jr., to the press last week. Well, considering the kind of company and late hours that Mr. Boyle has been keeping ever since he graduated from the Fordham school of law, it is in "poor health." When a high political official is investigated by members of his own party, there must be something more serious than "poor health" being the victim, don't you think?

England's high inheritance taxes are making poor people of many of the great descendants of the aristocracy. It's part of the Socialist program to "bring down the mountains and fill the valleys." Coming to the fact that most of England's early fortunes were made by conquest, and not by legitimate personal effort, as in the case of most American fortunes, there is greater justice in the current Socialist method. However, the United States is following, in the final effect, the Socialist program, which is always what happens when "the state" (basic enemy of free people) takes itself too much power.

A political chameleon named James P. Finnegan, personal friend of President Truman, has been indicted by a federal grand jury in St. Louis on five counts, covering bribery and misconduct in office. He had been collector of Internal Revenue in Missouri city, a Revenue agent in the Internal Revenue department, and he had recently resigned under pressure of public opinion. Truly, Truman's checks are coming hot and fast.

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\$56,895 Given To UF Campaign In First Week

The Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin area got off to a fast start by chalking up contributions of \$56,895 during the first week of the annual Torch Drive. This is nearly 46.3 per cent of the campaign goal of \$122,884 for this area, to be raised by November.

"Although our team of 600 local volunteers is really just getting started," said Mrs. J. Rowland Quinn, campaign director, "two particularly encouraging facts are outstanding. First, local businessmen and employees are responding very well to the chapter plan. Contributions already reflecting the effectiveness of this simple formula for united effort by groups of people who work together.

"At the same time, early indications are that participation by individual residents is going to be much higher this year than in the past.

"MANY RESIDENTS who work outside the local area are making special 'home' gifts, and home-makers themselves are responding.

Pierce 1st Graders Would Rather Give Than To Receive

Another heartwarming contribution to the Torch fund was received this week. Pierce School Principal Malvyn Ferguson reports that the first grade class at his school won a \$25 attendance prize from the P.T.A.

The children had a choice of several ways of spending the money, one of which was an ice cream treat. However, on their own initiative, they voted to give the amount in the United Foundation fund.

to the opportunity to become a part of the effort by making personal contributions, and declared that the campaign chairman John P. St. Clair told a "report" luncheon of the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin area was the largest ever assembled here for joint community projects, and declared that the drive was already a "moral success" because of the public spirited cooperation of the community.

"Calls for information have been so great and volunteers are doing their jobs so effectively that our local headquarters has exhausted its literature several times," he said.

"THE BACKING of local schools, students and parents, and the unusually high public interest in the civic importance of this drive is evidenced in the thousands of contributions.

LAYMEN of the various Birmingham churches will offer prayer, scripture readings and other features of the service. The men are John Gilray, Charles Kinison, Edwin F. Kirtlett, A. Fletcher Plant, Fraser E. Pomeroy and Charles E. Smith.

A choir composed of singers from city churches will be directed by Mrs. H. H. Gilbert. The organist-accompanist will be Mrs. David B. Mely.

B'ham Woman Hurt Crossing Hunter Blvd. Mrs. H. H. Gilbert, 47, of 1662 East Maple, was treated at Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac, Monday after being hit by a car while crossing Hunter boulevard just south of the Maple crossing.

Father-Son Banquet Leon Hart of the Detroit Lions football team will be the featured dinner speaker at St. James church Monday evening. The father-son banquet is planned for 7 o'clock in the church house, under the sponsorship of the St. James Men's club.

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Need for Halloween Party



HOTDOGS BEING PACKED FOR WEDNESDAY'S PARTY

Chairman Rollie Reese, 2 local youngsters 'supervise'.

(Joe Wheeler Photo)

Halloween Party Schedule

Woodward to Maple; west on Maple to Chester; south on Chester to Martin.

Children meet at 7 p.m. for preliminary judging and parade lineup.

Adams school will move on Chester, facing Martin from the south.

Barnum school will meet on Martin, facing Chester from the west.

Parade to start at 7:30 p.m. on Martin, facing Chester from the west.

Torry school will meet on the east side of Chester, facing Martin from the north.

Other schools, not listed, will meet on Chester at the north end of the block, opposite Hill school and facing north.

NOTE: Pre-school children should line up with children from the schools they will attend.

7:30, parade will move promptly at this time from Chester east on Martin to Pierce; south on Pierce to Merrill; east on Merrill to Woodward; north on

Expect Biggest Turnout Ever

Birmingham's 17th community observance of Halloween is just about here. Plans for the event, which gets its financial backing from the city's merchants, are completed and all is ready for the more than 5,000 children who are expected to participate.

The party will get under way at 7 o'clock on the evening of Oct. 31, when school children and their pre-school brothers and sisters begin to gather in the vicinity of Hill school.

As the various schools line up ready for the parade, judges will pass through, selecting some of the prize winners and passing out the tickets which will enable them to claim their reward at the school, following the parade. Other judging will be done during the march.

Over 400 prizes, all gifts of local businessmen, will be wrapped this week by members of the Girl Scouts. The work will be done at the home of Mrs. James Abbott, Scout representative on the planning committee.

SEVERAL CHANGES have been worked into the current plans for Birmingham for an open meeting due to the great increase in participation.

The committee has voted to discontinue the traditional bonfire and replace it with a "stage show."

BFD Planning Special Precautionary Measures

Special precautionary measures planned by Fire Chief V. W. Griffith to assure adequate fire protection during the Halloween parade next Wednesday evening.

Since the line of march and the greater part of the activities are in the city hall, and department headquarters, Griffith plans to station one radio-equipped truck at the Woodward avenue intersection.

This would permit announcing any alarm which might come from the east or north without hindrance and without endangering the lives of any of the children taking part in the Halloween festivities.

presented by the German band, which will also take part in the parade. This change is designed to promote safety as well as provide entertainment for the parents and young children who will be gathered at the food line station.

Members of the high school have their entertainment at the Community House into two classifications, to accommodate increased numbers.

While the customary dance is held in the upstairs auditorium, with music by the Don Kover and his orchestra, the Scout room in the basement will be the scene of a square dance. Fred Meyer will act as caller.

THE BARNUM junior high school group will broaden its program to include games and dancing, as well as prize contests.

A stage show is planned for members of the fourth, fifth and sixth grades will be in Adams school. The one-hour program will be given by Roy Row of Plymouth, who has been chosen by the parents to accompany their children to this program.

The committee also announced (See PARTY, Page 2)

Wing Lake School To Sponsor First Halloween Party

Wing Lake Mothers and Teachers association is sponsoring its first area Halloween party this year. The event will be held at the school from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

The special program of movies, games, prizes and a "surprise" is planned for all children. It is expected that about 100 will attend.

Plans have been made for "super refreshments" to be served to the children. In addition, there will feature a white elephant sale, plants, baked goods, needlework, cards, etc. Proceeds will be used to purchase equipment for the school's playground and recreation program.

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Named as Second Alternate To West Point

Raymond Floyd Brant, 838 Washington, has been nominated by Congressman George A. Dondero of the 17th district, as second alternate to the United States Military academy for the class entering on or about July 1, 1952.

'Battle of the Undeclared' Friday

By STU SCHEIFELE

The Birmingham football team puts its undeclared record on the line Friday night at Pierce field in its last league game when it meets Port Huron, also undefeated and favored to take the Eastern Michigan League championship.

The Maples will go into the game as underdogs because of their poor showing in last week's 14-12 victory over East Detroit. At the same time, Port Huron was walloping Ferndale, 47-0. The Big Red also hold decisions of 12-0 over Bay City and 27-0 over Highland Park; 40-0 over Mt. Clemens; and 45-0 over Ferndale.

MAPLE COACH Vincent Secondo calls Port Huron the best high school team he has seen in his five years of coaching at Birmingham. Shamed by Bert Hazely and "hook" Hazely, the latter a brother of John Hazely, halfback who starred at Wayne the past three years.

The Big Red also have a great and tremendous depth. Against Ferndale, seven different players scored touchdowns.

If the Maples should come out on top, it would be their first league championship. In 1949 they had the same opportunity, only to lose to Port Huron 18-6.

Each Septennial started in 1946. The long term objective, to win. We have two punts in mind. First, to make the ride back the longest they have ever known; and second, to let them know they have been in a ball game."

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Little League Commissioner' Here Oct. 27

Carl E. Stotz of Williamsport, Pa., national commissioner of Little League baseball, will be in Birmingham for an open meeting of the local Little League organization at the Community House, Saturday, Oct. 27, at 7:30 p.m.

The 41-year-old Stotz founded the first Little League in 1939, when he noted that boys under 13 had little if any chance to play baseball in a regular game.

His first efforts were modest, and he then had no thought that Little League would eventually become an international enterprise.

HE HAS TRAVELED to every section of the United States in the interest of boys' baseball. In addition to being a national Little League commissioner, Stotz also is a member of the board of directors.

The Little League idea which Stotz originated in 1939, has now grown to a popular movement with 768 leagues operating in 38 states and 10 foreign countries.

Three years ago, Grit, a national newspaper published at Williamsport, Pa., presented Stotz the annual Grit award for outstanding service to his community. He also has been cited by Kiwanis clubs in many cities.

The commissioner occupies national offices in Williamsport, where he is assisted by four persons.

Agas for participation in "Little League" ball is 8 to 12.

To Buy Sewage Disposal Bonds

Due to city commission action Monday evening, the sewage disposal plant will be completed for by April, 1954.

Bark in 1937, the city sold \$122,000 worth of bonds for construction of the plant. The last of these are due to mature in 1953 and 1954, have offered to sell them to the city.

A total of \$62,271 will be saved and the city will have secured new first term bonds in 1954. Monday's action will also accelerate possible action to the disposal plant after 1954.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert said the bonds will be purchased on the basis of a 12.5% interest return. Purchase will be taken from money now available in the sewage disposal account.

Local Men Due Home from Korea

Three local veterans of the Korean war are due home soon, according to Col. J. E. Erhardt, information chief of the Michigan Military district.

The army men are Pfc. Gardner F. Williams, 655 Hawthorne; Cpl. Clifford Robinson, 1000 Regent; Troy Stauffer, and M/Sgt. Gordon Stauffer, 811 Bryn Mawr.

Before his recall to service, Stauffer was assistant superintendent of the city DPW.

Maple Gridders Edge E. Detroit

By DICK EMERY

Sinking to its lowest depths of the season, the Birmingham football team barely squeezed out a 14-12 decision over East Detroit on the Shamrocks' home field Friday evening.

Birmingham fumbles at crucial moments and the Maples' general inability to move the ball almost spelled victory for a stubborn East Detroit team, but the visitors managed to come from behind to win on the fine running of halfback Tom Tracy, who scored all Birmingham points.

RECEIVING the opening kickoff, Birmingham was unable to advance. A bad pass from center on fourth down cost 13 yards and East Detroit possession on the Birmingham five.

Later, Shamrock halfback Dick Both scored. Kick for extra point was blocked, and East Detroit led 6-0, the first time the Maples have trailed this season.

Birmingham again was unable to move the ball after receiving the kickoff and was forced to punt.

Gordon Muteh's kick was blocked by Tony Nicholas who scooped up the ball and raced to the Birmingham 21-yard line. Five plays netted the Shamrocks another touchdown when Frank Ruggers went over. The kick was wide, making the score 12-0 and putting the Maples decidedly in the hole.

IN THE SECOND quarter, Birmingham received an East Detroit punt and marched 78 yards for a touchdown, at last looking like the East Detroit team. He again converted and the half ended with the score 14-12 in favor of Birmingham.

Neither team scored in the third half, but the Maples fumbled away two scoring opportunities. Birmingham recovered an East Detroit fumble of the kickoff

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