

The quality of living one's family is the divine bond that welds together every human. But when you can live in a stranger to the point of sacrifice as you would love and one... YOU become more divine!

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Detroit's latest telephone directory, weighing four pounds, was delivered to 900,000 subscribers last week. That's a lot of numbers... and when you consider how many wrong numbers might be given you, and how few you ever do get, isn't the efficiency and accuracy of the system pretty wonderful?

President Truman wants to become a "elder statesman" after he leaves the White House. He offers his experience and services to Congress any time this legislative body wants to call on him. That's all fine, Harry... but first you'd better take a long rest... say for about eight years.

Remember the name: J. Harold McGrath. When he left his job as Attorney-General of the United States, he "bears no animosity to any man; and I think Truman is the greatest of our Presidents." What a lot of hog-wash to slip over from the swill trough, Mac... you say this because you want to retain every possible protection for yourself against future Congressional investigation?

Wearing tattered clothes, his toes protruding from his shoes, a Frenchman walking in Paris was arrested because he was carrying \$18,850 in gold bars in a suit case. No doubt he will be recorded as the forerunner of the American, tattered and torn, out of whose shabby coat protruded his current income tax payment papers.

In a way, it is amusing to observe how many people lambaste President Truman because of his inability to get a good man to investigate graft and corruption in parts of his administration. When you pause to think about it, just why should any politician want to get an investigator to expose something wrong about that politician or about something connected with his administration? And isn't Harry S. Truman first, last and always, a politician?

Of course it is wonderful that most of America has a good sense of humor. Many a situation among us has been saved because the lesser of two evils was sprinkled when too much seriousness might have given us a bad disease. But there is one subject, daily growing more serious, that we do not believe should be treated with too much humor—it is the income tax subject. Let us never, take this too lightly, the best patriotic predators in Washington go to get to thinking that we cannot relax about them and their high taxes.

STRICTLY FRESH

A BRITISH shop owner's wife complained until he removed microphones outside his store which were picking up romantic conversations at night. No doubt she couldn't hear them clearly enough.

The Air Chief of Staff says that aircraft should be suspended. A spokesman at Scott Air Force base in Illinois comes out for belts. Guess it depends on whether you're piloting a jet or a swivel chair.

Czechoslovakian barbers have been ordered by their Red rulers to dispense with special services.

...IS SPECIAL HANDRAIL REMOVER?

such as hair washing and massaging. Now customers are restricted to taking a trimming from their "people's tractor."

With Illinois Gov. Adlai Stevenson being mentioned as a likely candidate, singing Dixie, voters switch from "I'm Just Wild About Harry" to "Sweet Adlai-land."

No Green Thumb Needed

to raise a crop of "green stuff" in your yard. This is a new seed item in The Eccentric Want Ad Green Leaf but, those cool green leaves blossom forth with no back breaking cultivation.

PHONE MI 4-1100 Ask for the Want Ad desk



Picture of east side of street, just below Southfield Road

Troy Plans Youth Center

Plans for a youth center in Troy township are rapidly materializing. With the help of the YMCA and the Troy board of education, parents and interested parties in the township hope to set a youth recreation program in action as soon as possible.

Committee members for the youth center have organized and are seeking a room to hold a recreation program in the new Troy high school. This permission will have to come from the board.

Ed Kibert, executive secretary of the Birmingham YMCA, has already pledged his support to the group in guiding the plans for the recreational activities.

TEEN-AGERS taking part in the program will be asked to pay the regular YMCA fee, but there is no additional cost to the township for the YMCA organization.

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Blood Bank Unit Schedules Visit Here on April 23

Members of the Birmingham Council of Church Women, with the women's groups of St. Hugo of the Hills, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs and Holy Name parishes, are uniting in sponsoring their second blood bank for the area on April 23.

A mobile Red Cross unit will be at the Community House from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Sponsors appeal to potential donors who were rejected at the previous blood bank because of colds, medical treatment, etc., to volunteer at this time.

They point out that persons who have received sulfa, penicillin, aureomycin and other similar drugs during the last 30 days will not be acceptable. Nor will persons who have donated within the past 12 weeks.

WOMEN WHO are pregnant or have had babies within a year will not be permitted to donate blood at this time.

Malaya victims, who have had no recurrence for two years, are given the Y through the United Foundation.

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Puzzled Cops Try To Solve Mystery Of 'Navy Blades'

Shades of Captain Kidd! Birmingham police are searching for "blades" and wondering what to do with some land-locked naval hardware which has been turned over to them.

Pat Baldwin, Dan Schroek and John Powers brought two sabres and a navy cutlass into headquarters last Saturday, saying they found the "blades" lying on Southfield road near the intersection of Hill Top lane.

POLICE CHIEF Ralph Moxley reports that barring a small gathering of rust, all three are in perfect condition and show signs of having had very good care.

At present they remain the mysterious contents of a closet just off the detective bureau's office. No one has asked about them. No other police department has been looking for them.

No one seems to have missed them from among their prized possessions.

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Decision Stymies Proposed Pierce Paving

Volunteer Groups Map County Road Cleanup

Two Oakland county organizations, the Sportsmen's club and 4-H members, are joining forces to take part in the county-wide spring cleanup of highways.

Their activities, scheduled for this weekend, April 19-20, will coincide with efforts of township officials and the director of Bloomfield township Justice Albert A. Clark.

The Sportsmen and 4-H club members have been given permission to use the Pontiac city dump through the cooperation of Mayor John Hildway. They will have several volunteer crews cruising the county roads, picking up refuse which has been dumped along the shoulders.

Both organizations and township officials are checking the location of county residents in stopping this practice.

Clark said this week that policing can be done more readily by private citizens than by officials.

"IF PERSONS will only report offenders to us right away, we have a pretty good chance to apprehend them," people who will be turned down license numbers and turn them in to officials of the township or their city can do a great deal to curb this practice which is not only unsightly but a detriment to public health.

"In the past we have apprehended several persons in the past by actually checking the garbage and rubbish for clues to their identity. Once officials learn of the person it is pretty safe to assume that he or she will be punished."

Clark said key persons had been appointed in communities throughout the county to work on the cleanup, including Police Chief Ralph Moxley of Birmingham.

Letters have been mailed to city and county officials, state police officers and township officials. A year-long program, Clark said, "We are delighted to see these efforts organized and carried out by our side and are asking county road men and the sheriff's department to back our action, too."

"ABOUT THE only way I can see to curb it is stricter law enforcement when apprehension is possible. We have state laws which govern this which provide for fines or imprisonment or both and we should use them. A lecture is not enough."

"We are planning a meeting very soon of the officials we have asked to help in the drive. Plans for the cleanup will be talked over."

"In addition, Chief Clark Green of Grand Haven, Mich., will, speak before picked groups of school children to enlist their aid.

"The children can spread the word at home and can help us in spotting cars. Youngsters see a lot and are alert. They can be a great deal of help to our program."

"Maybe if enough people work hard enough and long enough we can actually stop this messy practice in our county."

The legislature also approved a \$100,000 appropriation for the next fiscal year to provide enforcement personnel.

Now on Gov. Williams' desk for his signature, the bill would become effective immediately.

THE BILL is the result of a legislative study arising out of the circumstances surrounding the December, 1949 gas explosion and fire of the antique shop on N. Woodward in which five lives were lost.

Birmingham Rep. Howard R. Estes, chairman of the legislative study committee which sponsored the bill, said Tuesday, "All three members of the public service commission have assured me they will establish the necessary rules and procedures."

First thing the MPSC will do, Estes believes, will be to set up a safety code for gas transmission line installation. A high-grade engineer would do the preliminary code work in cooperation with the gas utility companies and the state fire chiefs association, said Estes.

Two Royal Oak residents have been fined in Birmingham's justice court on shoplifting charges filed by the Big Bear Market here.

Mrs. Hazel Ederpsill was fined \$10 by Justice J. J. Gaffill. Also appearing before Gaffill was Jack O. Graves who was fined \$15 and placed on probation for 90 days.

Larson stated he will attempt to schedule some girls field days this spring at Troy. He also is attempting to find out if any schools in this area sponsor girls track squads.

While living in The Hague, Anne Marie was a member of a group called the Olympic club, she then trained twice weekly on Saturdays and Sundays.

Methods of training included running, track and field, gymnastics, inter-club races, running practice. In addition, the girls made a point of going to bed early.

THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 30 athletic clubs for girls in The Hague, and there is a healthy competition among them.

The young track star said that the one point she misses most about leaving the Netherlands, is the lack of athletic participation for girls in this country.

At Troy, she is a guard on the school's undefeated girls' basketball team and is looking forward to playing softball this spring.

Larson stated, "I wish state rules would allow girls to participate in boys high school sports, for I know Anne Marie would be one of our top track prospects."

to prove her ability is not limited to athletics, her last year card showed three A's and two A minus's.

Two Other Pavements Face Delay

Pierce street between Lincoln and Fourteen Mile will not be paved for some while, it appears.

That is, unless residents on the street bring enough pressure to bear against the Birmingham Board of Education to pay their share of the assessment.

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