

Much that goes on or that exists about us too often is overlooked, unappreciated. It today we need for us to realize we may overlook the loss of the out-of-doors life that is in the trees, flowers, birds, and changing sunlight.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

POLITICIANS ONLY PLAY AT BEING A SANTA CLAUS

Everything that lives requires nourishment. Plant life gets its nourishment from the soil, rain, atmosphere, and sunshine. Human beings require everything that plants do, plus the consumption of other animals.

Human beings also like to obtain what they require and want with the least amount of effort—at least most of them do.

"Perhaps the most universal evidence of this is in the development of the symbol of Santa Claus—the red-beaked, white-headed, red-attired, symbol of generosity that carries a mythical inexhaustible supply of presents for human beings."

So many people think "Let Santa come my way"—the bills won't be out for a while, anyway, and I want nice presents."

That attitude, within the realm of a nation's political thinking, is quite commonplace among a majority of citizens.

Else how could the New Deal, and the Fair Deal have lasted so long? And who can say how much longer they will last, anyway? Regardless of which political party wins in November.

England created, through its Labor Party, the symbol of the perpetual Santa Claus in national affairs.

"We'll take care of you from the cradle to the grave," exclaimed former Prime Minister Attlee's party. And the majority of Britishers (like the majority of Americans) took Attlee at his word—and at once the packs of Santa opened and bestowed its "presents."

BUT THAT brought austerity, hard times, to England. Attlee was thrown out, later, Churchill has taken over. The U.S.A. has taken over. The British today totters on the knife-edge of national insolvency.

So is the drift of unenlightened (and often foolishly enlightened) human beings. They forget that what Santa carries in his pack must be paid for.

Whether Santa comes to one's own household at Christmas, or whether in the robes of the political welfare state, what Santa bestows must be paid for, by the household, or by the taxpayer, as the case may be.

Wanting someone for nothing can become, like the use of narcotics, habit-forming. Wanting something for little or nothing is the plague that runs rampant over much of the world today.

If continued, it will bankrupt the very breath of life, and similar attributes.

MUCH in human thought today is evil, negative, wrong. These traits are not born to endure; they are destined to death.

Unless willingly given up by the generation that exemplifies them, that generation is visited with results of the plague. It will disintegrate, fall apart, go down in defeat.

What is needed today (not enacted by any man-made law, by any edict from pulpit, press, or for these alone are powerless) is a rebirth of ordinary knowledge of decent values, of the willingness to labor for the harvest, to make sacrifices upon the altar of love, to manifest tolerance, gratitude for the very breath of life, and similar attributes.

THESE NECESSARILY are involuntary re-tributions upon the festivities of the virtues. Then they become the pattern of the whole of society. It is the method of guaranteeing "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" to be ever or shall ever be found.

Political parties may, and do, try to "play Santa Claus."

But the real mind and benevolent old Santa never gains entrance to your home and your heart by way of the tricky and deceptive political route.

To-Talk Over 'Problems'

City Manager D. C. Eichert has some problems that he wants to talk over with city commissioners, and a special city council meeting has been planned for this Thursday evening. Mayor Dewey C. Bester has declined.



A TENSE CROWD WATCHED BIRMINGHAM'S JOHN CONROY (Top) as he stepped to the plate against the Steubenville, Ohio, hurler that puzzled Birmingham's players in Tuesday night's Little Bigger League playoff game. Conroy failed this time at the plate but came back to produce the game winning double in the sixth inning.



(LEFT) Injured Detroit Tiger infielder Jerry Faddys talks over the future of the Intermediate League with Birmingham League President Don Chaffee.



(BOTTOM) Rival Managers George Mavromatis (left) and Abe Bryan of Ohio and Rub Thompson and Kermit Ambrose (far right) of Birmingham go over ground rules before the game opened. See Page four for more pictures and story.

(Eccentric Staff Photo)

The meeting is open to the public. Details of the proposal were discussed this week in a 10-page plan board report presented to city commissioners. As suggested by the plan board, the ordinance would:

- 1) Be used for parking of private passenger vehicles only;
- 2) Prohibit the collection of any parking fees;
- 3) Require a 4-foot fence or shrubbery planting along the sides of parking lots that abut residential districts;
- 4) Be hard-surfaced and adequately drained;
- 5) Restrict the size and number of signs permitted; and
- 6) Require certain front, side and rear yard setbacks.

Two types of parking districts are proposed, one for use in connection with commercial or industrial zones adjacent to residential areas, the other to be applied in residential districts near such non-residential uses as churches, hospitals, schools, etc.

De-Ice and De-Snow Plans Determined

In summer weather, there's nothing like cooling yourself off (mentally, at least) with thoughts about next winter's icy streets.

So Monday night the Birmingham city commission agreed to purchase 400 tons of rock salt to be used for de-icing and de-snowing of city streets.

Named to Committee By County Deputies

Harry J. McGowan of Aspen road has been named assistant chairman of Oakland County's Deputies' Party.

Mrs. Janet Ford of Westwood drive was re-elected to another term on the executive committee.

Heading the group's activities will be Willis M. Brewer, elected to a third term as chairman.

Hill, Webb Named to Hospital Board

Election of three new members to the board of trustees of Oakland Hospital and reappointment of standing committees are announced by E. A. Tomlinson, president of the hospital, following unanimous action of the trustees.

The new members are H. Lloyd Clawson, of Royal Oak, long a leader in south Oakland County hospital affairs and former chairman of the South Oakland Hospital Authority, now merged with Oakland Hospital; Merritt D. Hill, 1545 Wabek road, Bloomfield Hills, vice-president of Dearborn Motors and chairman of the recently completed Oakland Hospital financing campaign; and Frank L. Webb, 304 Arlington road, Birmingham, advertising executive and publicist.

The following committee appointments were announced: executive committee, Lawrence S. King, chairman, Irving B. Babcock, Franklin Fricke, C. M. Houff, John E. Martz, Peter Monaghan, C. T. VanDusen, E. A. Tomlinson, text officer; Building committee, Franklin Fricke, chairman, Arthur F. Bassett, G. D. Mitten, Wm. B. Yaw; Hospital administrator committee, Arthur F. Bassett, chairman, William D. Downey, O. E. Hunt, John E. Martz; Medical advisory committee, Dr. Howard B. Barker, Dr. Otto Beck, Dr. Harold Furlong, Dr. Ralph G. Ferris, Dr. Robert Hauser, Dr. Wm. L. Kemp, Dr. L. R. Lender, Dr. James A. Morton. Revised plans for Oakland Hospital, providing for adequate outpatient and emergency facilities, were approved at the July trustees' meeting which was attended by representatives of Ellerbe and Company, architects, and by Dr. Christopher G. Parball, Oakland hospital consultant.

Heussner Memorial Award Created

The moving story of Birmingham resident Carl Heussner, a great scientist with a great heart, who drove himself to premature death, was unfolded before the American Electrotechnical Society recently.

Carl Heussner's saga—as outlined at the society's convention by James C. Zoller, Chrysler's vice president and director of engineering and research—has a secure place in the annals of automotive men.

Zoller summed up Heussner's industrial career with these words: "A few men did more than Carl Heussner to change, planting from an individual act to a science."

Further memorializing him, United Platers, Inc. of Detroit, endowed the permanent Carl Heussner Memorial Award for presentation at the society's annual conventions. Established earlier this year, it is the top award if the industry. Glenn H. Frisid, United Plater's President, was a personal friend of Carl Heussner.

AWARD WINNER is Edward A. Parker, of Technic, Inc., for his paper on electroplating gold.

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PART ONE

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As \$3 Million For School Needs

Zones for Parking Considered

A proposed change in the city's zoning ordinance to create a special classification to be known as "parking districts" is to be discussed by Birmingham city commissioners and plan board members at their quarterly joint meeting Thursday evening, Aug. 20.

Rezoning Request Is Turned Down

Rezoning of a triangular parcel bounded by Eton, Emory and the railroad failed by two votes to pass the Birmingham city commission Monday night.

Abutting property owners, including owners of the Graefel terraces immediately to the north, as well as many residents of that area, protested the rezoning on the basis that it would depreciate single residence values.

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Would Provide 2 New Schools, 6 Additions

Amount of the school bond issue to be voted on in November will be \$3,000,000, Birmingham School Superintendent Dwight B. Ireland disclosed today.

It will not only provide funds for the new \$637,500 elementary school and site on Beverly road, just west of Southfield, and an 11-room addition to Torry school, announced last week, but also would include funds for four other elementary school sites, a new \$637,500 grade school in the Pembroke area and additions to six existing elementary schools.

THE 1949 BOND ISSUE

called for the district to pay \$6.50 per \$1,000 of equalized valuation over a 17-year period.

It is estimated that the new proposed bond issue, because of the considerably increased valuation of the school district in the past three years, will require appreciably less debt leverage than the high school bond issue.

STRICTLY FRESH

A California judge ordered that 50 bottles of liquor held as evidence since 1926, be poured down the drain. At least it means a few more "cases" off the docket.

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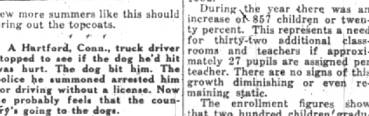
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On the basis of this plan of approach to the board of education, it is estimated that every specific recommendation will be studied and modified to conform to local needs as the board of education can identify these needs with the help of the administrative staff.

During the past year statistics show that 4157 children were enrolled at the close of school in 1951, and 5014 children were enrolled at the close of school in 1952.

During the year there was an increase of 857 children or twenty percent. This represents a need for thirty-two additional classrooms and teachers if approximately 27 pupils are assigned per teacher. There are no signs of the growth diminishing or even showing that.

The enrollment figures show that two hundred children graduated from school in 1951-52 and six hundred and seventy-two entered to take their place. Every year larger classes move up and it is evident that the kindergarten in 1952 will far exceed seven hundred pupils.



Red Haven's beaches are ripe at Berkley's Orchard, 5275 Adams Road. (See SCHOOLS, Page 2)