

Christmas is, indeed, the opportunity to make glad the hearts of all we may know, especially the older. The mere exchange of gifts, in and of itself, is not the real thrill that Christmas season offers. One's inner self should thrill!

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HIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

SUMMERFIELD'S RISE TO CABINET POSITION

Appointment of Arthur E. Summerfield of Flint, as Postmaster General of the United States by President-elect Eisenhower is a fitting reward for a man who, but a few years ago unknown in politics, has reached the top level in the avocation.

It also bodes good for the taxpayers themselves since Summerfield is a practical business man who knows how to make and meet a payroll.

I have known Mr. Summerfield for a number of years, and during 1946-48 had occasion to be associated with him rather intimately, in Michigan Republican circles.

Summerfield's first success in politics came about from his ability to put the raising of funds for his party on a practical basis. The basis of his ability to obtain funds lay in the fact that he merchandised the Republican party's program and candidates as he would sell automobiles.

TO HIM the art of politics was, in substance, the act of good citizenship itself.

He, like millions of other voters, was disgusted with the drift toward statism that the New and Fair Deals were promoting. So he studied its faults and then lent his own talents to meeting them with what he considered to be constitutional corrections.

Believing the Republican party best represented the defense of the freedoms set forth in the U. S. Constitution, he allied himself with that party and fought vigorously for public approval of its policies and candidates at election times.

UNTIL HE was elected as a national committeeman from Michigan to the National Republican Committee, Summerfield's political career was confined to Michigan. In this area he came to be known as a man who, when given a job to do, did it, and on time. He again proved it when Gen. Eisenhower was elected Nov. 4.

His saving made himself wealthy in private business, he can afford the time to spend as an aide to President-elect Eisenhower in the cabinet post. His advice, we believe, will be both honest and practical. That will, indeed, be quite different from the type of Postmaster General Mr. Truman has had at his side.

Football is about to become a 1952 campaign season as close. From now on until the end of the academic year every candidate will have to depend upon the degree to which it raises the interest of the student body for public acclaim.

President-elect Eisenhower's appointment of GM's E. A. Wilson to the post of the nation's Defense Secretary proves that the General knows where to look for leadership that will bring results in creating the maximum of military equipment to defend our shores.

THE TWO GIRLS, alerted to the fire by Peter Beardsley who discovered the blaze in the basement, had opened a window of the room where they had been playing with the baby, and were holding him as she ran toward the building, he heard the screams of Terry Mahaffey, 12, and her friend, Jill Beardsley, 14, trapped in a second floor bedroom with Terry's 24-month-old nephew, Jerome DeSotell.

25% Salary Boost For City Attorney

Birmingham city commissioners have approved an increase of \$1,000 a year for City Attorney Forbes Hascall. Formerly on the city payroll at \$5,000 per year, Hascall thus receives an increase of 25 percent, or \$19.25 more a week.

In recommending the boost, City Manager Donald C. Egbert said Hascall's duties have increased several times since he was appointed in 1946. Egbert also said that recently changed economic conditions warranted the increase in the retainer fee paid Hascall.

Nuts

You may not find the above item in the

ECCENTRIC WANT AD PAGE

But just about anything and everything from soap to nuts. And what better time than this for putting a sale item in, to get some extra Christmas cash, or to find some gift?

Phone MI 4-1100 Ask for the Want Ad Desk



JOHN ANDERSON — JEROME DeSOTELL — PETER & JILL BEARDSLEY — TERRY MAHAFFEY
Anderson caught Jerome, Jill as they jumped from smoke-filled home (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Fire Chief Lauds Trio Which Averted Tragedy

Fire Chief V. W. Griffith credits fast thinking and fast action on the part of a young man and two young girls with averting tragedy when fire struck the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mahaffey, 201 Merrill, Friday afternoon.

"By opening the window, the girls probably managed to escape being overcome by the very heavy smoke that filled the house," Griffith said. "Anderson's quick action in catching the baby and one girl and calling the fire department also deserves a great deal of praise. There's no doubt in my mind but what their combined actions saved one or more lives."

When fire broke out about 4 p.m., smoke pouring from the building drew the attention of John D. Anderson, 25, of 759 Southfield. As he ran toward the building, he heard the screams of Terry Mahaffey, 12, and her friend, Jill Beardsley, 14, trapped in a second floor bedroom with Terry's 24-month-old nephew, Jerome DeSotell.

The baby just fell into my arms as slick as a whistle. When the girl jumped, I caught her, too. I was too excited to notice whether she was heavy or not."

TERRY MAHAFFEY was taken from the building by members of the Birmingham fire department, summoned to the scene by Anderson. Peter Beardsley made his escape without aid.

Sitting in the Consumer Power company, across from their burning home, Terry clutched the family's setter pup, Quebec, and shot the baby and the man caught him."



BIRMINGHAM CAPTAIN GORDON MUTCH PLUNGES FOR SCORE
Second half score raised Maple fans' hope briefly (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Claim City Must Join SOC Disposal District

Fellas, Our Night Out Is Next Monday, Hear?

"She says she doesn't look good in green . . . but anything for a change. I'll take it!"
"Say lady, what do all those French names mean? Oh, well, I'll just buy the swankiest bottle."
The coffee table looks good, now if there was only some way of keeping the kids off of it.
These and many other expressions will be heard from Birmingham men Monday night, Dec. 8, when merchants open their doors for "Men's Night," one of the city's few events for the male gender only.
Some 27 stores are ready to serve men only on this night when the Mrs. will not be allowed inside the doors.
Hints and suggestions from the ladies will have to come before the man of the house leaves for the stores . . . and after that it will be every man for himself, and by himself, from 7 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.
THIS WILL be a "first" for Birmingham, but men are expected to favor this night of shopping here as they have in many other Michigan cities.
Armed with wallet and shopping list, the male will be able to go directly to the stores of his choice without stopping a dozen times on the way to "see this cute thing" in the store windows or answer questions such as "I wonder if that would fit Marilyn?"
The only women, yes, the only women in the stores will be sales ladies and gift wrappers.
Stores in the plan will include every line of merchandise that a man might want, for his wife, girl friend, parents or friends.
TO ESCAPE the lunch hour suspense of the fight to find a parking place on the way home from work, the man of the family will have this opportunity to have a nice quiet dinner, read the paper, and enjoy over two hours of shopping, weeks before Christmas.
The sales ladies will be instructed to give whatever advice or help the men find needed in their selection of gifts.

Thanksgiving Meal of Bark, Snow

Birch bark and snow cannot be considered the ideal Thanksgiving menu, according to Paul Ayers, 16, of Cummings street.
Paul should know, for that was his only food during the 36 hours he was lost while hunting on Drummond Island last weekend.

Paul, hunting with Larry Han-fan, 16, of 911 Chapin, Dick Shoenberg, 18, of Inkster road and Gordon Wairah, 19, of 1381 North Woodward, became separated from the others about 10 a.m., Thursday.
He saw a spot of water in a swamp, but did not kill it because he knew he was lost and had no way of getting it. During the daylight hours, he tried follow-ing his own trail back to his companions, but failed.
"THE FIRST" night wasn't so bad," he said. "I had some matches and built a fire, then spent the night on a stump. The next day I got pretty wet and the matches were ruined, so there was no fire that night. I'd fired about five shots during the time, and when they found me, had just one bullet left in my rifle."
Walrath said the remaining members of the party searched half the night for the missing youth, and then returned to the cabin to get some rest.
"We started out early the next morning and kept at it until we found him," Walrath said. "It's a good thing, too, because he was soaking wet and the temperature that night dropped almost to zero."
At his home, Paul said a medical check up had shown no ill effects from his experience.
"I've got stiff neck and laryngitis," Paul commented.

Orchid Blooms at Disposal Plant

By ALICE E. MORGAN
We don't ordinarily associate orchids with disposal plants, but it is permissible in Birmingham now.
Russell Grinnell, superintendent at Birmingham's Cranbrook road plant, is raising them, and last week had one in bloom.

Grinnell got into orchid culture by accident when one of the truck drivers brought a potted plant to him, asking if he knew what it was. The driver had found it in a pile placed at the curb for disposal.
"I'll had to jump, too, but before I could the firemen had the ladder up and one of them helped me down."
Terry said the baby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester DeSotell, are her sister and brother-in-law, and also made their home there. They, with Mahaffey, were at work at the time of the fire.

Southfield Crash Injures Three

Three women were injured Thursday, Nov. 28, in a two-car collision at Greenfield and Verona Circle, Southfield township.
Mrs. Elizabeth Tate, 1172 Bird, is recovering in St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac, from a dislocated wrist, leg and rib injuries and multiple cuts and bruises.
Her daughter, Patricia, age 19, driver of one of the cars, was treated for bruises at the hospital and released.
Kaye K. Custer, age 19, Detroit, driver of the second car, was treated for head cuts at Royal Oak General hospital and released.

Christmas Mail Deadlines Set

"Mail early" is the plea of Birmingham Postmaster Bernard Fowler.
"Safe" deadline date for Canada was Dec. 1, with west coast states and Florida having a Dec. 6, 7 and 8 deadline. States centrally located are carrying a Dec. 15 deadline, which also applies to packages for delivery within the city.
Beginning Dec. 10, parcel post and stamp windows will be open Tuesday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Oaks Take Possession Of Little Brown Jug

By CHARLIE HOKE
A well-coached and spirited Royal Oak football team rolled to an impressive 18-6 win over 13-point underdog Birmingham last Thursday morning at Pierce Field.
The Oaks thus avenged the 27-0 drubbing handed them last year by Tom Tracy and company.

Headed by fullback Dick Nash and halfback Jack Drawbaugh they were out in front all the way and built up an 18-0 lead before the Maples scored their lone touchdown.
Nash made 108 of the visitors' 257 rushing yards. Bright spots for the Maples were halfbacks Gordon Mutch and John Monaghan and tackle Tom Ricketman.
ROYAL OAK took an early lead in the initial period after two sizeable gains by Carl Friebe and a pass from Drawbaugh to end Gary Peters. Nash broke loose from the Maples' 27 and went all the way, capping a 60-yard scoring drive.
Ricketman blocked Nash's extra point attempt.

Midway in the second quarter, the Oaks marched 98 yards for their second touchdown, featuring the drive with the running of captain Gary Peters and Carl Friebe. Drawbaugh scored from the one.
Friebe, attempting to run for the extra point, was smothered by a host of Maple tacklers.
The Acorns added their final touchdown in the third quarter.

From Mutch to Russ Norman and Rustin Yards.
Appleford, Birmingham's passing threat, was kept off balance throughout the game by the hard rushing of Acorn ends Eric Stock and Streeter Lester.
Nash—QB—Drawbaugh—RB—Mutch—RB—Monaghan—RB—Friebe—RB—Dunston.
Statistics
First Downs 12 19
Rushing Yards 257 125
Passing Yards 43 48
PASSES AT 7 123
PASSES IN 10 1
PASSES INT. 0 0
PUNTING AVE. 33.2 31.9
PUNTS 10 10
Yds. Penalized 45 30

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Answer Up To Voters In Spring

Birmingham commissioners will go to the people of the city again to solve the ever-increasing sewage disposal problem.
Armed with even greater proof of the urgency of the sewage treatment benches they will appeal to voters in the spring election to approve a contract between the city and Birmingham's sewage disposal district.
The city feels that it now has considerably more cost figures and a good picture of the entire problem.
Residents interested in the future status of sewage treatment will be welcomed by city officials at Monday night's Dec. 8 commission meeting when commissioners will hold forth discussions of the city's sewage treatment problems.
AT THIS MEETING, they will deliver further into the possible solutions which the city and county sewer engineering consultants Lewis Ayres of Ann Arbor.
Commissioners are expected to ask Ayres for more technical information relating to the city's sewer problems and the estimated cost of solving them.
Mayor Dean G. Beier has sent letters to presidents of several subdivision associations and leaders of various neighborhoods, inviting them to attend this Dec. 8 meeting.
"This will be an excellent opportunity for the public to sit in on and listen to what we are attempting to do regarding this most important city problem," Beier explained.

THE CITY'S attempt to release the eastern part of Birmingham to the Clinton drainage district to ease overburdened facilities at the municipal sewage treatment plant has been entered into the commission by City Manager Donald C. Egbert and the commission.

Egbert's proposed administration of Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield township and Southfield township, which would be under the State Water Resources Commission to cut down the pollution of the Upper Douglas.
"The ever-growing population of the city and surrounding communities has strained Birmingham's ability for some relief in the treatment of sewage."
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Radio Traffic Control Due for Holiday Season

Birmingham Police Lieut. Henry Timm said this week that plans are under way for the resumption of the Christmas traffic broadcasts.
Plans for the broadcasts will again include traffic warnings to motorists and pedestrians, along with brief interludes of Christmas music.
Timm said that due to the increased traffic volume and the increased area, it was planned to install loudspeakers at corners other than the Maple-Woodward intersection.
The program probably will go into effect next week, he said.

STRICTLY FRESH

France repeals tax on pianos and balconies. Maybe piano-players' balcony-building Harry S. Truman will pay them a visit after January twenty.

Rubber mice busted back scratchers, drums and fire pans and built blood pressure gauges were auctioned at New York customs seizure room. For bridge prizes no doubt!

Jackie, lame Hollywood lion, climbed studio stairs, made successful TV debut. Scared all, when refused to go down, because he couldn't take the ups and downs of a TV career.

Woman slipped into ice-house to see sweetheart. Lighting a match

ICE HOUSE

In the dark, she fired building, melted ice. That's really going through fire and food for a man!

Romeo, Birmingham, Ala., 200b buck deer, leaped fence and fed when his name presented him with fifth set of twins. Wherefore art thou, Romeo? Two more too many, eh?