

The Year 1952 Is a Fateful One

This is the year 1952.
It is destined, in the thinking of many informed and intelligent people, to become the most important and fateful year in the history of not only the United States, but of the other freedom-loving nations on this earth.

For what happens in the state and national elections this fall will determine, to a great extent, what social, civic and economic pattern our country will conform to.

IF THE VOTERS of this nation return the New-Fair Deal proponents to control, prepare to say goodbye to traditional constitutional America. You will become a mere taxpayer, an economic pawn in the hands of those who advocate, or will suffer, State Socialism.

Your life will cease, more and more, to belong to you . . . for you will lose much of your personal freedom. Your children and grandchildren, too, will have less freedom than you have known. This period of rule by governmental bureaucracy, by ideologies alien to the plans conceived and laid down by those who began this nation . . . this period of rule may last a long while . . . or it may be overthrown in a generation in the revolution that, eventually, is bound to come when Freedom is placed in bondage.

THIS NEWSPAPER DOES NOT make these statements simply because the New-Fair Deal has been in power for almost 20 years. We would argue like-wise had the nation been in the hands of the Republicans that long and been plundered of its character and substance.

Yes, 1952 will be a fateful year in United States and world history.

If Republicans Win . . .

Folks who have lived for some years in Kansas City, Mo., are well aware of the evil of Pendergastism in government. They recall how Boss Pendergast looted them out of millions, through control of politics.

Some of that Pendergast crowd have moved into high places in Washington, D.C. As you read today about corruption there, you will learn how Pendergastism operates on the federal level of government.

If Republicans win next year, get ready for further exposures of crookedness in government—perhaps the most sensational in the history of this nation. For it requires a new administration to sweep out the dirty mess now littered within Democratic-controlled Washington.

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER

MALLENDER TO RETIRE FROM POLITICS

This coming April City Commissioner Milton F. Mallerder is going to "call it quits" after nine years with Birmingham's legislative group.

Now, completing the last three years of his third term, Mallerder comes time again to decide that not even his best friends could persuade him to run again for the city commission.

He probably will announce his intentions publicly in the next month or so just to make it official and clear the last for possible candidates to file petitions by March 15 and thus set to succeed him.

Twice mayor of the city during his nine years on the commission, Mallerder is the leading member on the commission. Ralph A. Main, now in his second year with two more to go, is next.

Richard M. Patterson, appointed in 1939 to succeed John S. O'Gorman and elected to a one-year term this year, is the other commissioner whose term expires in April, 1952.

Every so often a rumor comes across the news item which tells about some peculiar name two supposedly intelligent adults have fastened on their newborn child.

Perhaps these parents—and I am happy to note they are in the minute minority—don't stop to realize that their youngster can be seriously handicapped in his

early years as he becomes the butt of other youngsters' jokes and comments about his unusual name.
Can you imagine the uninhibited pride of the parents who achieved distinction for their daughters by naming them "New York," "Bunny," "E Pluribus Unum," "Watermelon," "Go-Go," "Beth Shaba," "Normal," and "Austral-ia?"

"Furlough" was a name pinned on more than a dozen youngsters during the last war.

Then there is the other extreme—not giving the youngster a name at all.

The New York Health Dept. reports that about 39 per cent of its birth certificates are returned with the space for the infant's name left blank, with parents claiming the two days for filing the certificate do not "give them enough time." This, in spite of the fact they've had some months to prepare for the event.

On some of the blanks the names are never filled in—and as far as the record books go, the children still are nameless.

I think I could get right on the edge of the time in telling you the mentality of these two types of parents.

I wonder how many insurance agents are on the employer's "blacklist" because of salient information of employees on the heat time?

Some local resident, who has a nice new black Cadillac sedan, certainly must be proud of himself this week. Thursday morning about 9 a.m. he achieved distinction (?) by violating four traffic regulations in the matter of a

First, he made a prohibited U-turn on Woodward to park just north of the bank. Secondly, he pulled in at almost a right angle to the curb, blocking another car from getting out. Thirdly, it was prohibited parking area temporarily while the DPW removed snow along the curb and walks. Fourthly, he let the key in the ignition and his car motor running while he went into a nearby magazine store.

City Commissioner Frank Rising, standing on the corner waiting for a bus into Detroit, finally caught the man to get him to move the car so the woman in the Cadillac driver's normal could get her car out of the temporarily prohibited parking area.

Rising came out of the store, got into the Cadillac and reported it at the proper angle.

I asked this fellow about his car, he suggested I move it myself. Rising explained that if this particular instance illustrated this Cadillac driver's normal disregard for traffic laws, some of these days we expect to be writing an editorial about the law of averages catches up with him.

From Our Point of View

At the moment, Michigan voters are offered two millionaire candidates for Governor at next year's election. One is Governor G. Mennen Williams, Democrat, the other Fred M. Alger, Jr., Republican, now Secretary of State. The respective financial balance sheets are their own private business. What the voters want to know is: "What can they do to improve Michigan's red-linked balance sheet?"

U. S. Army brass is considering a limit on the amount of cash paid to U. S. soldiers in Korea. The brass says money found on casualties is used by the Reds for espionage purposes, also that our boys have more dough to spend than soldiers of other nations there thus making the latter envious. Well, that policy is going on at a terrific rate right here at home, as the Truman-New-Fair Deal takes more and more from American civilian income.

A group of American doctors declares that the amount of unnecessary fat carried around by people of this nation could supply enough energy to do about one and a half billion man-hours of work. One fourth of our population carries excess weight, or an average of 16 pounds each. All of which suggests, from a medical viewpoint, that our people are fairly well, considering the shape they are in.

Canada has declared that it, alone, will develop the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Waterway, without any help from the U.S.A. The project will mean a lot to Canada's future economic life. Our Congress, dominated by certain selfish groups, for years has refused to lend its support to the job. Yet this same Congress gives away billions of the U.S. taxpayers' dough to foreign countries. How wonderful, indeed, is the politically predatory nature of mankind!

One of England's Dukes owns a homing budgerigar that, when it gets lost, can ask: "How do I get back home?" The bird, which looks like a parrot, first gives its home address to the postman. Isn't that wonderful? Now if somebody will only teach the Truman administration to answer the popular question: "How do we get back to Stability in the United States?", that will be more than wonderful; it will be a monumental miracle.

So They Say . . .

Norris E. Dodds, director, Food and Agriculture Organization, United Nations: "A new world is coming into existence—a world in which those who neglect the common man do so at their peril."

Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary: "We have no aggressive designs, no territorial ambitions, no quarrels."

Francisco Franco, Spanish dictator: "The greatest threat to peace, liberty and the economic and social progress of the world lies in the menace of communism."

By George Wm. Averill

Giving Us the Bird



Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—
The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

50 YEARS AGO

January 3, 1902
Mrs. J. C. Kaine's just returned from a holiday visit with her daughters, Mrs. Frankie Gleason and Mrs. Agnes Pound, both of Richmond in this state. She had a delightfully pleasant time and was well remembered by Santa Claus.

M. R. Blair, our new grocer and meat dealer, located in the Parka building has contracted for advertising space in The Eccentric. He is making a specialty of fine teas and coffees which we hope our readers will sample at their first opportunity.

A bright merry Christmas was observed at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Randall who was blessed with a visit from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Converse of Owosso. Dinner was served at noon and the Christmas tree stripped at night.

Mr. James R. Brooks is justly proud of being chosen among the many good men to be the executive board of the Pontiac division of the Detroit United Railway. If any trouble occurs, he will be one to ably solve it.

Mrs. T. Bookham, one of our most christian ladies, was named superintendent of the M. E. Sunday School Friday evening. We knew that under her guidance and blessing the Sunday School will flourish and prosper.

20 YEARS AGO

January 3, 1932
The addition of the 4 per cent penalty is expected to sharply increase tax receipts in Birmingham and Bloomfield township, according to treasurers' offices. Township collections to date total \$124,303.05, and have been subject to no collection fees.

Derwood Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Harris, Baldwin high school athlete, has been named valedictorian of the January graduating class. Salutatorian honors went to Carolyn Salisbury.

Paul Monroe, prominent artist from Bloomfield Hills, will speak

on "Art and Religion" at the School of Religion sponsored by the YMCA. The lecture will be given at the First Baptist church Friday evening.

The Birmingham Exchange club is discussing the possibilities of raising funds to establish a dental clinic for local school children. Several local dentists have offered to donate part-time services to the clinic.

Oscar P. Peterson, assistant cashier at the First National bank has been elected president of the Exchange club. James W. Taylor is vice president; Melvin Hart, treasurer and W. Kenneth Birmingham, secretary.

5 YEARS AGO

January 3, 1947
If Birmingham's present population increase of about 500 a year continues, the 21,000 mark is expected to be topped by 1950. City Manager D. C. Egbert last week estimated the population for 1946 to have been 14,400.

Five bids received on three local sewer projects have all been rejected by city officials as too low. Commissioners said Monday that even the lowest bid was more than twice the amount city engineers had estimated for the project.

An old familiar real estate name—Snyder, Buck and Bennett—has been changed to Snyder, Kinney and Bennett. Elliott Kinney, vice president of the firm, replaces Charles E. Buck in the company name.

Housing is tough here. According to reports received at The Eccentric's office, a cardinal bird and what is presumed to be a light blue parakeet have set up housekeeping in a bird house in the Frank E. Elert's back yard.

Two cars crashed. A tow truck came for one, only to have another car crash into it again. As named valedictorian of the January of the road to review possible damages, a fourth car came along and crashed into that. Police and garage men finally straightened it all out and everyone went away.

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

Eavesdropping

Richard Saurenbren, board of education member, pointed out to fellow members a few weeks ago several duplicates of the new Birmingham high school could be built for the cost of one American battle ship. Purely for fun to practice the fine art of destruction, cost in excess of \$10,000 each. How wonderful, the board agreed, if this money could only be spent for growth!

Two unknown gentlemen discussed the street problem during the recent stormy weather. One, a bearded fellow, whose gloves had not been on his street at all. His companion was heaving his head off because he had been on his street and had plugged his driveway!

A small girl asked her mother who was busily exchanging Christmas presents, how the lady in the store would get the unwanted items back to Santa-Claus. Santa-Claus, she heard, had been on his street and had plugged his driveway!

A young mother, discussing her son, told how cute he is, right now. She said, "I wish I could have him for my own. Apparently she had successfully sold them a bill of goods about Santa-Claus. Only a man, a neighbor (or perhaps it was a relative) whose youngster, a couple of years older, was debating the old gentleman all over the place.

Another young mother sweated it out while her two youngsters gave her some very "what's" for her. Apparently she had successfully sold them a bill of goods about Santa-Claus. Only a man, a neighbor (or perhaps it was a relative) whose youngster, a couple of years older, was debating the old gentleman all over the place.

A father at recent com-

Advance \$7,733.50 To South Oakland Garbage Authority

The city of Birmingham will advance \$7,733.50 to the Southeastern Oakland County Garbage and Rubbish authority for the purpose of paying its share of the initial expenses in connection with the design of a new incinerator and acquisition of a site.

This appropriation was authorized by the city commission Monday evening.
All member municipalities of the authority were asked to advance funds based at the rate of 50 cents per capita. Birmingham's figure is based on the 1950 official census number of 15,467.

CITY MANAGER Donald C. Egbert stated, "It is the opinion of the board of trustees that all advances should be returned to the municipalities, as the basis of participation in the cost of this improvement is the amount of rubbish and garbage delivered to the authority."

"The expense incurred in connection with site acquisition, engineering, design, etc., are properly charged against the proceeds of the sale of the bonds."

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