The demands that life makes upon us —as with every living thing—require that we have a planned purpose for the unfoldment of goodness, if we would be given Providential strength and support. Those with no real purpose perish in their weakness.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

WE CAN'T SAY IT TOO OFTEN: never forget that many candidates who seek federal offices, plus their ardent supporters, are interested chiefly in what they can get out of being in public office. They realize, better than ever before, that the federal government is now in a position where it can and does loot the taxpayers of unnecessary billions of dollars every year; to be able to get some of this, directly or indirectly, is not being overlooked.

Due to general public anathy, plus no much of the public's willingness to be subsidized, the federal government boys and girls know they can tax and tax, spend and spend . . . and maybe elect and re-elect. If you believe you live in a country where the federal Constitution is still operating, you are living in a fool's paradise. The Executive branch of our government is really running the show; Congress and the Supreme Court generally serve as mere rubber stamps.

Much criticism is being made in the U. S. A. against the "Red Dean" of England's Canterbury cathedral, who recently accused the UN of loosing germs in the Korean war. Americans cannot understand why the "Red Dean" is allowed to remain in his high ecclesiastical office. The answer is not too difficult; England tolerates him just as our Truman administration allows Dean Acheson and other pro-pinko to remain in federal offices. What the "Red Dean" says isn't any worse than Acheson's "I will not turn my back on Alger Hiss", is our opinion.

Our State Dept. declares that the Voice of America from now on will be made a lot louder so that the Russian people may hear it. And funnier, too, we presume.

"At long last now I know why Chicago is called the Windy City", exclaimed a local oldtimer this week. "It's because they hold so many political conventions there."

Stranger than fiction is fact. This is again shown in the discovery in Detroit that one aged spinster, living her life in severe frugality, had accumulated wealth totaling nearly $400,000. Most of it was in cash and bonds, found in hide-away places in her home. She had not enjoyed her wealth, except perhaps as she secretly counted it from time to time. Now it will be divided among 11 cousins, after the state and federal governments get their huge slices.

Do you wonder why so many of today's adults pay so little attention to old-fashioned virtues? Generally speaking, little children who are not brought up in the environment of honesty, decency, forthrightness, proper morals, and so forth, seldom become stalwart good oldsters. If you wish to produce a good group of adults, start to do so when they are young. Sort of a trite thing to say, isn't it? But so true!

Kids Give Assist to Cops

Here's a new twist on the old game of "cops and robbers".

Monday three boys about 11 years old were seen sliding their bicycles down Pierce street about 50 feet ahead of a motorcycle policeman.

Here's the new twist. Their self-appointed job was to point out expired parking meters and to see that the cars parked in the space was promptly ticketed.

Are they salaried or commissioned?

Issue Election Handbook

An election handbook has been prepared by the Birmingham League if Women voters for distribution. By error the story of this booklet and its contents was included in another election report. It can be found under the heading "List Candidates", on page 3 of section 4.

A Bargain?

YOU BET!

And if you're searching for a real bargain, check The Eccentric's Want Ad Page. Whether you're buying or selling you'll find grand results coming quickly and plentifully, which makes the Want Ad a real bargain.

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Vote on Amendment Also To Affect Blm. Twp., Hills

Editor's Note: This is the last of two articles explaining the facts surrounding the city charter amendment on sewage disposal districts to appear on the Aug. 5 primary ballot. In keeping with The Eccentric's policy to more fully inform voters on issues affecting their city, this series is designed to describe generally the city's present sewage system and the improvements under study by city officials.

By NORMAN DOUGLAS

The City of Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield township have also been prodded by the Water Resources Commission to find a way to solve their sewage disposal problems—at least in that portion of their development that lies in the Rouge River drainage area.

Initial study on this question would tend to show that it would be economically unwise for both Bloomfield Hills and the township to construct and operate their own separate disposal plants.

The township and the City of Bloomfield Hills have until August, 1954 to submit plans on sewage treatment to the Water Resources Commission, and it will take that long, possibly, for the entire project to be studied thoroughly.

If the two entities decide to join Birmingham in sewage disposal, Birmingham will have to evaluate its investment in the disposal plant and what it would cost for building additions to handle the increased treatment.

LAST OF TWO ARTICLES

TO ARRIVE at a fair and equitable rate schedule should Bloomfield Hills and the township desire to contract for the treatment services, the city would have to appraise the plant's value and costs of operation, subtracting normal depreciation.

A second alternative would be to form an authority that would include the three governing bodies and turn ownership of the plant over to all participants. Birmingham then would demand a return of its investment or apply costs of the plant against disposal service charges.

Both the township and the Hills also are studying the feasibility of running sewer mains through Birmingham down to Detroit disposal facilities.

SOLUTIONS TO the treatment problem must be met by both the township and the Hills. Birmingham stands as the logical solution and might well actually benefit from the merger.

The release of the east side sewage and the enlargement of the present plant to admit other communities is actually the two parts of one problem. The problem of efficiently disposing of the city's wastes and at the same time protecting the Rouge River from further pollution.

"Actually," Birmingham City Manager Donald S. Egbert commented, "The State Board of Health would rather regulate a few large, properly operated sewage plants than have a raft of smaller plants in operation throughout the state."

EGBERT EXPLAINED that the city is just as interested in the problems of communities upstream on the Rouge as it is with the problems within its own corporate limits as far as the pollution question is concerned.

Problems of serving outlying areas have been a problem of the city for some time.

County drain extensions that run from the disposal plant on Cranbrook road extend west nearly to Telegraph road, serving a number of well-populated sections both north and south of Maple. It is estimated the 3½ miles is serviced by the "illegal" eight-inch Bloomfield drain.

The city has attempted to reach some agreement on payment for treating sewage brought into the plant through this drain. The courts, however, have ruled that these drains are really sewers and no action against the users has been allowed on the basis of this judgment.

IF BOTH the portion of Bloomfield Hills and the township in the Rouge River drainage area saw fit to use Birmingham's plant facilities, Egbert states that enlargement of the present plant would be a necessary and beneficial step.

In sewage disposal treatment, the larger the plant, the more efficient the operation, he explained.

"By serving these communities we would surmount a great part of the Rouge pollution problem and at the same time create more efficient disposal for city sewage," Egbert concluded.

But the voters will decide the course of action the city is to follow at the Aug. 5 primary. All the city needs to begin serious study of the sewage disposal problem is the authorization to join the SOC sewage district.

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Denyes Re-elected Plan Board Head

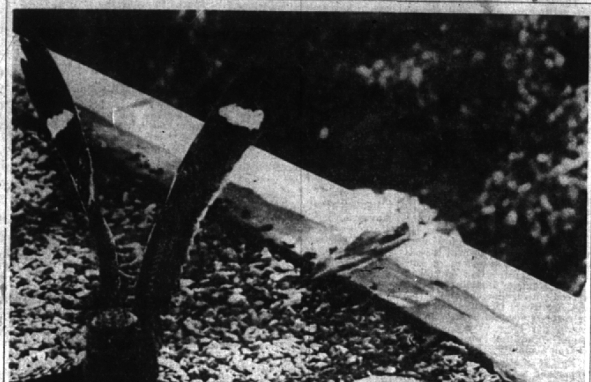
Harry M. Deynes, Jr., was re-elected chairman of the plan board Wednesday night when Board Member Bill Brown, deadlocked with Denyes on the first ballot, "released his delegates to Mr. Denyes."

Brown was named vice-chairman of the city planning body for the next term.

James Spencer, new member to the board, sat in on his first regular meeting of the group. A second newcomer, Peter Glossop, was not present at the meeting.

Another first was the presence of Robert Boatman, planning technician, at the meeting. The board found that they had a planning director they could lean on for advice.

Record Vote Is Expected Here In Next Tuesday's Primary Election



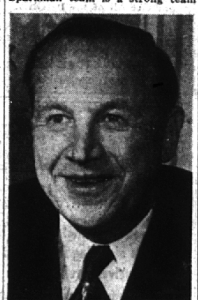
"MAMA DON'T WANT NO PHOTOGRAPHERS HERE." Mother nighthawk shows her indignation as the Eccentric staff photographer gets too close to her infant charges. She must have picked the top of the Birmingham Michigan Bell Telephone company's office building because of the similarity in colors of her young ones and the gravel roof. Whatever the reason, Mrs. Hawk keeps her vigil throughout these hot days on the sun-soaked roof. Chief Switchman K. Setter discovered the birds when he went to the roof-top Tuesday morning and believed the bird dead until she scampered after him. Circles locate little birds.

Former Gov. Van Wagoner Liked Democrat Convention

"I don't think I've ever enjoyed a convention as much or worked as hard as I did at this last one."

With these words, Murray D. VanWagoner, 175 Abbey, former Democratic governor of Michigan and a Michigan "delegate at large" to the recent National Democratic Convention summed up his impressions of the 1952 convention.

"Although I personally supported Sen. Estes Kefauver for the presidential nomination and was manager of the Senator's campaign in the state of Michigan, I still believe that the Stevenson-Sparkman team is a strong team for the Democratic party," he asserted.



MURRAY D. VanWAGONER

VanWAGONER STATED that the first and foremost job of the National convention was to find a president-vice-president combination that would unite the north and south.

"We at first contacted Senator Blair Moody, head of the platform committee, to make sure that Michigan-backed candidates would be sure to be placed in nomination."

The Michigan delegation watched intently as the Moody-formulated loyalty pledge was introduced to the convention.

"At the time we did not realize how important the result of this amendment would be to the presidential nomination," said VanWagoner. "Many of us felt that Governor Battle's reply to Sen. Moody's amendment was a fair response and we believed that the convention should take the Virginia Governor's word that Virginia would comply with the spirit of the amendment, even though they felt they couldn't sign the pledge.

"PRENTISS M. BROWN, former Michigan Democratic U. S. Senator and I both wanted to accept this verbal promise to support the convention's choice but Moody opposed the seating of the three states, Virginia, Louisiana and South Carolina until they signed the pledge.

"In our first caucus the delegates gave 20½ votes of our 40 total to Sen. Kefauver, giving the Senator the entire vote of the Michigan delegation under the unit rule.

"Tennessee, realizing that Michigan was backing their candidate, also voted against the seating of the three states, and this, I believe was a severe blow to Kefauver's chances for the nomination.

"In our first caucus the delegates gave 20½ votes of our 40 total to Kefauver, giving the Senator the entire vote of the Michigan delegation under the unit rule," continued VanWagoner.

"I REPEAT THAT Stevenson will be a good candidate in the coming election. He has a good sense of humor and his sincerity will appeal to the voters.

"Sparkman, as a liberal representative of the south, was as good a candidate as the convention could have picked as Stevenson's running mate."

VanWagoner summed up his impressions by stating that the convention was an enjoyable one, full of humorous incidents and hard work.

Ireland Asserts Schools Filled To Capacity

Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of the Birmingham Public Schools, this week stated that with the opening of the Birmingham schools in September, every available facility will be used.

"There is simply no more room to house students," Ireland said. "After this fall something must be done to increase the present facilities."

Ireland said that the board of education has been working on the problem and some plan of action will be announced in the near future.

"I am satisfied with the present program of remodeling and improving present school buildings," Ireland said, "but we will definitely have to do something about next year; we have reached the end of our present available resources."

City Advertises For Collections

The city commission Monday night authorized City Manager Donald C. Egbert to advertise for bids on garbage collections for the 1953 calendar year.

Egbert had recommended the early taking of bids so that all contractual agreements could be completed before the new year collections are started.

after 5 p.m. each Tuesday.

Want ads cannot be accepted

Franklin Village Loses Favorite Citizen — "Carlo"

There is a familiar figure missing from the Franklin Village scene. Old Carlo, known to young and old, loved by most, is dead.

Carlo was the big black Newfoundland who, since he was only a little guy, has let the W. C. Hinman family, of Wellington road, live with him and minister to his needs. Through the years a strong mutual devotion developed and today the family mourns the loss of a grand old dog.

The big black dog gradually, through his 12 years, became a village character.

Adults he treated as his equals. A dignified wave or two of his heavy tail, a passing glance, and Carlo went his way.

Children—well they were something special to Carlo. He let the little ones substitute him for a pony, and many a Franklin boy and girl can recall the rides on his big, broad back. Carlo was uncomplaining about careless slaps or digs. Nor did he ever object when small fingers sent little stabs of hurt through him as they pulled ears, tail or hair.

FOR SOME time he has been the bus escort for the youngsters, pacing heavily beside them as they trudged to the school bus in the morning. Afternoons saw him waiting patiently, tail awave, when the bus brought them back from school.

Carlo has his little social circle, too. The postoffice and stores were almost sure of a daily visit. Certain of the neighbors, especially those with small children, knew Carlo would be around several times a week.

His only bid to notoriety came some several years ago when Southfield township dog warden, not familiar with Franklin, saw Carlo wandering around the streets and tried to pick him up.

Carlo, being the gentleman that he was, made no effort to resist arrest. He, with all his inborn dignity, permitted the warden to take him to the truck and start to put him in. To Carlo's delight and the warden's chagrin, the dog was just too big. He wouldn't fit in the truck. Carlo was a free agent, free to continue his friendly tours of the village, to greet the newcomer and to go on being the good friend of everyone in town.

Carlo is gone . . . but not forgotten!

Flying Saucer? Local GOC Man Says 'Maybe'

Flying saucers? Strange 'things' in the sky? Yes, Birmingham has them, too.

Floyd (Red) Doherty, 1011 Kennesaw, member of the Birmingham Ground Observers Corps, spotted a "something" during his watch Sunday night.

He said he noticed the peculiar light and odd flight pattern but thought little of it until reading reports from Washington in Monday's daily papers.

Local "Y" Secretary School Pal of "Adlai"

To one familiar Birmingham face, members of the Adlai Stevenson family are not strangers. Edwin Kirbert, executive secretary of the Birmingham YMCA. Among the youth in his Chicago Latin School for boys was Adlai, Jr., who, Kirbert recalls, was about 12 years old at that time. Kirbert became acquainted with the Democratic presidential candidate and came to know the entire family.

Absent Voters' Ballots

Written applications for absent voter's ballots for those people who will be out of the city or those physically unable to go to the polls must be in the hands of the city clerk by 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2. Each application must be signed by the individual wishing to vote; not by a member of his or her family.

Mayor Beier Explains Proposed Amendment

"There appears to be two solutions to Birmingham's sewage disposal problem. One involves treatment of all of our sewage supply with facilities owned by the city of Birmingham. The other treatment of this problem involves treatment of a portion of our sewage supply with facilities owned jointly with some neighboring municipality.

"Present indications are that the latter solution may be the most satisfactory and economical; however, under the present charter provision we cannot with authority join that formed by our neighbors, and we will not be permitted to join with them until our charter is amended as proposed.

"The proposed amendment is identical to the provision in the charter of 10 or more of our neighboring municipalities. and its passage gives the city a choice of solutions to the problem which it will not have if the proposal should be defeated."

MRS. HART

Two Local Women Enjoy Political Meet in Chicago

"I am thoroughly delighted with the candidates who were nominated by the Democratic convention," declared Mrs. Philip A. Hart, 577 Westwood, when she returned to Birmingham after attending the Democratic National Convention as an observer. She is the wife of Phillip A. Hart, recently appointed U. S. District Attorney for Detroit.

"The moment I arrived in Chicago and learned that Gov. Adlai Stevenson would accept a real draft, it was my fondest hope that he would be nominated."

This was the first national convention ever attended by Mrs. Hart, who described it as an enlightening and exciting experience.

"Anne Garrison (who also was a 'guest' of the convention) and I agree that the delegates certainly took their duties seriously," Mrs. Hart said. "They attended all the caucuses and sessions and were always alert to the business of the convention regardless of how fatigued they were."

"WE HAVE BOTH also extremely impressed," she said, "with the fact that there was an overwhelming number of young people who were there for the very serious purpose of nominating a candidate for the President of the United States. After hearing their conversations, it is apparent that these young people are thoroughly aware of the issues of the day and have a great deal of knowledge concerning them."

"I have to mention," Mrs. Hart continued, "with what pleasure I looked upon and listened to the Democratic women who spoke at the convention. They were all attractive to the eye and their voices were pitched at a comfortably lis-

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Opposition To Charter Proposal

City commissioners who called a public hearing on the proposed charter amendment Monday night found that the public wanted to be heard . . . at least a portion of the public.

A session to rapidly outline the underlying factors behind the city's wish to join the Southeastern Oakland County Sewage Disposal district met with a wave of opposition from the audience and forced a two-hour battle of the pros and cons of the amendment.

When members of the audience found that there were no established figures on the cost of joining the SOC district and no figures on the cost of enlarging Birmingham's present plant to accommodate all city sewage, they challenged the thinking of the commission.

GEORGE MULLIN, 1420 Buckingham, asked whether the city could better handle sewage if Bloomfield Village was forced to dispose of its sewage elsewhere.

"Why should we give the city a blank check to spend any amount to help other communities?", Mullin stated.

Larry Nelson, 505 Pierce, stated that there were two questions involved. "The trend in government is to preclude the rights of the people. Why should we transfer our rights to a few commissioners?" Nelson stated.

(Under the terms stipulated by the SOC district, Birmingham's charter amendment would give the commission the power to join any and all authorities for the purpose of handling sewage disposal.)

"Secondly," Nelson further went on, "You have given us too little time to discuss the proposed amendment. Even at this public hearing we cannot stop the amendment from reaching the people. The charter change is already on the ballot."

COMMISSIONER RALPH A. MAIN countered the arguments of Nelson and Quinn by stating that the city was attempting to solve a problem in the most economical way. "Sewage can be handled at less cost by Detroit".

"We have no need to go to the people to spend large sums of money in constructing additions to our own plant, that right is already vested in us under the revenue bond method of financing," Main said.

"Here is a project that we believe will serve the eastern part of the city satisfactorily and result in a saving to the city," Main continued.

Mayor Dean G. Beier explained to the audience that the east side of the city was geographically in the Clinton drainage area.

"It certainly is cheaper to let the sewage follow a gravitational flow into the SOC district than to maintain pumping stations as we are doing now to transport sewage. The proposed amendment is identical to the provision in the charter of 10 or more of our neighboring municipalities. and its passage gives the city a choice of solutions to the problem which it will not have if the proposal should be defeated."

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12,000 Are Eligible To Vote Aug. 5

By NORMAN DOUGLAS

Over 12,000 Birmingham residents have expressed their desire to go to the polls Tuesday, Aug. 5, and cast their ballots in the primary election. City officials wonder just how many will make the trip.

The record registration is expected to tax the efforts of the election board members who will attempt to cope with 3,000 more people than were registered for the April election.

ON THE REPUBLICAN slate, voters will have a varied choice when they make their selections for the state offices of governor, state senator, lieutenant-governor and state representatives in the first district.

Washington-wise, electors will name their men for U. S. representative and U. S. senator.

On the county scene will be the offices of prosecuting attorney, sheriff, clerk, treasurer, register of deeds, drain commissioner, surveyor and delegates to the county conventions.

Only one proposal will be put before the people. This is a charter amendment provision to authorize the city to join and operate within a sewage disposal district for the disposal of sanitary and storm flow sewage.

THREE CANDIDATES will seek the Republican primary nod as governor, They are Lt. Governor William C. Vandenberg of Holland, Secretary of State Fred M. Alger, Jr., and Donald S. Leonard, former Michigan state police commissioner.

Governor G. Mennan Williams will have no opposition on the Democratic ticket.

Lieutenant-Governor nominees seeking the bid are State Senator Clarence A. Reid, Harry Henderson of Franklin Hills, former Liquor Control Commissioner; George A. Welsh, former mayor of Grand Rapids; and David E. Young, former state representative. All are Republicans.

DEMOCRATIC HOPEFUL for the post is John W. Connolly, of Detroit.

Republican state senator aspirants are incumbent George N. Higgins and Richard D. Kuhn. Leonard D. Bennett is the lone Democratic candidate.

Republican Howard R. Estes and Democrat Marvin W. Kuschinsky will oppose each other in the state representative race from the third or Birmingham district.

In the U. S. senate race as Republicans will be Charles E. Potter, congressman from the 11th district; Auditor-General John B. Martin, Jr., Dr. Eugene C. Keyes, former lieut-governor; and Clifford Prevost, secretary to Detroit's mayor, Albert Cobo.

Democrats offer the present appointee to the office left vacant by the death of Sen. Arthur C. Vandenberg, Sen. Blair Moody and also Louis Schwinger.

THIS U. S. SENATE post is an important one for the voter to watch. The names of Moody, Pot-

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STRICTLY FRESH

It's tough on presidential candidates. They have to have a farm program to cover every acre, including the "wise" ones.

The vacation season soon draws to a close and so do the bank accounts.

The marriage rate for 1951 was the lowest since 1938 and the divorce rate has dropped. Sounds

like TV at work, keeping both husbands and prospective suitors home.

Mrs. O'Leary's cow warmed up Chicago. The elephants and donkeys were prevented from it only by the grace of air conditioning.

Now that both parties have nominated the "next president" we'll have to build another White House.