There are persons who are louder of what goes into their stomachs than what goes into their minds. They no doubt represent, on the average, that period of mankind when it began to live to eat . . rather than eat to live. The Pig Epoch.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

FDR, the USA, and Yalta

Signing himself "A new and disappointed subscriber of The Birmingham Eccentric," a local chap criticized a bit of comment I published in this column May 22, titled: "Reaping the Whirlwind."

In that brief piece I lamented the manner in which the late FDR allowed the U.S.A. to get the short end of the deal at Yalta with Joe Stalin. I commented on Roosevelt's agreement to give Russia half of Berlin, plus much of Germany around it, thus creating "a veritable sea of Communism around that area of Berlin held by the U.S.A., Britain and France."

In my verbal flaying of FDR, I called him ". . . an arrogant, conceited and dictatorial-minded former President . . .": and I added: "The good (he) sought is far eclipsed by the disasters he made possible, that have and will continue to visit mankind—in the opinion of millions who are left to bear the burdens."

MY LOCAL CRITIC subscriber really takes me to task. He stated that from the tone of my comment I must have been at Yalta or know someone who was. Since I wasn't, he suggests that I ought to get my facts first before writing on the subject.

And my critic concludes his letter by writing: "In my opinion, if you knew your business as well as the former President referred to above knew his, I doubt very seriously whether you would write your dirty slanderous editorials on page one."

Well, Dear Critical Subscriber, I'm glad you wrote me your brief letter—though I'd much better value it with your name attached. I think it is good for every editor, as often as necessary, to receive the kind of letter you wrote. It sort of sets him up from slumping over a typewriter, rousing him to the fact that what he writes isn't necessarily what everybody may agree with.

I DON'T KNOW who you are, or what your status in life may be. I can't even tell, from your letter, whether you are a man or a woman.

I must guess that you are an admirer of the late FDR; that perhaps you are a New-Fair Deal Democrat. And, bless you, you have a right to be just that . . . and I'm for your right to be what you want to be, too!

As for me, I'm just an average American trying to get along in a world that, somehow, has become strangely upset during my own life-time. As you may realize, being in this business for nigh onto 35 years, I've had more than an ordinary opportunity to study government, politics, and politicians.

Indeed, I have no personal illusions about most people in public office. To me they are no better, perhaps no worse, than a cross-section of people outside government.

BUT TO GET BACK to that Yalta comment. No, I wasn't there, but I've read some about it.

According to my information, Stalin got from both Roosevelt and Churchill most of what he wanted. Our own leaders argue that the agreement was fair, reasonable, and depended, of course, upon all signatories carrying out their obligations.

Russia, right from the start, welched; indeed, went contrary to the terms of the agreement. Result: the mess we and other free nations now are in.

Who is to blame? Our Leaders, naturally. They had knowledge of the methods of Stalin and Russian Communism, with its savage practices both in and outside Russia. Facts reveal that the word of the Kremlin was not worth the paper it was written upon.

If FDR didn't know this, then he had poor and/or evil advisors. But he did know it . . . yet was willing to take the chance that Russia would fail to measure up to decency in the situation.

THERE ARE THOSE who argue that Yalta was necessary; that it put Russia "on the spot"; that if she failed to live up to it, then she would thus publish to the whole free world her true nature

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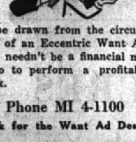

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WM. SPENCE

MRS. PARNIE

Parnie, Spence Win Places on B of E

Only 1,290 of the estimated 18,000 registered voters in the Birmingham school district, or about seven per cent, went to the polls Monday to elect two members to the board of education.

Elaine Helmer Parnie, seeking office for the first time, led the field of four candidates in one of the closest elections the district has recorded. She becomes the second woman on the board, Mrs. Olga Sappington already being a member.

HER 785 VOTES placed her only 29 votes ahead of William Spence, who was reelected to the board with 756 votes. Ross S. Campbell, who lost in his bid for reelection, was in third place with 746 votes.

John E. Williams, 1791 Villa, a write-in candidate, polled a total of 91 votes.

Balloting by precincts was:

Precinct	1 Adams	2 Quarton	3 Barnum	4 Pierce	5 Franklin	6 Bloomfield Village	7 Walnut Lake	Total
Elaine H. Parnie	242	283	66	114	32	35	13	785
William Spence	230	180	126	144	34	22	20	756
Ross S. Campbell	196	244	81	113	53	39	20	746
John E. Williams	24	17	36	13	0	0	1	91

Drive Brings 500 In to Register

"You can't vote."

That's the message the Birmingham Republican committee is bringing almost 2,000 Birmingham citizens this week.

They can't vote because they aren't registered.

Or, rather, they weren't.

For as the GOP committee's registration drive swings toward its climax Saturday noon, City Clerk Irene Hanley reports a steady flow of eligible voters coming to her office to make sure they can vote.

Since the drive began last week, Miss Hanley credits the committee with about 500 new registrations.

BY THE TIME the drive ends, Committee Chairman Richard C. Van Dusen expects to have cut the list of eligible but unregistered voters in Birmingham in half—from 2,000 to 1,000.

"And between Saturday and July 7," he said, "our block workers, lieutenants and precinct captains will do everything they can to get all 11,500 eligible voters registered."

July 7 is the final day for registering for the Aug. 5 primaries.

The drive got off to a noisy and noticeable start Saturday as a four-car motorcade toured 30 miles of Birmingham's streets proclaiming the drive from signs and a sound car.

Signs sprang up in store windows shouting in red and black letters: "If you're not registered, you can't vote."

AND THROUGHOUT the week more than 400 block workers have rung doorbells to urge lazy voters into becoming active voters.

If you think just by not registering this week they won't bother you any more, you've another guess coming.

In card files, which you are helping complete, you've got a card. Or, if you haven't, you're a target. They will know if you are registered after this week: for the GOP committee will have a complete list of every registered voter.

So if you aren't registered, you'll hear about it again and again before July 7.

THE WORK of the committee is catching, too.

John W. Eden and Charles T. Maloney, candidates for precinct delegates to the GOP convention from Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield township's first precinct respectively, also are working on a registration program.

Their area will cover all of Bloomfield Hills and most of Bloomfield township.

The Birmingham committee will appear tonight in the League of Women Voters candidates' parade.

And they'll bring their efforts to a climax with a morning long tour of the city again Saturday, with sound truck blaring.

Miss Hanley's office will be open until noon.

So if you haven't registered yet, do it now. Don't be embarrassed. Better to blush and cast your ballot than to do neither.

MRS. PAUL B. LILLIS | CARRIE CARTER | IRENE E. HANLEY

Residents join in the rush to have their voice in government. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Parade at 7:30 Leads Off Tonight's Torchlight Rally

WINNIE COFFIN | HOWARD COFFIN | POLICE CHIEF RALPH W. MOXLEY

Keystone cops show "boss" proper way to protect the people's vote. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Rec Program Offers Play For Everyone

A normal child is apt to become frustrated if he or she attempts to compete in every activity the Birmingham recreation department plans for the coming summer.

One glance at the schedule of baseball, rifle range, music, tennis, radio, crafts, swimming, golf, and the many playground activities and many youngsters may find themselves in a quandary as to what sport is their favorite . . . or maybe they'll try them all.

Playground activities will open on Tuesday morning June 24, at 9 a.m. The swimming pool will open one day earlier on Monday, June 23, at 12:45 p.m.

A DAILY baseball school, Monday through Friday, will be conducted at St. James field under the direction of John Petrakis.

Recreation Director Frank Whitney said that the school will stress the "basic fundamentals of baseball", and instruction will be the theme rather than competitive play.

The rifle range will be open to both boys and girls between 9 a.m. and 12 noon daily at the police range, near Cranbrook and Lincoln. No one under nine years of age may take this rifle instruction.

A complete musical program is scheduled by Arnold Berndt at the Barnum Junior high school every morning. The program will include band and orchestra instruction for both beginners and advanced students. Drum majoring will also be featured.

A TENNIS SCHOOL will be held at the Hill school each week day morning for beginning players and those who wish to improve their games. Several tournaments are being planned for both boy and girl participants. The courts will be under the direction of Pat Price.

The radio workshop will present 16 broadcasts over a local station during the summer. The class will meet every morning in the Barnum radio room at 9 a.m. Mrs. Monzelle Clark is the instructor.

Sue Halsted will handle the crafts classes at Barnum every afternoon from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. The course is aimed at the beginning shop worker.

Barnum pool will be opened to swimmers every afternoon from 12:45 p.m. until 5 p.m. with Jay Meyers as instructor. A schedule of classes will be announced later for this program.

TENTATIVE PLANS call for a golf school at Springdale golf course. George Baldwin, instructor, has planned one major tournament.

After supper baseball will be a part of the recreation program daily with Coach Hugh Lovelace in attendance.

In charge of the morning playgrounds will be Sue Halsted at Quarton, Maria Kissing and Ann Finkenauer at Pierce, and Judy Tuttle at Adams. Afternoon playgrounds will be handled by Lewis Perry at Barnum.

Two all-day playgrounds under the direction of Mary Ann Hatos and Joan Schafer will be at Pembroke Park and Torry.

Plans as yet are not completed for adult recreation, but at least one night will be set aside each week for parents and children to join in family recreation.

Youth Sent Back To Ohio Following Fight at School

Police were called to Barnum junior high school last Thursday noon to put a stop to a teen-age gang fight between students and a group of boys who admitted to authorities that they had planned the fracas.

Six of the seven boys taken in for questioning were released to their parents after being told by police to keep away from the school area.

The seventh boy was turned over to Oakland county juvenile authorities and later returned to Ohio where he was wanted for parole violation on charges of auto theft.

LT. HENRY TIMM of the Birmingham police department, said the boys, ranging in age from 14 to 16, were not attending school and had been visiting the area at noon, trying to pick fights. The one youth, he said, was threatening students with a switch-blade knife and admitted that he would have used it had it not been taken from him by force.

He said that several of the boys received bloody noses in the fight and that one suffered a split lip.

Police Chief Ralph Moxley said a close watch would be kept on the school by members of the department to guard against further outbreaks of this kind.

State Official Gets Police Aid To Rout 'Crowd'

The average politician is quite used to attracting a group of followers wherever he goes. In fact, the average politician feels that without these followers he is a failure.

However, there comes a time for politicians when they wish with all their hearts that the followers would turn around and go away.

Such was the case of Birmingham's own State Representative Howard Estes one day last week. Because of these followers Rep. Estes and his wife had police and neighbors congregated around their home at 492 Rivenoak.

THE FAMILY suddenly discovered that a swarm of bees had moved in on them. Some had already invaded the living room while many of their cohorts prowled around the fireplace chimney.

Mrs. Estes, known to many for her graciousness, came to the conclusion that enough is enough and this was too much.

When the eviction proceedings were started, it was found that the Queen had perched herself high in a tree and all others refused as loyal bees will, to shove off and leave Her Majesty behind.

Police and a "bee man" conferred and finally persuaded Her Majesty that it was time she took up her journey again. The loyal followers went along, too. Peace reigned again on Rivenoak.

Building Shows Slight Increase in Past Month

Building in Birmingham took an upward swing in May when 97 permits were issued as compared to 84 the previous month. The cost of the new construction is estimated at $653,275, with an additional $9,990 being spent on alterations to present buildings.

April figures showed 84 permits issued with construction to cost $495,015.

New residents will include 49 single family dwellings; 33 private garages; 1 two-family dwelling and 1 business building. One business place and 11 single family residences were listed for alterations.

During the same period last year permit totals were 115 at a $945,889.

MRS. GARRISON

Legislature Goal Of Mrs. Garrison

Mrs. Anne Garrison, Franklin, has announced her candidacy for the Democratic nomination to the state legislature in the Third District.

This will be her second bid for state political office. In 1950 she opposed Howard R. Estes for the legislature in the Fourth District. Mrs. Garrison was living in Birmingham at the time.

Mrs. Garrison has been president of the Birmingham League of Women Voters and vice-president of the same state organization. She has also been a state vice-president of the Foreign Policy Association.

She will oppose Democrat Harold Murphy in the Aug. 5 primary.

Ground Broken Monday For New Catholic Church

Ground was broken Monday on South Pierce for the new Catholic church, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. The building will be located two blocks south of 14 Mile road.

The Rev. Lucian Hebert, pastor, said plans were underway for the cornerstone laying ceremonies July 6.

NSC Official To Speak Here At Award Dinner

Birmingham's traffic safety record will be the theme of a dinner meeting June 17 at the Community House. The affair is under the sponsorship of the Citizens Traffic Safety Committee, headed by J. M. Ball, president.

Principal speaker will be Tom A. Burke, National Safety Council director of programs for community safety councils.

Birmingham tied for second place in the National Traffic contest and was cited for its outstanding accident record reports.

IN ADDITION, the City has received an honorable mention in the annual competition for awards presented by the International Association of Chiefs of Police for outstanding work in the traffic law enforcement field.

The awards will be presented at the dinner by Fred Ziem, chief assistant prosecuting attorney for Oakland county and by the guest speaker.

Members of the Birmingham council will have as their guests city officials, several of the school's outstanding patrol boys, organizational representatives and members of the press.

J. M. Ball will be toastmaster. General chairman of the affair is Charles Ingraham.

BURKE, a native of Iowa, was NSC publicity director from 1928-38, leaving that office to become associated with Lowell Thomas, radio newsman for three years.

In 1941 he was named executive vice-president of the Greater New York Safety Council. He returned to the national council in 1944 and has since contributed greatly to the growth and progress of several hundred community councils.

He is also special guest lecturer at Northwestern University Traffic institute, Evanston, Ill., and the Southern Police institute, University of Louisville.

With 84th In Korea

Pvt. Leonard Bozian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bozian, 28540 Northwestern, Southfield township, recently arrived in Korea for assignment with the 84th Engineer Construction Battalion. He entered the Army in May, 1951.

'To Honor New Voters At Party

Culminating weeks of preparation, an old-fashioned, torchlight political parade will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m., followed by a politically rally at the rear of Hill school and a special "birthday party" for first time voters at St. James church parlors immediately after the rally.

All three events are being staged by the local League of Women Voters with the cooperation of various community organizations.

Irene Hanley, Birmingham's city clerk and Mrs. Fannie Adams, clerk of Southfield Township will be at the Municipal building from 10-4 p.m. to register voters.

"One of the purposes of our organization is to stimulate voting and to get people to know their candidates," said Mrs. John Rumsey, voters service chairman of the LWV. "That is why we are putting on the political parade and rally tonight. It seems appalling, but in the 1948 primary election, only 26.6% of the registered voters in Birmingham voted."

THE LINE-UP for the political parade is scheduled as follows:

American Legion Color Guard

Mayor Dean Beier and Chief of Police Ralph Moxley in a victoria drawn by a team of matched blacks.

Fire Chief Verne Griffith in Birmingham's 30-year-old fire engine.

Birmingham High School Band

County party Chairman, riding in old car.

Boy Scout Color Guard. Explorers, Troop B-4

Republican candidates flanked by boy scouts with placards. Troop B-4.

Republican precinct delegates with torches and boy scouts with registration banner. Troop B-1.

D.A.R. float.

St. Dunstan's float.

JUNIOR LEAGUE of Birmingham float.

University of Michigan Alumnae float.

Boy scouts with banner. Franklin Troop.

Girl Scout Color Guard.

Democratic candidates flanked by boy scouts with placards. Troop B-4.

Democratic precinct delegates with torches and boy scouts with voting banner. Troop B-1.

Non-partisan Circuit Court commissioners riding in old car.

Antique autos.

A.A.U.W. float.

Junior Chamber of Commerce float.

OAKLAND COUNTY Sheriff's posse, in uniforms, riding horses.

American Legion 40 & 8 locomotive and amphibious duck.

Kiwanis float.

League of Women Voters of Birmingham float.

Politician's Baby float

Wayne County Drum and Bugle Corps.

Boy scouts with voting banner. Franklin troop.

THE ROUTE of the parade will follow along these streets: Starting at Chester and Martin; east on Martin to Bates; south on Bates to Brown; east on Brown to Woodward; north on Woodward to Maple; west on Maple to Chester and south on Chester to the rear of Hill school.

The political rally will begin immediately after the parade.

In case of rain, the rally will be held in Baldwin school gymnasium.

Caterpillar Invasion Is Happening Here

By KAY REED

If you haven't met up with the tent caterpillar yet, the chances are that you may before the summer is over. For this pest of forest, shade and ornamental trees is at the peak of a three or four-year cycle in Oakland County.

Northern areas of the county may be termed infested whereas concentrations in the Birmingham-Bloomfield region are still fairly isolated.

However, unless precautions are taken while still a comparatively simple job, Oakland County could face an invasion similar to the situation which exists in Minnesota and some parts of the Upper Peninsula where the mass of moving insects is three inches deep.

THE ALARM was sounded simultaneously last week by members of the Birmingham branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, and by William R. Lebold, Birmingham city forester.

Members of the Garden club have sighted the pest in the region around Cranbrook road and 14 Mile road, and along Woodward avenue near Lone Pine road.

Lebold states that the tent caterpillar is quite numerous in undeveloped "fringe areas" which abound in wild cherry and scrub apple trees.

He is not aware of any damage yet to good shade trees, but points out that once the foliage of the wild shrubs is exhausted, the shade trees will be in peril.

Lebold added that recurrent stripping of the foliage can cause permanent damage.

THE TENT CATERPILLAR web, built only in the spring, is usually at the crotch of branches. Egg masses are found on twigs.

Lebold recommends three methods of controlling and eliminating the pests. He advises the cutting and burning of worthless trees which the worms thrive on. Egg masses should be collected and destroyed during the winter.

Infected areas should be sprayed heavily with DDT or a lead arsenate solution.

Proportions advised by Lebold for DDT are two to three pounds of 50% wettable powder to a hundred gallons of water.

Lead arsenate should be mixed with four pounds to 100 gallons of water or three tablespoons to one gallon.

THESE SPRAYS may also be used to combat cankerworms which infest elm, apple, oak, cherry and maple leaves. They generally have a greenish cast but Lebold has observed them in yellow and black.

They are particularly drawn to Birmingham because of the large concentration of elm trees. Unlike the tent caterpillar which follows a cycle, the cankerworm is an annual threat.

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