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WATER AND THAT

By G.R.A.

Precious Water Supply

That old saying: "You never miss the water until the well goes dry" is being brought to our mind as local and nearby communities (including Detroit) cut down the use of water because of the long dry spell.

It also reminds me of a time, more than 25 years ago, when there was a water shortage in Birmingham. The population placed too great a demand on the old steam pump that was located on West Maple, exactly opposite Baldwin avenue.

Water became so scarce one summer that when a fire broke out on Pierce street, at either the corner of Merrill or Towson, there was no water to get from the nearest fire plug for the old chemical truck which was the village's only fire equipment.

'Ike', a Natural Leader

PERSONALLY, I very much like the native roughness of General Eisenhower. His recent Detroit speech, shown on TV, revealed an American warrior, honest, intelligence, and extreme loyalty to his concepts of a free and sound life.

I BELIEVE that, though Senator Taft possesses more knowledge of government, the problems and suggested solutions than does "Ike" right now, the latter is the better man to lead.

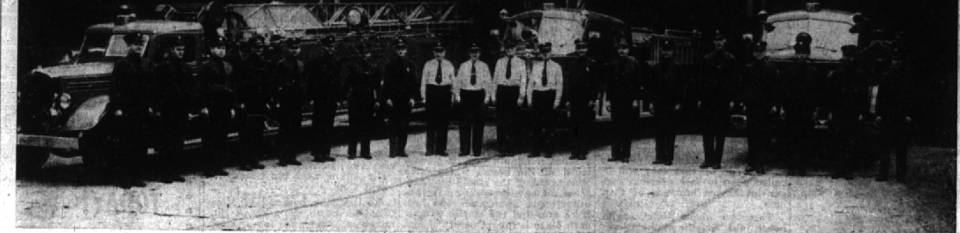
Most people who have watched and studied the proceedings of Ohio's Senator Taft must feel, admit that he is an able and honest public official. Some of his personal characteristics may dispel many of us.

"The FIRE was had one—an oil-type water heater exploded in a home on Brown street. We took a young girl to the hospital who had been badly injured. Her leg was removed but she could be saved.

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BIRMINGHAM'S PRESENT PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT LINED UP THIS WEEK IN FRONT OF ITS THREE MAJOR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT

Paid Fire Dept. Is 25 Years Old

Birmingham's paid fire department will note its 25th anniversary on Tuesday, July 1.

On that July 1, 1927, four men and one truck took up their headquarters at the southeast corner of E. Maple and Woodward—and the last became part of the then village's budget for the first time.

"Old timers" like to recall that there was little chance for a fire here, especially if you had plenty of company, and sleep sometimes was difficult for the night shift.

MEMBERS of the early department like to recall the "hot lines" which July Fourth used to bring to Birmingham. Noise and numerous small fires were the order of the day.

After a year of joint tenancy with the dignity of the library and the non-dignified jail and dog pound, the fire department took up temporary quarters on Brown street.

TO BETTER their department, they have learned as much first aid as possible. Today they are equipped and trained to pinch hit in many an emergency unit.

There is a little worry that registration will be a crowded last minute affair in Birmingham this year. Not because of disinterested but because over 95% of the eligible voters already have registered.

Miss Irene Hanley, Birmingham city clerk, Tuesday revealed that 11,000 out of an estimated 11,500 persons eligible, have registered.

Her records show that on May 27, there were 9,724 persons registered. Since that time over 1,273 have registered, an average of nearly 40 a day.

THIS IS IN PART due to the recent vigorous campaign to get all voters registered plus general motivating interest in the coming primary and general fall elections.

Miss Hanley's office will be open for registration 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. on June 30th. On the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of July the office will be open from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. The last day for registration will be July 7, from 8:00 a.m.-9:00 P.M.

Rec Program Facilities Are Swamped

All recreational facilities offered in the summer recreation program were swamped by Birmingham youth at the start of the first week of activities, according to Athletic Director Frank Whitney.

YOUNGERS interested in golf may play Mondays and Tuesdays at Spruill Park at half the green fee if they purchase their tickets at the recreation office in the Hill school.

TO LEAD LIONS For Coming Year
Dr. A. L. McNaughton was elected president of the Birmingham Lions Club at a special meeting Tuesday evening.

Farm Teams Slated For Little League
Farm teams of the Little League were reorganized this week under the newly-appointed farm system president, Nick Nickel.

THESE MEMBERS were awarded special pins for long time perfect attendance pins for the past year: Robert B. Bender, C. W. Blenman, Emerson Brown, James Kelly, Donald L. Cummings, Claude Morrow, Walter Moreland, Raymond Pack.

THE NEW TEAMS will play one game a week with another farm club and will hold one practice a week. Torry, Howard and Pierce fields will be used in a round robin being planned.

B'ham Gun Club Getting Its New Location Ready
Construction is under way on the new site of the Birmingham Gun Club, with new operations there with a farewell shoot on July 4.

EARLY COPY NEXT WEEK PLEASE
Because of the July 4th holiday, The Birmingham Eccentric will be closed all day Friday and Saturday, July 4 and 5.

STRICTLY FRESH
A SOLDIER in England forged his own certificate of identity to get out of the army. The boy was dead serious about it.

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Water Supply Meets Demand, Says Griffith

The tentative draft of the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority's articles of incorporation were received by Birmingham commissioners Monday night.

MEANWHILE, Birmingham's supply is "successfully meeting the demands of the city's fire on the part of the residents to cooperate with the city's request to control the use of water," Griffith continued.

STAFF CHIEF In Europe
One of the proudest steps-fathers in this area is Charles H. Ayers, 1516 West Lincoln.

CHURCH PURCHASES Coryell Property
Purchase of four lots from the Coryell estate, at the southeast corner of W. Maple and Arlington roads, by the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Birmingham, was announced this week.

EDWARD WILLIAMS
Williams was decorated many times while serving with Gen. Patton whom he considered a close friend.

BICYCLE RIDERS May Face Court
Police Chief Ralph Moxley faced with three injury accidents among youngsters riding bicycles carelessly on city streets, warns parents that a regular bicycle court will be held by Lt. Henry Moxley for cyclist offenders of traffic laws.

FLORIDA
If the potato shortage in this country continues much longer Ireland will have to raise its immigration quota for Americans.

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Eccentric Gets National Award

The Eccentric has been awarded an honorable mention in the suburban weekly division by the National Editors Association. It was announced this week.

Library Raises Non-Resident Fees

Out-of-town patrons of Baldwin Public Library are being notified of an increase in fees, effective July 1.

NEW CITY TREES Must Be Watered, Urges Manager
Get out the garden hose, take down the sprinkling can, or set up the bucket brigade.

BLOOMFIELD CRASH Kills Detroit
Jacqueline C. Hickey, age 21, Detroit, died Sunday from injuries suffered in a traffic accident Saturday on Woodward near Chesterfield, Bloomfield Hills.

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