

People who, early in life, learn that a moral law exists, and that compliance with this law assures one his best portion of happiness, are on the high road to earthly and available Utopia. For violation of moral law builds its own prison.

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US and THAT

By G. R. A.

NO LAWS NEEDED TO LIMIT POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS

It is sort of amusing—were it not potentially so tragic—to read some of the proposals to limit the American newspaper editorial writers who, commenting on the tireless length of the recent Presidential campaign, are suggesting that Congress place a legal limitation on the length of campaigns. They argue that both the candidates and the public become weary of the whole procedure.

To be sure, campaigns can run too long to sustain the public interest. They can tire the mentally and physically the candidates. So what?

In a nation that boasts a free press and free speech, just why should those who oppose totalitarianism urge that laws be enacted to limit the time of candidates to argue their cases before the public?

THIS NEW situation, of course, comes about largely because the newest communications media, TV, makes more intimate both the candidates and what they have to say. Therefore, argue the editors, why not put a law to limit them . . . and thus create campaigns that are both interesting and entertaining?

Ah, what strange creatures are some people . . . especially those who, through actual ignorance or selfishness or mere academic ideas for something which, in all other directions, they consistently oppose.

The U. S. Constitution opens the way for freedom to think; and this, in turn, requires the opportunity to give expression to the thinking. No limitation is placed upon time for thinking—why should it be placed upon time for expression?

TO PLACE limits upon the time for campaigning is to place limits upon the time for thinking and expression—expression to those thoughts.

Do the editorial writers (and perhaps others) suggest that, for example, laws should be enacted to limit the length of news stories, or of editorials . . . much more than in many newspapers today being longer than the reading public requires and demands?

When all is said and done, the task of making a campaign interesting and entertaining is the responsibility of candidates and their political parties. No shackles should be placed upon them, other than what results from experience gained in the job of campaigning itself.

CERTAINLY candidates and their party machinery are eager and must interest and entertain the voters they seek to win to their particular side. So they, and they alone, not the cold, barbare and inhuman hand of the law, should determine the length of each campaign.

Perhaps, four years hence, through a gentleman's agreement, the two major parties will shorten the campaign. No doubt they should. But to request that Congress or a State Legislature set up the controls is merely to place freedom to think and freedom to express under the controls of government—the very most of us are trying to get away from.

So I suggest that editorial writers and others, who think the problem through—in the mental atmosphere of constitutional freedom that are the basis of a democracy: freedom to speak, to write, to worship, etc.

And let practical campaign managers make the necessary adjustments.

Meeting Is Postponed

The November meeting of the Birmingham Recreation Board scheduled for Nov. 20 has been postponed until Dec. 4, according to Mrs. Henry W. Jackson, chairman.



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PART ONE

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District Approves School Board Issue

Only One Out of 4 Oppose It

Birmingham school district board's second \$3,000,000 bond issue within the past four years by an even greater majority than was given the school's expansion program in 1949.

Three out of every four persons voting gave the nod to the proposed \$3,000,000 bond issue as the district realized a total of over 3,400 voters as compared to 3,162 who turned out for the 1949 election.

Returns gave 2,764 affirmative votes to the proposal to increase the millage by 4 1/2 mills with 790 voting against the proposition.

ON THE issue of \$3,000,000 in bonds to cover the expansion program, 2,673 voted in its favor and 730 opposed it.

School Superintendent Dr. Dwight H. Ireland was quick to express his satisfaction with the vote. Tuesday morning Ireland, speaking in behalf of the Birmingham school board, commended the voters in the school district for their awareness of the school's building needs.

To gain additional room as the result of Monday's vote will be Torrey, Quanton, Barnum, Bloomfield Village, Franklin and Walnut Lake schools.

THE NEW SCHOOLS are to be constructed in the Beverly Hills area and in Troy township on Elton north of Derby.

To finance the program, Birmingham school district voters agreed to an additional levy of 4 1/2 mills over a 17 year period, bringing the present tax rate level to 11 mills.

This will mean a tax rate of \$4.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or \$5.31 per \$1,000 of equalized value.

Following is a tabulation of how the school district voted by precincts:

Precinct	Millage	Yes	No	Total
1	1,944	216	892	1,154
2	1,154	128	104	228
3	1,154	128	104	228
4	1,154	128	104	228
5	1,154	128	104	228
6	1,154	128	104	228
7	1,154	128	104	228
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10	1,154	128	104	228

LIGHT VOTING was experienced throughout the day in the precincts but long lines formed in the morning hours of the election.

run out of blue ballots at the evening, causing some delay in the counting of the ballots.

Dr. Ireland had this to say about election's outcome:

"The members of the Board of Education are deeply grateful to all persons who worked in behalf of this bond issue. They are particularly grateful to the support given by the P.T.A. Council under the leadership of Mrs. Cassius Miller and all of the school P.T.A. groups. They appreciate the excellent brochure which was produced under the direction of Mr. Charles C. Dybvig and his committee."

"THE EXCELLENT editorial of The Birmingham Eccentric," Dr. Ireland continued, "and the co-operation (See BOND ISSUE, Page 2)

STRICTLY FRESH

Three dimensional movies of roller-coaster ride made viewers scream, grab seats. To better enjoy such realism, we're waiting for one of Marilyn Monroe going through a tunnel-of-love.

Alma, Calif., soon to be under artificial lake, has tavern owner selling liquid refreshment to Santa Clara Valley dam builders. Guess water conservationists don't always thirst for water.

Midyear inauguration will play havoc with Washington, D.C., schedule. Maybe gay parties will switch parties, eh?

Man hopped in Vancouver, B.C., beap, chased bears into dens and back to water.

shocked 'em. Bears they didn't fear and couldn't fear it.

Jack Wafer won a record with 76-day fast. Guess after all that Jack was Wafer-thin!

Ad Agency To Move On Dec. 1

Moving of the Detroit headquarters offices of MacManus, John & Adams out to its new, modern building on the north-west corner of Long Lake and Woodward in Bloomfield Hills will start Dec. 1 and be completed in about 14 days, a company spokesman said this week.

One of the nation's top 10 advertising agencies, MJA since its founding in 1934 has occupied offices in the Fisher building.

Founded by L. R. Adams, W. A. P. John and the late T. F. MacManus, the agency started with an office space now taken up by 2 1/2 floors and employs about 200 persons, 80 per cent of whom live in the Birmingham area.

The agency's new steel and masonry building in Bloomfield Hills is the first suburban building of major size to be constructed exclusively for advertising agency operations.

IT RESULTED from an intensive study by top MJA executives of the various elements of location with respect to clients, architectural adaptation for efficient departmentalization of space, convenience of employees both in agency operation and in getting to and from work, and convenience of the various services supplying the agency.

The two-story structure is L-shaped, with the main construction in a second story can be added if necessary.

The agency's four top executives are local residents.

Surviving besides Mrs. Mallerender are three children, Milton F. Mallerender, former Birmingham mayor and city commissioner, Mrs. George E. Richardson of Birmingham and Mrs. John E. McCormick of Pontiac.

Other survivors are two sisters, Mrs. Annie Lathrop of Dearborn and Mrs. George Robinson of Fleetwood, England; six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Services were held Saturday afternoon from the Manley Bailey funeral home, with burial in Greenwood cemetery. The Rev. H. H. Savage of the Pontiac church officiated.

FRED MALLENDER

Organ Recital Series Starts Here Nov. 21

Beginning Nov. 21, the First Baptist church of Birmingham will present the first in a series of four recitals by nationally known organists.

First to appear here will be Frederick Marriott, organist at the American Conservatory of Music, Chicago.

Subsequent recitals will be on Jan. 25, featuring August Maelberg of St. John's Episcopal church, Detroit; March 15, Arnold Bourzelle, Trinity Episcopal, Niles, Mich.; and May 14, Virgil Fox, Riverside Baptist church, New York City.

Programs, sponsored by the Sanctuary choir of the Birmingham church will be open to the public without charge. Each program is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. An offering will be taken.

MARRIOTT, who has been at the Chicago university for 20 years, also is noted for his compositions. He has been heard in more than 4,000 recitals and services by music lovers from all over the world.

He began his studies in organ at the American Conservatory in Chicago, under Frank Van Dusen and later was a student of Charles Bourzelle in Scranton. He has also had additional organ study under Marcel Dupre in Paris, and at the Conservatory of Music in London.

Police said no traffic mishaps resulted during the weekend.

FREDERICK MARRIOTT

Severe Storm and Fog Cause No Damage Here

Extremely heavy fog and an unseasonal but severe thunderstorm dished out by the weatherman during the past few days, brought no difficulties to Birmingham.

While surrounding communities suffered damages during Sunday night's electrical storm, Detroit night officials here report no service interruptions.

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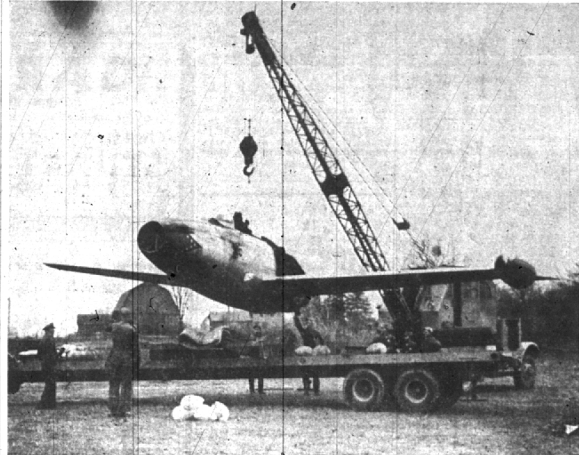
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LIKE THE MONTH OF MARCH, this F4 jet from nearby Selfridge Field came in like a lion Saturday evening and went out like a lamb Tuesday afternoon. Here's what happened: Capt. George I. Womack, Jr., of the 86th Fighter Interceptor Sqdn., based at Youngstown, Ohio, was out over the Lake Huron gunnery range. His radio compass went haywire as he attempted to get back to Selfridge. He was running low on fuel when he noticed directly below him what appeared to be a landing field. He immediately came down to it, missed it on his first pass. He used up 59 gallons of his precious fuel to circle at low altitude over Birmingham and try it again. This time he made it, and stopping only about 200 feet short of the 1,000-foot concrete runway on Herz Mirport. It was first thought that a jet-assisted takeoff might be enough to permit the plane to be flown out. But the ordinance department crews from Selfridge came in Tuesday afternoon and dismantled the plane into two parts. Loaded on low trailers and accompanied by county sheriff's deputies, the two trucks made their way slowly back to Mt. Clemens. During its 2 1/2-day "stay", many hundreds of local residents stopped by to take a look at the half million dollar flying machine. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Russia Holds Cards In World Poker Game

The question of the unification of Germany, according to Col. Victor C. Swearingen, USAF, is the "greatest poker game the world ever saw, with Russia holding the high card."

The former member of the panel of judges presiding at the Nuremberg trials told the Birmingham Exchange Club Tuesday that no one could possibly forecast what the future would hold for Germany and the world.

ANOTHER FACT which the colonel stressed was that when France joined the United States, Great Britain and Russia in the control of occupied Germany, the territory assigned to the newcomers did not come from the Russian zone.

"Parts of the 'American and British zones,' he said, 'were allocated to France. Russia gave up nothing of the eastern area which she controls.'"

He said that a peace contract, approved by France, Britain and the States had been rejected by Russia, since it did not conform with Soviet desires on the control of the German area.

In his talk, Col. Swearingen sketched conditions which exist today in Germany—the millions of displaced persons, the bickering over territory and the division of resources, the political powers that use these conditions for their own gains and the constant rejection, by Russia, of any and all plans presented by the other occupational powers.

HE SAID RUSSIA'S plans were to restore Germany to an aggressive power when and if it suited her mood. She has promised Germany many things, withholding only a guarantee of the return of a certain province now held by Poland.

"These are the trump cards in the Russian hand," the colonel said. (See RUSSIA, Page 2)

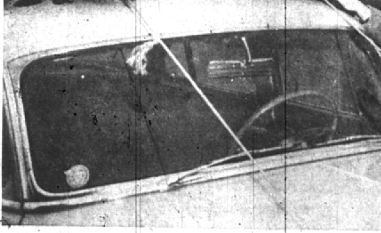
The widening will make Telegraph a divided highway from Eight Mile to Northwestern, Southfield township, will be started this fall, according to the State Highway Department.

A Detroit contractor will begin tree removal and the construction of drainage structures within 10 days after the contract has been formally awarded. Work will continue through the winter months so that the paving can be started early in the spring.

Completion date of the 24-foot widening has been set for August 31, 1953.

The widening will make Telegraph a divided highway from Grand River north to Long Lake road.

MR. AND MRS. W. A. RUSSELL, 1415 Lenox, Bloomfield township, survey the results of a successful hunting trip at Pontchartrain Shores in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The husband and wife team usually brings home a pair of bucks every year, and Russell says his wife always manages to bring down the biggest one. In another hunting story, Rev. Lucian Hebert, pastor at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs church, brought home a 213-pound buck. (Eccentric Staff Photo)



'Prevue' Plans Near Completion

Birmingham merchants are completing their individual arrangements for the city's fourth annual "Christmas Prevue" to be held from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, Chamber of Commerce Executive Secretary Charles Mortensen said.

Designed to give local residents an early pre-Christmas look at the newest in gift merchandise, Mortensen said local business establishments this year will sell items that night if asked to do so.

"While this is not a selling event, sales will not be refused," he explained.

The previous three "prevues" were conducted on a non-sale basis.

Heads Rotary Club For Second Time

President of the Birmingham Rotary Club during 1952-53, Clarence Vliet, 416 W. Brown, was elected Monday to serve out the remaining 8 months of the term of Maj. Gen. Stanley E. Reinhardt, who resigned early this month to move to Asheville, N.C., to live.

A long-time Birmingham resident, Vliet was superintendent of Birmingham public schools from 1915 to 1932.

Vandalism Complaints Are Checked by Police

Birmingham police are investigating numerous complaints of vandalism and destruction by loitering vandals, including property damages at the police pistol range on Cranbrook road.

Target standards were broken and the flag pole bent.

Other complaints have included paint splashed on houses, windows broken and ropes strung across streets.

Survey Seeks Shopping Habits

By Friday of this week the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce hopes to have completed a service questionnaire survey of the city for analysis by the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Michigan's Business Administration school.

Over 3,000 questionnaires were distributed Monday through all the Birmingham elementary schools. Children in grades five through 10 were given the forms to take home to their parents and return to the schools.

Harold L. Sellers, chairman of the business committee for the chamber, stated in the letter accompanying the questionnaire that the chamber should have a voice in determining how the merchants could best serve them.

BIRMINGHAM has become the Birmingham Youngsters

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21st city in the state to take this survey of its residents.

The University will study the returned forms and tabulate the wishes of residents in a written report to the chamber.

The three-page questionnaire is divided into two main parts.

(See SURVEY, Page 2)