

Competition for victory at an election when the appetites and tempers of political parties are inflamed by millions of words are uttered by voters; but the voters would go the best support of all of us.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

TO BE THANKFUL . . .

To be thankful for food, clothing and shelter in the good and the right mental attitude to hold. Yet these physical needs can be taken care of in many other countries, too.

So it seems to me, this Thanksgiving Day, we in America ought to be more thankful for our liberties, for the nature of the Constitution under which we live, for the ultimate intelligence of our people to govern themselves without enacting the hazards of rebellious revolution.

MERITED LEADERSHIP

Ordinarily, a size difference in intelligence exists between men and women who reach peaks of position in private or professional life and those who gain notoriety at the ballot box.

As a current example, take the case of Gen. Eisenhower and President Truman. The former became a five-star general because, through ability and results, he attained world fame. These qualities were recognized and his military progress came about as the result of merited status.

Truman rose to his heights through politics, some of his earlier advances made under the Fomberg machine. His occupancy of the White House was a political accident, the whim of political powers and the fateful accession due to FDR's death.

These fundamental differences, I believe, strongly suggest that "like" should be a great President simply because he possesses the native personal qualities of proven leadership and character.

So the romantic Mickey Rooney, of Hollywood fame, taken into a marriage with a first matrimonial venture, have found reasonable happiness, and are still using the same wedding ring. Poor young Mickey!

Neil J. Staehel, chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee in Michigan, has made serious charges against some of his members in charge of various election precincts Nov. 4.

If only half of his charges have a reasonable basis of truth in them, then the U. S. Senate ought to investigate the Moody vs. Potter voting procedure.

For remember that more than the single seat of a United States Senator is involved . . . it involves partisan control of the Senate itself.

Whether they be children of the poorest or of the richest, they think and act much alike, the world over.

That's why England's four-year-old Prince Charles, heir to the throne, dined half way through a concert which his grandmother had taken him to, he had to leave his royal box and escort the youngster to his nurse, so he could be taken home to Buckingham Palace.

This small incident made front page on many American dailies . . . proving that dailies, new and then (just like weeklies) get all four corners of the manner of news importance.

Give Informal Nod

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night informally approved the articles of incorporation for the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority. Formal passage of the articles was held up until after December 1, in accordance with the recommendation of City Manager Donald C. Egbert.

Police Chief Ralph W. Mosley Monday night was instructed by the city commission to relocate 44 parking meters now being used on South Woodward.

New meter locations will be on the south side of Martin between Townsend and Chestnut, east side of Chester from Martin to Maple, west side of Pierce from Merrill to Townsend, east side of Pierce from Hamilton to Townsend, Hamilton from present meters to Park.

The meter posts will remain in place on South Woodward where the need for metered parking is apparent there in the future.

Realtors Plan Annual Election for Dec. 4

The annual election-luncheon of the Birmingham Real Estate board will be held Dec. 4 at the Community House, starting at 11:45 a.m.

George E. Markley, president, announced that Bill Nank of the City-Edison company, would be the speaker of the day, talking on "What Do We Live For Here?"

All members of lower grade mattresses box. The last includes jewelry, men's and women's clothing, small gift items, cosmetics and appliances.

SALES PERSONNEL will be alerted to give every husband, father and best bow advice and help in a selection of gifts.

And the little women, who usually holds sway with their reported 80 per cent of the American retail buying power, will be home sitting with Jimmy and Janet.

Representatives of the 37 participating stores will be every type of merchandise a man might want to buy. The list includes jewelry, men's and women's clothing, small

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Eccentric Want Ad Page
brings forth just such results. It's a sound way to get some ready Christmas cash.

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Church Services of Thanks

"O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto thee forever."

Psalm 103:12

With this passage in mind, Birmingham residents will attend special Thanksgiving services Thursday, either in their own church or as a part of the union community observance.

This service, arranged and sponsored by the Birmingham Council of Churches, will be held in the First Presbyterian church on North Woodward, beginning at 8 a.m.

The Rev. W. Glen Harris, P.D. pastor of the hostess church, will preside during the service. The sermon on "Just Plain Thankful," will be given by the Rev. Dr. Arnold P. Runkel, pastor of the First Methodist church. Pastor-members of the Church Council will also take part in the service.

Special music, including Schubert's "Omnipotence," will be sung by the Presbyterian choir. At Christ Church Cranbrook the Holy Communion and sermon is scheduled for 9 a.m.

Hold Name church observances will include the two regular masses at 7 and 8 a.m.

At 8:30 a.m. at Ascension Lutheran church on West 14 Mile, the Rev. Paul Shipper will speak on "The Christian Response to God's Gift."

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BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1952

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Thousand Expected at 4th 'Open House'

Birmingham merchants will be hosts again Monday evening when thousands of area persons attend the fourth annual Christmas Preview.

Starting the two-hour period from 7 to 9 p.m., huge spotlights will blaze at the four main "entrances" to the city, while streets of the business area will ring to the sound of special holiday music.

Besides recordings in the various stores, St. James Episcopal church has arranged special "broadcasts" by members of its Junior choir.

Under the direction of Victor Ulrich and Arnold Berndt, the Birmingham high school choir and band will add their efforts to the air of festivity.

Henry L. Sellers, Chamber of Commerce business committee chairman, said few changes had been made over the four years. The affair will be one hour shorter this year, by popular vote of merchants, and additional Christmas music will be provided.

Sellers said that although no efforts would be made to make sales, persons desiring to shop that evening would not be refused.

"We feel that our 'no selling' policy of previous years has perhaps worked a hardship for some," he explained. "We will accommodate those asking for service, but certainly will make no effort to promote sales."

The whole idea is that the Preview gives the merchant an opportunity to play host to their many customers. It's about the only time of year that such a thing is possible, so it is a friendly gesture on their part.

Pointing out that many new residents in the area are not acquainted with this practice, Sellers said that an extensive publicity campaign had been scheduled to inform everyone.

"THE STORES" will carry window streamers and will have special holiday decorations," he said. Newspaper announcements and invitations will be sent out in the form of letting all our potential guests know about the affair.

In connection with the Preview plan, Sellers said merchants would start their program of special store hours on Dec. 12, remaining open evenings for the convenience of area residents.

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Go on Sale Here Dec. 1

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For Game Time

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Plan April Vote On Disposal Plan

It seems apparent now that the city will take its sewage disposal problems to a vote of the people once more in April of next year.

City commissioners Monday night agreed with the recommendations of City Manager Donald C. Egbert that the east side of the city's sewage system should be handled by the South Oakland County drains which ultimately end in Detroit.

It will take a vote of the electorate to approve entering into such a contract with other municipalities. Birmingham voters refused the city's first referendum for charter revision to accommodate their joining when it was placed on the August 5 primary ballot.

In a lengthy report to the commission, Egbert outlined the entire history of sewage treatment in the city, what the present needs are, and the future demands being placed upon the city by the Water Resources Commission.

HIGHER requirements dictated by state health agencies plus the city's increase in population have thrown a burden on the overloaded disposal plant, according to Egbert. He added that the pumping capacity from the east side would have to be upped and the force main from the Fourteen Mile pumping station be enlarged.

While no accurate figures are available on the costs of bringing up city disposal services to state standards, Egbert guessed that the figure would be in the neighborhood of \$400,000.

CITY OFFICIALS before have charged that the pumping of wastes from the east side of the city which is in the Clinton-Ridge drainage area to the disposal plant in the Rouge drainage area is impractical.

Discussion with other South Oakland County communities in the disposal authority and with the county drain office, which favors the inclusion of the east side of the city in the SOC drain.

Egbert explained that initial costs to join the authority would probably not exceed \$35,000 and that the annual operating costs would not be over \$75,000.

This, Egbert believes, is far the most economical answer to the city's disposal problem.

Commissioners instructed Egbert to compile the necessary data for the commission to call an election in April at the same time as the spring election.

Mayor Dean B. Hooper, who is authorized to carry on negotiations with other communities as to Birmingham's part in joining the SOC facilities.

Village Firemen Make Like Heroes to Save Cat Marooned in Tree

"We're just as good as any big city department!"

So several members of the Bloomfield Village fire department took to the high air and ladder last Friday evening for the express purpose of rescuing a cat from a tree at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. O. Mead, 2216 Pine.

Fireman George Webb, who admitted that it was probably his dog which chased the cat up the tree, was given the honor of making the rescue.

Included among the heroes of the evening were Chief Charles Wiggins, Joseph Balder, C. H. Smith and Wallace Keenan.

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Game Time Is 10:30 At Pierce

By CHARLES WEIR

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With the kickoff slated for 10:30 a.m., the Maples will try to make it three in a row over the revenge-seeking Acorns.

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