

How fortunate that so many people are able to get the best of their own mistakes... especially so when many mistakes are caused by pride, prejudice, ignorance, selfishness, etc. There are available refuge harbors for every body.

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## THIS and THAT

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### A REFRESHING SUBJECT

Now that the election is over, perhaps you may be able to direct your thoughts to less earthy subjects... so here is a brief poem for that purpose. It was written over 40 years ago by Bert Taylor, then a columnist on The Chicago Tribune. He titled it "Canopus".

When quacks with pills political would dose us,  
When politics absorbs the live-long day,  
I like to think about the star Canopus,  
So far, so far away.

Greatest of visioned suns, they say who list 'em,  
To weight it science always must despair,  
It shall would hold our whole dinged solar system,  
Not ever known 'twas there.

When party chairmen utter speeches,  
And frenzied henchmen howl their battle hymns,  
My thoughts float out across the cosmic Canopus swims.

When men are calling names and making faces,  
And all the world's a-jangle and a-jar,  
I meditate on interstellar spaces  
And smoke a mild seegar.

For after one has had about a week of  
The argument of friends as well as foes,  
A star that has no parallax to speak of  
Conduces to repose.

It may also help you to recall the fact that Canopus is the largest star visible from our earth—only about 27,000 times the size of our own sun.

## Halloween Pranks Increase; Police Reports Doubled

Complaints in Birmingham on Halloween pranks this year were more than double those received by police in 1951, Chief Ralph W. Moxley said Saturday.

Located mostly in the southwest and northeast sections of the city, complaints began to come into headquarters on Wednesday and continued through Saturday.

They included reports of man-hole covers being taken, endangering motorists and pedestrians alike. Barricades were erected on several streets, creating additional hazards for those driving after dark.

SEVERAL PERSONS complain of youngsters throwing objects at homes, ranging from wagon wheels to garbage. One complainant reported eggs had been swarmed over his car, parked in front of his home.

"I can't understand it," Moxley said. "The reports jumped from nine last year to better than twice that amount this year. Nearly all of them came from sections where a great deal of building has been done during the past year, but even that tells me no reason for the increase."

## Making Good Recovery From Hunting Accident

Miss Sally Smith, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, 4500 Beach road, is making a good recovery at St. Joseph's hospital from injuries received when her horse fell on her during a fox hunt at the Metamora-Bloomfield Open Hunt club annual meet.

Miss Smith's mount reared after taking a jump, over-balanced and fell, pinning the young rider beneath it. The girl was rushed to the hospital after fellow riders improvised a stretcher from a blanket and cushions from several coats.

A truck used to transport her to the meet was pressed into service as an ambulance.

Mrs. Smith said this week that her daughter had undergone surgery on badly broken leg bones and was now resting comfortably.

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# On 6th Torches B'ham Finally Hits Winning Column—With Eisenhower

## This Party Was Non-Partisan



DONT FENCE ME IN might well be the plea of the little leopard sitting so lonely and forlorn in his cage. He did have one advantage over more of the characters appearing in Birmingham's 1952 Halloween parade—he had transportation which was lacking.



IN THE CASE OF the pixies. This little number caused a great deal of conjecture among the onlookers. Some felt they were the time-honored pixies on toad stools while the more modern decided that surely they represented the Men from Mars and their flying saucers.



BUT LEOPARDS OR SAUCERS, Indians get hungry when they take long hikes and this trio made excellent use of the facilities of the foodlines once they got there. No one knows what tribe they represented, but everyone understood the sign language they applied to the hot dogs, sandwiches and cider. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

## Ask Plans For Maple Pavement

The Birmingham city commission Monday night approved an appropriation of \$2,000 to finance the completion of plans for pavement on West Maple between Linden and Glenhurst and instructed the engineering department to complete detailed drawings and cost estimates on the project.

The action followed discussion on whether it was advisable to go to the expense of finishing the plans before the city was sure of when the project would be constructed or how it was to be financed.

Commissioner Charles Renfrew opposed the ordering of plans until the city could determine how the pavement would be financed. He said it should be determined whether it would be paid for out of current city revenue, a bond issue, or a combination of both.

CITY MANAGER Donald C. Egbert said it might take a bond issue to pay for the 44-foot wide pavement. He added that the city would have to finish the plans before further negotiations could be undertaken with the Oakland county road commission.

Of the \$160,000 estimated cost of the project, Egbert figures the city's share would be near \$70,000.

City Engineer L. R. Gare told commissioners that the county has asked for a pretty accurate breakdown of costs on the city's part before negotiating on the share of costs.

Commissioner Ralph A. Malt also contended that detailed plans on the pavement should be held up until just prior to construction.

"If the plans are drawn too early, there may be changes made," Malt said.

UNDER PROPOSED costs of the pavement, the county maintains the center 20 foot width of county roads running through municipalities. This would be the county's share in addition to bearing their proportional share of drainage construction.

The section of Maple west of Westchester to Glenhurst lies partially within and without city limits. The city has questioned whether Bloomfield township would accept a share of expense on this section if it was extended to Cranbrook road.

In view of the financing problem, Egbert recommended that the engineering department concentrate their studies on pavement between Linden and Glenhurst.

Gare also reported that the contractor would begin dismantling the old W. Maple bridge within two weeks.

## Rotary Memorial To Be Dedicated At Brief Ceremony

A brief, simple ceremony at 13th Street Tuesday will mark the dedication of the Birmingham Rotary club's new memorial to all servicemen and women, along with civilians who supported America's war efforts in many fields.

Designed by Rotarian Marshall Fredericks, the stone block and bronze eagle will be presented to Mayor Dean Brier, representing the city, and a member of the Birmingham Student Congress.

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