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Registration Of Deer Hunters Again Offered

The Michigan State Police and the Department of Conservation again will cooperate during the deer hunting season in making a free registration service available to Birmingham area hunters who desire to be reached in camp if an emergency occurs at home.

As in past years, a hunter using the service will register with the state police post or conservation headquarters nearest his hunting camp. Before leaving home he should inform his family or office of the station at which he will register.

In the event of an emergency, those at home need only notify their nearest state police post or conservation headquarters and the message will be radioed to the specified registration station. A state police or conservation officer will deliver the message to the hunting camp. Likewise, if a hunter is involved in an accident or becomes lost, his home can be notified.

ONLY MESSAGES of an emergency nature are handled and the service is not offered where there are regular communication facilities that can be used without delay.

The deer hunting season opens Nov. 15 and registration cards will soon be supplied to state police posts and conservation headquarters. Cards also will be supplied on state ferries and after being filled out can be handed to state police troopers stationed at the docks.

Hunters are urged to give accurate locations of their hunting sites and draw diagrams if this seems needed. Each member of the hunting party should register. When hunters move from one hunting site to another, the station to which they are registered should be changed and a new registration card filed with the appropriate station.

Paving Need Approved; Hearing Next January

Necessity of the Bradford-Manfield paving has been determined by Birmingham city commissioners. A confirmation hearing will be held in January.

Estimated cost of \$17,000 will be spread over five years, with \$2,700 assessed against Our Shepherd Lutheran church. The builder who requested the work be done, is expected to make his payments in full so the construction can be completed next summer.

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Plans, Specifications Wanted on Sewer Lines

Birmingham city commissioners have taken no action on the installation of a sewer on Oakland from Poppleton to Hunter but have ordered plans and specifications on the Ridgeway and Madison lines.

Purdue Club Dance

Birmingham members of the Detroit Purdue Club and women of the University Club will join their Detroit friends in the club's annual dinner dance at the Detroit Yacht Club, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m.

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Dondero Prizes Lincoln Letters

By RUTH ANNE SILBAR
Special Writer For The Eccentric

Abraham Lincoln has been an ideal—a symbol of greatness—for George A. Dondero, member of the U. S. House of Representatives, 17th district for 20 years, ever since he was a poor, farm boy.

Because of his high regard for Lincoln and his eagerness for knowledge about the great man, Dondero visited Lincoln's son, Robert Todd Lincoln, nearly 20 years ago and a friendship resulted between Dondero and members of the Lincoln family that has lasted through the years.

Dondero possesses many letters from the Lincoln family, as well as several items once belonging to Abraham Lincoln, but he does not consider himself a collector of Lincoln.

He does not go out and buy Lincoln momentos or relics. What he owns of the immortal Lincoln has been given to him by members of the Lincoln family.

BY FAR, his most important moment is the Grace Bebell letter, which was given to him by Mrs. Robert Todd Lincoln, to be returned to Grace Bebell, who wrote it, and through her generous act, it has become his prized possession.

It has been the custom each year to select someone to address the House of Representatives on Lincoln's birthday as a tribute and a memorial to Lincoln. Dondero was selected in 1934 and his address was "Lincoln, Lover of Children." The story of the Grace Bebell letter is told in his speech delivered 18 years ago.

"ON A DAY in October, 1860, less than three weeks before Abraham Lincoln's election as President of the United States, a strange and unusual letter came to his desk in a little room provided for his convenience in the old statehouse at Springfield.

"It was written by a little girl 11 years of age in Westfield, Chautauque County, N. Y. It brought him a suggestion and a plan, and was intended to aid him in his campaign for election."

The letter which Mrs. Lincoln received was received and executed by Grace Bebell without the knowledge of her parents and read:

Westfield, Chautauque Co., N. Y.
Oct. 15, 1860
Hon. A. B. Lincoln

"DEAR SIR: My father has just come home from the fair and brought home your picture and Mr. Hamilton's. I am a little girl only eleven years old, but want you should be President of the United States, very much so. I hope you won't think me very bold to write to such a great man as you are.

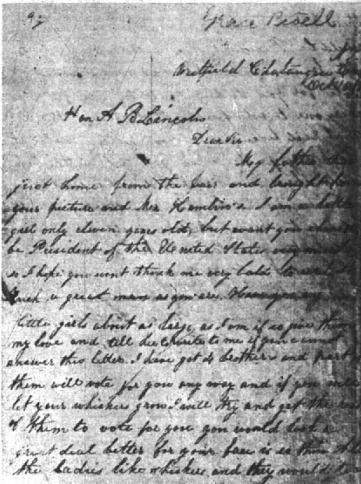
"Have you any little girls about as large as I am, if so give them my love and tell her to write me, if you cannot answer this letter, I have got 4 brothers and part of them will let you anyway grow I will try and get the rest of them to vote for you, you would look a great deal better for your face is so thin. All the ladies like whiskers and they would take and then you would be president.

"MY FATHER is going to vote for you and if I was a man I would vote for you but I will try and get every one to vote for you that I can.

"I think that rail fence around your picture makes it look very pretty. I have got a little baby sister she is nine weeks old and is just as cunning as can be.

"When you direct your letter direct to Grace Bebell, Westfield, Chautauque County, New York. I must not write any more. Answer this letter right off.

Good bye,
Grace Bebell"



1st PAGE OF FAMOUS LETTER (above)
Second page is below

this husband to vote for you and then you would be President. My father is going to vote for you and if I was a man I would vote for you to help I will try and get every one to vote for you that I can. I think that rail fence around your picture makes it look very pretty. I have got a little baby sister she is nine weeks old and is just as cunning as can be. When you direct your letter direct to Grace Bebell, Westfield, Chautauque County, New York. I must not write any more. Answer this letter right off.



Personal possession of Abraham Lincoln

Dondero had visited with Lincoln's son, Robert Todd Lincoln, in Washington and twice at the Robert Todd Lincoln residence in Manchester, Vt. in the Green mountains. He has letters from several members of the Lincoln family, including one edged in black, from Mrs. Robert Todd Lincoln, informing him of the death of her husband, who died in 1926 at the age of 82.

According to Dondero, two great-grandsons of Lincoln survive. Lincoln's son and Robert Todd Lincoln Beckwith, and one great granddaughter, Mary Beckwith. None have heirs.

Hearing Date Set

A hearing has been set by Birmingham city commissioners for Nov. 24, to discuss the proposed construction of a sidewalk on the west side of Coolidge, adjacent to several lots in the East Maple Gardens subdivision.

Pleasant St. Residents Protest Street Light

A petition signed by 20 residents of Pleasant street protesting the installation of a proposed street light on their street between Maple and the end of the Methodist church property has been received by the city commission and been referred to City Manager Donald C. Egbert. Petitioners also seek relief from the already existing parking lot and requested that they be shielded.

Egbert already is studying the church's request for a street light.

Attend U-M Conference

Principals and teachers from Birmingham, Troy, Bloomfield Hills high schools and Cranbrook and Kingswood schools were to attend the annual Principal-Freshman and Junior College Conference at the University of Michigan, Wednesday and today.

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