

The Birmingham Eccentric

BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1952

30 PAGES SEVEN CENTS

Development of a good hobby is an excellent means whereby one can find relaxation in activity. If you are busy, worried, and want "to get your mind off it," what is better than turning to an interesting hobby? It is "Whiting," a relaxing, which is merely change.

75TH YEAR—NO. 29

THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

TYPICAL POLITICAL DOUBLE TALK

There is a good line to remember, always . . . and more especially during election campaign days: "Political parties are not the art of the possible, not the science of the ideal."

Of that, simply means that those who operate and control your government cannot bring you Utopia, a land of milk and honey, etc., etc.

However, within the area of practical politics, winning votes, most candidates promise you something pretty close to Utopia. They say, in effect, "Vote for me and I'll reduce your taxes, get you more governmental services, and I'll also help to keep you free from war."

Of course, as political history shows, they never succeed in delivering too much of what they promise.

IN THIS, you see, the politician acts and talks just like the people who sell soap "that makes you beautiful," cigarettes that "never give you a cough, dry your throat, or taste badly," and pills and potions that "cure all your ills, banish your troubles, and keep your shoes in lasting and comfortable shape."

For example, consider all the talk against the Taft-Hartley Act. It is admitted by Senator Taft, who needs to be amended, and Taft with others sought to amend in the last Congress, that the Truman administration would have none of it—they wanted to keep it as a forerunner of a political boy, which they are now doing.

GOVERNOR Stevenson calls for scrapping it, and that needs more than a score of amendments to make it better. He should start all over on a new one, under a different name.

A calm consideration of Stevenson's political promises reveals, however, an inconsistency in his civic thinking.

Should the Taft-Hartley Act be scrapped, instead of merely amended? The answer, as I have already stated, is purely political.

Suppose Stevenson were Mayor of Birmingham, and wanted to change our city charter, building code, or zoning ordinance, or some other type of local legislation. Would he call for scrapping the one in existence, and starting all over? Of course not.

AS GOVERNOR of Illinois, would he call for scrapping his state's constitution, when a desirable change or addition is in order? No—he would get behind a state constitutional amendment to do the job.

Were he President of the United States, and some constitutional change or addition were needed to this great document, would he scrap the constitution and "start all over again on a new one?"

That is the answer to an emphatic NO!

For this great U.S. Constitution already has been amended 22 times, 10 amendments constituting the so-called Bill of Rights, the other 12 covering numerous other situations. Indeed, in the present administration of President Truman it was amended to restrict a President to two terms in office.

YES, THIS Stevenson talk about scrapping Taft-Hartley is merely the usual line of political double-talk. And nobody knows it better than Stevenson himself—though he can't and won't admit it publicly.

(Yet you will recall, he did go to (See THIS & THAT, Page 2)

Interviews With Koreans High Point of Ocean Voyage

Ed Note—This is the second in a series of articles written from the Korean battlefield by George H. L. Burdick, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Burdick, 605 Pierce. The young serviceman relates his impressions of the "police action" in Korea.

By GEO. H. L. BURDICK, JR.

The interview with the two Korean Majors was by far the most entertaining. They knew very little English, however. Their names were Major Shim and Major Lee.

Shim stole the show by being an extreme extrovert. His looks reminded me of that of Turhan Bey of the movies. He turned the English language into a delightful comedy of variations with colorful magnetic speech and lively gestures.

Major Shim held the amateur welterweight championship of Korea in 1943 along with the 290 pounder, who was not strong enough for he also boasted of being able to press 235 lbs. of competing weight lifting.

This man was truly a fine specimen of Korean manhood.

As for the candid quotes on observations while in the States may bring a spile to your face. "An American movie: he moved his forearms with doubled up fists from his body in a thrusting motion. "Punch-punch—All the time punch-punch. No moral to the plot."

BEST MOVIE he had seen in the States was High Noon with Gary Cooper. Shim's favorite movie actress was Greer Garson. He also mentioned that French movies were far better than ours as far as he was concerned.

I'll never forget his remark on American women. "Very pretty work hard, play hard—all the time talk."

With a tapping motion to his head with his index finger he announced, "Head very smart."

Sudden wide grin spread across his radiant face as he added, "Body also very smart."

I couldn't help joining him with an equally reflecting smile over this statement.

In regard to the Japanese being new-born allies both Korean Majors were definite in their opinion that the Japanese could never be trusted. "Koreans never trust Japan. Koreans always have imperial ideas in back of mind."

Torch Drive Funds To Aid Red Cross

The Red Cross again will be a partner in the United Foundation Torch Drive this year in the Southern Oakland County and Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin area, according to an announcement made today by Dr. Robert W. Kelo, president of the Oakland County chapter, American Red Cross, and Walter C. Laidlaw, United Foundation vice-president and general manager.

Following the practice of the past three years, the Red Cross will be sponsoring the torch drives in residential areas and in businesses which do not subscribe to the United Foundation chapter plan.

Birmingham's two main streets, Maple and Woodward, are to be temporarily called "Torch Drive" and "Avenue of the United Fund" respectively, during the U.F.'s Oct. 14-Nov. 6 campaign, Birmingham city commissioners agreed Monday night.

Cardboard signs with the new designations will be placed below the regular street signs and will not interfere with them, a U.F. spokesman informed commissioners during the U.F.'s Oct. 14-Nov. 6 campaign, Birmingham city commissioners agreed Monday night.

Cardboard signs with the new designations will be placed below the regular street signs and will not interfere with them, a U.F. spokesman informed commissioners during the U.F.'s Oct. 14-Nov. 6 campaign, Birmingham city commissioners agreed Monday night.

5,822 in Public Schools

An additional 208 children have enrolled in the Birmingham public schools since the Sept. 8 opening, bringing the total to 5,822. Child accountant Mrs. Irene Stevens said there were 3,889 enrolled in the Birmingham schools, 123 in junior high school, and 1,202 in senior high school.

Again, Planners Say 'No' to Zoning Change

The Birmingham plan board's Wednesday rezoning request was recommended denied again perennally night, Sept. 25.

The petition of Mr. and Mrs. Harabedian, 2215 1/2th St., sought to rezone lots 32 and 33, respectively, and the entire block bounded by East Main, Central, York, and St. Andrews, generally from residential to business met.

The board recommended that the petition be rejected by the city commission.

In this latest petition, the Harabedians submitted a request called for a business B classification.

NEARLY 20 RESIDENTS of Pembroke Manor subdivision and East Main subdivision met quietly by while Cram reviewed the rezoning struggle which began almost two years ago.

Then, one by one, they voiced their objections to the rezoning, claiming that the business zoning would destroy property values and depreciate the character of the existing residential area.

Cram insisted that the former plan commission suggested this for proposed business development on the ill-fated master plan of last year.

Acting Chairman William M. Brown commented that possibly the inclusion of this business zoning was one reason why the city commission was disbanded. His inclusion brought applause from the irate property owners.

AFTER THE BOARD passed the motion to deny the petition, residents urged board members to create some buffer zone along the East Main frontage to protect them in the future.

John Anker, 2898 Yorkshire, said that if the planners would settle this buffer zone, residents could settle down and develop their property as they wanted.

"We can't even sell our homes with these continual rezoning petitions holding the land in question," Anker said.

Thomas J. Noonan, 2795 Yorkshire, said that if the planners would set its lots (the city owns six lots in the block) to private developers so that homes could be constructed on the property and the business classification denied permanently.

Board members answered by stating that the sale of city lots was up to the city commission.

All makes of lower priced motorcycles. ROYAL MATRESS COMPANY. PHONE: MATRESS 5-15.

City Moves Buses, Cabs Away From Busy Corner



JOSEPH MILLAR FRED RING GEORGE WESTERY WILLIAM HOLLAND Workers hurry their bleacher-building duties for Friday night's game (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Maples-Mt. Clemens Open League Season

The Maple football team plays host to a vastly improved Mt. Clemens squad tomorrow night at Pierce field in the first Eastern-Michigan League game for both clubs.

With the kickoff set for eight o'clock, Birmingham will inaugurate its football season with a try for its second win.

Although of average size the Maples' line is hard-charging and led by three co-captains, end Charles Buckholz, guard Bill Fisher, and quarterback Bob Zepiopoulos, the Bathers promise tough competition for the Maples.

THREE FLEET backs, Willie Lee, John Samuels, and Bill Thomas give the Bathers plenty of breakaway speed and scoring punch.

Mt. Clemens broke a ten game losing streak last Friday defeating Van Dyke 26-19 in an impressive win. The Bathers lost their first game to a strong Grosse Pointe team 12-6.

The Maples attended Friday night's game between Mt. Clemens and Van Dyke. The entire squad was impressed with what they saw. Coach Vincent Seemone says of the Mt. Clemens team, "It looks to me as if Mt. Clemens of old."

Franklin Enrollment Triples in 8 Years

This is the eighth in a series of articles presented by the Birmingham board of education, in co-operation with The Eccentric, regarding the proposed \$3,000,000 bond issue in November with which to expand the school facilities to meet the unprecedented growth of the school district.

In all, the money is to be used to build two new elementary schools, purchase five school sites, and make additions to six present grade schools.

These articles have been prepared by Supt. Dwight B. Ireland, at the request and on behalf of the board of education.

By DWIGHT B. IRELAND
Supt. of Bham Public Schools

The growth in pupil population in Franklin Village elementary school has been phenomenal in the past eight years.

When this school became annexed to the school district of the city of Birmingham in 1945, there were 60 pupils enrolled. Today there are 190 pupils attending this school.

While this school was tripling its enrollment, the Birmingham school district was doubling its enrollment. It is not surprising, therefore, to find need for more building facilities even though a new wing was just completed.

At the present time every available classroom is filled and the room which was designed for a library has been converted to classroom use. Fortunately, the last building plan was set up (as are all present school building plans in Birmingham) with future additions in mind and it is merely a process of continuing the construction.

Franklin school should continue as an elementary school adequate to accommodate 192 pupils in Grades I through VI if 27 pupils are assigned to each room, or 180 pupils at 30 pupils per room. The present enrollment in these grades is 155.

It is evident that any substantial residential development in this area would undoubtedly require a further addition to the building. This possibility emphasizes the need for special teachers.

(See FRANKLIN, Page 2)

NO HUNTING — NO TRIPPING — NO PASSING signs may be purchased at the office of The Eccentric. (30)

2 Nonagenarians Register; Offices Plan Extra Hours

The keen interest in the 1952 presidential elections is not confined wholly to young people.

In Birmingham Mrs. Mary Bell, 92, of Knox street has checked her registration with City Clerk Irene Hanley to be sure she is entitled to vote this year.

Southfield township's clerk, Mrs. Fannie Adams, Monday accepted the registration of Mrs. Hannah Hill, 22216 Carlton. Mrs. Hill will celebrate her 100th birthday in April.

Mrs. Hill wanted to be sure she could get her absentee ballot. Mrs. Adams said, "since she will be vacationing in Flint on election day, Miss Hanley reported that registration in Birmingham was steady, and reminded prospective voters that the deadline is 9 p.m., Monday.

Minor Injuries to Four When Cars Collide Here

Four persons suffered slight injuries here Sept. 25 when a car backing from a driveway on East Maple was struck by a passing auto.

Wains Walkainen, 37, and Inez Walkainen, 34, both of 3486 W. Maple, suffered head injuries when their car collided with one driven by Raymond Hull of Detroit, who was backing from the drive.

Hull and his son, Bernard, also suffered minor injuries.

Approve Rezoning Request Pattern

A new procedure for amendments to the zoning ordinance has been adopted by the Birmingham city commission.

City commissioners will hold hearings on zoning changes only three times a year under the new plan, completing forms to be filed through Monday with special hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and the special hours next Monday.

Mrs. Adams reported registrations were coming in fast. Her office will be open until 8 p.m. through Monday with special hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and the special hours next Monday.

In Troy township, registration is being completed on forms to be expected. The office there will be open each day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., through Monday.

STRICTLY FRESH

A twelve-year-old on trial for car stealing ran from the courtroom, stole a six-car from his getaway. Guess he just likes cars.

A Wisconsin man, vacationing with her husband, stepped out of the back seat to make a phone call while hubby bought gas. He drove away, and she recovered. He drove for 90 miles. Must have come to stop sign, missed his back seat driver.

Adlai Stevenson's fifth-grade schoolteacher gave him an egg of food cake a few weeks ago. Nixon cake for Eisenhower, he gets shivers.

Rocket experts say space travel would cost \$200 million. Why? Because that will offer to pad your expense account.

With Republicans visiting the South and Southerners visiting the North in this campaign for President, it seems to be a case of each side finding out how the other half lives.

That Season's Here Again

Hunting equipment is being bought and sold. Take advantage of this fact and use The Eccentric Want Ads.

PHONE MI 4-1100
Ask for the Want Ad Desk