

Every physical influence in, and above, this world, is subject to the creative and destructive influences that surround it. Both inanimate and animate life are subject to the influence of change. Intelligence, itself, is the result of changed mental attitudes.

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THIS and THAT

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ENJOY THIS EXPENSIVE SHOW

Are you enjoying the quadrennial spectacle of the candidates for political office, as they seek to convince you to vote for them on Nov. 4?

You might just as well sit back and gaze from afar as you can because, don't forget, it is the most expensive drama you ever will see. Expensive, of course, because it represents government—and the taxes you pay comprise the "admission price" for the greatest show in the world of civics.

Perhaps you are one of that minority in the United States who really pay some intelligent attention to both the issues and the personalities in this American experiment in self-government.

As such, you are a splendid balance wheel to an otherwise quite muddled-up piece of civic machinery—the muddled-up portions being those of the slight voters who fail to vote, plus those uninformed and confused citizens who do vote.

YET SOMETIME, by guess and by gosh, our system has survived through a century and a half of buffeting about by the overwhelming negatives in human character, because it has been supported by those attributes of goodness that, alone, can sustain a man or a nation.

For 20 years, we all know, the affairs of the nation have been dominated and directed by the policies of the New Deal. During this time some social and economic advances have been made by any unaimed person ought to admit.

On the other hand, individual and national character, as measured by time-tested virtues have increased, until today the federal government, especially after evidence of moral and spiritual decay among numerous of its Democratic officeholders.

THAT, OF COURSE, is had for the whole nation, as the Truman administration, and the Republicans in the Harding administration (Scandals, on the whole, vastly over-shadowed by revelations in the Truman dynasty).

As for the political party to remain in office too long and you are bound to come upon some degree of the stretch of doing.

Thus far in the campaign, Eisenhower promises "to clean up the Washington mess" by "sweeping out" the entire Truman hierarchy. Gov. Stevenson promises a change, and no doubt he might endeavor to sweep away the dirt from the Washington scene.

ANYWAY, WATCH this spectacle. And never forget, regardless of what candidate addresses you, he is profoundly moved by his own personal desire (be it wholly or only partly sincere) to win your vote at the ballot box.

Alert Passerby Prevents Possible Serious Fire

Alertness of a passerby prevented what could have been a serious fire at the McKee-Larsen gas station on South Woodward Monday evening, said Fire Chief W. W. Griffith.

Griffith said a lighted cigarette left in the station at closing time had fallen in a wastebasket. Smoke visible outside the building was noticed before the fire had gained any headway.

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Pre-Election and Finance Drives Started by LW

As the Birmingham League of Women Voters swings into its pre-election program, the organization plans to answer one question which people everywhere are asking—"What can I do about it?"

"Citizens of Birmingham are awakened to the need for good government—local, state and national. How to work for it and what to do are the questions on everyone's lips today," said Mrs. Brooks Marshall, president of the Birmingham League.



DR. GEORGE P. RAYNALE

Surprise Party Honors 50 Years As Physician

Commemorating 50 years of devoted medical service to Birmingham and nearby areas, 30 friends and admirers of Dr. George P. Raynale gathered at a dinner in his honor at Bloomfield Hills Country club last night.

A brief program, followed by presentation of a gold pen and pencil set and a large engraved scroll, attested by the signature of those present, were given to the honored guest by Dr. S. Weir Burkman, chairman of the local committee responsible for the affair.

FITTING REMINISCENCES were recited by two of Dr. Raynale's local boyhood friends, Harold H. Corson and retired Dr. Fred G. Crawford. The latter had practiced dentistry in Birmingham for 44 years. Corson had served as city engineer and treasurer for many years.

Dr. Edward B. Spalding, nationally famous dentist, also reminisced about "the good old days," and included in his comments a few stories of a humorous nature.

Dr. John B. Hassberger, one of Birmingham's younger additions to the medical profession, yet an old friend of Dr. Raynale's also paid tribute to the long and faithful service of the guest of honor.

Verne W. Griffith, local fire chief, and a frequent companion on Dr. Raynale's yacht, told of a few marine experiences he had enjoyed with his friend, and the Rev. Harold E. Towne, rector of St. James Episcopal church here, (See PARTY, Page 3)

"Our pre-election program, following our non-partisan policy, is designed to give everyone in the greater Birmingham area an opportunity to further the cause of good government."

"Through our varied services we propose to help each person to make the contribution of which he is most capable, through work in the League, cooperation with club and church groups and through financial aid to implement League activity."

"SEVERAL CHURCH and women's club groups have requested that the Birmingham League of Women Voters present a program to their memberships, indicating ways in which women can help to promote good government."

First of these programs was presented Tuesday afternoon, before the Susan Trowbridge group of the Presbyterian church at the home of Mrs. M. J. Ferguson, 4150 Stafford, Southfield township.

A playlet entitled "It's None of My Business," by League members Mrs. Allen Luts and Mrs. Peter Loomis, carried the message to the group.

The cast included Mrs. Wm. Jackson, Mrs. Thomas Snelham, Mrs. Wm. Brooks, Mrs. Vernon Mickelson, Mrs. Allen Luts, Mrs. Paul Robertson, Mrs. Charles Guilford, Mrs. Berrian Ketchum directed and Mrs. Chas. Guilford was project chairman.

COORDINATION of League projects to meet the needs of the various organizations is a project of the public relations committee, whose chairman is Mrs. Harvey B. Greene.

"In fulfilling requests for programs the League is extending its policy of providing inspiration to women who want to 'do something about government,'" said Mrs. Greene.

"Our great problems are woman power and finances. There is an infinite supply of ideas and as our work is increasingly understood, requests for our help mount."

"League members become so interested in projects such as this that they give many hours of their time. But we need more women. And we need financial support to carry through projects."

"The block was passed a year ago," one of the women said, "and as far as I know, has been swept only once by the city. We just get tired of looking at the litter which can pile up in that much time and decide to do something about it."

IRONICALLY, after housewives and youngsters had their block all spick and span, the city sweeper made a trip through there first Friday morning.

Many residents report they have been saving papers for Boy Scouts, school groups and others who have collected them in the past. Now, they've even considered homeowners' suggestions of special collection.



CRAIG STEFFES MRS. C. L. STEFFES MRS. ALBERT SANTELLE KAREN SANTELLE Neighbors get together to clean dirt from Bird street (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Bird St. Housewives Get Tired of Waiting

How to help homeowners dispose of stacks of waste paper accumulating in many Birmingham basements is a problem city officials are attempting to solve this week, but they acted a day late concerning the problem on Bird street.

Earl Sandquist, assistant to the city manager, said Tuesday he was attempting to work out with Salvation Army officials in Detroit an acceptable schedule by which this charitable institution can pick up waste paper, particularly old newspapers, stacks of which are clogging basements.

"The only present solution for folks to keep one jump ahead of the pile is find a safe place in the yard for burning or make periodic trips to the East Maple dump."

In the meantime, as a further aid to residents, city officials are planning a re-issue of their brochure on rubbish collection. Revisions to the original will provide more complete and up-to-date information on this service.

Sidewalk Contract Awarded Detroiter

A contract for the replacement of approximately 30,000 square feet of sidewalk was awarded to J. J. Barney, Detroit, Monday night by the city commission.

Barney was low bidder on the sidewalk replacement which will center around poor sections of sidewalks in the area bounded by Whitcomb, Adams, Lincoln and Hunter and a portion of the area west of Hunter north of Maple.

The contractor is expected to begin work within the next 30 days and work as long as weather permits. Any construction not completed will be finished in the spring.

Exchange Club Hears Talk on UF Programs

The program of the United Foundations Torch Drive, its purpose and accomplishments were outlined for members of the Birmingham Exchange club by Elmer Sylvester at their Tuesday meeting.

Announcement was made of an Exchange club Stage Night dinner in Baldwin hall, Detroit, on Sept. 23.

KNAPP ADDED that not only would new trucks cost the city about \$8,000, it would be a month or more before a new unit could be obtained.

By 6-3-3 plan of Birmingham public schools are committed to the 6-3-3 plan of organization.

Meetings Precede Formal Opening of Torch Drive

Under the direction of William H. Breech, chairman, and William J. Scripps, co-chairman, organization plans are moving rapidly ahead for the 1952 United Foundation Torch Drive in the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin area.

Scheduled to open October 14, the drive is likely to call for the biggest fund-raising quota in Birmingham history.

Last year, Breech pointed out, the area substantially topped its record goal.

"But our sights must be constantly set higher to keep pace with the tremendous increase in population and multiplying needs for special community services," he said.

Birmingham business leaders met Tuesday night to lay plans for the business plan of the 1952 United Foundation Torch Drive in the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin area.

Dr. J. B. Hassberger will serve as chairman of the business and development committee with William Spence as co-chairman.

HASSBERGER has named 13 members. They are J. B. Hassberger, Howard Keating Realty Co., Arthur Blakeslee, Birmingham Commercial Power Co., Lyman J. Craig, Jr., Craig Appliances, Inc., Herman Erke, Birmingham National Bank, Everett Fisher, North Chevrolet.

Harold Kalbfleisch, Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, Birmingham YMCA; Victor Koch, Hilly Acres Dairy, Inc.; Paul E. Kurth, Hilly Acres Hardware; Wilbur J. Mason, Jr.; Jacobson's of Birmingham; Roland Reese; William E. Robert; H. H. Smith; Southern Agency; and Henry L. Selters, S. S. Kreige Co.

While the business quota has increased, it is expected it to be larger than the \$25,000 business goal in 1951, because of the increased cost dictated by increased community needs.

It was the group details of the chapter plan, under which business firms and their employees join as units in support of the campaign.

The great advantages of the chapter plan, said Hassberger, is the assurance of one drive after another, the assurance of time and energy of company personnel. It is the best way to raise the most dollars for the least cost to company, contributors and agencies.

OF ADDITIONAL importance, it permits the individual contributor to plan his giving on an effective basis in accordance with his income. He can be certain that his dollar is given the maximum usefulness and fairest distribution among the 150 agencies served.

The "Give Once For All" campaign is a fund-raising campaign with 150 different health and community service organizations that in Birmingham are making it possible for each of them to obtain more money than they are able to raise independently. Great savings are made in fund-raising and administrative costs, and the maintenance of many drives eliminated.

Breech reported completion of two additional key committees.

SERVING on the speakers' committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. William M. Sullivan are Mrs. Maurice Garabant, Mrs. William Hambley, Mrs. Howard Livermore, Mrs. Milton M. Gault, Mrs. Cassius Miller, Mrs. T. P. Sharples, and Mrs. J. B. Hassberger.

STRICTLY FRESH

Pretzels were first given as a reward for good children. The loops represent folded arms. Today arms are folded across a bar and a lot of pretzels are eaten by not-so-good children.

Office of economics minister in Schleswig-Holstein, postwar district in Germany, has been empty for six months. Nobody, it seems, wants the job. Does it pay a salary?

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