Don't you know more than one man and woman who seems to have had to bear more than the average of human troubles and trials? When they do it without too much nonsecretary or critical complaining they assume the stature of heroes and heroines.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

HERE IS A MAN WHO SEEKS UNSELFISHLY, TO SERVE

Jim Inglis, recently appointed Michigan Racing Commissioner by Gov. Williams, is one of those rare human beings who, apparently, cares just enough about money to provide reasonably for his wife and four children—the remainder of his compensation coming from doing something for other people.

This latter he accomplishes in normal personal efforts for individuals who may need whatever help he can give them; another method is to accept a public office (at a financial loss to himself) and thus serve "the peepul."

Jim, most of his life, has been a newspaper reporter and, I may add, a very good one. He was one of several Detroit metropolitan reporters who followed former Gov. Kim Sigler around in the 1946 campaign.

IT WAS IN those days that I got to know Jim pretty well. Although his personal political leanings were and still are toward the New and Fair Deal elements of the Democratic party, Jim never allowed that to interfere with his honest and objective reporting of the current scene.

Inglis' first public office was as Detroit's Housing Commissioner, under former Mayor Van Antwerp. He did his level best to bring more and better housing to Detroit's lower income group, and only left that job when Mayor Albert Cobo succeeded Van Antwerp.

Just imagine yourself the son of a multi-millionaire, and some day to come into a sizeable fortune; would you shy clear of help from parental sources as Jim has done, and successfully depend only upon your own efforts to win bread for a large family? Well, that's what Jim Inglis has done and still is doing.

ACTUALLY, HE is fired with the desire to serve the many in whatever way he can . . . and do so unselfishly, quietly, and modestly.

While I don't agree with many of his political and economic notions, I admire and respect him, and am proud to call him a friend. I know that he will give his State an honest regime in the racing business . . . and I hope he will be able to maintain a mental tempo in keeping with the fast-stepping horse-racing business he will now endeavor to regulate.

Incidentally, Jim, (if you ever get to read this) I won't even ask you for free passes to the racing events, either!

The open feud between President Truman and General MacArthur continues. HST declares he fired Mac because of the latter's alleged desire to involve this country in an all-out war in the Far East. MacArthur denies that such was his plan. Rather, he says, "My purpose was not to extend the war but to end it."

Well, no doubt most of the public believes MacArthur knew and still knows the war business better than Captain Truman does.

Let us await the unfolding pattern of the Eisenhower solution . . . after all, deeds and not mere words will tell.

To Name Winner Friday Of Jaycee Service Award

Winner of the 1952 Distinguished Service award will be named at a meeting scheduled for Friday, according to Harry O. Smart, of the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The award is to be presented on a basis of achievements, leadership and service to the community during the year. The recipient, who will be eligible for consideration in the state contest must be between 21 and 36 years of age. Smart said.

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City Seeks Entry Into SOCSDD

The second step in bringing the east side of the city into the Southeastern Oakland County Sewage Disposal District (SOCSDD) was formally started by city commissioners Monday night.

A proposed amendment to Oakland County Ordinance 1987 which would allow the city's membership in the Red Run-Clinton drainage district was drawn up and will be sent to the Oakland County Board of Supervisors for action at that board's regular meeting January 13. The Drain Commission Committee of the board approved the request Tuesday.

The city already has gained the support of the 11 member municipalities. Yet to be granted is the approval of the supervisors and approval of Birmingham voters.

Should the board permit the city's admission to the district, the proposal will be put before the city electorate at the April 6 election.

CLAUDE STEVENS, attorney who developed the formation of the SOCSDD, drafted the ordinance for Birmingham. Under terms of the agreement, the city would make an initial payment of $21,691.34 to the SOCSDD for the city's proportion of the district's $495,323.63 accrued assets as of December 31, 1951.

An additional payment figured on a formula of water consumption in the east side of the city from January 1, 1952, to May 1, 1953, would be paid within 30 days of the initial payment to bring Birmingham's share of the costs up to date.

The city believes that membership in the SOCSDD is a must because, (1) it would reduce present pollution of the Rouge River basin, and (2), it would be a more economical way of treating that portion of the city's sewage in allowing the waste from that area to drain into its own geographical drainage district.

ANNUAL CHARGE for treatment of city sewage through the SOCSDD has been estimated at $15,000. City officials point out that cost of construction of adequate additions to the present disposal plant to meet demands of the Water Resources Commission would be almost prohibitive.

State authorities already have commented that the small flow of the Rouge through the city would not be enough to carry the residue from an enlarged plant.

If the city gains the support of both the county and city voters, it would negotiate contracts with the county as a member of the district authority and with the City of Detroit for treatment of sewage.

WHILE BIRMINGHAM seeks to join the district, Royal Oak has tackled another long-contested problem in its drainage system and has asked Birmingham to concur with objectives.

Royal Oak has petitioned the Oakland County Drain Commission to cover the deep drainage ditch at Twelve Mile road and Campbell to eliminate the traffic and health hazards the open ditch presents.

Cost of the enclosure for the 600-foot distance has been estimated at $300,000 with each city using the drainage facilities sharing in the cost of the improvement.

City commissioners tabled the matter for one week to determine the thoughts of other South Oakland county cities on the proposed enclosure.

GEORGE BURDICK (left) PLOTS OBSERVER CHARTS
Kimpo AF Base personnel is kept busy

Pre-Christmas Holiday Treat for GI in Korea

Ed. Note—This is another in an intermittent series of articles written from the Korean battle front by George H. L. Burdick, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Burdick, 611 Henrietta.)

By GEORGE H. L. BURDICK, Jr.

Bound for Japan and a seven-day rest and recreation leave, I left Korea on Nov. 28 aboard a C-124. Our flight over an endless overcast of rain clouds took 4½ hours.

I was signed on as a crew member and kept the time log while in flight. Our passenger list was made up of front line troops of every nationality . . . Indian, Greek, Turk, Canadian, Australian, English, etc.

In the wake of early morning darkness, we broke out of the overcast above the glimmering damp streets of Tokyo. A light mist was falling over the city.

Upon taxiing up to the passenger terminal, we were met by buses to take the rest-bound troops into Tokyo. I didn't get a chance to join these happy boys for I had to make arrangements for a flight to Nagoya.

HAVING A HIGH priority number, I had little trouble getting on the next flight list for Nagoya. My flight didn't leave until late in the afternoon, so I cleaned up and got into my blues, feeling dressed up for the first time in months.

Grabbing a Japanese cab, I took in the sights of Tokyo and took quite a number of colored pictures.

The thing that impressed me the most about Japan was the strong Western influence. Most of their new buildings are very modern and Western dress seems to be the coming style.

En route to Nagoya I took a C-54 arriving there in time to have dinner with a friend who is stationed at the Nagoya Headquarters.

OUR FLIGHT carried us over the griddled land mass of rice paddies and spotty communities. Every inch of acreage is utilized. These farms are very small but there are a great many of them. The patterns of farm crops blends in with the sunken steps of the rice paddies.

While I was in Nagoya, I enjoyed myself. I ate like a king—gorging myself with shrimp, filet mignon, MILK, soups, salads and many other dishes.

I was taken with the quaint atmosphere of the Orient service and was waited on by cute, smiling, bowing Japanese girls. Music was featured throughout the dinner hours.

I bathed like an emperor. The so-called bath tub was the size of a small swimming pool. Hot . . . that is putting it mildly. After getting the Korean filth removed from my pores, I had a massage that beat anything on the training tables in college. A shave and hair cut followed, making me feel like a human being once again.

I stayed at a hotel in a beautiful plush setting. I took in a Japanese musical comedy that was funnier because I couldn't understand a word of what they were saying or singing.

IN VISITING a Buddha temple I had the chance of speaking to a priest for hours. He could understand English and took me on a tour of the building.

The most memorable part of my visit was the rides in the Japanese cabs. They don't believe in brakes and rely only on their horns. Riding in those cabs made me a nervous wreck. Walking was no fun, either.

Not used to drivers using the left side of the road, I nearly got knocked down a dozen times. When stepping off the curb I would invariably look to the left and experience a loud blast at my right. I got pretty good at backward somersaults to the curb again.

WHEN THE DAY came for me to depart from Japan, I was anything but happy to leave. I caught a C-54 out of the Komaki Air Base. We left late in the afternoon and made a stopover in Southern Korea.

When we landed in Seoul the temperature was nine degrees above zero and the ground was blanketed with snow.

Since my return we have had sub zero weather. It DOES get cold in Korea, colder than any weather I've ever experienced and I've been in Maine and New Hampshire when it was supposed to be cold.

The rice paddies are all frozen over as are the rivers. Most of the snow is in the mountains but we have had our share here.

The night after I returned to Korea, President-elect Eisenhower arrived here and although I didn't see him, he was in a Constellation when it was parked out in front of our quonset huts. The whole time he was here his planes were parked outside of our weather station.

Birmingham Firemen Have A Busy December

Birmingham firemen responded to a total of 36 alarms during the month of December. Department estimates set property damages at $400.

There were 22 silent alarms for fires and fire investigations; 8 for gas investigations; one miscellaneous call and five first aid runs.

B'ham Citizens Older Than the Average? U.S. Census Says So

(Special to The Birmingham Eccentric)

NEW YORK, Jan. 2—Taken as a whole, residents of Birmingham are older than their compatriots in other parts of the United States. This age differential is brought to light by the Census Bureau after an analysis of data gathered in the recent tabulation.

The median age of people in Birmingham is given as 32.1 years, signifying that there are as many above that age as there are below.

In the other parts of the country the median is 30.1 years. This places Birmingham residents 2.0 years older than their counterparts. They are older also by 2.3 years than people generally in Michigan.

OTHER REVEALING data on the population trends in Birmingham and elsewhere has to do with the increase in the number of persons of age 65 and over. Advances in the medical sciences and better living standards have had a marked effect in lengthening the life span and causing this increase.

In Birmingham, the Census Bureau reports, 6.3 percent of the population is in the 65 or over bracket.

Of great interest also are the findings as to the educational attainments of local people as compared with those in other sections.

The determination made from the assembled data is that residents of Birmingham get more schooling than do people generally throughout the nation.

AMONG THE local population, counting only those who have completed their formal education, the average person has a background of 12.8 years of school.

This compares favorably with the national figure of 9.3 years of schooling. The Michigan average is 9.9 years.

The picture presented by the Census Bureau shows also an unprecedented proportion of married couples, a record number of young children and a large increase in the working force, which is attributed to more and more women holding down jobs outside their homes.

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Library Millage Hike To Be Asked in April

New Police Test Made Court Issue

Testimony of four members of the Birmingham police department and Dr. C. W. Muehlberger, head of the state crime detection bureau at Lansing, was heard Jan. 2 when Birmingham's recently adopted intoximeter was subjected to its first court hearing.

Clare H. Graham, 57, of Detroit was the defendant in a drunk driving case heard by Birmingham's justice court judge, John J. Gafill.

Graham was arrested early the morning of Dec. 7 by officers Anthony Stiel and James Buckles who charged he was driving in a "zig-zag manner on Hunter boulevard."

The officers, with Sgt. Robert Emrhett, platoon leader, testified as to Graham's condition and the circumstances under which he was given the intoximeter test.

Dr. Muehlberger testified as to the operation of the intoximeter, saying that an 0.15 reading indicated intoxication.

HE REVEALED that when he analyzed the chemicals in the sealed tubes received from the Birmingham police, an alcoholic content of 0.19 was indicated.

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley testified as to the handling of the tube (accepted as evidence by Gafill) between the time of Graham's arrest and its mailing to Lansing. He revealed that the sealed carton had been in a police department safe during the period.

Graham's attorney, David Pence of Pontiac, protested the acceptance of the intoximeter as evidence, but was overruled by Gafill.

After hearing the statements of the officers and Dr. Muehlberger, Judge Gafill found Graham guilty.

At Pence's request, he deferred sentence until Friday, Jan. 9. Pence said he wished to confer further with his client.

Kindness to Dogs Earns 'Citation' For Businessman

From Pontiac comes a pat on the back for Charles Mortensen, secretary of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce.

Mortensen's efforts, apparently, are not confined wholly to keeping things in order for Birmingham businessmen, nor yet handling the multitudinous duties of the secretary of state's branch office here.

Al Sundell, staff member of the Oakland County Animal Welfare Shelter, rates Mortensen pretty high on the scale as a "dog's best friend."

"He's one person who really likes dogs enough to take more than a passing interest in them," Sundell said.

"DURING THE last year a lot of stray dogs have found homes, thanks to Charles Mortensen.

"When he gets a stray he either takes it into his own home or works hard to get someone else to 'adopt' it. He has been known to take dogs to the vet when he thought they were ill.

"Here at the shelter we think he's pretty swell. We know he's not a man to seek publicity or tell about the things he does. That's why we're taking over the job of letting the people know what one man does to make life happier for dogs without homes."

1953 Starts Quietly In Birmingham

The Infant 1953 must have thought Birmingham an odd place, indeed, the way he was welcomed here.

To begin with, it was a pretty quiet reception he received. Several youngsters around town, unable to keep their eyes open any longer, went to bed. They expected to be awakened by the noise of 1953's greeting but were sadly disappointed. Things were so quiet the kids slept right through!

Other things were pretty slow getting started for the New Year, too, for he was three days old before he greeted the first baby of the year or the first bride and groom.

He arrived in the midst of an engagement party given New Year's Eve by Mr. and Mrs. Harley Robinson of Bloomfield Hills for their daughter Joan Elizabeth, who will become the bride of W. Webb Wilson of Detroit.

THE NEW YEAR just had time to visit this festivity, when he began his tour of duty with the police.

A prowler was reported from the Donald Roberts' home, 564 W. Lincoln. Patrolmen Richard Chambers and Howard Hatt, who answered the call, were unable to find a trace of the suspect.

Officer Anthony Stiel had better luck—he stopped the first speeder, John E. Bell of 592 Chester, to whom was handed a ticket for driving 45 mph in a 30-mile zone.

Jack F. Miller whose home is on Route 1 took the Number 1 miscellaneous violations ticket because the muffler on his car was too noisy and he had no registration for the vehicle.

The year was still quite new when John W. Gafill of 201 Park reported the theft of some tools. This was called in to the police at 5:55 p.m. New Year's day.

AT THE fire department two calls were received, the first for a gas investigation at 11:48 a.m., at 159 W. Brown, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Porter.

The next call, received at 5:08 p.m., was a roof fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Hoffman, 1045 Suffield. Sparks from a Christmas tree being burned in the fireplace were responsible, said the firemen.

By this time the little New Year was beginning to think Birmingham events hinged solely upon the doings of the police and fire departments. He was getting tired of bumped fenders, lost dogs, petty thievery and the like. He wanted a touch of romance and family life.

TO SATISFY him, Miss Nancy Ann Stinson made her bow to the world on Jan. 3. Born at St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stinson, 1411 Humphrey. She is not only the first 1953 baby in Birmingham, but the first daughter for the Stinsons, who have two sons.

On that same day, Jan. 3, Our Shepherd Lutheran church was the scene of the first wedding of the year. Miss Mary M. Hamlin, daughter of former residents Mr. and Mrs. Hawlett A. Hamlin, became the bride of Earl Howard Price.

Winter Recreation Programs Start Here on Jan. 10

Frank Whitney, recreation director for the City of Birmingham, said today that the winter recreation program would get underway in the various schools Saturday morning, Jan. 10.

All school gyms, Whitney said, would be open as well as the pool at Barnum.

Basketball for elementary school boys will be the program at all gyms, with the exception of Barnum and the high school.

At Barnum, only seventh grade boys will hold classes each Saturday morning. The high school gym will be the scene of intramural sports for both boys and girls.

Whitney said no registration would be necessary at any of these places, but would be required for the pool activities.

"AT BARNUM pool," he said, "We will have classes for swimmers from beginners through experts. These boys and girls will be required to register, and will be assigned to classes according to their ability. A definite schedule will be announced as soon as the attendants have been classified.

"In order to participate in the program, any boy or girl applying must be able to stand at the shallow end of the pool with his or her mouth well above the water line. This is about three feet deep at this 'test' point.

"We do not classify swimmers as to age, since some older children would be barred because of stature."

Whitney added that all programs, under adult supervision, would begin at 9 a.m.

This City Record, May be Equalled, But Never Beaten

A new record, and one that may be equalled but never surpassed, was reported by the Birmingham building inspector's office this week.

During the week just passed, not one single, solitary permit was issued for any type of construction in the city.

Board Cites Operational Problems

Two city charter revisions may come before a vote of the people in the April election.

City officials are busy shaping up the necessary machinery to bring the proposal for the city's membership in the Southeastern Oakland County Sewage Disposal District before a vote (see story in column two), while library board members are just as anxious to see a millage increase reach a popular vote.

Library officials have reported to the city that the one-mill tax levied since 1938 for public library facilities does not adequately meet the operational demands of the library. They seek to have the levy increased to 1½ mills.

Also carried in the proposed charter revision for the Baldwin Public Library are proposals to improve the accounting system of library funds and the elimination of certain detailed requirements concerning library reports.

CITY COMMISSIONERS Monday night referred the resolution to revise the city charter to City Attorney Forbes Hascall to draft the exact wording to be used on the April ballot. Commissioners said they would take official action on the proposal at next Monday night's meeting.

Any additional funds for library purposes would have to be taken from some of the present appropriations for city general fund purposes because of the state's 20-mill limitation for city taxes. Therefore, no additional city taxes would be added to the tax bill by the millage increase.

The present systems of accounts for the library board have long been critized by library workers. According to employees, some accounts are maintained by the board treasurer while others are maintained at the library. They further argue that there is no detailed segregation of costs nor real reporting of operational costs of funds received from fines, state aid, rental of building and other sources.

ACCORDING TO City Manager Donald C. Egbert, there presently

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Library Notes 25 Years In Present Location

Baldwin library board members and staff workers have extended an invitation to all residents to help them celebrate the 25th anniversary of library service in the present building Tuesday night, Jan. 13.

The evening will feature guided tours through the building, followed by a program and social hour and will include the first glimpse of a parent-teachers book collection made possible mainly by the donations of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. P. John of Tooting lane in memory of the late Charles Shain.

The collection is being aimed at a good selection of children's books to help solve parents' problems of what books their children should read.

Tours through the building will start at 7:15 p.m. and will point out the entire operations of the library.

THE PROGRAM is to start at 8:45 p.m. with Marion Kellogg, president of Grosse Pointe Friends of the Library, as one of the principal speakers.

Heading the Baldwin library 25th anniversary committee are Mrs. Casstus Miller and Mrs. Howard Liverance.

Other committee members are Mrs. William H. Burlingame, Mrs. John M. Campbell, Mrs. George Finch, Mrs. Harry Gruber, Mrs. Forbes Hascall, Mrs. Louis Hascall, Mrs. John Hollister, Mrs. William H. Jackson, Mrs. John Lambie, Mrs. Angus McLay, Mrs. Hugh McLeese, Mrs. Dale Miller, Mrs. Maribel Parker, Mrs. Steele Sellers, Mrs. Frederick Sevin, Mrs. Graham Shinnick, Mrs. F. Chalmers Smith, Mrs. Robert Surridge, Mrs. Paul Wagner and Mrs. Frank Webb.

STRICTLY FRESH

Now that most everyone has forgotten about the election, we can reveal that General MarArthur did not vote. He had not registered. But Ike won anyway!

First weekly paper to support Lincoln for the presidency died election eve after 105 years publishing. At age it just couldn't stand the shock of GOP winning after all these years.

Robber who read no newspapers confessed to 24-year-old murder, was told his "victim" is alive. Bet he reads the papers now!

United Nations delegates drank election-winner toasts in

their own extra-territorial bar, only one legally open on election day. We wondered where Dem refugees were singing "Sweet Adlai Mine."

Foreign gold mines have asked their government for aid to meet rising costs. Next we'll hear even a mint can't make any money.

City Wants to Give Full Story on Fire Hall

Birmingham city commissioners have decided again to tackle the question of constructing a new fire hall. Certain public opinion has led them to believe that a number of residents are interested in another fire hall, but the officials have no way of knowing just how large a group this is.

To eliminate what they consider are certain operational difficulties that arise from the present department's location in the municipal building and to initiate a program for better fire protection, city commissioners have agreed to take a second look at the problem of the building's erection that failed to gain public approval in the April, 1952 election.

If they decide to take the issue to the voters again, they are determined to get the full story before the public.

THE FULL story includes the need for another building, reasons behind the choosing of a site and possible cost of the structure.

A citizens' committee, made up of representatives of the various civic groups within the city, and to be appointed by Mayor Dean C. Beier, would meet with city officials to discuss the whys and wherefores of another fire hall and to give their opinions on the project.

At a recent commission meeting, Commissioner V. B. Watkins asked whether the plan board had arrived at estimating the potential population and number of dwellings in the city.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert answered that the latest report from the assessor stated that about 1200 lots were yet undeveloped.

WATKINS was suggesting that population density perhaps would have some effect on the location of a second station. But Commissioner Lance C. Minor argued that more emphasis should be placed on values and hazards in certain areas rather than population densities.

Watkins added that many comments which have come to him have questioned the city's insistence in building the fire hall on the east side of the city when the west side is much more completely built up.

Another problem that must be answered, according to Minor, is what the city intends to do with the space in the municipal building should the fire station be moved.

WATKINS agreed with Minor, stating that if the city cannot justify the need for the space in the city hall the voters will not be convinced of the need for a new fire hall.

Egbert has promised to submit all the reasons behind the city's need, so the public will be able to see in detail the inadequacies of the present location of the fire station.

Commissioner Richard M. Patterson asked that complete cost figures on any new building be publicized so voters will know exactly what they are voting on.

Egbert reported that the City of Royal Oak is presently building a fire station on Woodward at Thirteen Mile road for about 85 cents per cubic foot.

Criticism over last year's fire hall proposal included the belief of many voters that Birmingham's bid for another fire hall was too expensive. The proposal then estimated the cost of the Birmingham building at $1.30 per cubic foot.

Commissioners hope to be closer to this "whole story" when the matter is considered again at the January 19 meeting. Mayor Beier hopes by that time to have reached all community groups for members to his advisory committee.