

Peace of mind is without a peer among the things that intelligent men (women) prize. For, if the conscience is never pardoned over the counter, nor can it be handed by inheritance to another, cover from within and from the infinite.

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If You Were the Dog Warden What Would Be Your Decision?

By G. R. A.

SHOULD REPUBLICANS REVERT TO "BOSS CONTROL"?

A Detroit lawyer, interested in the Republican Party of Michigan, has proposed a new method of "nominating" a candidate for Governor. Ditching the way the present primary elections operate, he argues that Party leaders should hold a "convention" where the "best man" could be selected. Then all Republican leaders should get back of him at election time.

The plan, of course, cannot prevent one or more other Republicans from legally entering the primary contest itself. But the lawyer says, and in this he is quite correct, "If our Party leaders in every county get behind a single candidate they have selected, this candidate ought to win the nomination."

THE ONLY "fix in the cement" is that the plan is Siamese-twin to the old and discarded "bossed convention." The plan, I do not believe, would get very far with the majority of Michigan Republicans.

It is very true that the present open primaries do attract more than one candidate. Many of the candidates are strong men, either in their Party or in their personal talents for the job of Governor.

Yet the presence of both strong and weak candidates on a ticket is not a parcel of the free competitive pattern of self-government. In the final analysis, it is presumed that the majority will select the best man, having been given sufficient information about him and the abilities during the campaign.

TO BE SURE, not always have the people elected the "best man." But to go back to a pattern that might be the many "boss-controlled" conventions for the highest office in our State is not, I believe, more in keeping with current public opinion.

Bobo, wife of multi-millionaire Winthrop Rockefeller, of oil fame, wants \$250,000 per year settlements if and when she divorces her husband. She is the daughter of an immigrant coal miner, has a lawyer expert on retaining alimony from her clients. She is proving that "divorce" is a costly affair for multi-millionaires.

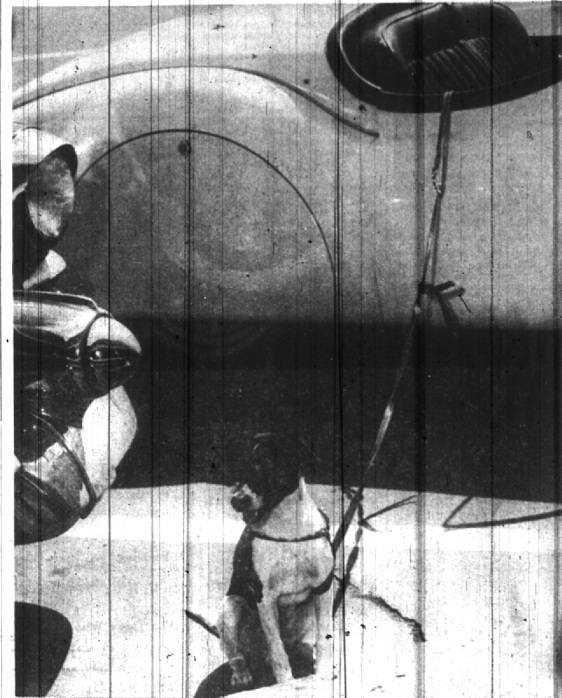
It is estimated that the average American motorist drove 9,000 miles in 1932, consuming 300 hours, or 12 1/2 days. Considering the variety and degrees of ability of these millions of motorists, one can understand why so many fatalities and accidents take place annually. All of which suggests that, each year, modern automobiles are comparable to a "flying bullet," each one ought to be as careful behind the wheel as a man in a bathtub.

From time to time you read that foreign countries do not like the pattern of the United States. It is given to us by our movies and comics. Well, for that matter, neither do millions of Americans.

We learn that one of the best medical definitions of an engagement period is that time when, after getting the sparkler, the bride and groom have not yet seen if this is the best she can do.

Want to know why so many business failures? Since 1918 a total of 13,500,000 customers died, and more than one-third of the 50 families have been formed.

Remember, the old saying: "A fool and his money are soon parted." With the advent of the income tax, however, one need not be a fool to meet the same economic fate.



IS THIS SMALL PUP VIOLATING the newly revised Birmingham dog ordinance? He is or he isn't, depending on what your interpretation is of the ordinance's "reasonable control" clause. This requires a dog to be under the control of his owner at all times.

Perhaps uncomfortable from sitting on the hot leather seat of the nifty foreign convertible angle-parked in the background, this pup at the end of a five-foot leash sits on the cooler pavement and watches passersby on N. Woodward avenue last Thursday afternoon.

TEMPORARILY ABSENT OWNER—securely tie leash—could the dog inflict any damage while unattended? All these questions, of no concern to the dog, could have been

come involved if the city's dog warden had happened by. "Under reasonable control" or not under control enough? That's the latest argument over dogs, with their owner lined up on one side, the non-dog owning residents and landscapers on the other, with the city dog warden, the police department and city officials smack in the middle.

If you were the dog warden, how would you interpret the ordinance in this case? Would you hand out a \$6.50 violation ticket to the dog owner—or would you decide, "No cause for arrest?"

No use in turning to the ordinance for help—there's nothing in it to aid you in arriving at the answer. It's simply and purely a matter of personal interpretation.

Bloodmobile Here On July 22

An urgent appeal for blood donors in the city has been sent out by Dr. Ernest E. Bauer, chairman of the blood program for the Oakland County Red Cross Chapter.

The bloodmobile which will be at the Community House on July 22 from 2 p. m. to 8 p. m., will be seeking a portion of the 786 pint quota sought from the Detroit area by the U. S. Defense Department.

Similar bloodmobile visits are scheduled during July in Royal Oak, Rochester and Pontiac. Anyone who is able to give blood at these visits is asked to contact the Red Cross Chapter in Pontiac, Mrs. Carl Metz, 1800 Redding or Mrs. Harold Grant, 3210 Arlington.

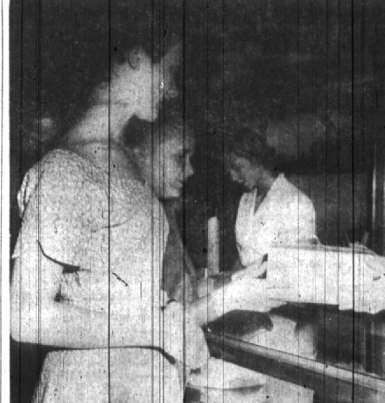
Members of the Newcomers Club are working on the drive. Because of the cost, the bank should have 200 volunteers or pledges to accept a call. The club spokesman said. She said that the

Birmingham's own supply is practically depleted, the fighting is still going on in Korea where great quantities of blood are needed, and gamma globulin is needed to stave off any polo epidemic that might start in the area.

A room will be provided in the Community House for the care of small children.

LINDA and Jimmy Lewis, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lewis, 1040 Lake Park, worked to provide the snack for donors.

Linda baby-sat and Jimmy shovelled snow last winter. With part of their profits, they bought the cookies which will be supplied each donor after giving blood.



LINDA LEWIS JIM LEWIS GEORGETTE BIXBY Purchase cookies for city's blood donors. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Legion, LL In Weekend Playoffs

Teams from the American Legion Post and Little League will take to the field this weekend in quest of regional honors as both leagues will host zone playoffs here.

The Legion playoffs will bring teams from Flint, Saginaw and Sebewing to Birmingham where the Charles Edwards Post No. 14 will represent the 18th District.

Facing Birmingham will be Buick Post No. 116 from the Sixth District in Flint, Sebewing Post No. 238 from the Seventh District and Saginaw Post No. 22 from the Eighth District.

Friday morning, July 17, the teams will draw opponents and game times. Two games will begin at 9:30 a. m. at Pierce and the high school fields. Winners of these game times. Two games will begin the losers slated for a game at the same time. These games will also be played at Pierce and the high school.

THREE TEAMS will remain in competition Saturday morning in the two-game knock-out playoffs. Single games will be held at 9:30 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. at the high school.

The Charles Edwards Post, sponsored by Tom McDonnell, Inc., and Harold Turner, Inc., are defending zone champions.

There will also be plenty of baseball at St. James field as all-star teams from Livonia and Farmington will journey here for their second year in a row to match their efforts against the best from Birmingham's American and National divisions.

Farmington will play the American division all-stars Friday afternoon at 1:30 p. m., with the National division nine facing Livonia at 4:30 p. m.

Winners of these two games will play each other Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p. m.

Bloomfield Hills Schools To Retire 1949 Bldg. Bonds

Over 100 people crowded the annual meeting of the Bloomfield Hills board of education Monday.

Board members passed the 1953-54 budget of \$365,117.39 and voted to drop any compensation for formerly paid board members.

The board also agreed to transfer \$20,000 from the operating fund to the bond reserve fund so the district can retire the 1949 bond debt in July, 1953. This will decrease the millage rate for school construction from 4 1/2 mills to 1 1/2 mills.

Swanson Associates, Bloomfield Hills, was announced as the architect for the proposed high school and plans will be started immediately for the new building.

As soon as plans are approved by the board of education, the construction of the high school will again be taken before a vote of the electors.

Birmingham High School Vandalized by Youths

Birmingham high school was damaged by youthful vandals over the weekend. When custodians opened the doors Monday morning, they discovered broken windows, ink-smeared walls and smeared paint.

According to the police, the youths gained entrance to the school through a partially opened fire door.

Eight rooms on three different floors were damaged. Drawers were emptied and the contents spilled over the floors, acid thrown from the floor. Fire extinguishers squirted about and the hair on two mannequins in the home economics department was cut short.

School officials do not have an estimate of the damage.

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Bids Near For Water Authority

Two area projects, initiated on an authority basis among cities in South Oakland County, are nearing reality as bids have already been received on construction of the garbage and rubbish incinerator, and plans are being readied for advertisement of bids on the water authority facilities.

The Southeastern Oakland County Garbage and Rubbish Disposal Authority last week tentatively approved a combination of bids for the construction of a three-furnace incinerator at a cost of \$1,354,855.

The authority, however, faces possible legal entanglements over the bidding before bonds can be sold for the project.

A New York representative of the Morse Boulger Destructor company, hurrying out Woodward avenue to submit his firm's bid for the incinerator, was arrested in Ferndale by an Oakland County Deputy and fined \$75 for reckless driving. The arrest held the bid carrier up and he was too late to make the deadline at the authority's office.

THE MORSE Boulger bid was \$74,832 lower than the amount tentatively approved by the authority. Already a Hazel Park group has contested the acceptance of the bid, stating that the taxpayer is the one who will lose should the authority refuse to reconsider the New York firm's bid.

Authority members went to decide Wednesday noon whether it was legally possible to again accept bids on the incinerator.

Meanwhile steps are being taken to hasten the construction of the Water Authority's main which will run from Eight Mile road out of Detroit and up Greenfield road to the 14 Mile road.

Birmingham's share of the water authority's cost has been estimated at about a half million dollars.

According to City Manager Donald C. Egbert, Detroit has suggested that the authority construct a 10-million gallon ground storage tank to assure that both Detroit cities with adequate water supplies in times of peak loads.

SOME THINKING has been given the storage tank idea and authority engineers in Detroit are studying a steel tank of this size would cost in the neighborhood of \$300,000.

Presently the authority is working on a contract with the city of Detroit to supply the SDC area. Birmingham City Engineer L. R. Gare, stated that the authority probably would be ready to accept bids on the first steps of the project within 90 days.

Gare believes that the entire project will cost a minimum of \$4 million.

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Concert Features Negro Spirituals

Cecilia Carter of Lansing will present a concert of Negro spirituals at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, July 18, in the auditorium of Eastern High School, Pontiac.

Miss Carter traces the background and legend connected with the songs some of which are presented without accompaniment.

A native of New Orleans, Miss Carter has been presenting Negro spirituals for seventeen years, and has been giving concerts in Michigan cities for the past two years, a number of local residents are planning to attend.

Boy, 10, Bruised In Auto Accident

Charles Angell, 10, of 16174 Lauderdale, Beverly Hills, was struck and bruised when his car was involved in an accident at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Saturday.

The car in which he was riding and driven by his father, Soledad D. Angell, 34, collided with one driven by Harry J. Fennigand, 45, of 30507 Birch st., Royal Oak.

Oakland County sheriff's deputies arrested Fennigand at 14 Mile and Pierce roads in Southfield Township.

Automatic Car Window Device Strangles Girl

A seven-year-old Troy township girl spending the summer months near Grand Rapids at the home of her remarried father, died Tuesday night when her neck became wedged in an automatically operated window in her father's car.

The young girl, Penny Thomas, was playing in the car parked in the driveway of her father, Evans Thomas, while her head was out the window, her knee apparently touched the operating mechanism of the window and closed it upon her neck, police believe.

A PASSING motorist saw her plight and released her. Police applied artificial respiration but she died soon after arrival at Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids.

The child lived with her mother, Mrs. Genevieve Thomas, at 2673 Spencer, just east of Birmingham.

Miss Thomas said her daughter was playing in the car when she was struck by the window.

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STRICTLY FRESH

Internal revenue men caught a check-writing machine making excessive income tax refund checks. Probably just a political machine trying to influence a few votes.

Police caught a Wisconsin man robber carrying loot in his shoes. At least he was well heeled!

A lady tavern owner was ordered to remove view-obscuring potted plants from her saloon window. Drinkers will get potted in public from now on.

A Bolivar, Mo., bridegroom forgot his bride's last name when he said "I do."

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PENNY THOMAS



filling out marriage license blank. Oh well! She won't be using it long anyway.

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