Your point of view on a subject is all-important. Witness the experience of the little boy who was afraid to go to bed in the dark. His mother said: 'Dear, be afraid—God's there with you.' Alone, the boy pleaded: 'If you're there, God, don't move and scare me.'

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FRANKLIN HILLS PRO TAKES PGA CROWN

THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

ARE WE PRACTICAL IN OUR PRAYERS FOR GOOD LEADERSHIP?

Have you ever really thought about what happens (or should happen) when prayers are offered up on certain occasions on behalf of our highest public leaders, when some national crisis is upon us?

Have you gone into the depths of your own head and heart and come to a practical conclusion as to just what you do (or don't do) when you pray?

Just merely to bow one's head and mentally, or audibly, recite words to Divine Providence on such occasions doesn't, it seems to me, go the whole intelligent democratic route.

For, if it be true that "God helps only those who help themselves", then merely to pray for our leaders, without doing something about it ourselves, will not bring about the desired results.

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WHAT ELSE, besides praying, should one do?

The answer, in a system of self-government, ought to be obvious. It ought to be so plain that the question becomes superfluous . . . and that answer simply is: As free citizens who elect and support these great leaders, we must understand them and their ever-changing problems.

By keeping posted on current national and international problems (which we expect our leaders to solve) we can thus be more intelligent ourselves about the problems of the moment. Then we can show more patience when problems are not solved quickly, and we can write to our high public officials giving them our ideas and our written support.

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IF WE WISH to be critical of our leaders, as they handle certain public problems, then we can be more constructive in our criticisms—if we know about the problems. We can base our criticisms upon facts, not upon ignorance or prejudice.

In brief, when we pray for our leaders why not include ourselves? We, too, can use as much Divine Guidance as we request for our leaders.

To repeat, I think, we have used mere lip service in our prayers . . . without tossing in those inner urges that can come from the head and the heart of man.

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While strolling down a New York street recently, former President Truman found a quarter lying in the street. He stopped, picked it up, and finally put it in his pocket. What's so wonderful about that, anyway? Any person would do the same, whether or not he ever spent other people's money by the billions.

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With this modern increase in the number of "Queens of This" and "Queen of That", now comes the Detroit Fire Dept., with a plan to pick a "Miss Flame". Why not call every woman a Queen, or a Miss or Maybe Something . . . and let it go at that?

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I have sympathy for that Oklahoma housewife who, walking in her sleep when the moon is full, disappeared and police later found her up in a tree, picking leaves and not wearing a stitch of clothing. The lady most certainly was out on a limb . . . or, more accurately, two of 'em.

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Apparent changes in seasonal weather and tornado disasters are in most local conversation these days. People say: "Conditions have changed so much of late . . . wonder why?" Well, Nature continues its own pattern upon this earth, regardless of the presence of mankind. It is well to remember that, 25,000 years ago, right here in Michigan, the two miles high ice covered the earth. Change is the condition and pattern of the elements which Nature uses in her own designs.

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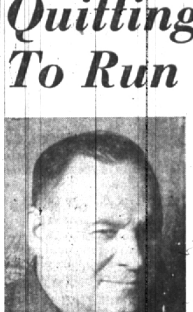

REP. HOWARD R. ESTES

State Representative Howard R. Estes announced last week that his retirement from politics will probably come soon in order that he may devote his full time as manager of the Oakland County Infirmary.

The Republican representative, whose home is at 492 Rivenoak, recieved the appointment from the Oakland county welfare board Friday, he said.

Estes did not give any definite date for his pending retirement from the political scene but said it would probably be "soon."

His application for the managerial post, created recently by county supervisors, won the unanimous approval of the welfare board, it was announced. Estes began his fifth term as state representative last fall.

Estes' present term in the legislature expires on Dec. 31, 1954. His early resignation would mean a special election for the District 3 voters to name his successor.

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DISTRICT 3, which he represents, includes Milford, Lyon, Commerce, Novi, West Bloomfield, Bloomfield, Farmington and Troy townships and the Cities of Bloomfield Hills and Birmingham.

He already has resigned from several legislative committees but has indicated that he will continue to serve as a legislator for a short time.

"I consider my appointment as manager of the infirmary as a trust and not to be taken lightly," Estes said. "It is an opportunity to be of genuine service to the county and a position both serious and important.

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"I HAVE visited the infirmary many times and I feel that Oakland county's care of the residents there is splendid."

Estes, in 1951, was selected as one of the state's 10 best legislators by Lansing newsmen. His work on special committees has earned him wide acclaim, especially from schoolmen whose school districts were financially aided through his efforts.

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"WE ARE attempting to get as much money for the original property as possible for the city," Estes, Watkins stated.

Original cost of the land was $7,500.

Commissioner Lance C. Minor said that he would like to see the city's petition to Troy returned and wait until next April when a vote of the public could decide what the city is to do with the property.

Beier agreed that the entire matter should be given more consideration and commissioners voted to delay further action on the problem until the August 3 meeting.

Dump Site Rezoning Request Brings Protests From Area

The question of what to do with the Walker gravel pit property on East Maple after dumping operations are discontinued on the site may be a difficult one for Birmingham city commissioners to resolve.

The commission sought to have Troy township rezone a 600x1200-foot parcel fronting Maple to industrial, dedicating a 200-foot strip on the west and north boundaries of the property for a greenbelt.

Submittal of the city's plans to Troy township has brought objections from nearby property owners and commissioners agreed to wait until the Birmingham plan board acted on the question before reversing its present stand on the land. They also agreed to discuss the problem further at their August 3 meeting.

Troy, meanwhile, already has called a public hearing on Birmingham's proposal before the township zoning board September 15.

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The land-fill method of disposing of garbage and rubbish from other South Oakland County cities will help reclaim nearly all of the property, city officials state. To realize a profitable sale of the city-owned property, the city recommended the rezoning to industrial, assuring nearby residential property of a buffer strip in the green belt.

John M. Rady, 2626 Windemere, president of the Pembroke Manor Association, was present Monday night to ask commissioners for more information on the proposed change in zoning.

Commissioners were handed a petition signed by over 200 Pembroke residents protesting the city's request for the rezoning. A similar petition was said to be on its way to Troy officials.

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COMMISSIONER Dean C. Beier questioned why the land couldn't all be zoned residential.

"I would like to hear a better reason for its being industrial other than the fact that land across Maple is industrial," Beier commented.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert in previous discussions has explained that there was little possibility of developing the front 600 feet of the dump into good residential property because of the previous dumping operations.

Commissioner V. B. Watkins assured property owners that the city could not guarantee what zoning would be placed on the land and added that the city had no business in the real estate business.

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AN INTERVIEW, A CUP AND A WIFELY KISS TO THE WINNER
Burkemo was overwhelmed by the honors paid him. (Eccentric Staff Photos)

Dark Horses Dominate 35th PGA Tourney Here

By DOUGLAS GORDON

Johnny Palmer missed setting a P.G.A. qualifying record and a new Birmingham course record by a half turn of his ball last Thursday. His putt on the eighteenth hole of the second qualifying round stopped a quarter inch from the hole but he still won $250 for medalist honors.

As in many of the P. G. A. tournaments, this one had a playoff for the last few qualifying positions. These rounds are always interesting to watch, and sometimes sad. A bad lie or a crooked bounce can eliminate a player that instant.

Thursday's playoff was marked with some spectacular golf. Henry Williams birdied the first hole to assure himself of a match play berth. Then Bill Nary sank a wedge shot on the par four second for an eagle two and he was in. Milt Lechardus was next to qualify; he birdied the three par third hole.

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WITH FOUR players remaining and only one place to fill, Tommy Bolt parred the long, difficult fourth hole. This was the three-to mark for Henry Linder, Marshall Springer, and Eldon Briggs, of Saginaw.

The old saying "the bigger they are the harder they fall" was proved effectively at the driving contest Thursday afternoon. Steve Gaydos at a minute 127 pounds, the smallest man in the tournament, edged out Chick Harbert for the longest drive. Gaydos slammed his ball 285 yards down the eighth fairway to nip Harbert by a mere two feet. But even with the ability to hit a long ball Gaydos didn't qualify and will return to Pennsylvania.

Detroit's own Horton Smith won the accuracy contest with all three drives in the fairway and 242 yard average. He won $75 as did Gaydos. Wally Cichon was second with a 236 yard average. In third place was Jimmy Nichols with a 216 yard average and he did it with . . . one arm. He is a famous one-armed golfer and tours the links in the seventies.

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JACK FLECK, unknown from Davenport, Iowa, needed but one shot to hole out on the 136 yard 11th hole. He lifted an eight iron shot that hit the pin and went into the cup. It put him five under par at that point but he ran into a little difficulty on the remaining seven holes and finished with a 68, second low for the day.

The "giants" fell like clay pigeons Friday in the first day of match play at the Birmingham Country Club as the P. G. A. moved into the third round. By nightfall there was hardly a name player left in the tournament.

Sam Snead was eliminated by lanky Dave Douglas 1 up on the 19th hole when Douglas dropped in a birdie on the first "sudden death" hole.

Cary Middlecoff fell victim to young Jimmy Clark 5 and 4. Middlecoff played poorly and Clark was quick to take advantage of it.

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ED. "PORKY" Oliver was knocked out on the 20th hole while medalist Johnny Palmer was sent reeling by Jack Grout.

Former champion Chandler Harper fell to unknown Jack Isaacs and Lew Worsham wilted under the volley of Dave Douglas.

Freddie Haas won his first match and then was defeated by Isaacs in the afternoon round.

All these upsets prove one thing; that the big boys who follow the circuit are not invincible. There are many pros in the country who are fine golfers but choose to stay at home and teach their members how to play.

Saturday the matches were extended to 36 holes and practically every player who won was behind at the end of 18 holes. This proves why 36 hole matches are a truer test of golf.

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RECOVERING from a three hole deficit in one of golf's most thrilling comebacks, Wally Burkemo defeated Claude Harmon in the 1953 P. G. A. semi-finals Monday.

Burkemo was three down at the end of 25 holes before he made his move. Starting on the next hole he knocked in a 35 footer for a birdie four to win the hole. They halved the ninth but Burkemo sunk a 20 footer on ten and a 30 foot one on 11 for two birdies and two wins. At this point Burkemo was all even with Harmon and they stayed that way until the thirteenth hole which Harmon won with a par.

Burkemo snaked in a 40 foot putt on the 14th for a birdie three but Harmon sunk a five foot pressure putt to tie Burkemo's birdie and halve the hole.

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NO BLOOD was drawn until the 17th hole. Harmon drove into the right rough and Burkemo smacked his down the middle. Harmon's second landed about 50 feet in front of the green and Burkemo hit his over the green. Harmon left himself a 12 foot putt after his approach and Burkemo put his two feet from the pin. Harmon missed his putt; Burkemo sank his and the match was even.

On the ever-crucial 36th hole both men drove into the rough. Burkemo shot first and played it safe with an eight iron. Then, to the gallery's surprise, Harmon pulled a wood out of his bag. He hit it and the crowd around the green cheered.

Harmon thought he was on the green and when he came up to the creek in front of the green he saw his ball in the water. He later said it was one of the poorest showings of sportsmanship he had seen. Burkemo hit his ball 10 feet from the pin and sunk his putt to beat Harmon 1-up on the 36th.

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FELICE TORZA, the shy little 135 pounder had to go 39 holes to eliminate Jack Isaacs, the Langley Field, Virginia, pro. Torza had a four hole lead at one time but Isaacs shot a two under par 33 on the last nine to even the match. They halved the 37th with birdies and the 38th with pars but Isaacs went over par on the par three 39th and Torza beat him with a par.

Harmon was quite displeased with the showing of the crowd all day. On the 19th hole somebody kicked his ball. He reported it and from then on there was a special marshal to look after his ball. He said it was hard enough to play Burkemo but the crowd of 8,000 was too much for him to beat.

Wins Berth On Ryder Cup Team

By DOUGLAS GORDON

Wally Burkemo was crowned 1953 Professional Golfers Champion Tuesday after defeating Felice Torza, St. Charles, Illinois, 2 and 1.

Burkemo had to defeat Lou Barbaro, Mike Turnesa, Pete Cooper, Dave Douglas, Claude Harmon and Torza to win the title and came from behind in practically all his matches to win.

He was behind at the end of the first hole Tuesday when Torza birdied it. They see-sawed back and forth in the morning and at the turn Burkemo was 1-up.

Wally started fast in the afternoon and won the first three holes with two birdies and a par which put him four-up on Torza.

But the "Toy Tiger" was not to be denied and he won the next hole with a par. They tied the fifth and Torza won the sixth with a birdie three. No blood was drawn on seven as they both got pars.

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THEN CAME the hole which Torza later said was the one that "broke his back." Torza drove first and knocked it right down the middle. Wally hit his drive into a sand trap in the right rough. He tried to knock it out with a wood and just rolled it a few yards into the rough again.

Torza hit his second shot smack down the middle just short of the green. Burkemo's next shot sailed about 175 yards and almost went in the hole stopping 18 inches behind the pin. Torza's approach shot fell short and he lost the hole to Burkemo's birdie. Burkemo won the ninth with a four and went four up again with nine holes to play.

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THEY HALVED ten but Torza came fighting back and won the 11th with a three. On the 405 yard 13th Torza hit his drive into the rough and recovered badly. Burkemo put his second shot in a sand trap to the right of the green but blasted out to within four feet of the pin and sunk his putt to win the hole and go four-up again.

Torza roared back and took the 14th with a par and the 16th with another par. Then he put him two down with two to go.

On the 17th, actually the 35th hole, Torza's recovery from the rough rolled past the pin and over the green and Burkemo put his second about 15 feet from the cup. Torza chipped past the hole and when Burkemo's first putt stopped six inches short it was all over.

Torza walked over to Burkemo and with a big smile shook his hand in congratulations.

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THE WIN assured Burkemo a berth on the United States' Ryder Cup team which will meet Great Britian next October.

For winning the championship Burkemo received a check for $5,000 which will be matched by the Spaulding Sporting Goods Company, a diamond studded gold medal, $250 appearance money for playing in P. G. A. sponsored tourneys within the next year, the right to have his name engraved on the winners' cup along with those "golfing greats" such as Hagen, Sarazen, Hogan and Snead, besides the Ryder Cup berth.

Burkemo will not have to qualify for next years' P. G. A. and will be able to play in the Masters tournament as will Torza.

Little Bigger Leaguers Seek Exhibition Win

Seekig their third exhibition game victory in a row, Birmingham's Little Bigger League allstars will meet the best in Milford's LBL at the high school field here Sunday at 2 p.m.

Last Sunday Birmingham's allstars defeated Berkley, 4 to 3, with Larry Hower, Bob Deakin, Ed Leavenworth and Bob Isbell pitching. The previous Sunday Birmingham swamped Farmington.

Meantime, Lou Conroy has been named chairman of the state LBL tournament which will be held in Birmingham Monday, July 27, to July 29.

In league play Tuesday evening, the Bel-Airs beat the Harvesters, 9 to 5, and Monday night the Chiefs—winners of the first half—started off the second half of the season with a 4 to 2 victory over the Rockets.

In Friday's playoff of a tie game, the Rockets edged the Bel-Airs, 11 to 9.

Highlights of the past week were home runs by Isbell, Bill Deer and Hower and a no-hitter hurled by Isbell, of the Bel-Airs, against the Harvesters.

Tonight the Chiefs play the Harvesters at six p.m. at the high school field.

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Haynes St. Paving Awaits Vacation'g Attorney's Opinion

It'll take a legal opinion to determine the position the city is in regarding the proposed paving of Haynes street between Adams and Hunter, Birmingham city commissioners decided Monday night.

In its second attempt to determine necessity of the $26,000 project, the commission found itself voting three members for the improvement, two against it, one not voting, and one commissioner absent.

The city charter was brought out but it apparently has no instructions regarding votes on necessity of special assessments.

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IT DOES SAY that to reform an assessment roll, at least five members must approve it unless more than 75 per cent of the property owners favor the project. Then it requires a simple majority.

But on necessity—well, the commission decided to wait till next Monday night when City Attorney Forbes Hascall—now on vacation—will be back and able to give his legal opinion.

Meantime, the owners of the businesses on the north side of Haynes street (who want the paving done and the residents on the south side (who don't want any paving) must sit out the suspense.

Mayor Ralph Main Heads Civil Defense Council; Two Assistants Named

The July 2 appointment by the Birmingham Civil Defense Council of Mayor Ralph Main as council director has been approved by city commissioners. A recommendation for his approval has been forwarded to Gov. G. Mennen Williams.

In naming Main to the post, resigning director, Bruce G. Booth, and the council appointed Donald C. Egbert as deputy director in charge of city departmental operations and Roland Reese as director of non-governmental operations.

SCOUTS HELP BUDDIES PACK FOR CALIFORNIA CAMP
Seven Birmingham Scouts to represent Troop B-5 (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Seven Scouts Set For Jamboree

Seven scouts from Birmingham Troop B-5 will attend the National Jamboree for Boy Scouts at Santa Ana, Calif., this month.

The seven scouts represent the largest group from any one troop in the Detroit Area Council to go to the Jamboree. They are Warren Hardy, Bob Podlesak, Terry Bird, Alan Dybvig, Phil Barger, Dick Dybvig and Bill Ganter.

The boys have been assigned to Jamboree Troop No. 25 which includes boys from Ferndale, Royal Oak and Birmingham. Podlesak, Barger and Hardy have been elected Patrol Leaders and Ganter will serve as an assistant Patrol Leader of the Jamboree troop.

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THEY WILL LEAVE Detroit on July 11 and stop first at the Carlsbad Caverns and the Grand Canyon en route to the Jamboree site on the 30,000-acre Irving ranch.

After spending 10 days at the camp, the scouts will head north to Los Angeles, San Francisco and Salt Lake City. A stop at Yellowstone National Park also will be made with arrival back in Detroit scheduled for July 31.