June is the month each year when, according to statistics, more young people get married than at any other period of the calendar. How happy they are at the altar! Alas, though, how unhappy some of them become later on as they fail to make adjustments.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

LOBBYISTS, LIKE OTHER HUMANS, CAN BE GOOD OR EVIL

It was amusing to me, recently, to read certain statements by Gov. Williams about the manner in which some lobbyists helped the Michigan Legislature in writing the so-called "Business Receipts Tax Law."

This measure, you recall, was passed against Williams' wishes, although he allowed it to become a law by not signing or vetoing it.

Well, this age-old pattern of "lobbying" by various groups within our social and economic structure in this State and nation is, in itself, not too much of an evil. To be sure, some lobbyists are mere predators, interested only in their own case and cause. Some of them are not wholly honest, and may and do resort to evil methods to gain legislative sympathy.

BUT ON THE average, those who are expert enough to represent in the lawmakers' halls certain groups can be and more often than not are helpful in the framing of new legislation, or amending existing statutes.

To a President, a Governor, or a legislator, many of these lobbyists have been and still are constructively helpful. Often they will furnish authoritative information on a specific subject, information that your average legislator has neither the time nor the talent to get together.

Often, too, a lobbyist will be so honest that he may defeat his own personal objective for the moment, by advising legislators and legislative committees on a subject.

IT WAS MY privilege, during two years (1947-48) in Lansing as former Gov. Kim Sigler's executive secretary, to watch same lobbyists at work. Indeed, more than once I sat with Sigler and listened to information and even advice from a lobbyist on some subject that impacted on the Governor's responsibilities.

Too, not only representatives of so-called business, labor and farmer groups were talked with, but also many experts in various fields, including college and university professors, No President, Governor or legislator is presumed to possess complete knowledge of every problem he is confronted with; so he must resort to experts—whether they bear the unlovely name of "lobbyist" or are connected with an endowed and unselfish foundation, or loom high on the faculties of institutions of higher learning.

SO WHEN Gov. Williams argues that "special interests" help to write legislation, he is telling quite the truth. But how they help is the important part of it, and every honest public official is capable of screening out from such "help" what is for the public good and what isn't.

Even Gov. Williams resorts to various sources of outside help in determining his policies . . . and certainly there is no mystery about his dependence upon labor leaders for guidance on matters touching their interests.

My own notion of a brief baccalaureate address to graduates from high schools and universities would be something like this: "Now go forth, bravely and industriously, into the world outside textbooks and classrooms, and try to make for yourselves a decent living. If you have haven't any ideals, the chances are you won't get them later . . . so hitch yourselves up to materialism but, above all, never try to outwit the income tax collector, a Congressional investigating committee, your wife, your children . . . or your mother-in-law."

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NO CONTRIBUTION to Flint's tornado victims will mean as much an the one leaving Birmingham this week from six little boys and girls. Shown here with George R. Averill, editor of The Eccentric, are (left to right) Rusty Duffy, 6; Margaret Duffy, 8½; Tom Wood, 9½; Judy Dimock, 9; John Duffy, 4 and Dickie Wood, 4. Headed by Margaret, whose home is at 32460 S. Cranbrook, the youngsters started a money raising campaign last Saturday and by Sunday night had collected two one-dollar bills; three 50-cent pieces; 10 quarters; a nickel and 21 pennies, for a total of $8.76. A penny was their smallest payment, received for clearing the table and $1 from Aunt Frances for finding her dog. Pal. The money will be forwarded by Averill to Michael Gorman, editor of the Flint Journal, Gorman, in touch with every detail of the tragedy, will know exactly what spot has the greatest need for additional funds. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Drain Problems Threaten Construction Of Schools

Final plans and specifications for the proposed Beverly elementary school on Beverly road in Southfield township were approved by the Birmingham board of education Tuesday night.

Eberle M. Smith and Associates of Detroit, architects for the 12-classroom building, presented the final plans. Bids for the construction of the school will be taken by the board on Wednesday, July 8.

The modern design features two classrooms as a unit, complete with entrance and exits, wash rooms and play areas. The building also will house a multi-purpose room, music room, kindergarten and administrative offices. Four inner courts will supply additional light to the classrooms.

One problem the school district may face at the time of of construction is the sanitary sewage service.

ARCHITECTS explained that the storm water drain in Beverly road would become a combined sanitary and storm sewer as soon as Birmingham can provide treatment facilities. He assured board members that the Oakland County board of health gave the firm the go-ahead on the plans and stated the sewer could be used shortly after the school was in use.

Meanwhile, the school may be forced temperarily to use a septic tank for its sanitary flow.

Drainage problems also have slowed the planning of the Pembroke elementary school in Troy township.

School board members are in a quandary after receiving a letter from the city commission advising them that the city's furnishing of water and sanitary sewer connections to the school site depended on the school's ability to solve the storm water drainage problem.

BOARD MEMBERS have asked for a meeting with city commissioners, tentatively set for June 23, to discuss possible means of carrying off the storm water on the property.

They also will ask Mayor Ralph A. Main, who also is Oakland County Drain commissioner, for a study of the drainage problems in the area promised several weeks ago.

Board members agreed that they were concerned by the action of the city commission and questioned the future of the school's building program.

School Superintendent Dr. Dwight B. Ireland stated that he was confused by the city's action. "We're only trying to service an area that the city created when they annexed this land on the northern boundary so that it could be developed with homes," Ireland said.

Another step in the district's $3,300,000 school expansion program will be taken June 29 when bids will be received on the construction of the Barnum school addition.

Meeting Sought On Civil Defense

Mayor Ralph A. Main has called a meeting of the Civil Defense Council as soon as possible to train and organize city residents for emergency work.

Main directed his request to Bruce G. Booth, chairman of the Council, stating that the city should be prepared for any emergency.

After experiencing the tornado alert of last week, many city officials have realized that such a disaster could happen here.

LETTING THE ROOKIES IN ON THE low-down are two veteran members of the Little League baseball league. Both in their third year of league competition Phil Clonset, left, left fielder for the Indians, and John Dixon, right, Indian pitcher, have become seasoned players. The Indians have taken league honors in the first two years of organized play and are on top of the American League standings with the Tigers in this season's play. First year men in the center are Ed Soma, and Stewart Harley, both infielders. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Largest Senior Class Gets Diplomas Today

Youths Act To Rebuild Council

In an reorganization of the Youth Council, the adult advisory board has decided to give the reigns of the organization to the youngsters and settle back into a purely advisory and cooperative capacity.

The adult group will meet separately from the youth group but will cooperate with it through a steering committee and occasional joint meetings that will be planned.

The steering committee of youth officers, two youth members-at-large, and the two adult advisors has been set up.

Mrs. Carlton H. Isley and Mrs. Harvey B. Greene were invited by the youths to be their advisors. Mrs. Isley is executive director of the Community House. Her experience in work with youth includes YWCA, health education, and recreation in Iowa and in Detroit.

The advisory board will include, as it has in the past, adult representatives from all organizations serving youth in the area. Invitations to send adult representatives to the Advisory Board will be extended to the new groups who will participate in Youth Council through its extended area coverage.

MRS HARVEY B. Greene was elected chairman and Mrs. T. Hollister Mabley, former chairman, will become secretary of the adult board.

Mrs. Greene has been a member of Youth Council since its organization in 1950.

The council has adopted the recommendations of the 1950 White House Youth Conference, according to Robin Reed, secretary of the young people's group.

At the National Youth Conference it was recommended that more youth actively participate in community affairs. It was decided at the June meeting of the council that a supplementary youth group consisting of young people and two adult members will function in conjunction with the adult group.

Membership of the council will consist of representatives from junior and senior high schools, churches, and any independent organized youth group in the area of Walnut Lake, Bloomfield Hills, Franklin Hills and Birmingham. The former plans included only Birmingham.

HOWARD JOHNSON, newly elected president of the youth council, will be a senior at Birmingham high school next fall. Howard has been a member of youth council for two years. He is a letter winner in tennis and cross country and a member of varsity club. He has also been president of junior musical, president of his home room and a member of proscenium and student congress.

Vice president, Ed Peters is an active member of student congress and a keyman on the reserve basketball squad.

Secretary Robin Reed was a member of the active Madison, Wisconsin youth council last year and attended the Wisconsin state youth convention.

Jay Lewis, corresponding secretary, has worked on the parking lot committee of student congress and went out for freshman football and varsity swimming.

Treasurer, Mary Lou Pomeroy, a freshman in the fall, participated in the Barnum operetta and the Christmas play and is an active member of the mixed chorus and student council.

"We really want the adults to work with us instead of for us" said Howard Johnson.

Plan Coming-Out Party For Cicada On Friday Night

Friday evening, June 19, will be the date for the cicada's coming-out party in Bloomfield Hills.

The wary little insects that only make their appearance every 17 years will be honored by members of the Cranbrook Institute of Science who have been invited to the party on Trowbridge road, ¼ mile east of Woodward.

Although the cicada has already started to come out of the ground, Walter Nickel, Cranbrook naturalist, believes that Friday night will see the largest number of the insects make their appearances.

Hours of the party have been set between 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. For those who would like to hear the drumming noise of the insects, Nickel advises the daylight hours. The considerate little bugs are silent after dark.

Over 300 Entries In for 4-Day BOH Horse Show

By ALICE E. MORGAN

More than 300 entries have already been received for the 36th annual Detroit Horse show at the Bloomfield Open Hunt club June 25-28.

The four-day event will be one of the largest in the show's and club's histories, and will draw entries from Virginia, New York, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Indiana, Ohio, Canada and Michigan.

The show will open with junior classes scheduled to take the field at 9 a.m. Thursday. Youngsters will compete in all classes including jumping and western groups.

Thursday evening's highlight will be the touch and knock down class.

Friday's schedule, due to get underway at 12:30 p.m., will have hunt teams and harness classes.

ON SATURDAY additional junior competitors will hold forth and more western classes also in the field. The day's program includes, too, the triple bar jump and the Professional Hunters association trophy class.

The evening show will be highlighted by the Palomino parade and the champion stock horse stakes.

Sunday will be devoted to all champion classes, bringing the show to a close with some of the outstanding exhibitions of training and horsemanship of the entire program.

FOR THE FIRST time in BOH history, a junior equestrian team jumping event is scheduled, a trophy being provided by the Northville Optimists club.

"This event," a show spokesman said, "may be considered one of the most important because from these young riders will be the material for future Olympic events. We are stressing the young riders in this year's show, knowing that they will be called upon to lead the United States' entries in the future."

Entries already received promise area horse lovers repeat performances from some of their favorites.

AMONG THOSE who have shown at Bloomfield in the past are entries from Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Gentry, Miss Susie Lucenti, Mahogany Farms, Mrs. E. E. Fisher, Mrs. Myron E. Merry and Mrs. Laura Higbie.

Major Jonathan Burton, who has shown here in the past but has skipped recent shows, will bring two horses from Ft. Knox, Ky.

Another returning to the 1953 show will be Mrs. Sallie J. Sexton, coming from Ohio. Mrs. Sexton has not had a local entry since before the war but is returning this year with John P., Smash Hit and San Marco.

OTHER MULTIPLE entries will be made by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dunn, Miss Betty F. McGuire, Miss Judy Marks, Mrs. J. J. Phelan, August A. Busch, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baskowitz and C. L. Worthington of Worthy Stables.

Miss Charlotte D. Nichols is another with several entries, as is Miss Shirley Howard, Cecil J. Finlin, Derwood Laskey, Ten Pin Farms in Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Shinkle, Lockshore Farms, Mrs. F. M. Huebner, Charles Dennehy, Miss Ann Higbie and the Canadian horses of E. H. Cudney.

The Northville Optimist club has an equestrian team entered and there are other entries from the Northville Riding academy and Outland's Stable, Birmingham.

SOME OF THE horses returning to Bloomfield, well-remembered from former competition, are Tweedledum, Entry, Sequoia, Sweet Sue, Reveries Fancy Bourbon, Black Night of Easter, Mister Maker, Cool Customer, Susie Q., Do I Dare, Per Gin and Chilli Belle.

Miss Budweiser, a 1952 Olympic entry, owned by August Busch, Jr., will compete here again this year.

Another event expected by club officials to have a deep interest will be the Michigan-bred hunters which must be won three times by the same exhibitor for permanent possession of the Shuell Memorial Trophy.

"It's our first time to have this Michigan bred class," a hunt official said, "and since it emphasizes

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Persistent Dog Poses A Problem For 'His' Family

Over at 5800 Sussex, Mrs. Howard Harrington is having dog trouble—and it's not her dog.

The dog—large, brown and very friendly—arrived at the Harrington home during a storm a week ago Friday, June 5. Try as they would, the Harringtons could not persuade the pooch to go home, so they took him in out of the wet.

The following Wednesday he vanished, only to return again last Friday, this time wearing a new collar.

"Apparently he just went home to change his clothes," Mrs. Harrington commented.

She says her biggest trouble comes from the fact that the family already has three dogs and a cat with kittens. Added to that is a small puppy which Mrs. Harrington rescued last week after someone had dumped it out of a car near Pontiac.

THE NEWCOMER—the Harrington boys call him "Junior"—is very friendly with the children and loves them all.

Mrs. Harrington says he is a disturbing influence on their own dogs, since if they leave him outside at night he barks. If permitted to stay in, he has to go out about 4 a.m.—and again he barks.

She believes, getting personal about the dog, that he might have some retriever ancestors because of his color, build and deep voice. Furthermore, when the kittens go out to play, he picks them up and carries them back to the house.

MRS. HARRINGTON is quite anxious to locate the owner or a suitable home, both for Junior and the puppy.

She's no inexperienced hand at this, since, while a resident of an Ohio city, she found homes for nearly 200 stray dogs.

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Will Hear U of M President

Birmingham high school's largest graduating class—248 strong—will receive diplomas Thursday morning, June 18, in commencement exercises in the high school gymnasium.

The 10 a.m. ceremony will be highlighted by the presence of Dr. Harlan Hatcher, president of the University of Michigan, who will be the principal speaker at the graduation.

This will be the second high school class to graduate from the new high school building.

Class officers are Dave Jokinen, president; Jim Hildebrand, vice-president; Sally Wilkinson, secretary and Bill Minor, treasurer.

The invocation by The Rev. Emil Kontz of the First Baptist church will begin the commencement program.

After the presentation of the Marc Joslyn Trust Fund awards, Jokinen will present the class gift to Ross A. Wagner, high school principal.

SCHOOL BOARD President Ernest W. Seaholm will introduce Dr. Hatcher who will address the graduates.

The class will be presented by Wagner and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dwight B. Ireland will award the diplomas.

Jocelyn Watt and Kathleen Berry will share the valedictorian duties with Ann Borchert as the salutatorian.

Graduating with honors will be Jim Barr, Sandra Bernat, Kathleen Berry, Shirley Bever Ann Borchert, Janet Brown, Sylvia Chalk, Kendall Fowler, Mary Fulton, Sarah Reed and Jocelyn Watt.

Class advisors were Ruth Ashe, Virginia Louis, George Miller, Harold Newcomb, Alice Price, Charles Thumser and Victor Ulrich.

Following is the list of graduates:

Phyllis Abbott, Shirley Abbott, Donald R. Adams, Barbara Adams, Betty Kay Aldred, Richard C. Alexander, John William Anderson, Judith Irene Anderson, Robert Widman Appleford, Caleb Spalding Atwood, Glenn M. Ayers, Donald G. Babbitt, Patricia McKerow Babcock, Linda Peyton Ball, Ronald George Barber.

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Barbara Alice Bigge, Michael Bird, Ann Christine Birrell, Carol Anne Black, Louise Borchert, Jane Boyd, John E. Boyse, Janet D. Brown, Betty A. Buckley, Allen William Bumpus, Dolores Louise Burgess, David A. Campbell, Bruce Bardell Carlisle, Michael H. Carlson, Virginia Carlson.

Jane Caryl, Sylvia Richardson Chalk, Fredrick W. Chesna, Jon E. Clarke, Elizabeth Ann Cobb, Celia DeForest Coffin, G. Lawrence Coleman, C. Hartley Collins, Jr., Douglas A. Colwell, Brian Robert Connelly, John Conrad, John Barbela Cox, Ralph Crawford, Marjorie E. Crook, Sharon Lee Cummings.

Norma Jean Curris, Horace D'Angelo, Jr., Margaret Jean deBoubiere, Mary Jane Delahanty, William J. Donaldson, Carol Edwards Dorman, Paul Frederick Dremann, Edward DuCharme, Donald A. Dupuis, Virginia Rae Engelhardt, Alan H. Fawcett, William R. Ferguson, Jane Gail Fisher, Howard Detwiler Fithian, Gerard Wood Flores.

J. Beth Flury, Forest Kendall Fowler, Jr., Philip Fowler, Thomas C. Frank, L. Leroy Fraser, John C. Frederick, Carolyn Jane Fredrickson, Judith Merwin Frost, Mary Christine Fulton, Russell A. Gatlitz, Louis G. Garner, Robert

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STRICTLY FRESH

A Boston lady asked for a divorce when her husband threw his false teeth at her while in a rage. No sweet tooth, there, eh!

A thief in Houston, Tex., stole a six-foot boa constrictor from the city zoo. Now what kind of a snake in the grass would do that?

The British Broadcasting Company reports Moscow Radio is playing outdated jazz music. That ain't all that's outdated behind the Iron Curtain!

A surgeon claims stiff, straight military posture is wrong. He pre-

scribes a crouching attitude as "retreat." Did you ever see a hen pecked husband, doctor?

Owners of a mink farm in the east protest work on a nearby road say the vibration will frighten mama minks. Don't they know that mink won't shrink?

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