

Torch Drive Essays By 3rd Place Winners

Following are the two essays which tied for third place in the 1953 Torch Drive editorial contest among Birmingham high school students:

Voices

By DOROTHY OJALA
947 Ann Street

Listen. Listen carefully. Do you hear the voices? There are 150 of them calling to you, you and you. What are they saying? Listen, everyone.

"Help my child to walk again," cries the mother, old beyond her time with worry and concern.

"Give me my eyes," pleads one who is blind.

"Help us with our community services," says a small nearby town.

"Will we survive this year?" wonders a settlement house.

And to these are added many more cries, pleadings, and that begging of those who join with these to ask your help.

receive his Leader Dog to be his eyes? And the many, many services—will they live to help others or die, their purpose unreserved?

The answer depends on your response to the pleas of the 150 voices. These symbolize the agencies of the Torch Drive, and they are calling on you to keep their work alive.

WILL YOU give and give from your heart? Or will you refuse to listen and perhaps be the one to deprive the child of her chance to walk?

The voices are calling to you. Listen and answer from your heart. Give, and give generously, for only by doing so will you hear that silent thank you from grateful hearts.

THROUGHOUT greater Detroit the voices are calling you. Listen for a moment. Cannot you see that they need your help?

(The child crippled by polio. Will her mother ever see her walk like other children?)

The man who is blind. Will he

How much happier our society would be if we were to consider it would maintain a better habit of listening quietly and intently to another's statements before saying something ourselves. Much of conversation is done only on the thin surface of conjecture.

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MRS. J. ROWLAND QUINN, center, discusses a prize-winning poster with the top poster contributors in the recent United Fund contest. From left to right are, Lynn Harcke, Elizabeth Williams, Ruth Kalmbach, Richard Bouchard. (Eccentric Staff Photo)



WINNERS IN THE RECENT United Fund editorial contest compare prize-winning essays in the UF's office in the Briggs building. Robin Reed, second from right, reads her contribution to, from left to right, Dorothy Ojala, Louisa Roberts and Roger Johnson. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Greater Efforts Called For In 'Dutch Elm' Fight

How to get a united drive going in the fight against Dutch Elm disease was the subject of a meeting of foresters, civic officials, and interested persons at a meeting at the Oak Park city hall Tuesday night, Oct. 10.

The meeting was called to discuss the possibility of forming a general community authority to combat the disease, according to William LeBold, Birmingham city forester.

LeBold said that the consensus among those gathered was that not nearly enough is being done to control and eliminate the disease, but that no clear-cut decision on the formation of an organization developed at the meeting.

HE STATED that most officials present favored individual communities conducting their own programs against the disease and coordinating their efforts through the Michigan state department of agriculture.

Inter-community cooperation was urged with a special effort to interest municipalities without forestry departments to join the fight against the disease which LeBold states "is threatening to denude our cities."

Persons attending the meeting were asked to do what they can to stimulate their municipalities to approve funds necessary to combat the disease.

According to LeBold, an effort will be made to interest members of the state legislature in pressing for state funds for the bureau of plant quarantine of the agriculture department, so the bureau will be better able to assist local areas with laboratory analysis of suspected trees, and in finding ways to destroy the beetle that transmits the disease from one tree to another.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

AN UNIDENTIFIED LADY, commenting on the forthcoming juvenile delinquency hearings by Congress: "I feel a lot of it comes directly from the homes. Mothers are too busy, either at work or with social affairs, to be home when the children come from school. The children start traveling in gangs and sooner or later get into trouble even though it may not be malicious. Secondly, I think we have too many toys today. There's nothing that a child can want that isn't on the market. We used to have to make some of the things we wanted and our minds and energies had a constructive goal. The surplus of toys of some better quality among those who have little and if they are so inclined they start taking them from stores, schools, playgrounds and other homes and another juvenile delinquent is started on his way."

Early Deadlines For Next Week's Issue of The Birmingham Eccentric

Because of the Thanksgiving Holiday, next week's Birmingham Eccentric will be published on Wednesday, November 25.

This necessitates moving all news, classified and display advertising deadlines up one full day . . . to Monday afternoon, Nov. 23, at 5 p.m.

So for Next Week's Issue,
Early Copy Will Be Appreciated

Two Hurt in Fog On Woodward Ave.

Foggy driving conditions led to nose and facial injuries when he drove his car into a sign at the end of the center island at the north end of Hunter boulevard.

His companion, John Sharp, 3883 Allen, Detroit, also suffered facial injuries. Both men were treated at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac.

They'll Never Walk Alone

By ROGER JOHNSON
325 Westwood Avenue

"You will never see again!" "Few of us could imagine what effect these words would have if we were to hear them about ourselves. How does a person react to the realization that his eyes will never see or that his legs will never take another step?"

His hopes and plans for the future could, and perhaps would, suddenly fade in despair. Life itself might seem worthless.

Through the work of the United Foundation and its many services, neither the blind, the crippled, the aged, or the disease-stricken need ever fear that they are helpless in the world. With your help these people can lead happier lives, full of the hope and determination they need for the future.

FROM A popular song, comes the words to offer inspiration to all of us, especially to those who are faced with less than a normal

opportunity in life: "Walk on through the wind, Walk on through the rain, Though your dreams be tossed and blown; Walk on, walk on with hope in your heart And you'll never walk alone— You'll never walk alone."

You can furnish the assistance needed by these people to overcome their handicaps. You can give them the assurance that they "will never walk alone." You cannot support a worthier cause. Give generously!

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Immunization Data Sought By County Health Department

A countywide survey to determine the immunization status of school children — grades kindergarten through fifth, is being conducted by the Oakland County Health Department according to John D. Monroe, M. D., Director of the Oakland County Department of Health.

Cooperating with this survey are the various school systems and parent groups. A letter was to have been sent home on Nov. 16, with each child kindergarten through fifth grade to the parent requesting the date the child received his last immunization.

The survey letter should be returned to the school no later than Nov. 20, with the information completed. Volunteers will tabulate this information so that the percentage of children immunized can be determined throughout the school.

Permit For Dump Approved By Troy

A permit to operate a land-fill dump, renewable every 90 days, has been approved by Troy township board members.

The permit will go to Joseph P. Foss, 2250 Harned, who proposes to fill an 85 acre abandoned gravel and sand pit south of South boulevard and east of John R.

The agreement is subject to approval of the township attorney. Foss agreed to comply with both township and county dump regulations and stated that only rubbish of a solid nature would be used in the fill operations. No garbage or any form of vegetation will be permitted in the dump, he promised.

Foss told board members that dumpings would be covered daily with two feet of sand to bring the property up to a usable level. Portions of the property are 27 feet below normal ground level.

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Force is strength or power. It can mean power to control, influence, persuade or convince. We run into this word a great deal.

1. The demands being made on our DELIVERY SERVICE are such that in order to reduce your disappointments to a minimum, we are FORCED to explain our procedures.

- (A) Morning Delivery—Northwest Quadrant
- (B) Afternoon Delivery—East side and Southwest Quadrant.
- (C) Wednesday—We close at high-noon. (12 o'clock or 12:00 M) All areas are serviced in the morning if it is possible.
- (D) Orders—To be sure of morning delivery it is advisable to place your order the day before.

2. The FORCES of nature are tremendous. A tiny seed can sprout and split a rock in twain—an ability which is unimportant in your yard. But we are FORCED to remind you that dear nature has an ability to change its face very quickly—freeze—thaw—freeze—thaw. In the spring this causes severe damage to the plants trying to keep their feet in the dirt. This is the reason the beds should be covered with peat moss, marsh hay or straw soon after the ground is frozen hard. AND DON'T uncover them until you are sure that spring is really here.

3. Although there may or may not be snow on the ground when you read this the date FORCES us to carry in stock snow and ice removal things such as:

- Calcium Chloride (No FORCE required)
- Sodium Chloride (salt) (No FORCE required)
- Ice Rem (No FORCE required)
- Snow Shovel (Lifter)
- Snow Pusher (FORCE required)
- Hot Air (Hard to package)

4. Since we have quit handling a small bird feeder using cone shaped suet cakes we are FORCED to develop a method of disposing of a bunch of cone shaped suet cakes. We have hit upon a novel method. We will sell them for a quarter. (Pretty good, eh?) You can suspend them from a branch by a string.

5. We have advertised a fine ham need for eleven years. (The power of advertising cannot be over-estimated). We are FORCED to remove it from our shelves now because we are afraid someone might want to buy it.

6. In order to FORCE hyacinths to bloom by Christmas you are now too late. However, you can start FORCING them now and enjoy the blooms in the later months of winter.

7. The FORCE of nature is so positive that new lawns should not be started in this area between October 15 and November 30th. If you wish to get started this fall prepare the ground now and put in a "dormant seeding" at the end of this month—rake it in and cover lightly with marsh hay. INCIDENTALLY we now know that the price of grass seed will be a little higher after January 1st.

8. Because you telephone in your orders you do not see the good stuff we have in our shop so we are FORCED to issue our JIMMINY CHRISTMAS list and mail it to you. For Pete's sake don't throw it away—it is a veritable treasure house of worry-saving ideas.

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