

Do we Americans really understand the meaning of the word "freedom"? We have the precious freedom that we enjoy in this country with so much of this country's "beats of tyranny, we certainly are blind to breathe the air of personal liberty of thought and action!"

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MEN LIKE "NEEDLING"

Many years ago I came to the conclusion that average men, when provided with the right environment, are downright "needlers" of one another. Let several claps go on a fishing or hunting trip and from almost the time they start from home until they return they say things to one another—that to an observing stranger might sound hostile—as though these men actually took the occasion to utter critical thoughts to one another.

As a matter-of-fact, though, these men reveal the capacity of friendship to withstand "needling." When the action is kept within normal bounds, everybody has a good time, including those that get the most "needling."

No doubt it is your average man who is the most "needled" through such situations, and when he returns to his job he agrees with the idea that man should never take himself too seriously.

Every so often some of Michigan's Republican leaders take many cracks at Governor Wilentz because certain appointments to office smack of "politics." Well, as a long-time independent Republican myself, and as one who is very well acquainted with the operation of a Governor's office, I think it is these Republicans who have forgotten that Republican Government is things that smack of "politics."

Along with millions of other Americans I love the game of baseball. I had hoped, to be frank, that the Brooklyn Dodgers would win the series from the Yankees. To me it seemed that the Yankees won games consistently well because they had the most money to hire the best players... and my sympathies began to run to the "inferior" under-dog in the situation.

Millions of us Americans get this "Thanksgiving" tradition, too. To me, if the Yankees would only lose the series (I felt the baseball game would be aided in better popular support, well, as the Yankees win again... and perhaps the American love of the game will survive this "Thanksgiving" anyway. I hope so.

Leaders among the nation's turkey growers assert that there is a great abundance of the "Thanksgiving" turkey. This, thus giving warning to all people that when they sit down to dinner this November they should loosen their belts and girdles.

At a recent meeting of the Michigan State Administrative Board it was suggested that awards of credit be given to those who offer acceptable ideas that will save the taxpayers' money. For example, in the case of a "Suggestion Box" idea a company... why not let State employees... money-saving suggestions?

Each fall football takes over the campuses of educational institutions all over the United States. Each year this question: which type of football is the best pizkin for booting purposes?

A few days ago I had the pleasure of driving one of those new GM Corvettes. The entire bodies and fenders are made of plastic glass. My neighbor, Walter R. Ferguson, former GM engineer, took me out for drive, allowing me to take over the wheel for a few minutes. This beautiful little car is being developed by GM to compete with the foreign cars you see. The Corvette can get from standing to 60 miles per hour in eleven seconds.

The fiberglass bodies are being made in Ashabula, Ohio, by a man named James Lunt—the same chap who is making the new fiberglass bathtubs developed by Carl A. Strand, of N. Adams Rd.

W. O. Briggs, Jr. Resigns as Mayor of Bloomfield

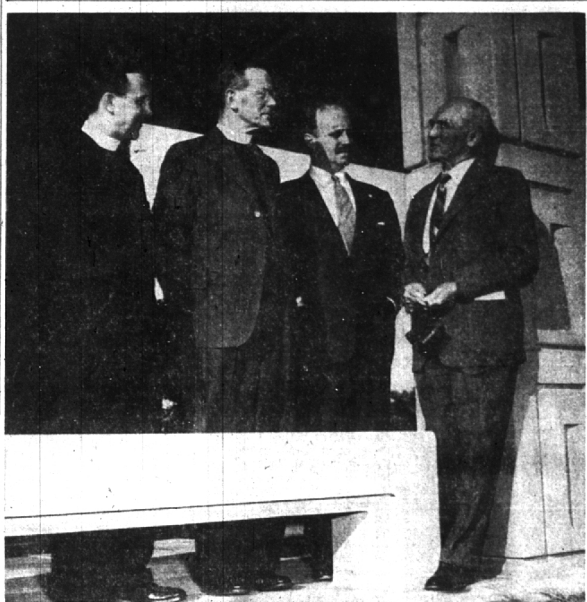
Walter O. Briggs, Jr., submitted his resignation as mayor of Bloomfield Hills Tuesday night at a meeting of the city commission. It was accepted unanimously.

Briggs did not attend the meeting, but a written resignation was filed with the commission by Mayor Pro-Tem James Lunt. The message read: "Because of my family commitments, I regret that I am unable to resign as mayor and city commissioner of the city of Bloomfield Hills."

Lunt's first charter, a new mayor must be appointed by the remaining commissioners within 30 days. A majority of the commission is sufficient to appoint a mayor who would remain in office until the April election. At that time a mayor will be chosen by popular election.

The Bloomfield commission postponed the selection of a new mayor until its next regular scheduled meeting.

All members of losing spring mattresses received ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY. Dial "90" and ask for ENTERTAINMENT.



THE COVENTRY TO CANADA tour to raise funds for construction of the new Coventry Cathedral, Coventry, England, brought three distinguished visitors from Britain to Cranbrook Monday afternoon. Urged by the Bishop of Coventry to make a side-trip to the Bloomfield Hills schools while the group was in the Windsor, Ontario, area, the men were driven here by members of the Windsor welcoming committee. Pictured above (left to right) are The Rev. B. A. Sikow, rural Dean of Essex, Windsor; The Very Rev. R. T. Howard, Provost of Coventry Cathedral; Basil Spence, architect for the new church; and Lew White, Cranbrook public relations director. Not in the picture was the Rev. Mr. Ross, chaplain to the Bishop of Coventry. (Eclectic Staff Photo)

Two Halloween Party Events Are Relocated

Two changes were announced this week by Birmingham's Halloween party committee.

The Barnum junior high school party, originally scheduled for the Community House, will be held at the school immediately following the parade and awarding of prizes.

Members of the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, accustomed to going to Baldwin school for their programs of motion pictures, will have their entertainment at the Community House.

Chairman H. K. Collier, pointed out, "have been made in an effort to accommodate the youngsters involved in a smoother, more enjoyable program."

The grade school children will be able to take side streets through the Community House, avoiding those sections where traffic is heavy.

"WE FEEL THE Community House is an excellent place for this program, since through necessity most of the activities have been moved from the Hill-Baldwin school area."

He explained again that the line of march will see the festivities breaking up on Woodward, near the Merrill street intersection.

"The parade will start from the usual place by the two schools, moving north to Woodward, and south to the 10 food lines," Rogge said.

"We figure that the four additional food lines will speed that part of the program up greatly. Prizes will be awarded from a truck parked in the general area, probably on Maple or in the Briggs parking lot."



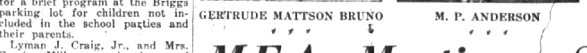
Police Arrest Holdup Suspect

A victim's description of the man that robbed him at gunpoint, coupled with a description of the bandit's car by an alert safety patrol boy, resulted in the arrest of a 22-year-old ex-convict for the Monday noon holdup of Osborne's Market at Crooks road and Big Beaver, according to Troy police.

"State troopers were waiting for the suspect, Fred Livermore, when he returned home to a trailer camp near Dequindre and Auburn at 12:05 p.m. Monday night. He was taken into custody, and according to police, has admitted the holdup."

Market owner George Osborne said a thug entered his store at 12:05 p.m. Monday, drew a 40 auto-pistol and demanded the contents of the cash register. Osborne complied and was then forced to lie face down behind the counter while the bandit made his get-away.

The safety patrol boy, on duty nearby, observed the gunman's car as it sped away, and was able to give police an accurate description of the vehicle.



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ME A Meetings Start Here Today

Four thousand teachers from the 28 school districts of Oakland county will converge on Birmingham today and tomorrow for the Michigan Education Association Region 7 conference to be held at Birmingham high school.

"This will be the first meeting of Region 7 (Oakland county) since it was formed this year to relieve the overcrowded Greater Detroit region of the MEA."

The MEA is the professional teachers' organization of the state of Michigan. Its conventions are prescribed by law which calls for two days of in-service training for teachers in public schools.

At this year's conference, many solutions to problems experienced by teachers will be dealt with in lectures and panel discussions, with prominent education experts in charge.

LEADING SPEAKERS at the convention are M. P. Anderson, MEA president, Robert A. Skaife, MEA field secretary, and Robert Vogeler, assistant vice president of International Telephone and Telegraph.

At the first general session of the convention this morning, Anderson will address the entire assemblage of teachers on the subject of "Looking Ahead." He will be followed by Skaife who will speak on "Academic Freedom of Teachers."

Robert Vogeler then will tell of his "Seventeen Months of Dispar" in a Communist prison in Hungary.

The conference will close with a symposium on "Congressional Investigations and Academic Freedom." Blair Moody, former U. S. senator of Michigan, Clair Taylor, state superintendent of public instruction, and Ruth Winter, Michigan NEA director will participate.

Officers for the conference are Chairman Gertrude Mattson Bruno, elementary teacher in Berkley Public Schools; Secretary Mildred Porritt, teacher at Willis school, Pontiac; and Treasurer Haloid Robinson, high school teacher in Royal Oak.

Featured in the group meetings are three Birmingham-area speakers: Helen Miller, Wilford Hinz, and Mrs. Harriett Kopp. Miss Miller will serve as chairman of a meeting on remedial reading. Hinz will be chairman of a meeting on high school art, and Mrs. Kopp will be chairman of a session on speech correction.

Among the various topics to be discussed in panel groups this afternoon are "Beginning Teachers' Problems," "Democratic Human Relations," and "Professional Ethics."

Musical entertainment will be provided by the Pontiac high school vocal department. The Rev. Roy Bloomquist of the Gethsemane Lutheran church, Berkley, and the Rev. Glen Harris of the First Presbyterian church of Birmingham will deliver the invocation on succeeding days.

Commission Has Parking Report

A concluding report, including engineering data and terms under which the city could use and/or acquire property for off-street parking purposes at the northwest corner of Willets and N. Woodward, has been in the hands of Birmingham city commissioners for the past 10 days, The Birmingham Eclectic has learned.

According to William Yaw, of the Wabeek Corp., one of the "sponsoring group" for this proposed parking development in the northwest portion of the downtown business section, the city commission will be given some additional time to study the report before the sponsoring group makes the report public.

Rosenfeld explained Monday afternoon to The Eclectic: "We believe we have gone as far as we can to get the plan into operation, and now any further action must be up to city officials," he added.

Rosenfeld hastened to explain that his group would be eager to consult and work with the city in the further development of the parking program.

When originally proposed more than a year ago, the Willets-Woodward lot would provide parking for more than 1,600 if completely developed.

It also was suggested that the lot be permitted to develop in connection with its new home furnishings store Jacobson's opened Friday on N. Woodward. Rosenfeld said his organization already was clearing adjacent property to provide a number of off-street parking spaces.

"The area immediately north of the new store is being graded and surfaced all the way through from Woodward to Willets," he stated.

Fires Rise; Losses Drop

In spite of an increase in the number of fires in Birmingham during September, actual losses were reduced, a comparison with August fire statistics reveals.

According to a report by Fire Chief Vern Griffith, the department answered 28 silent fire alarms in September as against 22 in August. Losses were assessed at \$975 last month while in the previous month losses were estimated at \$1,240.

During September, the department investigated seven alarms for suspected gas, answered five appeals for first aid, and went on four errands of a miscellaneous nature.

AT TOTAL of 31:42 hours were spent in fighting fire and conducting fire investigations.

The fire prevention bureau consumed 80:28 hours in conducting 218 inspections and in seven cases took action against fire hazards.

"None of the 'irregularities,' however, involved any of the firefighters in the Birmingham post office. Fowler's position pays \$61,700 per year. The local post office employs an average of 82 people.

"The irregularities referred to by the department were of a minor nature," stated Fowler this week. "They involved certain routine procedures in the Birmingham post office. When you consider that the department pays low wages to employees, especially in an approximating 50-cent labor turn-over annually, you can realize the problems involved."

Predicts Offer For Playground Sites

A three-way mixup over who eventually will control the development of a triangle of land in Troy township, between Adams road and the railroad, may begin to unravel next Tuesday night.

On that evening, the Birmingham board of education is expected to decide on a definite purchase offer for a goodly portion of the disputed area, predicted Tuesday morning.

"We have to have a good chunk of that property, and are willing to pay any reasonable price for it. I expect the board will decide its offer next Tuesday at its regular monthly meeting," said Groves.

He added that the board has tentatively considered possible condemnation of the required area if it feels the price is unreasonable, Groves admitted.

IF THE SCHOOL board takes the action Groves predicts, it could:

- 1) Agree with City Manager D. C. Egbert that the city could either let the controversial territory develop as part of the townships with septic tanks instead of sewers (a condition the city believes would soon become unhealthy);
- 2) Extend city services to the area, within the stipulated time to the city would be accomplished;
- 3) LEARNED the school board, according to Troy township, converted Adams School into two elementary school sites and two playground locations.

The proposed school and playgrounds would be needed, Groves explained, when the board converted Adams School into the district's second junior high school.

"I BELIEVE it was only last month that Nechman told us the Lutheran church, Berkley, and the city would listen to any purchase offer for a portion of the triangle until he solves the problem of sewer and water services to a development he is contemplating north of Derby and east of the railroad, immediately adjacent to the Pembroke school site he sold us," Nechman said.

(Nechman, the school board, another developer, The Presby. explained, when Troy township, one of the city of Birmingham for many months have been attempting to negotiate a solution of providing sewer and water facilities to an area in Troy immediately north of Derby and east of the railroad and the Goolidge highway.)

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ROBERT VOGELER

Deny Troy Sub Pnt

A subdivision plat submitted by George Glover was denied approval by Troy township board members Monday night on recommendation of the zoning board. Zoners contended that the parcel had been subdivided into too many lots. The parcel is on the northeast corner of Adams road and Big Beaver.

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