

One's given his existence upon this planet and he struggles to find the stage of the barbarian to something approaching Utopia. The real subject of his life is not the things that are; it is his inner self must grow to attain happiness.

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By G. R. A.

OUR NATIONAL PROBLEM IS TO INSIST THAT TWO PLUS TWO EQUALS FOUR!

Do you ever wonder why government never wholly can be operated on an honest and efficient and economical basis? Really, the answer is quite simple.

Basically, it is because too many people in our nation are either too self-centered, too selfish, or both. For example, President Eisenhower came into office after two years of administration for 20 years had let in motion a system of high taxes and federal paternalism.

While the vast majority of the most of us, fewer favored groups were displaced over the paternalism because they were the beneficiaries of the federal subsidies and handouts.

New comers like Ike and his boys and they want to restore as much of the old idea of thrift and frugality and honesty as they can in federal affairs.

LET'S ILLUSTRATE the plight of Ike in his efforts to bring about a useful, efficient, personal, industriousness, self-reliance, etc., among our population.

He has inherited a situation that may be likened to an arithmetic teacher who has made her pupils accept the axiom that two plus two equals seven. (Actually, of course, both the teacher and the pupils know it should be four.)

Because the teacher uses dollars and cents in her plans, and gives the pupils seven dollars instead of four, the youngsters clap their hands and yell: "Goodie! Goodie! you're a fine teacher and we want you to continue to teach us."

CAN YOU BLAME the kids... or can't you? But that is the way that most voters react to the paternalism of "Santa Claus."

Now, as I mentioned a few paragraphs back, the teacher wants to correct the arithmetic falsehood the teacher taught the pupils. He knows that two plus two equals four.

He also knows that when you ask the pupils you need votes to get them to accept the truth. Yet, to insist that two plus two equals four will not delight the pupils (or voters).

So the teacher agrees that she can't argue the exact truth about two plus two, they'll compromise and make it three. He illustrates his point by handing out five dollars and fifty cents to the kids. Naturally, the kids will remember that they once got seven dollars.

AND WHAT DO you suppose they (like subsidized voters) will do? Well, the kids will seek out the teacher who gives them seven dollars; likewise, a majority of the voters will approve and elect to office the chap who plays the role of the most generous Santa Claus.

Stands quite simple, doesn't it? Sure... when ever we self-centered, selfish, or both types of people ever turned back several dollars for four dollars... or ever give five dollars for a half a dollar.

All of which but proves my original point. Dear Reader, Few men in high positions were ever able to rise too high above the accepted standards of the majority of voters in this, or any other, democracy on this old earth.

INDEED, IKE and his administration never will be able to make two plus two equal four... certainly not if the voters cannot be Republicans in control of the federal government.

The honest answer to this problem, of course, lies with the majority of voters themselves... which includes you and me. We are the ones who must demand that the public official (and the teacher) operate on the arithmetic truth that two plus two equals four... not seven or five or one-half.

Franklin To Vote On Incorporation

By NORMAN DOUGLAS

"The town that time forgot" is fighting against time.

The town of Franklin, an unincorporated community of approximately 1,300 in the southwest part of Southfield township, seeks incorporation.

The rush of building development in surrounding areas of Franklin has urged some Franklin residents to contain their suburban atmosphere before their area is swallowed up in a large incorporation move.

Supporters want a village government and to retain the identity under village incorporation.

The Village of Franklin, if incorporated is favored on the Tuesday, Nov. 3 vote, would be bounded by Inkster, Fourteen Mile, Telegraph and an imaginary line drawn east and west between Twelve and Thirteen Mile roads. The area would include about 2 1/2 square miles.

THE UNOFFICIAL count of registrations for the November Porritt Property Annexation May Be Put On Ballot

From all indications at Monday night's meeting of the Troy township board, annexation of the Porritt property on Adams road to the city of Troy is a possibility.

It has been estimated that only if voters of both the township and city approve.

The parcel to township land surrounded by the City of Birmingham and attorney C. C. Patterson were present at the board meeting to gain an off-the-cuff opinion of annexation from the board before submitting a formal annexation petition.

They registered surprise over Troy's concern about the property when board members stated they wanted the question taken to the people.

"We could petition the Oakland County board of supervisors to call for a special election on this annexation," Patterson said. "But this property is a special case with no residents within the land in question and we believe that the election would be an unnecessary expense."

SUPERVISOR NORMAN Barnard, apparently summing up the feelings of the board, stated, "I could be wrong, but reactions we've seen receiving from both board members and Troy residents seem to lead me to believe that questions of this type should be referred to the people."

Patterson countered by saying that the owners of the property should be allowed to have their way if they wished. "You cannot give us water or sewer service on our property. We have owned the property for two years and expanded a great deal of money in improvements," he said.

The Reid Development company and H. H. Paterson owners of the property, recently came to a "gentleman's agreement" on tentative terms of the property with the City of Birmingham and believed that the way was paved for immediate annexation.

"WE WERE SURPRISED to learn from Supervisor Barnard (See PROPERTY, Page 2)

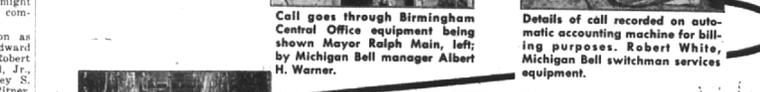
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How New Toll Dial Calls Will Go Thru



Birmingham customer dials call.



Call goes through Birmingham Central Office equipment being shown Mayor Ralph Main, left; Michigan Bell manager Albert H. Warner.



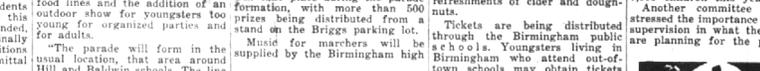
Details of call recorded on automatic accounting machine for billing purposes. Robert White, Michigan Bell switchman services equipment.



Called telephone rings in matter of seconds after it was dialed at Birmingham.



Call is routed to distant point through huge mechanical brain in Michigan Bell's Detroit headquarters building.



Call switched to local telephone equipment in distant telephone office.

City's Halloween Party Ready

Stressing the greater convenience for both participants and spectators, Roland W. Reese today announced final plans for the 1954 Halloween party.

"The greatest and most important change in effect this year," Reese said, "is the location of the food lines and the addition of an outdoor show for youngsters too young for organized parties and for adults."

"The parade will form in the usual location, that area around Hill and Baldwin schools. The line will move north on Chester to Maple, east on Maple to Woodward and south to the food lines, approximately in front of Davison's."

MARCHERS ARE to report for line-up at 7 p.m., with the parade school band, several sound trucks furnished by Birmingham firms, and the Detroit Edison calliope.

"Woodward avenue," Reese continued, "will be blocked off and 10 foot lines established there. After the marchers receive their sandwich, doughnuts and cider, they will go to the Briggs lot for prizes or the show."

"FOURTH, FIFTH and sixth grades then will go to the Community House for a movie program. The committee suggests these children use the Merrill street route to avoid scattering and confusing traffic in several areas."

"Youngsters in the next grade group will go to Barnum Junior high school where a number of amusements will be prepared. Bus service will be provided by the school board to transport high school students from the downtown area to the school for their party. The last bus will leave the Woodward avenue location at 9:15.

Cherry Harris, general chairman of the high school party, announces dancing until midnight with music

'Cutover' Date Is Nov. 20

The Michigan Bell Telephone Company today made public the details of a plan which will make it possible for Birmingham telephone subscribers here to dial any one of more than 13,000 telephones in 14 metropolitan areas throughout the country, without the assistance of an operator.

Albert H. Warner, manager here for the company, said that on that date Birmingham will be tied with the Bell System's toll dialing network to make it possible for subscribers here to dial any one of more than 13,000 telephones in 14 metropolitan areas throughout the country, without the assistance of an operator.

Included in the areas customers can dial are New York, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Baltimore, San Francisco, Milwaukee, New Haven, Newark, Washington, D.C., Sacramento, and Oakland.

WHILE OPERATOR toll dialing was introduced several years ago, the initial step in customer toll dialing was taken at Englewood, New Jersey, less than two years ago.

Birmingham was chosen as the second exchange in the nation to come under the plan, Warner said, because it is served by the latest type central office equipment, fully adaptable to long-distance dialing. Further, he said, Birmingham customers place a high percentage of toll calls per capita—and to a wider range of cities throughout the country than do subscribers in many exchanges.

When Birmingham is cutover to this additional telephone service, the city will be first in the nation to have it commercially. The Englewood installation was a "customer toll" primarily for the residential population.

AUTOMATIC accounting equipment will keep track of the charges when customers dial long distance. The apparatus operates on a principle similar to that of the calling telephone, the exchange a number of the calling telephone, date and time of day and length of the call.

The danger of recorded on paper tape and later run through a decoding machine which assembles the message and prints the information in a form which can be used to prepare customer statements.

Key to the nationwide dialing plan is a huge mechanical brain which has been installed in a recently-completed addition to the Michigan Bell headquarters building in Detroit. Called a "Toll Control System" by telephone engineers, the machine takes up almost four complete floors in the new building.

ALMOST HUMAN in its operation, the equipment can automatically search out an idle circuit and ring any telephone in most of the nation's larger cities and its suburban areas in a matter of seconds.

In addition to making it possible for Birmingham customers to dial long toll calls direct, it also gives customers a matter of seconds to dial any one of the country to the proper telephone in Detroit, Lansing, Saginaw, Ann Arbor, Jackson, Pontiac, Petoskey, and other outstate exchanges.

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STRICTLY FRESH

Despite the growing importance of the automobile, it still admits people with their feet on the ground.

Most of us realize that "you can't take it with you," but most the government make it so difficult for us to keep it while we're here!

It's too bad we don't have space travel. We could use something to bring our politicians back to earth.

Everyone please somebody, one way or another. So me please OUT!



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SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP'S FIRST police department now is being formed with Philip L. LaVigne (right) taking the reins as police chief. Supervisor William Keeser welcomes LaVigne to the township payroll with the new police car in the background. LaVigne will receive \$4,200 a year, half of the yearly sum paid previously to the Oakland County Sheriff's department for police protection. A former officer with the Detroit police department, LaVigne lives at 17023 Marquette.

Pilfering Pooches Pose Perplexing Problem

Crime as gone to the dogs in Bloomfield Hills. At the Fred W. Zimmerman home, 2775 Squirrel road, the Fagin-like tendencies came to light during the summer months, when the Zimmerman family began to find single galoshes and other odd items around their yard.

"It must be kleptomaniacs has invaded our dogs," Mrs. Zimmerman said. "for the things they bring home must be taken purely to satisfy an urge to steal."

The dogs, a springer and a collie, are around the house day and night, she said, save for a brief period every morning. "I can quite easily see how they could have found the things they've brought home most," she reported. "Galoshes, brushes and such items are quite often kept in a garage and easily found by the dogs."

"THE LAST item in their collection is something different, however. "When I glanced out the window the other morning, I saw a book lying on the lawn. Upon investigation it turned out to be a Fanny Farmer cookbook. I suspect it is

Fowler To Appeal Recent Dismissal

Bernard E. Fowler, whom the post office department has said will be dismissed as postmaster, revealed this week that he would appeal his removal from office before the regional director in Chicago, Ill., and if his appeal were denied in Chicago, he would continue the case to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C.

According to Fowler, Tom C. Cadden, representative of the National Association of Postmasters, will handle his appeal.

With appeal pending, George A. Dondoro Wednesday morning indicated that the post office department is routine investigation of the records. A second postmaster will take considerable time.

The Birmingham resident recommending for the postmaster be identified until the investigation is completed.