

Perhaps each of us would enjoy life more if we resolved to pay less attention to the idle gossip and rumors...

77TH YEAR—NO. 4

Roberts, Navin, Allen Elected

Subt This Time: Fire Cops Win

THIS and THAT

To many people, meatless and eggless days are tiresome tasks. When one eats to live, and not lives to eat, he'll hardly have to worry about reaching the last hole in his belt.

Sometimes the weather man finds it as hard to make correct forecasts as the betting queen at the race track find it.

When Queen Elizabeth and her husband were guests at a garden party in Perth, Australia, a few weeks ago, they had to walk between a mile of ropes. Sounds like an American businessman trying to get through some of Washington's bureaucratic red tape.

A large part of Secretary of Agriculture Benson's problems come from that part of the farm belt that produces dairy products. Wonder why some of our federal bureaucrats haven't suggested this simple solution: get rid of all the nation's cows.

Barbara Hutto, 56, five-and-ten cent store owner and a man whom she married Porfirio Rubirosa a few months back and will now divorce him, says that the Dominican Republic is going to marry Zsa Zsa Gabor.

Recently, while we were on our honeymoon, we used to telephone her three times a day, long distance from Palm Beach, Hollywood, Fla., the admitted. Apparently, her choice of husband-selection still runs along the five-and-ten cent line.

As a symbol of the fact that men tend to grow old and continue into many years their mental and physical vigor, witness the current efforts of Kentucky's Alben W. Barkley to regain his seat in the U. S. Senate.

A great deal of argument is going on in public and private sectors of our national life over what to do with available water power at Niagara Falls.

Among the things that the annual return brings to this part of the country is the start of a season of baseball.

It allows people, momentarily, to focus their attentions on the men or ladies in sweaters, sweaters, etc., instead of how much taxes they must pay, or when the next war will start.

Our federal government authorities admit that the development of a bomb by a potential enemy nation places our own large cities in the position of being unable to prevent themselves from being practically annihilated, such as bombs be loosed upon them.

So long as the United States is a world leader in the possession of these bombs, and has the ability to deliver them anywhere on earth, it is presumed no such bombs will reach our shores.

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City Backs Anti-Smoke Ordinance

A new air pollution ordinance "with teeth in it" has been added to Birmingham regulations. City commissioners approved the ordinance Monday night which is aimed at abating excessive smoke from several large downtown buildings and public schools.

In commenting on the new ordinance, City Manager Donald C. Egbert said that it is the most workable law the city could come up with and it is strong enough to take offenders to court.

THE ACTUAL wording of the ordinance states that its purpose is to abate pollution of air from solids, gas, mist, vapors and smoke not normal constituents of the atmosphere.

Troy Twp. Budget Only \$1,631 Over Last Year's Sum

A budget of \$147,500 for the 1954-55 fiscal year was approved by Troy township voters Monday at the annual meeting of township electors.

This represents an increase of \$1,631 over last year's figure of \$145,869.16 as township officials attempt to keep township spending in line without spreading a special township levy.

ENFORCEMENT of the law apparently was the only part of the ordinance that bothered city commissioners in court.

'Meteorite' Identified By Institute Director As Block of Limestone

For years and years, Birmingham had a "meteorite" until Dr. Robert T. Hatt director of the Cranbrook Institute of Science, looked at the strange stone and announced its identity—limestone.

ABOUT 1880 (the exact date is not known) on a bright moonlight night in September, Mrs. Zilpha Simonsen was watching at the window of her farmhouse on the return of her husband Phineas and her sons.

At that time Thomas Koontz, a son-in-law of John Hall, while working in the field, struck the meteorite with a plow and afterward dug it out.

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City Firemen Seeking Family Welfare Fund

Initial step in a campaign to set up a family welfare and recreation fund for uniformed Birmingham firemen will take place with a benefit movie party at the Birmingham Theater on Wednesday, April 21.

Primary purpose of the campaign is to provide relief to families of firemen who may become injured or killed in the line of duty.

Being conducted by the Birmingham Uniformed Firemen's Assn. (UFA) this is the first campaign of its kind ever to be tried in the city, according to Fireman C. G. Nunnelley, publicity director for the drive.

NECESSITY for the creation of such a fund was stressed by Nunnelley who said there have been several cases where hardships have developed for families of men hurt at fires.

THE MOVIE party primarily is selling tickets to merchants at Birmingham theater box offices. They also can buy them through their children at the schools, or they can come into the fire station, Nunnelley said.

TROY RESIDENTS at the meeting asked for an additional police car to patrol the township and the building department.

The new budget includes the proposed addition of another inspector in the building department. This budget will be submitted to the township board for approval Monday night, April 12, and then forwarded to the Oakland County allocation board.

THE CITY of Lathrup Village will become a member of the Michigan League, city councilmen ordered Monday night, Councilman John G. Campbell requested the action and stated that benefits to the township would be numerous.

TO JOIN League Councilman Thomas N. Reed would serve our calls much quicker, Campbell stated, that the fire risk of having fires in both the city and township break out simultaneously.

WATCOWSKI urged immediate action on the purchase of a truck in order to have the equipment delivered in time for the July 1 deadline when Southfield service would be discontinued.

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Community House Ranchers Sponsor Paper Drive

The reorganized group of young people using the Community House Ranch Room are launching their first campaign to raise funds to finance broader programs of activities. Their initial attempt will be a paper drive April 19-24.

James E. Haggart, activities director for the Ranch Room, said money would be used to pay for movie rentals and to hold a benefit dance.

HE SAID 60 young people attended the movies at the House on Tuesday evening, when films on driving safety, "The Hot Last Date," and "Then There Were Four," were shown. Films were obtained through Baldwin public library.

FIREMEN RUSHED to answer 2 calls within 4 minutes. Although no fires developed, Birmingham firemen had a hectic few moments early Tuesday morning when two alarms in four minutes came as a result of lightning bolts.

THE FIRST call came at 6:55 a.m. when an unidentified resident called to report that the smoke from a strike into the smoke coming from the Pierce school chimney. She reported she had seen lightning bolts increase after the strike, and firemen sounded a general alarm.

AT 6:59 A.M. E. S. Capica, 1994 Sheffield, reported he thought his home had been hit. Trucks from the Pierce school scene were dispatched by radio to the Sheffield address where no damage could be found.

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Porritt Property Annexed

Less than 29 per cent of the city's registered voters Monday elected three city commissioners, two library board members, and approved all three proposals on the city's annual election ballot.

Approved by great majorities were the proposals to issue \$225,000 in bonds for the construction of two fire stations in the city, revamp the city's retirement system, and enable the city to annex the 40-acre Porritt property on Adams road from Troy township.

YOTERS LEFT no doubt this city fire defenses by providing two new fire stations. Of those voting on the proposition, 86 per cent favored the plan.

Allen was rejected to the post he has filled since the April 1953 election when he left to accept a position in the first full of public both.

ROBERTS, who is 30, becomes the youngest commissioner to serve the city. His home address is 23 and Allen is 34.

Other candidates were Harry D. Roberts, 37, exercised their right to vote. Final tabulations of commission were 1082; G. Owen, 888; Harry J. Roberts, 532; and Gilbert C. Goode, Jr., 277.

Incumbents Win In Hills Election. A total of 68 voters went to the polls in Bloomingdale Hills Monday to elect three members to the city commission.

Running unopposed for committee chairman was Homer J. Murphy received 64 votes.

Although Hinesford, Eden and Bugas were the only names on the ballot for the committee, Hinesford had 13 written ballots cast for Dominic Vetranno and one for Terry Vaughan, Jr.

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