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In the case of several children in a family, the manner in which they are brought up determines if they shall love one another when they grow up. And what is better achievement for parents than to work together, in love, in bringing their babies into this world.

HIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Once again President Eisenhower's "right-hand aid," Sherman Adams—announced that his boss may or may not run for re-election in 1956.

Who should such an announcement be made at this time? Either to alarm and thus frighten the Republicans in Congress to "put over" Ike's program, or suffer some Congressional defeat in this country's election—or to let the country know that the President is wearying of his job and won't run for re-election in 1956, anyway.

From the standpoint of practical politics, a Governor or a President, in order to maintain his "cool" in the legislature's branch, is presumed to be a candidate for re-election right up to the very last moment preceding a convention or an election.

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A London newspaper argues that 17-year-old Princess Alexandra, cousin of Queen Elizabeth, should buy and wear some modern clothes before she takes off for a visit to Canada and the U.S.A.

It is said that she wears "old-fashioned" apparel, which makes her look twice her age. So even a Princess can't determine what she wears. Alas! where has personal freedom fled in Merry Old England?

Just to be sure that we haven't overlooked a current news item for this issue of The Eccentric, we merely mention Senator Joe McCarthy's name. You can tie it in with Washington, C. C. tidbits of gossip you wish, and you'll probably be right.

Kentucky is famous for its bourbon whiskey and its loyalty to old-time politicians whose civic galaire has brought many federal "gifts" to that State. Perhaps that's why Alben Barkley, former vice president, recently was nominated on the Democratic ticket for the U.S. Senate. Many old Kentucky citizens certainly know how to vote.

A Connecticut woman recently received two driver's licenses from that State's motor vehicle department. She returned one in an envelope, collect. The state agency wants her to pay the postage, and she avers she won't. In the exchange of follow-up letters, no doubt Connecticut will begin sending her extra postage stamps, plus a geographic course. Thus you observe rigid bureaucracy at work.

That evil-minded Minnesota fellow who threw gas on the kennels of 20 Seeing-Eye dogs causing most of them to die, is said to be the latest type of human scoundrel. Proving that, in this vale of tears, there are all kinds of people.

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GLADYS HEINZE

36 Year Job Ends With Retirement

By ALICE E. MORGAN

After a 36 year term, during which she has held every office save that of postmaster, Gladys (Mrs. Russell) Heinze will retire from active duty on Aug. 31.

Her retirement was honored her at a surprise party in her home Saturday evening, when Mrs. Heinze was presented a wrist watch by the staff.

She has watched the post office staff grow from four to about 90 during these years, along with the corresponding changes in the community.

"When I started," she recalled, "there were two 'carriers,' a clerk and an auxiliary clerk."

"I was shifted from job to job as the need arose, even sharing the carrier duties. Later (the late Sylvester Wilkinson) and I had alternate weeks for sweeping the office. We washed the windows, too, and I used to carry the towels home to launder them."

"IT WASN'T long after I started, that I had to substitute for one of the carriers who was ill."

"I loaded the mail onto a little express wagon and started out. Everything was going along splendidly until I came to the barber shop."

Mrs. Heinze paused to smile at her recollection.

"In those days," she continued, "women—ladies, that is—just didn't go into a barber shop. I was so embarrassed when I came to the place I backed in, put the mail down and scurried right out again without having to look at any of the men in there."

"In her various official positions, Mrs. Heinze has handled postal money orders, postal savings, CDB money orders, registered mail, and clerical work in the post-office records."

SINCE THE start, she has been local secretary of the Civil Service examinations board and has had a part in every civil service examination scheduled through the office.

During World War II she served as assistant postmaster while Eugene C. Hiers was absent on military duty.

"My years here have been wonderful," Mrs. Heinze said. "In the office I have made many wonderful friendships and have worked with some fine men and women."

"In my contact with the public there have been even more friendships formed. I've seen Birmingham people in their gayest and sandest moods. I've talked with them when they have had won-

R. W. REESE J. S. COBB E. C. BEERS
GLADYS HEINZE
Gets to sit in the postmaster's chair (Eccentric Photo)

City Program Attended By Over 16,000

An incomplete report revealed a total attendance of 16,128 boys and girls during an eight-week summer recreation program ending Thursday last week. The program was sponsored by the Birmingham recreation board for school-aged children.

The figure of 16,128 represents attendance but does not mean that number of different individuals. Neither the Quorton school report nor attendance figures in baseball, softball and golf activities are included in this report.

A recreation staff of 13 persons was employed to carry out the program directed by Frank Whitlow, city recreation director, and school athletic director.

THE SUMMER program opened June 21 with swimming at Barnum pool, which was by far the most popular feature of the entire program, with a total attendance of 4553 girls and 3730 boys. A day camp at Springdale park for boys and girls eight to 12 years featuring woodcraft, playground tennis, golf, cook-out and general crafts attracted 260 youngsters. Surprised playground activities conducted weekdays at Pierce, Troit, Pembroke and Adams enticed 2871 youngsters. A break-down of schools revealed the following attendance: 1251 at Adams, 1543 at Pierce, 728 at Pembroke and 676 at Adams. Attendance at Quorton Field school directed by Arnold Berndt, high school band director. Twenty-one students participated in a radio workshop held twice weekly at the high school. Over 3000 boys and girls, including engineers set by experienced players participated in an instrumental music program at Baldwin school directed by Arnold Berndt, high school band director.

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Seek Applicants For Civil Service Postal Positions

In announcing the forthcoming civil service examinations for substitute clerk-carriers in Birmingham, the U.S. Post Office said last week that it would afford opportunities in the future as well as in immediate positions.

"We will establish a register of those who pass the examinations," Reese said, "and will make future employee selections from that source."

"Since a recent survey has pointed up the growth and expansion of the department, there will be several vacancies in the future, including openings for women."

Reese stressed that staff members holding temporary or indefinite appointments should file for this examination if they wish to be considered for permanent appointments.

The duties of these positions require physical exertion and applicants must be physically fit to perform them. Starting pay is \$1614 per month, and all examinations are open to women.

Bid For Additions To High School Set at \$356,221

Contract on two additions to the Birmingham high school was awarded to E. Stewart Construction Inc. for \$356,221.

The two additions include eight classrooms, a new hall and extensions on the cafeteria and library.

The board accepted Stewart's bid on the recommendation of Swanson Associates.

Water Level Gains
Fire Chief Verne Griffith told members of the city commission that deep water wells, lowered in level during recent hot weather, are showing satisfactory improvement. Continuation of the sprinkling schedule will remain in effect, however, until water levels are restored.

Interceptor Cost Estimated Seen In Four Months

Whether or not Birmingham will abandon the use of its present sewage disposal plant and join with five other southern Oakland County areas in the development and use of a proposed interceptor sewer that will connect to Detroit's sewage system is being considered by the city commission.

Monday night city manager Donald C. Egbert reported the results of a meeting held Wednesday last week by representatives of Birmingham, Southfield and Troy townships, Lathrup Village, and the City of Bloomfield Hills, where the problem was discussed. Several Oakland County officials also were present.

Considered was the installation of sewer mains to relieve areas that have a natural flow toward Evergreen road which leads south as a part of the plan to bypass the present main through its disposal. This main would flow through the Detroit River.

Off-Street Parking Hearing Date Set For SW Quadrant

To set a continuing pattern for the development of off-street parking lots in Birmingham, the city commission will hold a public hearing Sept. 3, to which will be invited all persons affected by the installation of such an area in the be-called southwest quadrant bounded by Pierce, Merrill and Brown streets.

Numerous informal meetings have already been held with interested property owners on this project, but no formal agreement has been decided upon. To date, it has been proposed that the city bear 50 per cent of the cost, out of parking meter revenue, the remainder to be paid for by special assessments, as in the case of benefited property owners.

Bleacher Suit Motion Hearing Set for Sept. 14

The next step in the suit brought by a Royal Oak dentist against the Birmingham School District is scheduled in Oakland County Circuit court on September 14.

At this time a motion will be filed before Judge H. Russell Holland in behalf of the school board seeking entry of a judgment for no cause of action notwithstanding the verdict of the jury.

The jury awarded a judgment of \$45,000 to Dr. Maurice Richards for injuries he sustained in a collapse of bleachers at a football game here in 1948.

Holland has yet to rule on the jury's action and Richards will not be able to collect until the judge determines the action to be taken.

OK SDM Move

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Court Injunction Stops City Sale Of E. Maple Lots

Although Birmingham voters approved the sale of six city-owned lots on E. Maple at the Aug. 3 election, the city commission last week stopped the sale of the lots on an injunction from the Oakland County Circuit Court, restraining it from negotiating the sale of the lots.

The litigation, instituted by Mike Harbaldan, 1470 S. Coolidge, Troy, Township, Elmer E. Bivens, city assessor, and Young Moore, 2379 E. Maple, who own lots on both sides of the lot, was brought to prevent Birmingham from keeping the area zoned to single family residences.

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By RUTH ANNE SILBAR

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Public Hearing Aug. 30 On Quorton Lake Roads

At long last a public hearing will be held Monday night, August 30, to consider levying a special assessment for the initial improvement of the pavements on Lake Park, Puritan, Pilgrim, Fairfax and Sulfid, in the Quorton Lake section of Birmingham.

This public hearing will continue months of discussion between affected property owners and city officials.

However, it represents but a small portion of the over-all street and sewer problems with which city officials are wrestling, as they affect the entire Birmingham area bounded by W. Maple, Quorton Lake, and extending west and north to the city limits.

Strike Delaying W. Maple Paving

Still no break is seen in the Detroit cement yard strike that is now delaying paving and widening of W. Maple City Engineer L. R. Gare disclosed this week.

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ing the streets themselves. This would be permanent job, actually enhancing the value of the properties involved.

GARE ESTIMATES that the cost of curbs and gutters would cost \$4.85 per foot, plus \$3.30 per foot for lateral storm sewers. This would add up to a total of \$8.55 per foot.

While the surfacing of the five streets comprised the original engineering problem, Gare's office has also taken into consideration the overall area problem of street surfaces and storm sewer drainage.

He pointed out Monday night that the city north of W. Maple and west of Quorton Lake requires a long-time remedy to meet the problem. This would include larger storm sewer drains on Pine and Hayville, which would empty into Quorton Lake.

The area west of Chesterfield (Gare) emphasizes, is in need of drainage facilities, since heavy rains frequently flood basements in that section of the city.

CITY MANAGER Donald C. Egbert recalled that the entire Quorton Lake area, plus that west of Chesterfield was planned when it was part of Bloomfield township, with few subdivision controls then in the hands of township authorities. It was annexed to Birmingham in 1924, he said.

While the public hearing August 30 officially will be confined to the surfacing of the five streets in Quorton Lake, the city commission will open the discussion to the entire area problem. They also may decide to have further public hearings, to which they will invite all property owners of lots in W. Maple and west of Quorton Lake.

If all the affected property owners in this larger section of Birmingham were to approve the city's over-all solution to the street and drainage problem, it is estimated that the total cost would approximate \$260,000.

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waterworks; and that the best way to secure the necessary funds for such purpose is to borrow the same from the city in small time and at a low rate of interest. The bonds of the village thereof."

THE RESOLUTION was carried unanimously. Ira Slade was president of the village board that was organized. The board included: Campbell, George E. Daines, Ly-

STRICTLY FRESH

Howling baby at Palisades Park, N. J., forced his dad to keep him on the wooden mats of merry-go-round to the tune of \$10.60. That's pretty expensive horsing around.

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B'ham Police Name Three Officers

Three veteran patrolmen with the Birmingham police department received promotions effective September 1. The promotions include a new detective, a new desk sergeant and a new patrol sergeant.

Patrolmen receive \$2520 yearly salaries. A detective rating pays \$5146, whereas a sergeant rating earns an ultimate maximum of \$5258. Totalled pay increases amount to \$902.

As a result of competitive examinations taken last month, Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley announced Saturday the promotions of Robert Schaulé to detective, Milton C. Jones, patrol sergeant, and Robert Peppersell, desk sergeant.

Three men took the promotion exams for detective and seven competed for both the sergeant's promotion and detective's exam.

WITH THE force for the past 11 years, Schaulé placed first on the detective's exam. In addition, he was top man for the jobs of patrol and desk sergeant.

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