

Since the ability to spell correctly is necessary in order to convey one's thoughts to others, shouldn't spelling be a mighty MUST in the curriculum of the elementary schools? Even in the many years of the early grades, without learning to be good spellers.

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# THIS and THAT

By G.R.A.

For many, many generations, the old axiom that said "A penny for your thoughts" was accepted as a reasonable valuation. But now, with the cheapening of the dollar due to inflation, do you suppose that much of current thought has declined in value with the penny?

A Texas kindergarten teacher asked her class to write down words beginning with the letter "M". It must have been the brightest in her class who so eloquently came up with: "Mmmmm—mighty good."

An observant American father recently uttered this statement: "Many a man wishes he was strong enough to tear a telephone book in half—especially if he has a teenage daughter."

Michigan produces more beans than any other State in the Union. Which provoked a Tuscola county farmer to argue that if fewer people spilled the beans, less of the country would be going to pot.

There are said to be more than 1,000 languages or dialects spoken by human beings on this earth. No wonder there is so much confusion among people—when plenty of them can't understand one another though they speak the same language.

One nice thing about playing golf is that it affords people who easily get mad the opportunity to swing at something other than another person.

A Michigan stock breeder has purchased an African zebra which will cross-breed with a horse—the idea being to produce the finest horse possible. The offspring of such mating would be stripes. Somebody is always coming up with the notion that there isn't enough speed in this earth.

That was quite a brawl staged between the Cardinals and Phillies when they were playing in St. Louis. Presumed to be apartment in the best sense of the game, imagine the impact for evil the actions of these two brawling players had; why not change the name "Stanky" by at least one letter?

Speaking of baseball, have you taken time out of an evening to watch a Birmingham "Little Leaguers" play? If you really want to see good baseball, plus youngsters who are allied with "big league spirit", attend one or more of these games. If you are a male, it will bring a thrill of your own childhood efforts to engage in our national pastime.

Most people in these United States fail to become acquainted with the individual in which the federal government is stripping the individual of his property. This stripping is done, of course, through the federal government's power to levy income taxes.

No unit of government is any stronger than the amount of money it has. That is why, basically, every unit of government in a free nation should be kept on the verge of poverty.

## B'ham Mother Injured in Crash; Released Saturday

A 29-year-old Birmingham mother was released Saturday from the Pontiac St. Joseph Mercy hospital after being treated for injuries received when a car was thrown from her husband's car in a collision Friday at 5:10 p.m. at Chester and Hanna.

Mrs. Richard L. Miller, 510 Hanna, was admitted to the hospital Friday for possible fractures. She was injured when an auto driven by Raymond P. Foley, 63 of 7087 Middlebelt, struck the left rear of the Miller car, pressing it against a utility pole.

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## Leonard, Hart Are Favored Here

# B'ham Backs Lyinggity Building Proposition



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM A. HAMBLEY, JR. Packing suitcases for eighth time (Eccentric Photo)

## New Attache's First Post Is Seoul, Korea

William A. Hambley, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Hambley, 1418 S. Pierce, recently appointed assistant attache in the U. S. Foreign Service left Birmingham Monday to take his initial assignment in Seoul, Korea. He will become commercial officer in Seoul.

The two-year appointment came as a result of a June 30 transfer from the Department of Defense, Washington, D. C., to the Foreign Service.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN graduate who holds a master's degree from the University of Minnesota, worked for a soap company in Cincinnati, Ohio, for one year following his school work.

## Elm Disease May Get 200 Trees This Year

Birmingham's battle with the tree-killing Dutch Elm disease gathered momentum this week as a state plant inspector arrived to assist in a second city-wide survey for detecting symptoms of the fatal fungus disease.

The disease is climbing at a tremendous rate with 76 tree losses to date. The present trend indicates this year's losses might possibly total 200 before the season's end.

Forester William Lebold stated, "Twenty-six cases were detected last year and one the year before."

HE SAID he would have no way of knowing what per cent of the people owning elm trees have had them sprayed since the city's first inspection in June. However, he commended citizens for their wonderful cooperation.

"City residents are showing much greater interest in the program than the citizens in the un-sprayed area," he commented. City crews have been averaging 15 hours daily for the past two weeks spraying city-owned trees. Lebold said about 5,000 trees have been sprayed since the June start, with about 2,500 additional trees to be sprayed with the special DDT solution that kills the disease-spreading beetles.

## Ambulance Service Established Here

Whether or not the City of Birmingham will have a contract with the newly organized Birmingham Ambulance Service will be determined within the next two weeks.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert has been asked to prepare his recommendation on this for city commissioners.

The ambulance service, first to be located in Birmingham and devoted exclusively to this type of service, opened Monday with temporary headquarters at 1301 S. Woodward.

It is equipped with a folding stretcher, folding cot, extra blankets, first aid kit and a resuscitator. A driver and attendant will handle all trips according to call. Bossenberger and Michael O'Hara, owners.

MOST of the commissioners who inspected the vehicle Monday commented favorably on it. Police Chief Robert W. Mosley said he believed the firm would be able to give the city much faster service than it now is getting from official city inspection.

THEIR service was discontinued about three years ago because of the difficulty of maintaining a staff to operate the vehicles on emergency calls. Since that time the city has been served by an out-of-town company.

## Quarton Road Report Promised for Aug. 16

Streets in Quarton Lake Estates subdivision may have to go through the coming winter with a patch job on the worst holes, City Engineer L. R. Gare predicted this week.

His comment came as he discussed with Mrs. G. H. Willett, Jr., 655 Pilgrim, how soon he would have his engineering report on what he thinks should be done to improve the street surfaces.

He limited his department was three months behind a self-imposed deadline set the middle of May, but promised "I'll have it before the commission on Aug. 16."

Commissioners, however, said they wanted a week to study Gare's recommendations, and therefore set Aug. 23 for a public discussion with Quarton residents.

MRS. WILLETT, who has been conducting practically a one-way crusade to get the city to save the streets in her subdivision, previously had suggested the hearing be held in a place larger than the commission room.

RESIDENTS contend such extensive improvements are unnecessary. At the same time as Gare reported on engineering details, City Manager D. C. Egbert is to tell why it has taken the city seven years to put in a \$22,900 Pine street sewer—and it hasn't been started yet.

## 6 Cities OK Water System

The way was paved for operations of the South Oakland county water authority as each of the six member cities approved charter amendments enabling construction of the authority's water system within their borders.

Figures on the balloting were Royal Oak, 4252 to 1060; Berkley, 1230 to 565; Clawson, 855 to 175; Huntington Woods, 855 to 175; Pleasant Ridge, 779 to 114 and Birmingham, 467 to 453.



THE CITY PROVIDED enough water to cool parched throats last week but lawns in residential areas continued to cry for water until Saturday's rain helped satiate the thirsty soil.

Former facilities had been criticized by citizens who said they felt response to emergency calls was too slow. Police and fire department heads have defended the service, saying they felt the time lapse was normal.

## Cooler Weather Eases Water Use

After two rainfalls Thursday and Saturday, Birmingham's water situation was back to near-normal this week.

The city was back to average daily consumption of 2,000,000 gallons and the water main pressure has maintained its usual 42 pounds, according to Asst. Fire Chief Park Smith.

An all-time high water pumpage record was set last Thursday. For the previous 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. that day, the city pumped 5,430,000 gallons of water. Park said, City main pressure was down to 28 pounds.

Last Thursday was the first in 12 days that city pumps were not used during daylight hours. The water situation has been normal ever since, Smith said Wednesday.

The previous high was set July 24 with 5,040,000 gallons pumped out of the ground. That day began a five-day period which brought Birmingham as close as it ever has to a water shortage.

The city was forced to sound the general alarm—12 swells of the fire siren—for the first time in many years to indicate to local residents that all unnecessary uses of water should be discontinued for at least a two-hour period.

Pressure in the city mains dropped to 16 pounds July 25. The general alarm was sounded each day following at about 6:20 p.m. Saturday through last Thursday.

## 2 City Proposals Approved

By NORMAN DOUGLAS

Twenty-three per cent of Birmingham's registered voters found themselves supporting the favorite Republican candidates in Tuesday's primary election, approving a charter amendment to allow construction of mains in the city for the SOG water authority and approving the sale of six city-owned lots.

They also found that their backing of the new county building proposal put out in the county-wide balloting as the proposition was defeated by Oakland County property owners who defeated the tax increase question.

Birmingham electors approved the ill-fated county building proposal by a better than two-to-one margin with 1,820 affirmative ballots for issuance of the bonds and 1,841 "no" votes for the increase in millage to finance payment of the bonds.

Opposing the questions were 859 votes on the bond proposition and 976 on the millage increase.

The charter amendment to allow the SOG water authority to construct and maintain portions of the water system within the city passed by a five-to-one vote with 2,507 approving the charter change while 453 opposed the action.

The sale of six city-owned lots in the East Maple Gardens subdivision received nearly the same support as 2,252 for the sale and 550 voted against it.

The majority of the 2746 voters who approved the polls was in opposition to the Democratic nomination to Donald S. Leonard for governor. Clarence Beck, U.S. Representative, defeated Republican nominee Homer Ferguson for Senator, George Dondoro for U.S. Representative, William S. Broomfield for state senator and William C. Vandusen for the third district's state representative.

ON THE Democratic side, Gov. C. Messersmith's seat was in opposition to the Democratic nomination to Donald S. Leonard for governor. Clarence Beck, U.S. Representative, defeated Republican nominee Homer Ferguson for Senator, Owen J. Cleary for the governor's nomination by a five to one margin, totaling 2,509 votes for Cleary's 484. (See ELECTION, Page 2, Sec. 1)

## Romance in S. Africa Climaxed By Marriage Here Saturday

By ALICE E. MORGAN

The wedding of Miss Christiane Anushek to Dr. Erick Kusckhe reads like something out of a story book or motion picture script.

The bride, a native of southern Germany, met her fiance while she was doing government work as a physical therapist near his home in Graessner, Transvaal, South Africa.

While she returned to her homeland, her fiance came to the United States for medical study, and currently is an intern at St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac.

Last week, only a few hours before her marriage, the attractive girl arrived in this country from Germany, and made her way to Birmingham.



DR. AND MRS. ERICK KUSCKHE Married here Saturday (Eccentric Photo)

## STRICTLY FRESH

Police in Edmonton, Alberta, are wondering about advantages of the machine age. A combine on display at an agricultural exhibition yielded a harvest of 12 empty wallets discarded by pickpockets.

Lady in St. Paul, Minn., has been giving away a bottle of 3.2 beer to a bunch of 1000 people, she sells Police object because she has no beverage license, and perhaps because they feel there's "enough beer" in the corn.

Burglar in Santa Cruz, Calif., really got the bird. They stole 235 worth of fanaries. Trying to foolher, he said, maybe.

The number of typewriters and mimeographs aboard a battleship outnumber its guns. A typewriter

is mightier than a 16-inch rifle, to bring the old saying up to date.

Follow us, know you will be out of the hospital any month now. Caught up in the home-hand-man boom, when the little woman told him to take a walk, he says, "Do it yourself."

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