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A hundred men and women can through great talent and effort, be made to cooperate as a group as individuals. But which team in a single idea and immediately to carry it out with the best of intentions. That is one of society's basic problems—to teach people to work together.

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THAT and THAT

By G.R.A.

Regardless of your political affiliations, wasn't it great to know that it was your American right to go into the ballot box Nov. 2, in complete freedom of mind, vote for whom you wanted?

The final results of the recent election are now being reported. It is interesting to note that the actual results of the election are in line with the predictions of the pollsters. Naturally, naturally, seek to impress the voters with the worthiness of themselves and their policies; in this, they are exactly like manufacturers who want their advertising appeals to win customers. In either case it is the voters, on the one hand, and the customers on the other, who must exercise their best judgment in accepting or rejecting such appeals.

Political big game players will make no mistake in their vote books that read something like this: "Michigan, for most of its long life, has been a Republican state. Republican candidates and Republican policies; however, when the 1954 ballot was cast, it was quite evident that Michigan no longer can be depended upon to support Republican policies, on a state-wide basis. White voters will continue to elect Republicans from various local areas to state Legislative and county offices, the majority of its voters will prefer to elect Democrats to the U.S. Senate, to many seats in the national House of Representatives, and to those state offices whose aspirants place their names before the entire state electorate. Michigan's majority of voters, whether in the ultimate, wisely or not, have decided to vote along with the Democrats, a political party that offers them the promise of greater personal economic security.

Gov. Williams' unprecedented election at the polls, giving him a fourth term, not only proves that Michigan appears definitely Democratic, but it also is a tribute to his own personal popularity with the people and his personal popularity in the eyes of politicians, a great help at election time. For the first time the Governor will have a majority of the State Administrative Board (or "little cabinet") from his own party. This should aid him very much in his efforts to influence Michigan legislative action, as well as to carry them into executive action, leavened with the philosophy of the Democratic Commission-er V. B. Watkins.

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While I sympathize with Don Leonard, Homer Ferguson and Paul H. Hart, of Birmingham, as candidates, it is foolish to shed tears. For it is always in the nature of things that in elections bring contests, and contests result in somebody losing. It is the best thing that can happen or she who skates upon it must be aware of the dangers inherent in the sport.

Some of these days I'll offer my comment on what I think is wrong with us and in the Republican party... from the White House down.

In the meantime, let's all man our several stations on the ship of State and, with a patriotic loyalty that is above mere political party animosity, perform our various tasks as well as we can... for, at best in these stormy days of international strife and danger, every member of the crew "is needed to keep our ship on an even keel, steering a course toward harbors of safety."

Want More Light

Brighter lights for Maple avenue were ordered by the city this week. The new bulbs will be installed on present standards by the town Hunter and Bates, will cost the city \$180 more annually.

Necessity Determined 2nd Time

By GEORGE W. AVERILL

For the second time in nine weeks, Birmingham city commissioners declared it was necessary for a municipal, 250-car parking lot to be constructed on Pierte street, south of Merrill.

And like the previous hearing Sept. 7, the one Monday night brought no opposition to the necessity. But again there was considerable opposition voiced over the method by which the city proposes to pay for the parking facility.

AS DISCLOSED Monday night, the city tentatively has agreed to pay half the cost of the \$200,000 lot.

Benefited businesses would pay the other \$100,000 on the basis of 2 1/2 percent on land frontage, 2 1/2 percent on land area, and 5 percent on building use.

WHEN BUSINESS owner Edlin W. Gask asked if the city would pay for the revenue bond to finance its \$100,000 share of the expense of the lot, the answer in the affirmative came from Commissioner V. B. Watkins.

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REASON FOR the new hearing on necessity was the enlargement of the area intended for assessment. Originally it was to include only those business properties south of Maple and west of Woodland.

But commissioners believe the Pierte lot also would benefit businesses fronting on the north side of Maple west of Woodland, and on the east side of Woodward south of Maple.

Assess Parking Sliding Scale

City Re-Petitions County for East Side Drain Relief

Immediate action on the part of the Oakland county drain office was asked Monday night by city commissioners on a project whose history dates back to 1947 on a drainage problem first recognized in 1929.

Commissioners ordered a further resolution sent to the drain commission, city commissioners did agree with City Manager Donald C. Ebert that this portion of the huge drain should be constructed at the earliest possible date.

Rapid growth of the Pembroke Manor subdivision and newer subdivisions adjacent to the Troy township border have increased the drainage problem, city officials have revealed.

Thieves' Loot Totals \$324 in Birmingham

Birmingham police received reports of two larcenies and a break-in in the city last night.

A cash box containing \$124 in bills was reported missing from an agency, Melburn and Fawcett, Inc., 135 N. Woodward.

A small radio, a television set and a vacuum cleaner, with a total value of \$150, were stolen from a model home at 1811 Norwich.

NEW AUTO PLATES Go On Sale Here

The new 1955 auto license plates went on sale at the Secretary of State's office here, and at the Birmingham branch of the Automobile Club, this week.

UHF Needs Financial Push to Victory

BHS Variety Show Has Cast of 500

The 1954 version of the annual Birmingham high school variety show, with a cast of nearly 500 students, promises to be bigger and better than ever.

WHAT'S UP DOWN-THERE?

The answer's on page one, part five

October Accident Totals Up 1/3 Over Last Year

Accident totals in Birmingham during October were up almost one-third over the same month a year ago, Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley revealed this week.

Couple, Children Hurt in Accident

Four Royal Oak residents were injured in a collision at Olivia and 14 Mile rd Saturday at 7:30 p.m. when the car in which they were riding was hit by another from behind.

Embezzler Sentenced To 7 1/2-10 Year Term

Eugene A. Parmenter, 54-year-old former Pontiac broker, was sentenced Monday in circuit court to a 7 1/2 to 10 year term after he had pleaded guilty to embezzlement of \$60,000.

ONE UNSAFE driving act, violation of the night curfew, has accounted for almost one-third of the 281 accidents in the city this week, Moxley said. Two others, improper turns, and following too closely, were responsible for another one-fourth of collisions.

COMBINING LOVE OF COUNTRY WITH spiritual reverence, the nearly 300 pupils at the area's newest school, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, salute the flag as part of their observance of Veterans' Day, formerly Armistice Day.

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Lack Only \$11,000 Of Quota

Only one day away from its conclusion, the United Foundation Torch Drive for Franklin Island - Birmingham - is \$10,470, or 5.8 per cent shy of its record goal.

Receipts all of Tuesday night totaled \$11,000 against the target of \$18,000 and John K. Stevenson, campaign chairman, issued a statement that more than 1,000 local volunteers.

Hart Family At Mackinac For a Rest

By WILLIAM F. ZACK

Philip A. Hart, Michigan's next lieutenant governor, this week is relaxing with his family at their vacation retreat above the bluff at Mackinac Island, at the end of a hectic campaign which resulted in his election.

AMONG THE campaigners winding up their efforts this week are Birmingham high school student speakers and reporters.

MISSING FROM his autumn vacation will be the oldest daughter, Ann, who is undergoing polo treatment at Sibley Hospital, Elizabeth Kenny Foundation hospital in Farmington.

DRIVE WOULD END Hazard on US-10

An accident on the east side of U.S. 10, stretching north from Maple, had been recommended by the state highway department.

STRICTLY FRESH

Congressman in Millbrae, Calif., wants to blame people to make them responsible for their 'pet' animals.

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