As no time in recorded history have so many people in the United States been "at odds" with one another as today; class is arrayed against class; government leaders are "agin" business leaders; labor, itself torn with factionalism, wants to run government. Is this one of the "fruits of victory?"

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Serving the Citizens of Michigan's Finest Suburban Residential Area

THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

England's Queen Mother is enjoying a brief visit to the United States. She is a fine woman, and reading nice things about her is refreshing in a world so filled with "Man's inhumanity to man."

California's "City of Angels" is having much trouble with smog, an atmospheric condition that causes distress to its citizens. Many of them are moving away from Los Angeles, a serious threat to property values.

The city's great industrial growth, including oil refineries, is responsible for the smog, experts say . . . Another proof that cities can become too large for healthful habitation.

A Yale professor recently said he favors abbreviating English spelling, thus making it possible to double our communications facilities. He says many letters in our words can be left out, "leaving shrt," he says. Well, professor, have you tried to read some of your students' examination papers lately?

Our form of government makes a wide variety of demands upon its top official. The U. S. Presidency is said to be the most responsible and important job on earth — yet a President is required to play the petty parts of the politician at election time. To be sure, even a King must smile at his subjects if he would retain his throne.

In the heat of a campaign, politicians do many strange things. In the closing days of the Nov. 2 election, "Ike" went about this nation, making speeches entirely to win votes for Republican Congressmen.

He argued: "A President, in order to put over his program, must have a Congress dominated by his own party."

Yet Ike's first two years in office reveals that many Democrats helped him on certain legislative acts. Without this Democratic support Ike's program would have been less successful in gaining approval of Congress.

Mario Lanza still has a great tenor voice, and the world will pay plenty to hear him in person or on records — But Mario also has a great vice — he loves to eat, and thus fatness takes away much of his glamour. Besides, don't you think Mario has been spoiled by sudden fame and fortune?

"Too many Waves in the U. S. Navy," say the Admirals, as they announce a big decrease in the blue-clad gals who will be on the Navy payroll during the next three years. Don't get discouraged girls —just attach yourselves to the Navy as wives.

One hundred twenty-one married couples sat down to dinner in a small Pennsylvania town last week and had a fine time. Not a cross word passed between them, for they represented more than a combined total of 12,000 years of matrimonial estate.

2 Garbage Pickups Next Summer

Twice a week garbage collection during the four summer months will be resumed next year, Birmingham city commissioners determined this week in extending terms of the present collection contract.

The $68,066 award includes transportation costs to the new South Oakland incinerator in Royal Oak township, scheduled to go into operation in about a month.

Beginning immediately, said DPW Supt. Robert Kenning, the city will collect ashes along with other rubbish.

"Any large or heavy items, like bed springs, oil drums or concrete, will require a special pickup, which you may obtain by calling the DPW," emphasized Kenning.

Rear-door garbage collection still will be available at an additional charge. This year the cost is $9.36, but in 1955 will be boosted about $1.50 to defray costs of the second collection during the summer weeks.

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All makes of inner spring mattresses repaired. One-day service. ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY. Dial "O" and ask for ENterprise 8310.

UF Drive In Final 10 Days

As the Torch Drive reached the final 10 days of the campaign, returns lagged behind their earlier pace, leaving about 40 per cent of the $186,000 goal to be attained with only a quarter of the working time remaining, according to John K. Stevenson, general chairman for the Birmingham - Bloomfield - Franklin area.

Returns on Tuesday totalled $124,804, a substantial amount higher than during the comparable period of a year ago, but still behind the increase necessary to account for a bigger quota and the inclusion of the Red Cross in the drive.

Mrs. J. Rowland Quinn, campaign director, said the trend of increased giving was marked, although the total number of gifts was below the needed pace.

SHE URGED solicitors to turn in their reports promptly, and asked that partial returns be made rather than delaying until the assigned solicitations have been completed.

To expedite progress of the drive, she said campaign headquarters will remain open all day Saturday and until eight o'clock each night until the conclusion of the campaign Nov. 11.

The week's local campaign news was highlighted by special recognition given to one of the area's leading United Foundation workers.

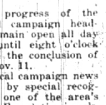
IN SPECIAL ceremonies in Detroit Monday, Mrs. Haines P. Walmsley, 308 Waddington, Bloomfield township, was crowned "Queen of the Drive". She was honored for having achieved the outstanding individual record of all the metropolitan suburban areas.

Mrs. Walmsley, who also is chairman of the Oakland Hills area, won recognition for her personal solicitation efforts, calling on 136 homes and turning in a record dollar increase of 243 per cent over last year. (See picture on Page 6).

Elder Tree Bugs Reported Harmless

The annual appearance of the Box-elder bugs, which, like most people, prefers to spend the winter in warm surroundings, has prompted numerous inquiries as to its identity and habits, according to City Forester William Lebold.

Lebold said the insect now is making its autumn migration from the elder tree branches into the houses of Birmingham residents, who are concerned over the possible harm to be expected from the invasion.



They received reassuring news from his department, since he says that the intruders are harmless. He described them as a small, black insect with red markings, and a flattened body which permits them to squeeze into cracks and crevices of the most tightly constructed home.

THEY CAN do no damage either to the structure of the house or to its contents, Lebold continued, since they belong to the aphid family and subsist only by drawing nourishment from the trees. During the winter season, he said, they eat nothing at all.

Most of their time is spent in hibernation, although changes of temperature within the house may cause them to awaken and move about. In most cases, the practical manner of dealing with the pests is to sweep them up and destroy them.

A spray applied as soon as the eggs hatch in the spring is helpful in reducing the number of bugs, Lebold said, but for complete elimination, the destruction of all box elder trees in the area usually is required.

Police Still Seek School Safecracker

Birmingham police still are investigating the theft of $234 in United Foundation donations from the safe of the Barnum school Oct. 27, Chief Ralph W. Moxley reported.

The theft occurred sometime between 6 and 8:15 p.m., according to Herbert Hengst, school principal.

Although Hengst believes he locked the safe when leaving his office for the day, police found no sign of forced entry.

The school was open that night for a student activity, Hengst pointed out. During the course of their investigation, police checked with William Vendtuh, a school caretaker. He was unable to throw any light on the theft, they said.

HEY! HEY! STRANGE THINGS HAPPENED at Birmingham high school Tuesday morning when Red Buttons hit town with a storm. The popular TV comic wowed high school students at an assembly at the school before appearing in downtown Detroit at a Torch Drive luncheon. Between recording for the high school's variety show, mugging for photographers and signing autographs, Red managed to give a 15-minute "bit" on high school days for the crowded assembly. He is shown here before the assembly with Ted Donay who is briefing him on the recording session. Richard Morgan was master of ceremonies and Football Captain Bill Watkinson presented Red with a letter sweater. His trip to Detroit for the UF drive was sponsored by Pontiac Motors. (Eccentric Photo)

B'ham Supports Mutual Fire Pact

A long-standing agreement between several fire chiefs in South Oakland county is being presented for formal action to the respective governing bodies.

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night agreed to join four other municipalities in a mutual aid pact to fight emergency fires.

The agreement would be between Birmingham, Pontiac, Royal Oak, Hazel Park and Ferndale.

It calls upon any or all of the five departments to send equipment and men—only if available—to the aid of another department.

EQUIPMENT WOULD consist of a 500 gpm or faster, pumper, and at least four men to respond with each piece of equipment.

Such equipment and men will only respond if available, will stay only as long as needed, and can be returned to their home station at any time the commanding officer determines.

This agreement would not affect the Birmingham department's unwritten rule to respond to a call from non-member adjoining municipalities if loss of life were threatened.

Tracy Named Best Back of the Week

Tom (The Bomb) Tracey, former Birmingham high school flash, was named the top back of the week by national sports writers following his explosive play for Tennessee against North Carolina Saturday.

Tracy, a former All-State selection from the local high school, scored two touchdowns on 71 and 43 yard runs, and had another 82 yard touchdown sprint nullified by a penalty as his team downed the Carolinians 26-20.

The explosive Tracy carried the ball 14 times for 192 yards, an average of 13.7.

HE ALSO was credited with saving an opponent's score by overtaking a runner from behind; intercepting an enemy pass, and being responsible for a key block which broke another Tennessee back into the clear for a 34 yard run. In addition, Tracy kicked two conversions.

North Carolina Coach George Barclay commented; Tracy was just too good for us. He's the best back I've seen this year."

4 Connections For SOC Water

Birmingham's water system will be connected to the Southeastern Oakland county water authority's new mains at four points along 14 Mile road, city commissioners agreed Monday.

Locations will be Eton, Cummings, Pierce and Southfield.

According to City Engineer L. R. Gare, who also heads the authority, the Eton connection will be for emergency use only.

Representatives To Attend Sessions

Four local high school boys will attend U. N. assembly sessions in New York on Nov. 8, 9 and 10. The four boys are officers of the Birmingham Kanakans Hi-Y Club. The trip is being sponsored by the YMCA in cooperation with the National Hi-Y Fellowship.

The boys will attend U. N. sessions and private conferences under YMCA supervision during their three day stay in New York. The boys are James Reeder, Richard Brown, Carson Janes and Robert Croly.

Republicans Hold Local Majorities

Assessment Plan Nears Completion

Those downtown business property owners who attended Monday night's public hearing to find out how they would be assessed to pay for an off-street parking lot, also will be able to learn how much the revised formula would extract from them, City Manager H. C. Egbert predicted this week.

"Final details commissioners expect to work out at a committee session Friday night," said Egbert, "and I am certain by Monday night we can have ready a map on which actual assessments are listed according to the new method."

Following their Nov. 1 regular meeting, commissioners shooed out everyone but top city officials before going into more discussion on the parking lot, which would be located on Pierce, between Merrill and Brown.

DURING THE regular meeting, however, the commission agreed to pay $260 for a 60-day option on one of the 11 lots needed for the parking facility.

This 80-foot lot on Pierce carries a price tag of $18,000, and has on it a two-family residence and a garage.

Generally, the assessment plan which is to be brought out for discussion Monday night will mean larger assessments for those properties nearest the parking, with the outlying properties to get smaller amounts.

THERE WERE several instances of the reverse situation under the first complicated assessment plan worked out by City Assessor Elmer W. Haack.

Egbert said "very satisfactory progress is being made" on negotiations for the property for the 250-car facility, which presently calls for the city and business properties to share the cost on an equal basis.

Southfield Exchange Club Organizes

At the organization meeting of the Southfield township Exchange club Tuesday night, Joseph G. Masters was elected to the presidency of the new service roup. Other officers are Roger B. Henry, secretary, and James E. Walsh, Jr., treasurer. Serving on the executive membership committee are Harry Leach, Walsh, Charles F. Weckesser and Edward Y. Sawyer. Members of the constitution and by-laws committees are Domenic J. Ferrante and George W. Lawler. The club will meet each Tuesday night at Rosemond Hills Inn.

A CRUSADING SPIRIT and ingenuity marked the Halloween parade in Birmingham Saturday evening. Two knights of old brandished swords as they faced the cold of the evening, while another lad took his place in the march with a degree of comfort and class. A broken leg gave him an idea for an unusual costume and a willing pal garbed as a hospital attendant provided the power for his wheeled vehicle. The parade seemed one of the most colorful and best costumed in recent years, in spite of the fact that some stayed home where it was warm and dry. A trained dog and trampoline act in the Briggs parking lot entertained, parents and children who were not included in any of the several parties and dances. (Eccentric Photos)

State Proposals

STATE WIDE—(3338 precincts out of 4781)

	No. 1 Voting Yes	No. 1 Voting No	No. 2 Sales Tax Yes	No. 2 Sales Tax No	No. 3 Bonus Yes	No. 3 Bonus No	No. 4 Lottery Yes	No. 4 Lottery No
	856419	537936	842428	528211	835838	588029	638027	694371
B'ham	6594	1490	5059	2819	5628	2358	5274	3056
Bloom. Hills	1262	246	1140	375	1262	246	1262	246
Bloom. Twp	3305	600	1870	972	1383	1631	1065	1983
Troy	1452	757	1229	962	1370	884	1146	1065
Southfield	4946	1851	4051	2545	3652	3145	2835	4365
Lathrup	750	255	546	283	490	540	539	712
TOTALS	17758	4399	14895	7956	11215	10535	9534	15476

County Bldg.

	Yes	No
County-Wide	45,180	86,189

210 precincts out of 210

	Yes	No
B'ham	3638	3711
Bloom. Hills	387	275
Bloom. Twp	1345	1586
Troy	591	1318
Southfield	2439	4182
Lathrup	370	653
Total	8580	11,527

Local Proposal

	Yes	No
BIRMINGHAM		
Sale of City Land	5106	2968
LATHRUP VILLAGE		
Acquiring Water System	1058	66
SOUTHFIELD		
Interceptor Tax	2669	3843
TROY		
Tax Increase for Police, Fire, Recreation	1086	1130
Millage	894	1154
Tax Levy		

Dutch Elm Blight Up 600% in Year

A 600 per cent increase in the number of trees infected by the Dutch elm disease during the past year was reported this week by City Forester William Lebold.

Meanwhile, the Birmingham city commission Monday night discussed a proposed ordinance amendment calling for compulsory spraying of all trees subject to the disease on private as well as public land. No action was taken.

Despite strenuous efforts to curb the spread of the infection, 160 cases were detected during the past spring and summer months. Lebold said, compared with 26 in 1953, and only a single tree found with the disease the year before.

Greatest incidence of infection was reported in the area east of Woodward, near the Grand Trunk railroad, Lebold reported an even greater concentration of the disease in surrounding communities.

LEBOLD STRESSED that there is no known cure for the disease. The only known control method, he said, is by elimination of the beetle. This can be accomplished, he said, only through cooperation of tree owners, and of householders using woodpiles for their fireplaces.

In this connection, the forester pointed out:

"Householders who order firewood should make certain they clearly specify to the dealer that they will not accept any elm wood whatever, since the dead wood makes an ideal breeding ground for the beetle which carries the disease.

"Possession of such wood is in direct violation of both state law and local ordinances, and carries a penalty, upon conviction, of a $100 fine, or up to 90 days in jail."

NO ACTION was taken by the Birmingham city commission on the proposed ordinance amendment which would permit the city forester to spray trees on private property, and would assess the cost of such spraying against the property owners.

City Attorney Forbes S. Hascall pointed out, in drafting the pro-

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Edison Combines Bloomfield And Pontiac Districts

Detroit Edison's Oakland and Bloomfield Districts—together including most of Oakland County—have been combined under the name of the Oakland District.

Head of the new consolidated district is Howard L. Canfield, who has been serving as manager of the old Oakland District since last February.

Appointment of Paul C. Grant and Harlan B. Ritze as assistant managers of the enlarged Oakland District also has been announced by E. O. George, Detroit Edison manager of sales. Headquarters for the two assistant managers will be the former Bloomfield District office in Birmingham.

CANFIELD, the new Oakland District manager, will maintain his office in Pontiac.

Assistant Manager Grant joined Detroit Edison in 1926, after earning a degree from the Detroit College of Law. Bloomfield District assistant manager since 1951, he has been secretary of the Birmingham Rotary Club for the past ten years.

Assistant Manager Ritze is another graduate of the University of Michigan Engineering College who has been with Edison since 1936.

30-Minute Meters To Be Tried Here

Twenty-five 30-minute parking meters will go into operation here Dec. 1, according to ordinance amendments approved Monday night by city commissioners.

These meters will be on Maple west of Woodward, with a few on Henrietta and Bates.

All will be located adjacent to intersections, alleys and crosswalks, explained Police Chief Ralph Mosley.

He said these 30-minute meters will be painted a distinctive color to distinguish them from one and two-hour meters.

THE COLOR has not been determined yet, he added.

Also on the first day of December, what now are two-hour meters on the south side of Martin, between Chester and Henrietta, will become one-hour meters.

The one-hour meters also will be extended south of Pierce to Merrill.

New Access Drive Deeded to City

Acceptance of a 27-foot access drive in front of several business properties at Chesterfield and Maple was made this week by city commissioners.

They believe this recently constructed drive probably will alleviate what was a growing hazard caused by motorists interfering with fast moving Maple traffic.

Paint Thinner Fire Does Smoke Damage

Birmingham's new ladder truck made its first run to a fire Sunday night, but its services were not needed, according to First Assistant Fire Chief Park Smith.

Smith said that the 11 p.m. alarm was caused by a small blaze which started when J. Hanna accidentally ignited some paint thinner while cleaning paint brushes at his home at 2509 Buckingham.

The only damage was from smoke, Chief Smith reported.

Balloting Draws 75% Of Voters

Over 75 per cent of the city's registered voters, a record number for an off-election year, appeared at the polls Tuesday to back Republican candidates in the state general elections.

Voters joined majorities in Oakland county to reject a proposal to construct a new county building, defeated state amendments concerning legalized lotteries and the Kinsman bonus and approved the sale of 41 city-owned lots in Sheffield Estates subdivision.

They also backed amendments to state statutes regarding a change in the election laws to prevent disqualification of voters who have moved within the state in a 30-day period prior to an election and a change in the collection and distribution of state sales taxes.

IN SUPPORTING the losing Republican candidate for governor, Donald S. Leonard by a vote margin of 7,525 to 1,885 for Gov. G. Mennen Williams, Birmingham threw its support for all other congressional, state and county GOP incumbents.

By nearly a 7-1 majority, electors again gave the nod to U. S. Senator Homer Ferguson, Representative George A. Dondero, State Senatorial Candidate William S. Broomfield and State Representative Richard C. VanDusen.

State Officers Reid, Cleary, Millard, Brake and Martin were given the same margins of votes over Democratic hopefuls.

County-wise, Birmingham helped County Clerk Lynn D. Allen win a 12th term, and Prosecutor Frederick C. Ziem for a second time, gain a 12th term for Treasurer Charles A. Sparks, and reelect Register of Deeds Joseph Quaid and Birmingham's Drain Commissioner Ralph A. Main.

COUNTY Surveyor Omar E. MacNitt was unopposed for reelection.

They also helped elect a new sheriff, Republican Frank Irons.

The proposal to raise millage for construction of the county building was defeated here by the narrow vote of 3,711 to 3,638.

Size of the city lots passed by a wide majority, picking up 5,106 votes favoring the move to 2,068 opposing the measure.

While wide margins supported both the election law amendment and sales tax distribution change, a close majority rejected the Korean veterans bonus by a vote of 4,078 to 4,032. Voters were more decisive in defeating the lottery amendment by downing the proposition 4,475 to 2,850.

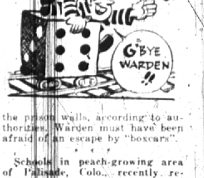
THE CITY'S largest precinct—precinct one at Redeemer Lutheran church—claimed the highest percentage of registered voters in Tuesday's balloting.

The precinct counted over 84 per cent of its 1,151 registered electors.

STRICTLY FRESH

High school students in Westfield, Mass., have been fired from posts as aircraft spotters for the Ground Observation Corps because they were using their binoculars to watch football games, among other things. Maybe they were looking for flying tackles.

Prisoners at Angola, La., state penitentiary have been deprived of 10 dice tables confiscated within



the prison walls, according to authorities. Warden must have been afraid of an escape by "boxcars".

Schools in peach-growing area of Palisade, Colo., recently received some 700 cases of canned California peaches for the federal school lunch program. Just said Antonio John D. Lewis receives a shipload of coals from Newcastle.

Man in Mexico City, Mexico, has been sentenced to prison for counterfeiting lottery tickets, and is making more money as a prisoner than he ever made before. Just goes to show you, honest dough is the best kind.