



SEVEN CENTS

When a husband overlooks, on rare occasions, his wedding anniversary, and fails to send his wife an appropriate gift, (quite or big) why should she feel badly? After all, if he makes apology, should he be judged by one day's forgetfulness?

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Empire vs. Freeway Battle Rages on All Fronts

THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

At the opening of the baseball season President Eisenhower threw out the first ball in Washington, while ex-President Truman did the same at Kansas City. Apparently, then, our national pastime knows no political boundaries.

On the recent Easter Sunday many millions of human beings attended the churches of their choice, giving physical evidence of their reverence for the occasion. Having observed the resurrection ceremony of Jesus Christ, now comes the problem of observing to reflect on the application of Christianity in everyday living.

Scientists are trying to solve the problem of building a guided missile that will go 3,600 miles (the distance to Moscow) in 21 minutes and 49 seconds, reaching a maximum altitude of 650 miles. The problem: the missile will burn up in a heat that reaches over 30,000 degrees, as it re-enters the earth's atmosphere. Science, no doubt, will solve the problem, but our problems are much easier to solve than the one that requires mankind to reflect on the image and likeness of God.

Volunteers have suggested to the U. S. Weather Bureau several highly interesting ideas. Since much of our cold weather originates in Canada, one suggestion is to erect giant fans along the northern border, and as the cold air back, another bright idea is to change the course of the Gulf Stream, so that our entire Atlantic seaboard states benefit from the water's warmth. If you, Dear Reader, have any good ideas that won't cost too much about changing the weather, send them right on to Washington, D. C. Many "wonder" ideas have already been hatched out in that Utopian atmosphere.

In Vienna, Austria, the Red-controlled government recently agreed to allow the publication of crime stories... providing, says the decree "that emphasis must be placed on the fact that crime does not pay." How absurd! Or does it mean that crime will be tolerated only in high places in all Communist-dominated governments?

Thieves Get Cash, Clothing, Trailer

Police are investigating a series of four thefts committed over a three-day period, April 23-25. John Wakevaine, 507 Linden, more and clothing and furnishings valued at \$1,000 taken from his home Saturday.

Following day, Anthony Spear, 920 Hazel, said a trailer valued at \$50 had been stolen. Another theft that day was reported from Pierce school fieldhouse. Inventory and estimate of items has not been made.

The April 25 theft was at 642 N. Woodward where between \$300 and \$400 in cash was taken. An office door had been forced open to gain entry.

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City to Limit Buffer Strip to Right-of-way Without Buying Lots

The proposed Eton buffer strip gave way to public opinion Monday night with a near-unanimous expression by the citizens that the city should limit its development to the present right-of-way and that the builder should be given permits to build on the 24 adjacent lots.

THREE PLANS were presented, two of which called for acquisition of the vacant lots and the creation of a special assessment district for the purpose of paving and landscaping. The original proposal was for the acquisition of 24 lots and the second contemplated the acquisition of 10 lots and two corner lots to be used for playground.

THE MOTION on the matter of the necessity of a hearing for acquisition of the 12 single lots at 20 and 49 seconds, reaching a maximum altitude of 650 miles, did not carry, thereby giving the builder the green light to start construction of homes, and the city to make plans for improving the right-of-way. Landscaping of the area would be done by appropriation, this to include 2 1/2 feet of landscaping on the west side of the strip and 1 1/2 feet on the east side. Neither the property owners nor the industry would be assessed for the landscaping.

Four Directors Elected At Annual CC Meeting; Selters Named President

Four new directors were elected at the annual meeting of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce at Devon Gables last week, and in a subsequent meeting of the board of directors, H. L. Selters, manager of the Kreese store of Birmingham was elected president of the chamber for the forthcoming year.

Along with the elections, main items of business included plans for a member ship drive and an adjustment of dues; and on the program, which had Paul "Dizzy" Trout of Tiger fame as guest speaker, Arthur Biakoleski was introduced as the recipient of the annual "man of the year" award of the Junior chamber of commerce.

NAMED to the board for three year terms were James Couzens II, proprietor of the McBride Hardware company; Walter L. Moreland, president of the Birmingham Federal Savings and Loan association; and Richard J. Wilson, president of the Wilson drug company.

Otis C. Thompson, partner in the Bessford-Thompson Insurance firm was elected to fill the vacancy created by Herman E. Koike who had moved to Los Angeles. Thompson will finish the term which has two more years to go.

IN THE ELECTION of officers by the board Friday night, along with president Selters, Arthur Biakoleski, manager of the Birmingham Consumers Power company was elected vice-president and Walter L. Moreland is the member chief.

WHITE CANE WEEK WILL BE OBSERVED in Birmingham from April 24 to 30 and the local Lions Club are conducting their sale of miniature white canes at this time, also. In the above picture, Joe Haas, Oakland County historian and columnist of the Pontiac Press, is shown purchasing the first White Cane to be sold in Birmingham from fund drive chairman Eugene A. Moore white assistant chairman Dr. Stewart Scott looks on. The White Cane is the traffic symbol of the blind and is publicized each year at this time by the Lions of Michigan. The local Lions use the money they raise from the White Cane sale to carry on the work of aiding the blind and conducting the sight of those who see, as well as aiding in the promotion of other worthwhile civic projects and charitable enterprises. (Eccentric Photo)

Town Hall Moves Into Own Office

Birmingham Town Hall marked a new milestone in its development this week. The year-old organization which has expanded to add a duplicate Thursday series to the successful Friday programs of last year, has moved into its own office in St. James church.

A secretary is on duty Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and a private Birmingham Town Hall telephone has been installed.

WE HOPE these additional facilities will make it easier for our friends and patrons to get any information they desire, Mrs. Edward E. Cochrane, public chairman for Birmingham Town Hall said.

Five Area Fire Departments In Mutual Aid Pact

Attorney General Thomas Kavanagh officials announced the legal effectiveness of the mutual fire aid plan known as the South Oakland-Five Area Reciprocity Agreement which was consummated February 8, by approval of the governing bodies of five area cities.

THE MINIMUM requirements of the pact are that each city will furnish not less than one 500 g.p.m. pumper and at least a company consisting of not less than four nor more than eight paid men to man this equipment. No city is required under the pact to send more than one such truck and contingent of personnel at any one time.

IN THE near future it has been planned for the strength of this pact to be shown each city, when each member with its equipment will converge on another city in a trial run.

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Both proposed routes bring outcries from citizens in path of roadway

2 B of E Seats To Be Filled In June Vote

After 11 years as a member of the Board of Education, Mrs. Lewis B. Sappington, 457 Arlington, has decided she would not run for re-election in June.

ANOTHER VACANCY will be in the closing term of Amos Gregory, but he has indicated that he would run for re-election. Gregory, 1216 Dorchester, has served on the board since 1944 and in gaining his third term he had the highest total of votes cast in 1951.

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Separate Clinic Set For Booster Shots Of Polio Vaccine

Birmingham school district children who received Salk vaccine last year, will be handled for booster shots at a special clinic May 17, according to Mrs. Howard Heman, local chairman.

SCHOOL NURSES have assured clinic workers that the board of education will provide transportation for all students involved.

Roll Call Drive Will Remain Open

"We are still working toward that goal," Harold Hazen, Community House president said today, Hagen reported the annual Roll Call total now stood at \$45,508.08, nearly \$7,000 short of the goal.

Nixon Pond Pollution To Be Considered

A detailed recommendation by city manager D. C. Egbert, after recent discussions with Bloomfield township supervisor David E. Apolons and St. James township supervisor William Roemer, on correcting the Nixon pond pollution, will be considered by the city commission on Monday.

EGBERT along with city engineer L. R. Gare and superintendent of public works Robert Kenning, will be invited to the neighborhood of the Birmingham sewage plant and Bloomfield village drains.

Education Board Will Hear Expansion Report

A sizeable program of new schools, additions and modernization of older buildings could be carried out with very little strain on the Birmingham district taxpayer, the Board of Education will be told Tuesday.

Bloomfield Also Fears Free Route

It would seem that public sentiment has halted, temporarily at least, the proposed turnpike route, if not the act itself, although Michigan Turnpike Authority officials are carrying on as though nothing had happened.

Other areas in the path of the toll road will have a similar opportunity to view the route.

State Highway Commissioner Charles M. Ziegler's tentative route would drive into Oakland County along Northwestern highway and then turn north-northwest above 9 N. Street.

Ziegler to Give Freeway Details At Meeting Here

State Highway Commissioner Charles M. Ziegler will explain more in detail about the Woodward-Bay City freeway plan at a public meeting here Thursday night, April 28.

Two Cars Crash At Maple-Hunter

A Pontiac man, Al J. Manning, 20, and a Detroit man, James Sweeney, in a two-car crash at Maple and Hunter.

STRICTLY FRESH

Soviet hoboes can now hitch ride on the most fear of being jailed—will term for the offense has been abolished. But if they can't get a 100-rail (122) fine into the clink they go. That's a prime example of "bum" Communist justice.

Follow in Downey, Calif., arrested for traveling 106 m.p.h., said he was driving 100 m.p.h. home at 2 a.m., was two minutes behind schedule. He'd apparently rather be in the log than have a new spring seat.

Burglar in Okmah Neb, inside off with a gas stove, chest of drawers, bookcase, bed springs, mattress and set of children's books. Setting up light-angled housekeeping?