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THIS and THAT

By G.R.A.

Since July of 1940 the American people, through their federal government, have poured \$98 billion into foreign countries with the hope that these countries would be able to regain economic stability following World War II.

If generosity is the way to win friends, then we should be loved by most of the earth's people... but we aren't, of course.

A contemporary argues that "many a delinquent juvenile got off the right track because of a misplaced switch."

It is stated by economists that about one dollar out of every five that a housewife spends on food goes to pay taxes of one kind or another.

Over in Chicago there is a company that operates a diagnostic machine for families who use diapers. Their slogan is: "Rocka Dry Baby."

If you don't agree that technological progress has relieved a family from much of the drudgery entailed in raising children, remember this: it would require about 5,778 candles a year (a half ton) to furnish the light that the modern home gets by electricity.

The best type of a good citizen does more than merely cast his vote at election time. He spends most of his time to know what public issues are on the ballot, as well as who are the candidates.

Deep, indeed, must be the venom that swells the veins of West Virginia's U.S. Senator Neely, who has week told a UAW-CIO convention that President Eisenhower, in his church attendance, is something akin to "a hypocrite."

Governor Williams has proclaimed April as "Rural Clean-up Month" in Michigan. Why didn't he also include the cities and villages, too?

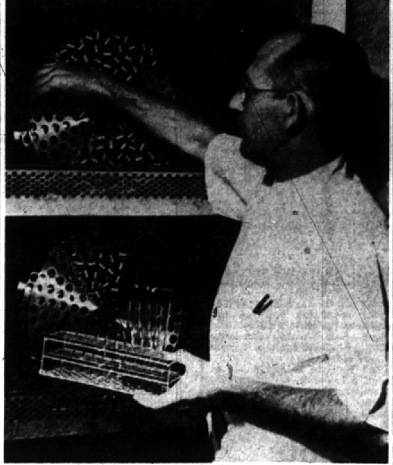
People are strange, often, in their reactions to the habits of famous men and women. Some will credit President Eisenhower because he flings golf a good recreation; now comeh some Scotsmen who find fault with evangelist Billy Graham, who while preaching in Glasgow, spent a few Sunday hours in the nearby woods.

An American industrialist recently told a Chicago audience that the best way to ensure the support of elementary school teachers for "our private enterprise system" is to pay them more money.

He properly asks: "How can you expect under-paid men and women to defend a system that is too stingy to give them correct wages?"

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DR. HOOK SHOWS A VACCINE-MAKING STEP. Puts test tubes of tissue culture into incubator.

New Resident Heads Vaccine Production

A new family in Birmingham, that of Dr. Arnold E. Hook on Merritt lane, has for a long time gone on the assumption that the polio vaccine will be judged successful.

Dr. Hook, head of the unit of Parke-Davis & Co. that has proceeded with production of the vaccine, has been busy for months, even bringing executives from the firm to his home for planning discussions.

Whether their predictions and plans have been correct will be learned next Tuesday, April 12, when results of last year's experimental vaccine tests are to be made public.

MEANWHILE, Dr. Hook and his colleagues discuss details of the production and handling of the vaccine that Parke-Davis has decided was well worth the gamble of production before approval.

But the chinillas that Dr. Hook raised in the basement of his Detroit home were sold before the move because of lack of time.

DR. HOOK, 41, has been with Parke-Davis since 1947, being a bacteriologist in the research department and later a research vice president.

Area police this week dug into their files in an effort to produce a lead in the slaying of 7-year-old Barbara Gaca of Detroit, whose body was found last week in a West Bloomfield township dump.

BIRMINGHAM police have answered at least one such call today since the Detroit girl was kidnapped near her home two weeks ago.

While Detroit, Oakland county and Michigan state police worked over clues and hundreds of leads, local parents were keeping police busy checking suspicious cars and men.

Fashions Take Fore in Suburban Spring Activities

HOLIDAYS ALWAYS LAST A LITTLE LONGER at the Ejner Gotberg home, 27320 Golden Gate, Lathrup, because of the artistic reminders which their daughter, Janet, 14, paints on the picture window of their sunroom. Her Janet (left) shows her cousin, Judy Sunday, best for Easter.

Area Schools Close For Easter Vacation

Nearly 9,000 boys and girls in Birmingham's public and parochial schools will be released from school this week for the annual Easter vacation. Classes will resume Monday, April 18.

Negative Vote on Park May Halt Plans for Parking at

Tre Ore, Easter Services At Local Churches

Traditional Holy Week observances in Birmingham will be highlighted by the Council of Churches Tre Ore services Good Friday afternoon at the First Baptist church.

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At the second service, starting at 1:05 p.m., the Rev. Allen E. Wittrup, assistant pastor, First Methodist church will continue the theme, with "Woman, Behold Thy Son" and "My God, Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me?"

At the concluding sermon will be given by the Rev. Emil Kontz, pastor of the host church, who will speak on "I Thirst," "It Is Finished" and "Father Into Thy Hands My Spirit."

Worshippers will be led by the Rev. Robert D. Dewey, minister of the Congregational Church of Birmingham.

Special music will be an important part of each service, with singing from the host church, First Presbyterian and First Methodist.

THE SEVERAL CATHOLIC churches in the area, St. Hugo-of-the-Hills, Holy Name, St. Bede, St. Columban and Our Lady Queen of Martyrs will observe Maundy Thursday with Adoration rites and special evening services.

Good Friday services will include the Tre Ore rights, beginning at noon.

Special masses are scheduled for Saturday morning in all churches, with additional rites on Easter Sunday morning.



It Was Bailey, Denyes, Willett All the Way

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Justice of the Peace John J. Gaffill and Associate Justice Jack Emery, both uncontested, received 3,355 and 3,370 votes, respectively.

THOUGH SHE ADMITS that running for office was no plan of her own, Mrs. Willett says she "just got the bear by the tail and here I am."

She had discouraged a call the afternoon after an Eccentric story of no willing candidates for the post had "pricked her conscience."

It was after dinner that Friday night before she broached the subject of candidacy to her husband, she said.

Ball Players Park Problem In City's Lap

John D. Lewis, 27, of 191 Baldwin street, appeared before the Birmingham city commission Monday night to ask why he and friends of his were ordered to stop playing volleyball ball in Baldwin Park below the waterfall last Sunday.

After some discussion on procedure, City Commissioner Dean G. Reifer suggested that the query be referred to Franklin A. Whitney, the city's director of recreation.

Whitney, when asked by The Birmingham Eccentric for a statement on the affair, said that if the city calls the matter to his attention, he will look at it and then formulate a policy on this point.

He boils down to defining the nature of the park and the purposes for which it is to be used.

With the city growing so rapidly there has not been time to plan for the nature and uses of some park areas, Whitney explained.

He added that Poppleton park on Hunter boulevard and Booth park on Woodward avenue definitely are two parks which can be used by residents for all kinds of athletic games.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m., Friday, at St. James Episcopal church, with burial in Erie, Mich. Arrangements are by the Bell chapel of the Wm. R. Hamilton Co.

How Are You Elected Officials' Attendance Records for the Past Year?

You Can Find Out by Turning to Tabulation on Page One of Section Four

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Ice Rink, 'Ceptor Endorsed

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL

All the Birmingham city commissioners wanted was a bit of advice... and they certainly got it in most definite and emphatic terms.

"Leave Shain park where it is!" exclaimed 3,691 voters.

Only 1,033 were agreeable to its re-location a block south on an off-street parking lot which is situated on Bates street two blocks south of W. Maple.

THE UNANTICIPATED size of this opposition vote on the park move is expected to slow down commission plans for obtaining parking in that area.

The three newly-elected commissioners admitted Tuesday they have very little information regarding the previous commission's reasons for off-street parking in that section.

They say in substance, "We won't say yes and we won't say no. We first want to see the city file on this project."

And the four holding commissions now are trying to determine the implications in that "no" vote. They can hardly believe it was based entirely on sentiment.

THE COMMISSION, shortly before the election, had indicated it would put parking in the block east of the Community House if the citizens would not want the park relocated there. One ballot measure was put to a vote.

In Monday's annual city election, which established a record turnout of 62.9 for a 33-cent portion of the 12,303 who were eligible to vote, the electorate also voted on a ballot measure of a \$125,000 artificial ice skating rink at Alton park, 3,081 to 11,852.

Endorsed the city charter, 4,375 to 11,852, for a job in construction of the Evergreen interceptor sewer and thus comply with a state order to cease polluting the Rouge river.

ENDORSED republican candidate for University of Michigan regents, superintendent of public instruction, state of Michigan, for a four-year term.

Hopes City Got The Message

To the Editor: The vote result SHOULD tell you something; we taxpayers residents of Birmingham will run this town OUR way.

Find Perry's Body In River

STRICTLY FRESH

Museum of Modern Art spokesman in New York City maintains that parents should not discourage children who smear walls with crayons or water-color paintings—the arts are developing "creativity and free expression."

Firemen in Conestoga, Miss., doused walls of a burning tavern with beer to reduce the flames when they ran out of water. We hope it was more effective than the same treatment on human interiors in the morning after.

Poets extol autumn, "when the frost is on the pumpkin," but the season we like best is that brief interlude between winter and spring when the rust is still on the lawn.

It would require more than a stretch the best of the picture some goals in the new bathing suit.

Follow In Mexico City, Mexico, stole 100 feet of cable, sold it for \$5 to a local electrician, and was turned out to be fine earache medicine. Cable was part of a radio broadcasting hookup.

