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SEVEN CENTS

It is no easy achievement, this walking together in solid love and respect of members of an opposing family for today, with all the attractions and diverse interests, a family group is in no dependent upon its own members for pleasure.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Some sort of medal ought to be awarded a New York pianist, a clarinetist, and the audience waiting an evening of good music.

While playing the piano, the pedals dropped off right in the midst of Schumann's concerto in A minor.

But the clarinetist, a piano repairman in his spare time, pushed the pedals as the audience waited through this number and the audience gave everybody a whole of a lot of applause.

This simple incident made newspaper headlines recently, which proves that quite often the "little things in life really count!"

A pretty young Chicago brat who teaches people to train dogs in her spare evening time, says dogs are smarter than some college professors.

"The more education a person has the harder it is for him (or her) to learn how to handle dogs," she declares.

She says she tried to teach several university profs how to train their dogs, but the dogs caught on better than the professors did.

Children, she commented, learn better than adults, because the youngsters have more confidence in dogs and do older.

(She facetiously believes that "you can't teach an old dog (or old professors) new tricks.")

Actually, when you get down to bedrock, about this problem of "juvenile delinquency," perhaps in most cases it ought to be called "adult delinquency." After all, most youngsters are within the jurisdiction of parents and when youngsters get out of hand it seldom is without parental knowledge.

At the moment, both state-wide and nationally, there is in evidence a mania of hysteria concerning a huge road-building program.

Michigan's political leaders are talking about a half billion dollar road program and the Michigan Tollroad Authority is making plans for a multi-million dollar toll between Toledo and Saginaw.

President Ike's boys and girls are whooping it up for a ten-year, one-hundred-and-one billion dollar program.

Looks as though the idea of roads is here to stay.

The environment of the palace may have its glamour, yet those who dwell therein are less free in action than those who lives never gain newspaper headlines.

An example of current note is Britain's Princess Margaret, who rumored to be in love with a 40-year-old divorced commoner, is put on the carpet of public opinion and the conventions of the "nobility" and literally asked: "Are you or ain't you goin' to marry that man?"

And if she wants to, she must follow in a lesser way the act of her uncle, a former King and now Duke of Windsor, who abdicated his throne "for the woman I love."

Poor little Princess, if you do indeed, pay a high price for your romancing!

Walter Winchell, of newspaper column, and the TV fame, has settled his libel and slander suit with the New York Post and the New York Times.

James A. Weisler, both of "pre-Commie," (See THIS & THAT, Page 6, Section 1)

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NOW HERE'S A MAN who won't have to run back to headquarters for new supplies every few minutes as the Birmingham Exchange club stages its street sale of toothbrushes Saturday.

W. Carlton Scott, (above) one of the "sales crew," claims that with sales and the redemption of already-purchased coupons, workers will run out of supplies but that he plans to carry enough to last him while. The sale is scheduled for 11 a.m., with Camp Oakland to benefit from it. Richard Wilson, publicity chairman, said advance sales already have accounted for about \$1,000 toward the club's goal of \$5,000 this summer. (Eclectic Photo)

U.S. Treasurer To Speak Here

About 4,000 Oakland county school teachers will hear a talk by U.S. Treasury Secretary Douglas M. Costle at the Oakland County Teachers' Institute meets Friday in Birmingham high school.

During the morning session, at 10 a.m., Lawrence Silyak, New York newspaper correspondent, will conduct a program similar to his TV program on the same subject. A panel of four political science professors in a world events discussion.

Mrs. Priest, 60, be heard at the afternoon session, will speak on "The Federal monetary policies."

Cub Scout Flag Sales Start Today

The annual Cub Scout fund-raising project for 1955, the sale of residential American flags, began today and will swing into high gear this weekend when Cub Scouts will carry the campaign to the doors of Birmingham residents.

The project makes it convenient for residents to own the flag which should be displayed on all national holidays. It also aids, financially, the youngsters who are leading the standards of what the American flag stands for.

"THIS INTEREST by these young boys in seeing that our flag is more widely displayed is very stimulating," said Mayor Charles W. Renfrew. "It is a welcome opportunity to help the Cub Scouts and make it easier for those of us who do not have a flag, to obtain one."

"Most of us are delinquent in displaying the national emblem on our Inter-Feelings," Renfrew added, "and Birmingham doesn't make very good comparisons with other communities in this outward display."

Price of the complete outfit, a 3 x 5-foot flag of durable cloth, a set of poles, a set of 16-foot pointed poles and a bracket designed for mounting on a door frame or window sill, is \$7.50.

"IT IS APPROPRIATE that each of our citizens should believe in the idea that every citizen display his personal patriotism on national holidays with the flag of our country," according to the news release which announced the campaign.

A price of the flag is payable with each order and delivery has been promised by the scouts within two weeks. Each parent will be collected by an adult Cub Scout representative.

Anyone who is not contacted, but would like to purchase a flag from one of the Cub Scouts should call Charley Wiggins at Midwest 4-9428, Henry Schlachter at Midwest 4-4178, or J. Edward Gill at Midwest 4-0728.

Okay Troy, Southfield City Vote Petitions

The Boundaries Committee of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors approved Troy Township's incorporation petition Monday, along with petitions from Birmingham Farms Subdivision and Southfield Township.

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Birmingham Area Escapes Damage of Windstorm

No extensive damage or injury was reported in the Birmingham area as a result of the windy windstorm which struck most of the Midwest Tuesday afternoon, the second day of spring.

While other Michigan communities were suffering millions of dollars of property damage, Birmingham escaped the blizzard, except for several fallen power service lines and a late hour traffic jam.

Detroit Edison crews had to repair private housing lines broken by falling tree limbs.

Woman Attacked On Henrietta

A 22-year-old woman was attacked Tuesday night in front of 64 Henrietta as she walked home from the bus station.

The victim, uninjured except for minor face scratches, told police her attacker muffled her screams with his hand and threw her to the pavement.

When his hand slipped off her mouth and nearby residents came running in answer to the girl's pleas, the attacker fled toward Brown street and disappeared.

"THE WOMAN was on her way home from Detroit. When she failed to get a taxi at the bus station, she started walking home, according to Detec. Robert Schulte."

"The man who attacked her probably followed the woman all the way from Detroit," Schulte said.

Bystanders gave a limited description of the man, whom they said was tall and slim, and was wearing a light-colored overcoat.

MAYOR CHARLES W. RENFREW
MRS. RENFREW
JACK WIGGINS
HANK SCHLACHTER

Scouts begin flag sales today, (Eclectic Photo)

Duplicate Town Hall Next Fall

One Town Hall series wasn't enough for Birmingham. Next season there will be two, exactly the same but on different days.

Appearing here will be: Madam Wellington Koo, wife of the Chinese ambassador to the U.S.; Dr. Murray Banks, author and psychologist; Anna Russell, international concert comedienne; Aubert Lavistina, South American lecturer; Richard Gump, San Francisco importer; and Virginia Peterson, author, world traveler and literary authority.

DECISION To present duplicate programs came this week when Birmingham's Town Hall board decided last week to do something about its Town Hall series which snowballed into gigantic proportions.

It was apparent to St. Anne's Girls of St. James church sponsors of Birmingham Town Hall, that the demand for tickets for the 1955-56 series far exceeded seats available," a spokesman for Town Hall board explained.

"To prevent a restitution of the many disappointed applicants of last season, we have arranged a present duplicate series of each of the six Friday programs on Thursday, 7:30 a.m., at the Birmingham Theater."

MEMBERS OF The Oakland County Alumni Club of Michigan State College gathered Tuesday night at the Birmingham Community House to hear the college's president, Dr. John A. Hannah (standing), speak on the theme, "Looking Ahead." About 150 persons, including representatives of Oakland County community governments, turned out for the club's Centennial Banquet, in honor of Michigan State College's first 100 years of existence. Toastmaster was Harold Gasser (seated at left) of Birmingham. Yesterday throughout the state was designated "MSC Day" by proclamation of the governor.

Would Cost B'ham One Supervisor Rink, Sewer Win LWV Support; No Action on Park

Endorsement of State Senator William Brownfield's proposal to reappointment Oakland County's board of supervisors came this week from the Birmingham city commission.

Under present law, Brownfield's measure would lower city representation below what it is now, but not as much as would be under present law. Birmingham's representation would drop to four from its present five supervisors.

At a general meeting Monday afternoon, the LWV gave unanimous approval to the passing of the skating rink proposal and to the Evergreen Interceptor slated to be held on the April 4 ballot, but declined to stand up and be sworn out of the controversial Sham Park issue.

Not that members didn't have their doubts as to the subject they did—and it was all one sided. Of the approximate 400 members of the League has a membership of 330 not opposed by to give Mayor Charles Gonyea his help in his proposal that Sham Park be moved one block south.

Flyer Crashes In Southfield

A Canadian flyer, whose plane ran out of gas over Southfield Township, crash-landed on the Baynes property across from Lanester Hills Golf course east of Telegraph and north of 12 Mile road last Sunday.

The pilot, Russell Norman, 27, of Hamilton, Ont., was uninjured in the crash which tore off a wing of his plane.

The flyer who purchased the plane Sunday in Hammond, Ind., was en route to Detroit to clear with border authorities before continuing on to Canada.

The plane was hauled out by truck Monday.

Seek Trade's Effect on Local Firms

"Leagues of Women Voters of Birmingham and West Bloomfield are launching a survey of the manufacturers in Oakland county to determine our local stake in foreign trade," this week announced Mrs. W. T. Kellogg, Birmingham League survey chairman.

The survey aims to determine the largest exporting and importing country in the world, exporting an average of \$15 billion worth of goods to the United States and the United States' share runs well over \$2 billion, according to the Detroit Board of Commerce.

No figures are available for Oakland county, but indications are that in this industrialized area the percentage will be high, according to the survey committee.

THIS INDICATES the vital importance of the League's "Good Trade Policy" survey. League members believe they are anxious to get not only facts and figures, but to sound out manufacturers on their concern as to future policies—such as their industries, threatened by foreign competition, or age they depend on imports and thus are tariff lowered?

Working with Mrs. Koskinen and Mrs. Kellogg in setting up the survey are Mrs. J. E. Berro, Mrs. J. P. Knudsen, Mrs. B. W. Baldwin and Mrs. George Talburt, all of

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Study 755 Plans: Of Salk Vaccine

Acting on the assumption that reports on the Salk vaccine program of 1954 are favorable, Oakland county health officials are moving forward to have their present program ready to swing into action on a moment's notice.

A meeting Monday evening will discuss preliminary plans discussed and groundwork laid for the 1955 program.

Representatives present included Dr. F. M. Adams, Dr. C. P. Mehas, and all representatives of all of Birmingham, from the Oakland County Medical society polo committee, public health committee and volunteer workers.

Diamond Is Sane, Say Psychiatrists

Floyd Diamond, 18, confessed killer of Kathy McLaughlin, 9, of Farmington Township, was judged sane by two psychiatrists in testimony Tuesday before Oakland County Circuit Judge George J. B. Hartrick.

No trial date can be set before May, according to Oakland County Prosecutor Fred C. Ziem, who said Drs. L. Jerome Fink and Ivan A. LaCocca both agreed Diamond was sane after they examined the youth.

The boy will be held in Oakland county jail until trial.

STRICTLY FRESH

Five times as many voters turned out in Freeport, Ill., to appoint a golf course board as were turned in a city primary three weeks earlier. Guess who's to blame if your city district fails to suit them to a tee?"

Some Japanese Voters cast written ballots for Marilyn Monroe as a member of the Japanese House of Representatives during the recent national elections. That's a curve in election trends many people would agree upon.

Some Republican women in the nation's capital say that their group "spend too much time arguing about recipes and too little time cooking," in referring to the solemn legislative activities.

May the boys ever find out whose wives made this highly anonymous statement, several gals will be cozied.

Number of tons of Easter candy produced this year, divided by the number of youngsters in the nation, equals exactly the price of a bumper million gallons of tummy-ache remedy that will be purchased Easter Monday morning.

An advertiser who concocted the fable that it's easy to paint your living room in just a few hours never did it on a mild spring afternoon.

All makes of inner spring mattresses are being sold at 50% off. Ask Mr. TRESS COMPANY, DuPont and Oakley Streets, Detroit.

