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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

A Great Project For Our Youth

Among the various subjects that will draw your attention when you vote here next Tuesday is that of the \$125,000 bonus issue your city commission asks you to approve, the money to be used to develop a playground and skating rink. For adults as well as youth.

Now, Adlai, Why Is It A "Monumental Blunder" Sir?

No less a person than Adlai Stevenson, ardent standard bearer for the Democratic Party, has joined Mr. Eisenhower's administration's release of the Yalta papers as "a monumental blunder." Mr. Stevenson, you see, is president of his 1955 campaign for the Presidency, and he loses no time to make an issue of the Yalta release.

WHAT MAKES it a "blunder"?

Presumably, it is because the contents of those papers and their public release is harmful to the United States. What makes the situation harmful? Apparently, argues Mr. Stevenson, because the open release of the Yalta papers, which Stalin outlined both the late FDR and Winston Churchill at Yalta, laying the groundwork for the present march of Communism and the new grip of international warfare, may result in some friction between the U. S. A. and other nations.

LET'S ASSUME, for example, that FDR's part in the Yalta conference, as well as that of Churchill, had really resulted in a very different world situation today.

Winnie had figured Stalin and the Kremlin as a bunch of dirty, dirty, dirty crossing murderers (which they are), and the Kremlin still is. Then FDR and Winnie would not have agreed to the things that Stalin, which played right into Russia's hands. The power in Russia would be in the hands of the people, threatening every peace-loving nation on this earth.

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4 State Proposals On Ballot

Voters throughout the state on Monday will consider four proposals to amend the state constitution as well as candidates for justice of the state supreme court, members of the board of regents of the University of Michigan, superintendent of public instruction, state board of agriculture and state board of education.

The first amendment proposes that non-partisan judicial elections shall be conducted as prescribed by the legislature. Critics of the proposal say that there has been a lack of uniformity in election procedures regulating non-partisan and also partisan offices.

THE SECOND amendment requests the constitution be changed after July 1, 1955, so that all justices of supreme and circuit courts shall be licensed to practice law the way of law without limitation of their election or appointment to under 70 years. At present such judges are required to be licensed lawyers.

The legislature, on the third amendment, seeks to gain authorization for the state to borrow more than \$100 million to loan to school districts and to authorize the levy of taxes without limitation as to rate or amount for the payment of certain school bonds issued prior to July 1, 1962.

APPEAR READY TO Settle For Widening Only

Two hundred thousand dollars is too much to spend on the widening of Willett street, Birmingham city commissioners believe, so they have decided to buy only 100 feet so it can be widened.

Bloomfield Boy Dies In Car Crash

Edward M. Klapproth, 17, of 3055 N. Adams, Bloomfield twp., was killed Tuesday night when his car crashed at the intersection of City and Bates. E. Egbert was instructed to negotiate the purchase of the 10-foot strip.

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Rotary District Convenes Sunday At Cranbrook

The 1955 Golden Anniversary Rotary conference begins April 3 when the 222nd district convenes at Cranbrook, opening with the registration of 41 delegates.

Monday morning and afternoon will see work sessions, made up of committee reports and club affairs. A program on classifications will be conducted by Forbes Hascall of the Birmingham club.

BREAKFAST will honor incoming club presidents who will assume office at the first meeting in July.

The evening session will start with a banquet in the engineers building of Pontiac Motors. Speaker will be John Fisher of the Canadian Broadcasting company, Toronto.

FBI Imposter Arrested In City Sunday

A 22-year-old Royal Oak man was released Monday after Birmingham police arrested him for impersonating an FBI agent Sunday.

U. S. district attorney in Detroit held Edward L. Prokes, who held employees of Birmingham's Drug Store, at 101 S. Woodward, in suspense for nearly four hours, when he was arrested for impersonating an FBI agent.

10,000 Cars a Day Travel E. Maple, Latest Count Shows

More than 10,000 cars a day use E. Maple, between Hunter and Wood, according to a report by Ralph W. Moxley for the city commission.

Similarities, Silence Characterize Teen-Agers

Why are teen-agers so secretive? Why do they want to look, talk and act alike? What makes them so rebellious at times? Dr. Sullivan pointed out the stresses and strains on parents and children during the adolescent period.

You Shape Future Teachers Are Told

The owner of what today is probably the most widely known signature, and one of the most important in the world put aside her high position for a few moments Friday afternoon to assume another role, the mother of a teenage daughter.

The Hon. Ivy Baker Priest, United States Treasurer, here to address the Oakland county teachers' institute, chatted as a mother with Marilyn Benson, BHS senior and institute usherette.

Mr. Priest talked her own daughter, compared her life with Marilyn's, and told a few humorous incidents of her important governmental post.

"To a lady who wrote me saying she would like to see more feminine faces on our bills, I said I was sure most women thought little about getting their faces on them—they'd rather have their hands on the money," Mrs. Priest chuckled.

TURNING SERIOUS, she said the current method of destroying worn bills in the federal district, rather than sending them to Washington, is saving the government thousands in postage alone.

Asked if she would ever face war without allies, he gave an affirmative answer. He added that the U.S. Navy feels we could win such a war, but that he did not.

No-Parking Ban To Aid Traffic At Peak Hours

Traffic congestion on Maple, east from Hunter should be relieved considerably by commission action this week which approved "no-parking" limitations from 7:30 a.m. on the south side, and on the north side from 4:30 p.m.

Absentee Ballots

Written and signed application for absentee voters ballots must be received by the city and town clerk prior to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 2.

Razl Capling, Postal Carrier, Killed by Car

One little girl expressed the feeling of an entire section of Birmingham when, on hearing of the death of Razl Capling, she said, "I've lost a very nice friend."

Police there quoted the driver, Hugh R. Ambler, 18, as saying Mr. Capling came into the path of his car too close for him to stop. He was 7 feet 6 inches tall.

Mr. Capling began his career with the Birmingham office on Dec. 1, 1928, and has remained in the same area as of his co-worker.

"I've all liked him," one of his patrons said the day after his death. "Our children think there is no one like Cappel—even our dogs consider him their personal friend."

ON THE ROUTE, Mr. Capling was described as never too busy for a friendly word and a man always doing small favors for his many patrons.

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Swinging Into the money's plan of our country, she said it still allowed Alexander Hamilton's idea of keeping only a minimum amount in the treasury and putting the rest to work.

Chamber of Commerce Secretary Charles Mortensen said downtown merchants prefer to have such limitation delayed until additional office parking facilities are made available.

Experts on Youth attend the Barnum PTA dinner which preceded the March 22 program on adolescence.

From left are Judge Arthur B. Moore of Oakland County Probate Court; C. Frederick Meyer, Barnum PTA president; Dr. John C. Sullivan, Wayne University; Herbert Hengst, Barnum school principal; and Wallace Watt, State department of mental health. (Eccentric Photo)

Three Commission Seats Beckon 12

Close to 4,000 local voters are expected to turn out Monday day in the annual city election and off-year state spring balloting.

City Clerk Irene Hanley said 12,309 persons are eligible to vote, and previous spring elections have seen about 30 per cent of the registrants appearing at the polls.

AN unusually good turnout is anticipated because of the controversy centering about the proposed relocation of Shain park.

The fact that 12 candidates are contesting for the three available commission positions also will add to the interest. Local voters will take on April 4.

Two candidates will be named to fill the two-year vacancy caused by the resignation of Robert Navin.

SEKING one of the two seats for full three-year terms are Manley Bailey, Harry Denyes, Donald K. Fill, Watts Wacker and Vincent B. Watkins, incumbent.

Accept Bids on Removing Houses From Parking Lot

Bids for the removal of five buildings on the municipal parking lot at Merrill Pierce streets were accepted this week by the city.

STRICTLY FRESH

Some folks sure get in a rut. Follow in Los Angeles, Calif., told the judge that he wrote bad checks to cover other bad checks which he had written while free on bail on a previous bad-check charge.

Withhold Active Support of Plan To Move Park

In a special meeting Monday night, Birmingham city planners decided they are in no position to actively support the city commission's proposal to relocate Shain park.

A couple of weeks ago, Mayor Charles Hanford, on behalf of the commission, officially had asked the plan board to take a stand. At this week the planners played it the other way around, which said they were unable to endorse the proposal because they had not sufficient time to study the matter nor enough information on which to make a definite recommendation.

PLAN BOARD Chairman James Spencer late Tuesday afternoon explained further to The Birmingham Eccentric, "If the plan board had not been asked for such a decision, I seriously doubt whether we ever would have come up with this week's resolution about the park."

Wednesday morning Mayor Hanford made this comment: "I have not had an opportunity to read the report issued by the planning board, but I am advised by its chairman that the board felt it lacked sufficient information to enable it to approve the relocation of Shain park."

Community Problems Bring Comment from Candidates

In response to The Birmingham Eccentric's customary offer at election time, each of the 12 commission candidates in April 4th city election has prepared the following short statement on community matters he believes of some concern:

Manley Bailey

From the following six candidates, voters will select TWO who will serve for THREE-YEAR TERMS:

Harry M. Denyes

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