

It is probably true that if all the people on this earth were to decrease their daily flow of news about what there would be less gossip and rumor... and therefore less trouble. So... unnecessary words begot trouble.

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Violators Are Few, City Finds

Rationing is back—water rationing, that is—and although early violations drew only warnings, police emphasized they would crack down on people who tend to sneak out to give their lawns a drink on the wrong day.

Up to now, however, the general situation on sprinkling has been termed as "very satisfactory" by City Manager Donald Egbert.

"The people seem to be adjusting themselves more rapidly this year to pattern of days allotted to them for watering," he said. Egbert attributed the heavy usage of water so early in the season to the dry spell which has eluded recent rain showers.

Last Sunday the sprinkling ban went into effect, but not before Birmingham residents saw an early season record of using five million gallons of water for the preceding week.

"This was the greatest amount of water ever used in a single period so early in the year," said city manager Donald Egbert, "and it surpassed the highest total used for any week last year."

SPRINKLING restrictions which have started this year at the earliest date in history, call for all homeowners living in houses with odd numbers to use water for sprinkling only on the odd-numbered days of the month.

Police Chief Ralph Moxley said that residents were generally very cooperative last year with proportionately few violations. However, he warned that "flagrant violators" would be prosecuted.

DURING CRITICAL periods of water shortage, a series of 12 siren blasts will be sounded by the fire department warning all residents that sprinkling is prohibited for the watering of two homes.

"This will denote a critical situation," said Egbert, "and violators of the watering will be immediately prosecuted."

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ACCORDING to assistant to the city manager, Jack Walker, Birmingham will receive its first supply of Detroit water to be mixed in the city's eight existing wells early in 1956.

Seven communities including Irvington, Birmingham and the South Oakland county water authority for the purpose of construction of a new water plant project to purchase water from Detroit.

Under the terms of the authority, Birmingham, Clawson and Berkley will gain Detroit water for the first time while the other participating communities, which have previously obtained Detroit water, will get additional supplies.

STRICTLY FRESH
Follow in Denver, Colo., got a divorce on grounds that his wife had not permitted him to wear shoes in the house for five years and had allowed him to sit on a new sofa for only 10 seconds. Touchy, isn't he?

School principal in Walsenburg, Colo., received a note from a parent asking that her son be excused because "he gets spring fever every year at this time." We'd like to try the idea of a boss, but can't—his gene fishin'.

Follow we heard of is very happy, although his business is slated to really hit bottom in the near future. He's president of a glass service institute, forsores an all-time high in the birthrate for 1955.

Motorists in Monroe, Wis., threaten to storm city hall. City fathers are raising parking fines from 10 cents to 18. Someone may get hurt in the rush to obtain parking lot permits.

Slightly tipsy soldier in Colorado Springs, Colo., went to sleep in the local hospital's maternity ward. Police team delivered him—to the jail.



MAYOR ANDERSON MAYOR PRO TEM ALLEN BILL ALLEN WILLIS KING Meet at Cadillac airport (Photo by special arrangement with Cadillac Evening News)

Day Well Spent', Say Exchange Mayors

A friendly mayor from a tiny town and an affable mayor pro tem from a fine little city exchanged communities for a day Monday—and both returned home convinced the day was extremely well spent.

Birmingham's Mayor Pro Tem James Allen got up early Monday and with his son, Bill, 10, were flown about 160 miles to Cadillac airport. There they greeted Tustin Mayor Karl Anderson, who runs that town's only grocery. Then Anderson boarded the plane, was flown to Birmingham for a day.

Allen and his son were treated to a 2 1/2-hour boat trip down the beautiful Pine River. Then he and his son were flown back to Tustin for lunch. The afternoon was spent visiting with many of the town's 200 people. Tustin is about 10 miles south of Cadillac and is a fine town, but admitted he would rather live in Tustin.

Allen said at one time he lived in Pontiac, but couldn't stand the metropolitan pace. So he and his wife and three sons moved to Tustin.

"I told me the more he sees of the larger cities, the more he appreciates his town because of its lack of municipal problems and its quiet way of life," said Mrs. Willis King.

At 3:30 the city chartered plane took Anderson back to Cadillac, picked up Allen and his son who got home in time for a late supper.

HE SAID "Every citizen of the area has a vital interest in keeping Birmingham ahead. That is what we plan to do with a larger Chamber of Commerce and many more activities on active committees. We are going to keep Birmingham ahead but we need the support and help of everyone."

Appointment of Roland W. Reese as general chairman and Richard J. Wilson as co-chairman to the "Keep Birmingham Ahead" program also was announced today. Reese and Wilson have started to organize the meetings and conferences in connection with the program.

All chamber members are being invited to a meeting Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce building.

A RETAIL shopping survey of Oakland County also will be outlined at the director's session today. In cooperation with the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and other chambers of commerce in the area, the survey will be conducted by the Bureau of Business Research, School of Business Administration, of the University of Michigan.

Chamber Manager Charles Mortensen is chairman of the 15-man committee for Oakland county, arranging for the survey. In the first portion of the survey, consumers (See PLANS, Page 8, Sec. 1)

"MIRRORED THOUGHTS"—a handsome young man reflected in a pretty girl's sun glasses signifying the vanishing memories she would have during the winter—this week brought a second place award for Birmingham Eccentric staff photographer Joe Aperaugh in the 1955 Grafex Photo Contest. Aperaugh got a \$300 cash award and a medalion for his print, which was entered in the weekly newspaper best photograph contest. The photo appeared in the Sept. 2, 1954, issue of The Eccentric.

Candidates File for School Bds.

Three of the four local school district elections June 13 will see contests for the available positions, it became known as Saturday's filing deadline passed.

Only Bloomfield Hills will see a token election. Just two petitions were filed for the two vacancies in Bloomfield Hills and only three for the two vacancies in Birmingham.

IN THE HILLS, Robert C. W. Sauer ends his terms with the board and Mrs. Rita Mackenzie leaves after three terms. Candidates for the three year terms are Karl E. Scott and Robert H. Hoffman.

Vacancies in Birmingham arise with the expiring terms of Arney F. Gregory and Mrs. Lewis B. Sapington.

AFTER 11 YEARS a board member, Mrs. Sapington has decided she would not run for reelection. Gregory is seeking re-election to his fourth term.

At the meeting of the Birmingham branch of American Association of University Women, the group voted to absorb the candidacy of Mrs. Loomis who filled a one year vacancy in 1947-48.

IN THE SOUTHWEST area, where two vacancies arise, Marc W. Robbins, a member of the board since 1947, will run for reelection among the four petitions, while William Mikulas has not petitioned to fill the vacant seat.

Three other petitions filed are those of Ernest J. Coverdill, Elizabeth Molnar and Stanley Veljuevich.

TROY TOWNSHIP will have four candidates vying for one expired seat and another unexpired term of two years which arose upon the resignation of Clarence Lowe.

Arthur R. Lovejoy who was appointed to fill the seat temporarily, has filed a petition to run for the two remaining years of the term.

Another candidate for the two year unexpired term is Lloyd A. Starnes.

Gerald J. Baril has announced he will seek reelection to his expiring term of two years. He is running for the two year unexpired term.

\$5.5 Million School Bond Vote June 13

Approval was given Tuesday night by the Birmingham Board of Education for placing a \$5,500,000 school expansion bond issue on the ballot for a June 13, 1955, recommended last week by the Citizens committee on Education.

This amount is \$2.2 million more than suggested by the citizens group.

INCLUDED in the building program is addition of 82 new classrooms in five new elementary schools and in additions to five existing schools.

Added to the original proposal was the building of a lower grade unit for grades one to three on the site in the corner just north-east of the high school.

PRESENTLY these children are being transported to Quanton school, which according to Supt. Dwight Ireland, are "long distance" for these "small children."

The new schools are to be located at Lahser and 14 Mile road and another in the center of the Walnut Lake area.

Since 1948, the Birmingham school district has spent \$10 million on school building expansion bond issues totaling more than \$10 million. Last year was 1954 for \$2.2 million.

The board also appropriated a total of \$62,049 for the nine parcels of land in the center of the city which were condemned and given court approval April 29.

The 30 acres will be the site of a new junior high and elementary school.

Centennial Award Honors Engineer

When eight of Michigan's outstanding engineers received special centennial awards from Michigan State College last Friday evening, Edward E. Wilson was named a Birmingham man of the year.

Formosa Reports By Local General

By DOROTHY BENJAMIN ZACK

Brig. Gen. S. L. A. Marshall, Detroit News correspondent in Formosa, writes his wife and family here that the island has "some of the dirtiest weather he has ever seen in his life."

He tells Mrs. Marshall, and their two daughters, Sharon and Catherine, details of his hotel life in Taipei that include using a smudge pot in the bedroom to banish mosquitoes, and the typhoon which hit the island sweeping into a window to hit him on the head.

Despite the typhoon and its following intense heat, he reports he likes the Chinese people.

IN A MEETING with Nationalist authorities in his news coverage and analysis, he encountered President Chiang's son, who told Marshall he had read all his books.

Marshall, who has been with the News 27 years and is on three different commissions in Washington, has written books on World War II and Korea and fighting. His most recent was "The River and the Gauntlet," on the Korean conflict, and he is writing another on "Porkchop Hill," based on his observations in Korea.

He is also writing a Pacific-settling book, while others of his works are "Men Against Fire," "The War," "The First Eight Days," set in Europe.

HIS DAILY COLUMNS in the News are describing life in the Formosan situation as well as analyzing the Nationalist and Formosan troop problems.

Mrs. Marshall, who lives on Westchester but spent three years in Japan with her husband, reports that "Slam" descriptions of Formosa are contrast in modernization that she recalls of Japanese culture.

He has been gone three weeks and will remain there several more weeks, she says.

Marshall has a son, Sam L. Marshall Jr., who lives with his family on Stanley.

Babcock Accepts Leadership of UF Drive Here

Irving B. Babcock, president of DeLong Motors (Chrysler) Corporation, will be chairman of the 1955 Torch Drive for Birmingham.

George R. Averill, publisher of The Eccentric, introduced the speaker and moderated at the meeting attended by over 150 Citizens League members.

The announcement was made following the spring meeting of the advisory committee of Oakland Hills country club late last week.

Babcock will head a campaign organization of from 1,200 to 1,500 volunteer workers. Although goals have not been set, the drive is scheduled to start on October 18-November 10 drive, it is likely that Babcock's team will be the biggest single team in the area.

BABCOCK, who lives on Lone Pine road in Bloomfield Hills, has a distinguished background in industry and community service. Before becoming associated with DeLong Motors, Babcock was president of Avco Manufacturing Corp., New York. He also is president of Abrasive & Metal Products Co. Born in Milwaukee, he was graduated from DePaul University, Chicago, with an LL.B. degree in 1918. He served as clerk and later as assistant factory superintendent for Liquid Carbonic Co., Chicago, while attending school.

After four years as a cost accountant for an engineering firm, (See UF DRIVE, Page 8, Sec. 1)

E. E. Wilson Moving Into TV Business

Edward E. Wilson of 3380 Beach, Troy township, and son of Defense Secretary E. Wilson, is attempting to go into the television business.

Last week the state senate voted to give a \$1 million-a-year state-owned TV concession to Wilson's Wilson Corp. firm, which is a vice president and treasurer.

The TV station will be owned by Michigan State College if the Federal Communications Commission will release the last commercial matter available to the Michigan area.

Wilson estimated a \$500,000 net profit from the station within two years. The college would get 20 per cent of this figure.

All makes of inner spring mattresses are being sold at 25 per cent off. TRUSS COMPANY, Dial 7-07 and ask for time.

THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Only The Bottle's Contents Count!

Last week in this column I sought to point out that the United Nations is merely an AGENCY, not a CURE, for international strife. It can alleviate many international problems, it can "pour the oil of co-operation and compromise" over many troubled waters. But in the end, it cannot prevent war if some nation wants to start one.

Not long ago I spent a brief visit with an old and valued friend, a former minister whose length of years adds up almost to ninety. He is a very kindly, unselfish and intensely Christian gentleman.

HE TOLD ME he wants more than anything else, to see a few of the larger free nations join together in a pact, like "Atlantic Union," or "A One-World Government," and pledge themselves to fight Russia and just China should either or both seek more territories.

"If this is done, it will tell the Communists: 'You have gone as far as you can... don't go any further,'" argued my ministerial friend.

At the mention of Atlantic Union and One-World Government I began to ponder: "How can I quietly and convincingly, prove to my friend that his ideas are, at the best, a period of wistfulness, merely wishful thinking?"

SO I then asked him a few questions: "You expect, my dear friend, by setting up a pattern of organization where several nations can get together through their leaders, that you can weld them into a workable, coherent, unbreakable unit... each individually and collectively dedicated to a common purpose of defense against Communism?"

He nodded his head in the affirmative: "Yes, you would say to them: 'This far and no further... or we'll wage war against you,'" continued, and he again nodded "Yes."

"WELL, SIR," I went on, "you have been in the military for more than a half century, and have seen much of life. Have you forgotten your own experiences of by-gone years?"

"Do you realize that the United Nations, consisting mostly of freedom-loving nations, is dedicated to the cause of peace? When the North Koreans invaded South Korea, we know that the UN declared war against the North Koreans?"

"I fought those North Koreans. Didn't the United States furnish 95 per cent of the military equipment of the UN?"

"Where were our gallant co-soldiers of the United Nations Charter?"

"AND WHEN the Chinese fled into Korea, who kept on fighting them? Uncle Sam, of course."

"The UN prevents the invasion of the UN territory." (See THIS & THAT, Page 8, Sec. 1)

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