

Too many of us are prone to pass judgment on the acts and opinions of others. Perhaps each of us can attempt to have a somewhat broader view of his ideas if he "does unto others as he would have them do unto him."

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THIS and THAT

By G.R.A.

A contemporary wag argues that when adults act like children they're silly, and when children act like adults they're delinquent!

During 1954 the black & white television industry produced 11,000,000 sets. This gives you some idea of the sedentary habits of the American people.

Mankind originally had to do its cooking out-of-doors. It took many centuries to get the chore done inside a dwelling, and now the vogue is sending millions outside again to perform this gastronomic necessity.

William E. Slaughter, Jr., chairman of the Michigan Turnpike Authority, offers rather weak point in his argument to have the proposed Flat Rock-Saginaw toll road through.

The tamplate would provide 20,000,000 man-hours of work with total payroll of over \$1,000,000 during a three-year period, he said.

How about digging a big hole, say about ten miles square and three miles deep. Sir... that certainly would provide more man-hours of work.

One very important reason why American men have enjoyed the world's highest standard of living is because we have developed, successfully, the art of using advertising to publicize the products of factory and farm. Yet in our national efforts to merchandise Freedom abroad, we have done a miserable job. (But after all, how can you expect politicians and bureaucrats to do anything but those services that only business men and women know how to do?)

"This proposed guaranteed annual wage never will work out to the satisfaction of employees until it includes the guarantee that the employer won't go broke," said John P. White, internationally famous manager and wit. "A free enterprise system that requires the element of competition within it never can guarantee permanence and prosperity to the businesses included within it."

If you can remember the old-fashioned washboard that preceded the automatic washing machines, you are at the stage of life when you have acquired the ability to appreciate the wise use of modern contrivances.

Speaking of the guaranteed annual wage idea, do you know that 95 per cent of all the firms in the United States employ 20 or less people? Do you believe that they could survive under the plan to guarantee every employee an annual wage?

"What Is The Boss Looking For?" is the title of one Detroit business woman's article, addressed to women who work in a variety of business activities. It tells why he can't be frank about it, he wants a woman who has brains, beauty, tact, tolerance, friendliness, persistence, appreciation, and a sense of humor. Oh, why not include about a good human and divine quality and let it go at that!

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LARRY MCKAY, JR.
Finds his hidden gold coin treasure (Eccentric Photo)

Finds Gold Coins After 22 Years

By BRUNO L. KEARNS

When L. I. McKay, Sr., 2634 Dickerson, Detroit, entered the Union Guardian Bank in Detroit late in 1932 to exchange \$40 for two twenty-dollar gold pieces, he said jestingly to a friend, "Let the banks tremble—I've got my gold to put away."

Six months later, March 6, 1933, the Government announced that the States were closed upon proclamation of President Roosevelt, and the Government started to recall all gold coins.

YOUNG LARRY McKay, Jr., then 16 years old, wasn't anxious to give away his gold coins which he started to collect at the age of four when he got a five-dollar gold piece from his grandfather.

So he wrapped his eight prized possessions, including the twenty-dollar coin he got from his father, and tucked them away for safe-keeping.

Only a week ago, McKay Jr., now married and living with his family at 1600 Yewcrite, started going through an old cabinet in the basement when he came across the cash box which he never recalled existed.

HE WAS amazed to find the eight shiny gold pieces still neatly wrapped just as they were when he put them away 22 years ago. "I never saw them after I put them away—in fact I never dreamed they were still around," said the surprised McKay.

The eight coins, which still look sparkling, were certainly astonished to find what they saw. The accommodations were perfect in every way including numerous floral pieces with the compliments of the management.

Meetings Opened To Public

Future committee meetings of the Birmingham city commission will be open to the press and the public, Mayor Charles Renfrew announced Monday night.

"Of course, there will be a few exceptions—such as discussions involving key city personnel, their salaries, and similar situations which are of a purely personal nature," Renfrew explained.

Decision to open up the meetings was made at a closed session last week.

Special Meetings On 'Building Better B'ham'

Business executives and professional people of the Birmingham area are being invited to a series of conferences next week to make plans on how to "Build a Beautiful and Better B'ham."

The sessions are: Transportation Group Conference, Tuesday, May 31, 2 P.M., all automobile dealers, accessories, dealers, repair shops, body and fender works, service stations, gasoline and tire dealers, roadside bus lines, taxi companies, motor freight lines, etc.

Finance, Utilities and Manufacturing. Monday, June 1, 4 P.M. All manufacturing firms of the area, banks, loan companies, investment brokers, life insurance, telephone and gas companies.

Professional. Wednesday, June 1, 10 A.M. Attorneys, accountants, architects, engineers, electricians, plumbers, carpenters, painters, air conditioning and heating contractors, and all others engaged in building and construction activities.

Friends to Give Special Dinner Honoring Chief

Friends of retiring B'ham Fire Chief Vern Griffith will give a special dinner to honor him for his 32 years of devoted service to the community.

The event will be held at Devon Gardens, starting at 6:30 p.m. Griffith will be presented with a gift from his many friends.

Men and women who would like to attend the dinner may obtain tickets at either Wilson's Drugs or Wakeek Pharmacy.

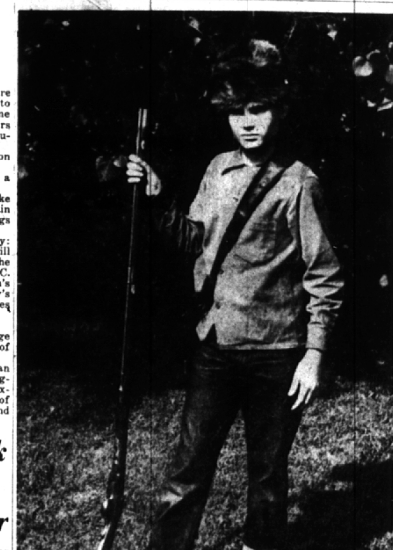
Short talks will be made by Chief-to-be Park Smith, who will give Griffith's highlights in the department; City Manager D. C. Egbert, who will tell of Griffith's important contribution to the city's water system; and Mayor Charles Renfrew.

TOASTMASTER will be George R. Averill, editor and publisher of The Birmingham Eccentric.

Arnold Renner, of the Michigan Fire Inspection Bureau and long-time friend of Griffith, also is expected on the program to tell of the Chief's importance to state and other municipal fire problems.

WORK WILL begin immediately on the milling and preserving dust at minimum and preserve gravel roads surfaces so they last more than a year, Birmingham this year will give a late summer seal coat treatment to its oil mat surfaces.

Several experimental streets got this treatment last year, and results were so good it is being tried on a large scale this summer. City Manager D. C. Egbert explained.



ROSS JAMES WARNER IN FRONTIER GARB
Pierce student outlined Davy Crockett's life.

He Was Crockett 2 Years Ago

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

We have discovered someone who realized the importance of Davy Crockett long before the song writers and movie makers started the current Crockett craze.

Our expert is Ross James Warner, a sixth grade pupil at Pierce elementary school, who way back in January wrote an essay on the legendary frontiersman long before local youngsters knew what a coonskin cap looked like.

Also EXCLUDED were Cedar, Edgewood, Catapa, Southview, Bird and Grant, which are up for present assessment confirmations. (See STREETS, Page 8, Sec. 1)

Let \$1,899,347 In Contracts for New Junior High

Bids totalling \$1,899,347 have been accepted and construction is to begin immediately on the new junior high school which will be named Darcy junior high upon recommendation of a school board committee appointed to review possible names for the school.

25-Minute Downpour Left 1.15"

Water became a record breaking factor in the city of Birmingham last weekend. Saturday the precious liquid came up out of the city's wells in record gallons, and Sunday it came down out of the clouds with heaviest intensity.

For the second weekend in a row, the number of gallons pumped reached record-breaking peak as nearly six million gallons of water were used during Saturday's scorching temperatures.

Sunday, water still was a problem but in a different respect as heavy rain, which seemed to be concentrated in this area, flooded low spots and caused traffic jams.

THE CATCH basins could not cope with the intensity especially in both lanes on Hunter just north of Oakland where the basins became plugged.

"This was one of the most intense rainfalls we can remember," said R. L. Gars, city engineer. After getting the just north of Oakland where the basins became plugged.

"Our pumps were working overtime and at full capacity on Saturday," said Gars, "and this is not good to overtax them."

MAXIMUM capacity of the system is approximately 5,500,000 gallons, and Saturday's pumpage was nearly 6,000,000 gallons in excess of this amount.

Expecting the heavy water drain during this spell, all of the city's storage tanks were filled at midnight and then refilled several times during the last 24 hours.

STRICTLY FRESH
County's landscape gardener at Buffalo, N. Y., reports theft of 50 tulips from bed in front of 254 County Jail. Flowers made off on tip-top, no doubt.

To get copy in early for next week's issue. Can you get it to us today or tomorrow (Thursday or Friday)? It would help immensely.