

It is wonderful, and quite necessary, in pursuing an ideal, to lift one's head both starward and earthward. One of the great pleasures of life when one's feet are going as he seeks to avoid pitfalls along the way.

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THIS and THAT

By G.R.A.

Nothing equals the enthusiasm of youth! Recently, when Eddie Fisher and his bride-to-be Debbie Reynolds appeared in Detroit, 5,000 teen-agers went wild about them in a Grosse Pointe auditorium.

(If only that enthusiasm could be continued as they grow up and then diverted to loyalty to their civic responsibilities... (if only...))

Ex-President Harry S. Truman perhaps gets his greatest delight from making political attacks against the Republican party. The fact that Harry often forgets basic facts, and also looks the mischief of his own administration, doesn't bother him at all.

Harry is nothing more nor less than a non-statement-like politician. He wants no holds barred in the game he plays with the voters of America.

The current bungle between Michigan's Turnpike Authority and Highway Commissioner Charles M. Ziegler only proves that the latter doesn't agree with toll roads, although he is a member of that Authority.

Charlie really would like to build billions of dollars worth of highway toll roads. If only somebody will give him the money.

Those Detroit Red Wings again proved themselves champions on the fast skate... and their televised games here also proved of fascinating interest to scores of thousands of viewers.

Incidentally, an orphid should go to Bud Lynch, capable TV broadcaster of the hockey game. (As the chap said, when seeing his first hockey game: "If it's a war, it's a war. But, if it's a war, it'll never amount to anything.")

If a vast majority of voters demanded honesty, truth, humility, and frankness from their public officials, and if these same voters manifested these virtues in their own affairs, a Utopia would be at hand. But such virtues are not present in enough voters to cause candidates to possess and practice them themselves. That's why, so much of the time, the conduct of self-government is in a mess.

Efforts on the part of some Michigan Republicans to draft U.S. Senator Charles Potter for governor ought to be stopped. Potter doesn't know much about state affairs, has no problems or solutions... so what chance would he have to win?

Republican endeavors but serve to prove how impoverished Republican leadership is in the Wolverine State.

'55 School Census To Start May 10

Birmingham school district census enumeration will start May 10, continuing through the month. A total of 29 quads will be made a house-to-house canvass of all families in the district. They will ask the number of children from birth to 20 years of age, plus parents' names and addresses.

Figures are used to determine future school development, predict fall enrollments and guide plans for those who will be entering kindergarten classes in the fall.

Each canvasser will be properly instructed and equipped by a designee by School Superintendent Dwight B. Ireland.

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W. C. NEWBERG RECEIVES AWARD FROM COMMANDER RUFUS WILSON For 'outstanding service to the nation in war and peace'

Newberg Wins National Amvet Honor

Similar honors were bestowed on William C. Newberg, 44, 975 Fairfax, on May 2 when he was presented with an award by National Amvets commander Rufus Wilson, in a ceremony held in the Veterans Memorial building on the Detroit waterfront.

President of the Dodge division of Chrysler corporation since 1951, Newberg won the citation, which is the highest civilian award made by Amvets, for his work as chief engineer of the Dodge B-29 plant in Chicago during World War II and for his subsequent peacetime work with Dodge on the production of military vehicles.

As chief engineer of the B-29 plant, Newberg was responsible for the development and production of the engines power-

ing the Superfortresses that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and bombed Japan into submission.

AMVET Commander Wilson, who flew here from Washington to present the citation, explained that this particular award has gone only to men who have performed outstanding service to the nation in war and peace.

Other notable recipients have been Governor Frank Lausche of Ohio and Representative Joe Martin, speaker of the House of Representatives.

Amvets national program director Al Keller was also present at the ceremony, having accompanied national commander Wilson.

Circuit Court Raccoons Create Rules In Favor Of School Site

Condemnation proceedings against 30 acres of land, including two parcels in dispute, at Lahser and Fourteen Mile roads, were ruled in favor of the Birmingham School district by an Oakland county circuit court this week.

The two parcels, along with seven others which were purchased by the school district, comprised a total of 30 acres which have been planned for elementary and junior high school sites.

One of the parcels in dispute, covering five acres, was valued at \$10,000 by the district, was purchased for \$20,000 by the owner. The jury determined the value at \$12,300.

THE SMALLEST parcel valued at \$5,000 by the district, was decided for \$6,500 by the jurors.

Attorney for one of the owners said he would appeal the decision. He is represented by John Martz, who said the board will complete the purchase if the appeal is not made within a 30 day period.

A TOTAL price of \$60,049 was set on the 30 acres by the school district.

Week of Outdoor Study Is Planned

Parents of Adams school sixth graders are meeting tonight to discuss a proposed outdoor study program, planned for the week of June 6-11 at Proulx Lake recreation area near Wixom.

Students would spend the week at the new state conservation camp under the supervision of Charles Welch and Mary Lou Bonadio, their sixth grade teachers. Mr. Welch is assistant superintendent of Birmingham schools; an art teacher, a physical education instructor, a full-time nurse and a cook.

NATURE AND conservation subjects will be studied with students attending classes in an outdoor setting instead of in a classroom. It is estimated that \$10 per student will cover costs of the program.

"While an outdoor study camp is not an innovation in the educational field, it is new in the Birmingham school system," Carter

said. "Pontiac and Royal Oak have had such programs for some time and Dearborn has had one for the past 10 years."

"Adams sixth grade was chosen the first group in the Birmingham school system to test out the program because both Mr. Welch and Miss Bonadio have had experience in working with students in an outdoor program."

"In getting ready for their week at camp, students will plan the food, estimate costs and put their learning to practical use."

'Pike Opponents Pi Hopes on House Bill

\$5 Million 'Investment' Recommended by Citizens Committee on Education

'Look at Future' Says Committee

"Stand where we have stood for the past three months to take a long backward glance and a longer look to the future. You will, we are confident, share our enthusiasm for our recommendations."

From a subcommittee report, that is the philosophy behind the independent Citizens Committee on Education report to the Board of Education, recommending "investment" of \$5,295,000 in the "future of the children and the community."

"You are asked to consider the elementary school you went to," the subcommittee said.

If it were a quality school and gave you a foundation for further education and for the good life, you will want your children to have schools like it. If it was a "ragged beggar" with only a few essentials of education, you will want to see that the Birmingham district does better by its children.

WE ASK YOU to look ahead. Look at 14,000 pupils going to class every day a few years from now. Will they be getting the education they should have?

"Look for a minute at the 1,000 potential police-blotter cases among our school children over the next five years. Better schools... less crowded schools... school are community programs... will reduce that number."

"And, most of all, we invite you to look at \$5,295,000—for the purchase of some things, a lot of money."

But when you look at it as the money to purchase the opportunities for educated boys and girls and for grownups who must govern themselves—you will say, "Seldom can so much be bought for so many at so small a price."

"We invite you to look at the future—for the future is where all of us, and our children, will spend the rest of our lives."

Legion Poppy Day

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175-Page Report, Charts End Study

Two dozen men and women of Birmingham, Franklin, Bloomfield Village and Bloomfield, West Bloomfield and Southfield townships have worked since last fall to lay the groundwork for the recommendations made this week by an independent committee advising the Board of Education of the big school districts.

Their studies were boiled down to reports totaling more than 175 pages in addition to numerous graphs and maps.

Marvin J. Brokaw, 156 S. Bates, is chairman of the Citizens Committee on Education. Louis A. Bauer, 3140 Broadway, Bloomfield Village, is chairman of facilities planning—the committee whose report went to the school board.

THE "present facilities" subcommittee was headed by Stanley Gilbert, 3019 Chewton Courts, Bloomfield Village. Other members were Robert Bender, 766 Chesterfield; Robert J. Hampson, 26550 Woodlark; Franklin; Roland W. Reese, 1847 Webster; Richard Morrison, 403 Larchlea; and Mrs. Frederick Ozand, 16885 Amherst, Southfield Township.

Basic needs were studied by a subcommittee of which Paul E. Fleck, 32328 Sheridan, Southfield Township, was chairman. Other members were Howard R. Gould, 2594 Comfort, West Bloomfield Township; Russell J. Martin, Jr., (See REPORT, Page 2, Sec. 1)

West Fire Hall To Be Occupied Within a Week

Chesterfield contingent of the Birmingham fire department is expected to move into its new westside fire station sometime next week, Fire Chief Vern W. Griffith said.

Exact date depends on completion of last-minute interior details, he explained.

The eastside squads will operate out of the central station until the Adams-Bowers fire hall is completed shortly, Griffith added.

Both stations will be dedicated later at formal ceremonies, now being arranged.

When the two new stations are finished and occupied, the central quarters will be abandoned and thus made available for expansion of other city departments.

Ziegler's Freeway Not Ready

Two setbacks in the state senate last week failed to dim hopes of turnpike foes, who are now casting their support behind a house bill which would place the toll road at the mercy of local communities.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Lucille H. McCollough (D-Deerborn) would require Michigan Turnpike Authorities (MTA) to obtain permission to place the turnpike through each community along the 113-mile route from Rockwood to Saginaw.

Sen. William Broomfield (R-Royal Oak) bill died in the senate highway committee last week and another senate bill, similar to the McCollough proposal died with it when committee chairman Haskell H. Nichols (R-Jackson) adjourned the committee meeting before members could vote on the bill.

WILLIAM J. Slaughter, Jr., chairman, said the bill, if passed, would in effect kill the turnpike, because the route the pike would have to take would not attract enough fares to make the toll road profitable to investors.

Meanwhile the MTA is locked in legal action with the city of Dearborn in Washtenaw County circuit court, and even if the court favors the MTA, the decision would probably be appealed to the Michigan supreme court, meaning another delay.

Turnpike authorities believe that the city of Dearborn is not on schedule this month, but on appeal, coming during the supreme court summer recess, the issue would not be settled until fall.

SHOULD the supreme court back the MTA, then bonds could be issued, but it would be a year before construction could begin and it would be another two years before the route would be completed, according to Thomas Baker, MTA's chief engineer.

During the first year, while bonds were being issued, said Baker, right-of-ways would be bought up and final designing would be in place.

Should the courts okay the MTA, it would mean that the toll road would not be completed until late in 1958, Baker added.

TURNPIKE opposition, centered in the Bloomfield-Southfield area in the form of the Citizens Protective Association of Michigan, Inc., clamored for a freeway which would cut through the city's high-rise built-up area in which they live.

State Highway Commissioner Charles M. Ziegler last week at a meeting in Cranbrook auditorium, promised the association (See FREeway, Page 2, Sec. 1)



MORGAN D. DOUGLAS

Services Today For Mr. Douglas, Retired GM Head

Retired vice president of General Motors and general manager of GMC Truck and Coach Division, Morgan D. Douglas, Sr., died Tuesday in the William Beaumont hospital. He was in ill health since his retirement in 1949.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p.m. today at Christ Church Cranbrook with burial at White Chapel cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by the Bell chapel of the Wm. R. Hamilton Co.

Mr. Douglas was 63 years old and made his home at 31805 Evergreen road.

WITH GM for 35 years, he was given a leave of absence for health reasons from his Truck and Coach post in 1950.

During his career, he had served 30 years with the Chevrolet organization, including 16 years as general parts and accessories manager.

A 32nd degree Mason, he attended the Detroit University school and the University of Michigan. He was a member of the Revere club, Bloomfield Hills Country club, Bloomfield Open Hunt club, Indian Creek Country club in Miami, and the Ft. Lauderdale Yacht club.

Surviving are his widow, Marda; and two sons, Morgan D. Jr., and William E. Douglas, both of Birmingham.



FIRST CONSTRUCTION WORK on the \$2 million water main to bring Detroit water to the Birmingham area has been started. Here Richard Jackson (center) foreman, directs his crew as they drop another section of 16-inch pipe in place. This part of the line is being put in east of Fernlee off Somerset in Royal Oak. The South-eastern Oakland County Water Authority hopes to have the project completed late this summer or by early fall. Benefiting communities are Birmingham, Clawson, Southfield, Lathrup, Royal Oak and Berkley. (Eccentric Photo)

STRICTLY FRESH

BELOW we heard of had to pay tax on the fee his wife received for turning him in as a smuggler. Internal Revenue boys ruled it was earned income, large enough to tax a man's impulse to murder.

Gardeners who are looking forward to a crop of flowers just like those pictured on the seed packets will harvest a crop of disappointment.

Stretching evidence to the breaking point is the amount of lemon in relation to the total amount of lemonade sold by small boys from their sidewalk stands.

The fellow who used to ride in the back seat of a car with his legs advanced to the grumble seat behind the wheel.

Mac across the desk from us has gone down for the third time in the office baseball pool. He'll receive a 10-gambing pledge just in time to drown once more in the first football pools next fall.

