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When one acquires "a good name", he has won something more valuable than money, honor, fame, wealth, power, or a good name and retain happy for one's special name, though, brings one a personal joy.

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THIS and THAT

By G.R.A.

Radio & TV Not As Free As Newspaper To Criticize Gov't

More than half a century ago, a noted evangelist speaker told a Detroit audience this: "The unaltered progress of the present day is not due to the increase of wisdom on the part of man, but to the special providence of God. Through the prophets of old the Creator marked out our age as 'the time of the end' when many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. The printing press and especially the newspaper, has become the greatest educational medium under the sun."

Since that time radio and television have appeared to provide information, entertainment and education for the masses, and have made tremendous impact upon modern society. Unlike newspapers, though, the radio and TV are unable to edit what is seen and heard, especially in the area of politics.

HERE THE quick and the demagogic may by time and demagoguery, through their combination of half-truth, white falsehood, and other techniques of propaganda.

To be sure, newspapers print the statements of politicians, often containing plenty of quoted bunk; but newspapers—because they are free from governmental restriction or license—can, and do, seek to present both sides of important public questions.

And they always can, and most always do, reveal in editorials the quackery and the demagoguery of certain candidates for public office.

RADIO AND TV, because they must obtain licenses from government, are not as free as newspapers are in exposing the quack and the demagogue, or in exposing greediness and/or mistakes in government.

This is not to say that owners and operators of radio and TV properties like the governmental controls imposed upon them. But they cannot help this situation, so they make the best of it.

But newspaper, whatever be their faults, still are free from governmental control, and so long as they print the truth, their freedom will be defended—and freedom remain for our people.

These facts about newspapers no doubt were behind the thinking that evangelist in Detroit more than a half century ago.

Relative Expectancy
Little Jimmy, aged six, and the girl next door, aged five, were sweethearts. One day he asked her to marry him. She accepted and thus engaged to wed. They went over to her house to play.



GLENN M. EMERY reads the coveted Silver Beaver award he received for his contribution to Boy Scouting.

High Scout Award To Birmingham Man

One of the highest scouting awards an adult can receive went to Glenn M. Emery, 311 Southlawn, this week in recognition of his 12 years' exceptional volunteer service in the strengthening of boys' characters.

At Boy Scout District One's annual dinner Thursday night, Emery was awarded the Silver Beaver by George Williams, president of the Detroit Area Council.

The Silver Beaver is given for distinguished service to boyhood. Glenn M. Emery, western community commissioner, received the award. Emery brought his family to Birmingham 12 years ago, and immediately began working with Birmingham Troop B-1, sponsored by the First Presbyterian men's club.

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His three sons are active scouts. Glenn, Jr. and Richard are Eagle Scouts, and his son, Robert, is working on his "God and Country" award, which his two brothers have already won. He also is on the Oakland County training committee, which trains both adults and boy leaders in their job responsibilities and Scoutcraft.

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APPOINTED to the Birmingham plan board this week was Paul D. Brown (above), 1656 Washington Blvd. He succeeds City Commissioner Harry M. Denyes, whose plan board resignation was offered and accepted Monday night. He said the two jobs were too much to handle at the same time. Denyes was appointed to the plan board in 1951, the only carry-over from the former planning commission. Brown is 43, and a vice-president and project manager of Harley, Ellington & Day, architects. This is his first municipal government assignment.

Skating Hours, Fees Decided
Operating hours and skating fees for the Eton artificial ice rink were announced this week by the Birmingham recreation board.

Operating hours will be 1:30-5:30 p.m. and 7-9 p.m., Saturdays, 9-11 a.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m., Sundays, 12:30-2:30 p.m., 3-5:30 p.m., 6-8 p.m., 8-10 p.m. Weekly fees will be 50¢ for children under 15 years of age, 75¢ for adults. There will be 15¢ for each child through high school age. After 10 p.m., it will be 25¢ for each child and 50¢ for adults. There will be no skating on Saturdays and Sundays.

Thanksgiving Day

Will be celebrated next week—So The Eccentric will publish next week's edition on Wednesday, Nov. 23. This requires moving up one full day all deadlines on news, advertising and want ads. Final deadline will be 5 p.m., Monday, Nov. 21.

You can help us considerably by getting your copy in just as soon as possible.

Safety Commission Tackles Suburban Traffic Problems

As the Birmingham police department announced that accidents reached one of the highest tolls in the city's history, city authorities authorized a study in Park last week to discuss traffic problems with representatives from 12 southern Oakland County cities.

"All of these communities share common traffic problems," stated Chief Ralph W. Moxley, who attended the meeting along with Donald McGaffey, secretary-treasurer, Birmingham Traffic Safety Committee, and juvenile officer Lieutenant Henry Timm.

TO THAT END, each community will appoint a representative who will begin discussions on a proposed uniform traffic code for recommended by Birmingham Hazen Park, Ferndale, Oak Park, Bloomfield Hills, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak, Oak Township, Huntington Woods, Clawson, Berkeley, Southfield and Troy townships.

THE ATTITUDE that traffic law enforcement is not necessary as criminal law enforcement is wrong, Moxley feels.

"Many more people are being killed in traffic accidents than by crime."

B'harm Rotarians To Sell Papers
Birmingham Rotarians will turn newspaper boys for a day on Friday, Dec. 16.

Way Over the Top Goes to Drive Here

A smashing new record in community giving was still being calculated today by Torch Drive campaigners who knew they were far over the top—but not just how much!

8 Here Nab M-Art Awards
Robert Herzberg, Donald Smith, Frederick Simper, and Mac Averill are among area residents who were given prizes in the Michigan Artists exhibit at Detroit Institute of Arts Tuesday night.

EARLIER winners this year for Smith were the top prize at Michigan State fair, about a \$100 award, a young artist's award in months ago, a purchase prize of Raymond Moley in a South Bend, Ill. show.

John Martz, 68, of 724 Lakeview, Wednesday morning was reported "coming along fine" by William Beaumont hospital authorities where he was taken Saturday afternoon following a stroke.

Kiwanians to Honor Kierbt At Banquet
The Birmingham Kiwanis Club will honor Edwin F. Kierbt, executive director of the Birmingham YMCA, at its annual "Flowers of the Living" banquet on Tuesday, Nov. 22.

STRICTLY FRESH
Outfit in Richmond, Calif., wants members of the Russian revolution to come to this country and plant to the depths of the American life. It's the local plumber's union.

May Top Goal by \$23,000

A smashing new record in community giving was still being calculated today by Torch Drive campaigners who knew they were far over the top—but not just how much!

There is no question about this being a record-breaking campaign, by a wide margin.

When we caught our breath, we'll let the people of Bloomfield, Franklin and Birmingham know just how wonderful they were.

School and County Taxes Main Reason For 1955 Increase
Birmingham property owners will pay \$4.45 more for each \$1,000 of assessed valuation this year than last.

When Kierbt came to Birmingham in 1946, the YMCA had only a handful of inactive members. The new leader sparked a program of activities that have brought current membership to 5,000.

THOUGH KIERBT and his wife, Helen, were once foster parents to 58 boys during a five-year residence in Chicago, they have no children of their own.

DO YOU ATTACK your problems promptly and intelligently? In solving your problems, get every assistance you can Banks advised. Only when you have adequate knowledge are you in a position to make an intelligent decision. It is often, better, he said, to make a poor decision than to remain in a state of constant vacillation and indecision.

Are you interested in increasing your knowledge, in enriching your personality? Do you have aspirations beyond your ability and parents should not attempt to put a square peg in a round hole.

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