

How often many of us, in our efforts to develop beautiful yards and gardens, labor with spade and hoe, fertilizer and sprinkler, pulling out weeds . . . then why not do likewise to the richer potential garden of our heart?

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SEVEN CENTS



SHOVELING THE year's first snow here is George Sterling, while Mr. and Mrs. Ted Marotte make like snowballers in their yard at the corner of East Merrill and Bates, where both the Marotte and the Sterling families reside.

THIS and THAT

By G.R.A.

Thanksgiving

Fog things to eat, for things to wear, For sheltered home, for all the care, That thou hast shown my every need, In thankful love, in word and deed, For friends and loved ones I am glad, To thank Thee, Lord, for what Thou said, They come to me with words of cheer, And thus Thou bringest me my year, Oh, Lord, I pray Thee make me worth, The lovefulness of this good earth, In true humility to pray, Until in every land's unfurled banner, of a Love that's fit, To wear the robes of Holy Writ, For sun and moon and stars above, For love of Life and love of Love, I'm bending on my knee this day, In true humility to pray, My thankfulness, my gratitude, For every Christ-Born child, And, as life unfolds on the way, I hope that each Thanksgiving Day, Will make my song of thanks ring clear, On every day throughout each year.

Third V. President Might Solve the Succession Problem

Ever since the death of former President Franklin D. Roosevelt, when Vice President Harry S. Truman succeeded to that office, much discussion has been advanced regarding the right type of a method of succession to the Presidency.

This subject again was widely talked and written about a few weeks ago when President Eisenhower developed heart trouble, and Vice President Nixon sort of "took over" in Washington, D.C.

My own current thought on the problem suggests that the U. S. Constitution be amended to add another vice president to the nation's executive staff, he would be known as Second Vice President, to become First Vice President when this latter person became Chief Executive in the event of a President's death.

Thus, both the First and Second Vice Presidents should float in the public eye as potential Presidents, and their respective activities evaluated prior to election.

It then would be expected that neither political parties nor the electorate would allow candidates for the two Vice Presidencies to be represented by inferior men.

25 Candidates Seek 9 Offices

TROY—Deadline for filing nominating petitions closed Monday with 25 candidates seeking nine offices.

Three persons will vie for office of mayor when the special charter election is held Dec. 12. They are Frank Cottrell of 208 Elmway, Alexander W. Kuschinsky of 1306 Kalm, and Lawrence F. Ling of 1086 E. Big Beaver.

Should voters approve the charter, the mayor, along with six commissioners, a presiding justice and an associate justice of the peace, would take office.

Those who filed petitions for a three-year commission post are: Edward J. Armstrong, 4880 Rochester; Roy L. Dunlop, 1063 Wheaton; Carl W. Campbell, 6905 Niles; Ernest W. Gray, 4300 Livernois; and J. Wesley Smith, 90 Buiche.

Candidates for a two-year term include: Walter A. Burnard, 1870 Livernois; Fred Lee Butler, 5115 Rochester; Harry M. Goiffrey, 77 Cottage; Clifford E. Sutermeister, Jr., 4610 Livernois; Elmer W. Love, 1745 W. Big Beaver; George W. Ford, 6326 Livernois; and Clarence DeJoy, 622 E. Big Beaver.

Those seeking a one-year commission post are: Louis Yanich, 1355 John R.; Gerald Sproffell, Leontina; George L. Teakum of 2971 E. Maple; Ben E. Lancer, 3179 Rochester; H. F. Hannaford, 3179 Virginia; and Bud A. Finlay, 3179 E. Maple.

Presiding justice candidates are: Scott C. Breyer, 3630 Fremont; and Charles H. Lusk, 4159 Talbot. Anthony Lubarsky, Jr., 4125 Rochester, and Neville H. Mason, 360 Lowry, are candidates for associate justice.

LaSalle Portrait Given to State By Allen Harlan

C. Allen Harlan, North Adams resident who recently sold part of his property to the Birmingham board of education as a site for a new school and at a price considerably less than was expected, again this week appears in the role of philanthropist.

Yesterday Harlan presented a portrait of Rene Robert Carlier De La Salle, famed French explorer and the first white man known to have traveled Michigan's Lower Peninsula on foot, to the State of Michigan.

Gov. G. Mennen Williams, at ceremonies held in the Veterans Memorial building, Detroit, accepted the painting which Harlan bought from a New York art dealer for \$10,000. The portrait was painted by Hyacinthe Riquart, court painter of Louis IV about 1683 when La Salle already was noted for achievements in the new world.

The painting was brought to the U. S. by Capt. refugees after escaping into Switzerland with four cases of his wealthy father's art collection, just ahead of Hitler's Gestapo.

Harlan recently returned from the dedication of three chapels in Washington, D. C., mentioned this week in Life magazine.

The Protestant chapel was dedicated and named in honor of Harlan's cousin, Judge John Marshall Harlan, former judge of New York, now on the Supreme court.

C. Allen Harlan's grandfather and the grandfather of Judge Harlan were brothers.

Before his appointment to the Supreme court, Judge Harlan served New York City as head of the crime commission, the position formerly filled by former Governor Thomas Dewey.

Christmas Trees Go On Sale at Y

Bright lights, the smell of fresh pine and balsam will greet prospective purchasers on Saturday, Dec. 3 when the Birmingham Y Men's club opens its annual sale of Christmas trees.

A total of 2,000 balsam, Scotch pine and jack pine will be on sale at nine o'clock in the lot adjacent to the Y building. Hours will be from 10 a. m. to 9 p. m. every day until December 24.

Dave Hubbs, Ernest Robinson, Roland Erickson and Robert Loth, businessmen, hope that enough profit from the sale will be realized to make a down payment on a new bus for the Y's swim and summer program. The present bus will be disposed of next summer.

Y's MES urge all families to purchase trees at an early date. Balsam, long needle Scotch and jack pine trees will shed very few needles, and if set in a bucket of water previous to decorating, will retain their fragrance and freshness.

Instructions for fire safety will be mimeographed and made available to every family.

Survey Started

Survey for the proposed north branch of the Evergreen interceptor was begun this week by engineers. The project would extend up the Rouge from 1 1/2 mile north to Bloomfield Hills, and serve these two cities as Troy and Bloomfield townships.

LaSalle, Royal Oak on Evening Programs for Tomorrow's Game

59 Years of Tradition Behind Annual Contest

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Win Would Give Maples a 9-0 Season's Record

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New Broadway Plays His Topic

"A successful play usually is one in which it is possible for the spectator to identify himself with the actors or situations in the play," says Norman Nadel, brilliant young drama critic of the Columbus (Ohio) Citizen.

Nadel will discuss the leading Broadway plays when he appears here on Wednesday, Nov. 23, to address the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library, in the library at 8:15 p. m.

Considered by most Broadway writers as one of the few real drama critics outside of New York, Nadel covers the Broadway plays at least four times each year and often has the advantage of reviewing new productions before they reach the Great White Way.

His COLUMN in the Columbus Citizen, "On the Aisle," is one of the best-read in Central Ohio and he is one of the most widely quoted and highly respected critics in the country.

In June 1955 Nadel, along with Howard Lindsay and Roger L. Stevens, received the Variety citation for "outstanding contributions to the Theatre." This is the first time a drama critic ever has won this award.

One of Nadel's greatest contributions to the Theatre was his founding of the long-distance "show trains." Twice each year he conducts 200 (always over-subscribed) Central Ohioans on a week's planned theatre-going expedition. So successful is this project that many other "hinterland" critics are taking up the idea—much to the delight of the Broadway producers.

IN ADDITION to his daily column for Variety, the New York Times and the entire Sunday drama section of the Citizen, covers all local musical and dramatic affairs; teaches Journalism at Ohio State University, writes guest articles for Variety, the New York Times, the Saturday Review, and gives some 80 lectures each season. He plays all brass instruments, the piano, violin, and viola; and founded the Columbia Philharmonic Orchestra.

In his lecture, "On the Aisle," Nadel will bring to the audience some of the highlights of the current season's top hits.

Because of the popularity of the speaker the meeting will be open only to members. Those wishing to become members are invited to call membership chairman, Mrs. Richard Stead, on Madison avenue, or the Baldwin Public Library.

George Romney Talks on Civic Aid For Detroit's Future

George Romney, president of American Motors and resident of Vaughan road, Bloomfield Hills, has here given the services of an American Motors honorarium to Detroit leaders for their contributions to the Detroit Tomorrow project.

The event is the fourth annual Inter-Club banquet of the Detroit Management Clubs on Dec. 1 at Veterans Memorial building. Romney's talk will be on management's role in civic improvement.

Specifically recognized will be Mayor Selman B. Heins, Henry Ford II and Fred C. Matlack, Sr. The speaker is on the executive board of Detroit Tomorrow Inc., committee.

Masons Honor 40-Year Members

It was Old Times Night last Thursday at the Birmingham Masonic lodge when the Worshipful Master Fred Little presided at the presentation of life certificates to 40-year Masons.

George Weeks was in charge of the dinner meeting at which 125 members heard the Rev. Harold Wittrop, associate minister of First Methodist church.

Wayne J. Gie presented a life membership certificate to old-timer Ch. Randall, and Ike Robinson made the presentation to Paul Heinsohn.

Howard R. Estes Gets Key Award

The Michigan Hospital association presented its key award for meritorious service to Howard R. Estes at its 36th annual convention in Grand Rapids.

Estes, former state representative from the third district, Oakland County, is business manager of the Oakland County hospital and infirmary.

The award was presented by Andrew Pattullo of Battle Creek president of the Michigan Hospital association.

Wanted: 1 Brownie To Complete Troop

Seven little girls are searching for a companion to complete their Brownie scout troop.

Members of troop 319 must round out their number to eight by January, or (should) in accordance with Scout regulations.

To avoid the loss of the fun and companionship their troop activity have meant to them, the fourth-graders earnestly hope a neighbor second-grader will join their ranks.

Mrs. Edwin G. Papp serves as leader for the Adams school troop, which meets at her home at 675 Chestnut.

Present members are Diane Penney, Gerlie Ellenwood, Peggy Lutz, Nikki Papp, Judith Jesse, Babie Radford and Carolyn Candler.

Boy Wounds Himself While Cleaning Gun

David Lowrie, 14, of 548 Southfield, wounded himself as he cleaned a gun in his bedroom Monday.

The Colt Patent 38-caliber gun discharged as David accidentally tripped the trigger. He was rescued from Ford hospital in Detroit after treatment of a leg wound.

The 75-year-old gun had belonged to David's great-grandfather and was kept in the house as a keepsake.

Estimated \$3000 Damage by Fire

Fire of unexplained origin caused an estimated \$3,000 damage at the Herffich home, 1170 Arden Lane, Thursday afternoon.

Fire Chief Mark Smith believes the fire started from spontaneous combustion. It was confined primarily to the utility room although there was some smoke damage to the kitchen.

The Herffich family were away at the time of the blaze and a neighbor notified the fire department.

City to Maintain Single Family Zone

Four lots just above the north east corner of 14 Mile and Southfield will remain zoned for single family, Birmingham city commission determined Monday night in the face of an unopposed action.

At St. James Episcopal church will present special music for Thanksgiving Day as Holy Communion is celebrated at 9 a. m.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Birmingham plans special services at 2:45 a. m., and again at 11:30 a. m.

At Our Shepherd Lutheran church, soprano, Susan Beverly Sheff will sing "Beas This House" at the 11 a. m. services, to be conducted by Rev. H. G. Alloward.

All THREE choirs of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer will join in special Thanksgiving services at 9 a. m. Worship will be conducted by Rev. Theodore Muggener.

Public schools in Birmingham, Bloomfield, Troy, and Southfield Free Press invited to make the occasion with their Wednesday and open on Monday, Nov. 22.



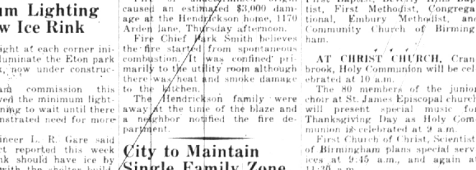
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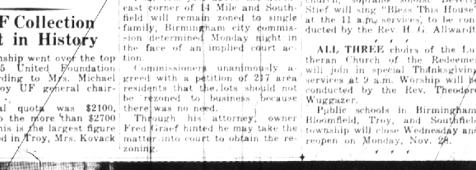
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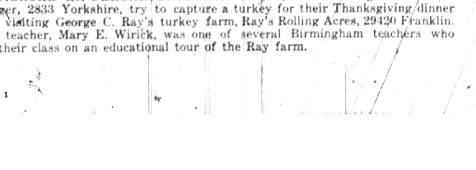
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Child, 4, Injured Daring Into Street

ROMBERG KINDERGARTENERS: Diana Denny, 2601 Buckingham and Bill Youder, 2835 Yorkshire try to capture a turkey for their Thanksgiving dinner while visiting George C. Ray's turkey farm, Ray's Rolling Acres, 29420 Franklin. Their teacher, Mary E. Wierick, was one of several Birmingham teachers who took their class on an educational tour of the Ray farm.