

### Easing Presidential Burdens May Be Wise Move

It often has been said that the presidency of the United States is an exhausting job. This has become increasingly true as the nation has grown and taken a place of leadership in world affairs.

Though President Eisenhower's recovery is progressing well, his heart attack grimly underlines the burdensome nature of the presidency. It has brought to many minds the thought that something should be done to lighten the burdens of Mr. Eisenhower and future presidents.

ONE OF THOSE WHO HAS DONE some serious thinking on this subject is Rep. Walter Judd (R., Minn.). He now proposes that the cabinet ask former presi-

dent Herbert Hoover to head a bipartisan group which would make a study and then suggest changes in the organization and duties of the chief executive's office. We suggest that Harry S. Truman also be invited by Congress to aid on this project.

Judd's idea is that if the study were made immediately, proposals for change could be considered by Congress when it reconvenes in January. His suggestion is an excellent one.

If Congress takes action that will relieve the President of various secondary burdens, he will have more time for policy decisions. A skilled, impartial study would give Congress invaluable guidance in taking such action.

### Identifying a Human Foghorn

Ever read "Li'l Abner"? Do you recall the flamboyant congressman Al Capp created? His type exists in Washington according to Representative Clarence Cannon of Missouri, chairman of the House appropriations committee, who cited him as an example of the statesman who is everything he should not be.

The earmark of a Foghorn senator or representative is that he always votes for every appropriation and against every tax. Thus he makes friends on both sides of the fence, those who want help from the

government and those who demand economy.

IT IS A FINE SYSTEM, says Cannon, but it will never balance the budget.

The trouble is really not with the Foghorns so much as it is with the folks back home who selfishly insist on governmental give and citizen tax. Reform should begin with the voters. Then the congressmen will have no need to blow their horns foggily.

### Controls in a Free Society Always Dangerous

A senate subcommittee on juvenile delinquency has pointed a finger at television as a major source of trouble. It has recommended more stringent control of television programs both by government and by broadcasters.

All too many TV programs, says the subcommittee in an interim report, present this picture to the nation's children: "Life is cheap; death, suffering, sadism and brutality are subjects of callous indifference; judges, lawyers and law enforcement officers are too often dishonest, incompetent and stupid."

That is a disturbing kind of entertainment diet for children. It makes one look about for ways to control the programs, to keep them within bounds of decency and reason.

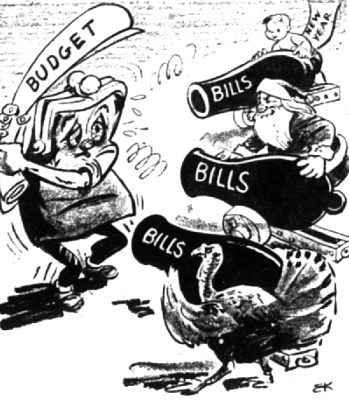
tainment media is an easy matter. The government simply fixes certain standards, and woe to the one who violates them. But the essence of democracy is that there shall be a maximum of free thought and free speech within bounds of decency.

Certainly we ought to know more about the effect of television and other media on the minds of children. Probably broadcasters need to exercise greater self control. Parents, too, need to use more discrimination in choosing programs pleasant and suitable for children.

But outside control—whether of television or radio or newspapers or books or even comic books—is dangerous in a free society. It is a subject to be approached with great caution and due respect for the constitutional safeguards that assure freedom of thought and expression.

IN A DICTATORSHIP, control of en-

### He'll Go Down Fighting



### HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

By ALICE E. MORGAN

Always there comes a time when friends must part—and for me, the time is now.

My association with The Birmingham Eccentric is about to end, but before it does there are many things I would like to say.

Since it is not possible to contact each person, I want to devote what may be my last attempt at column to trying to say the things that crowd into my mind.

It's hard to say "thank you" and really make the words express the whole measure of one's appreciation.

Words, for many years, have been the tools of my trade, but right now I find I have lost control of them; the right ones seem to be just beyond my reach.

BUT, LET US start with groups—the churches. Let me extend a blanket thanks to all who have been so helpful during the eight years I have handled their news.

### Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files of The Eccentric—Old Items That Make Up The Historical Background of Birmingham Today.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
November 3, 1905  
Mrs. H. J. Chitt is the welcome guest of Miss Lydia Maxwell and enjoying Birmingham and Bates very much indeed.

Mary Miller and Mrs. Grace Miller gave a linen shower in honor of Miss Winifred Lee, at the former's home on Southfield avenue Saturday afternoon. The decorations were blue and pink hearts.

One of the teachers in our vicinity was somewhat surprised at the brightness of one of her pupils when the following conversation took place: "Robert," said the teacher, "give me an example of the use of the word 'damper' in a sentence." "Robert," said the moment, then delivered himself of the following: "Teacher is damperful about our English."

**30 YEARS AGO**  
October 30, 1925  
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sanderson, the son-in-law and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Bronley of Bloomfield Hills, have taken an apartment in the Fairway on West Palmer boulevard in Detroit.

Mrs. G. Ferguson who lives with her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Halgren on Greenwood avenue, gave a luncheon on Thursday. Included among her guests were Mrs. W. Trumbull of Detroit, Mrs. E. R. Smith, Sr. of Oakland avenue, and Mrs. A. D. B. Van Zandt of Dewey street.

W. M. was the surprised guest of honor at a potluck party given for him at his home on Park street Monday night. Mrs. Lawrence Thomas of Madison avenue planned the party.

**15 YEARS AGO**  
October 31, 1940  
Everett Elmer Castree, 27 years old, late of Arturville, W. Va., but since three weeks ago a resident of Birmingham, thinks it's great that he was chosen to be the first draftee in the Birmingham district which is composed of this city, Bloomfield Hills, Lawson, Troy and Bloomfield Township.

Men forecasters in The Eccentric-Merchants' football prediction contest were really put to shame last week when young Birmingham woman made the best record scored thus far in the contest. Alone, she was able to forecast the outcome of every game but two. There were no ties for first place. The expert is Miss Iris Beaven, 908 Bannville, and for her ability she gets two tickets to the Detroit Lions-Chicago Bears game plus \$13 in merchandise.

Soft blue velvet made with a V-neckline and a tight bodice having short puffed sleeves, formed the bridal gown of Betty Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Hill, of Chestnut Way, when she spoke her vows Saturday afternoon at 3:30 to Henry A. Houston III, of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Houston of Pontiac.

### ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

Later this month, as part of a "contest," three youngsters will rush into the world's largest department store in New York City and try to carry out in five minutes as many toys as they can. What they get then belongs to them.

That's fine for kiddies.

Ma and Pa's kind of "contest" would be of the same nature, only the location would be changed. Say, to the vault of the world's largest bank.

Last March, the state highway department promised Birmingham that southbound Woodward and Hunter traffic merge at Lincoln.

The idea was to study better control methods so accidents at that point could be reduced.

No sandbags have shown up during these past eight months.

Were Michigan Turnpike Chairman George Higgins asked to give his views on why nothing has been done, you suppose he might say Highway Commissioner Charlie Ziegler has been kept busy sandbagging the proposed toll road instead?

If you were asked, "Who is the friendliest employee you know today?" could you easily answer? It might be difficult

to be associated with the people of Birmingham, an experience I feel has made my personal life much richer.

I am especially thankful to the scores of you who have taken the time to telephone or write kind words when you have thought I was doing a good job. A thought like that really makes life worth living and sends a bright spot into what otherwise might be a dreary day.

The many organizations who have been my hosts at dinners and programs, including the area's several theater groups, have not only given me much pleasure but also have extended their kindness to my mother. She joins me in thanking you for this, I know.

ANOTHER sincere "thank you" must go to the men and women who have been my coworkers during these eight years.

Their helpfulness is deeply appreciated and the friendships made among them highly valued.

I sincerely hope that I shall be able to continue association in one way or another with you.

However that may be, "thank you" again for the many things you have made me a kindness to you have shown me. Let me borrow a phrase from the mysterious Arabs and say: Allah go with you.

to choose one, what with so many people who hate life rather than love to live it.

A woman still is a bride if she thinks a pretty face and well proportioned figure alone will hold her husband as they add more and more wedding anniversaries to their lives.

But a woman becomes a wife when she realizes her man needs in her a sense of humor, a pleasant nature, an interest in his job, loyalty, and a good knowledge of how to run a home, from stove to darning needle.

If home is a nice place to come to, men will keep coming there.

A law is a good law if it protects every one. It is a badlaw if it gives a privileged group a special benefit.

We usually are thankful for the blessings we receive which are merited. Too often we forget to be thankful also for those blessings we have not merited.

Sitting on a pin does not always have to be uncomfortable! It might indicate mother's been busy sewing again.

People give so much advice to others that they have precious little left for themselves.

### U-M Fraternity Pledges in Area

University of Michigan's 41 fraternities have pledged a record 645 new members including 24 from the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills area.

From Birmingham are Caleb S. Atwood, 655 Stanley, Sigma Phi Epsilon; Richard J. Behm, 7150 Parkhurst Dr., Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Warren J. Bose, 620 Lakeside, Alpha Delta Phi; William K. Burton, 28735 Eldorado, Phi Kappa Tau; Carl J. Dila, 2788 Windmere, Tau Kappa Epsilon.

William E. Dove, 640 Wallace St., Phi Delta Theta; Allan C. Hargmang, 2748 Hayline Dr., Delta Kappa Epsilon; Frederick H. Holt, 879 Randall Ct., Chi Psi; Charles C. Kass, 1028 Chestnut, Theta Chi; Gordon D. LePiper, 824 Colonial Ct., Pi Lambda Phi; Douglas G. Lewis, 1818 Melbourne, Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Robert P. Miller, 811 Tottenham Rd., Delta Chi; Thomas R. Mosby, Jr., 708 Shirley Dr., Beta Theta Pi; John McE. Neff, 948 Kenesaw, Psi Upsilon; James E. Pryce, 928 Smith, Phi Delta Theta; Stanley L. Rosequist, Jr., 3031 Madison, Delta Upsilon; Richard R. Stillman, 908 Madison, Zeta Psi; Edward B. Sisson, 120 Overhill, Alpha Tau Omega; Robert E. Stahl, 359 Iveswood, Delta Tau Delta.

### Works Part Time

Working part-time at the Henry Upjohn Company in Kalamazoo is Richard Lee Stuffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stuffer, 1316 Villa. Like others in the retailing career, he works afternoons and Saturdays and attends morning classes.



"Your children may not follow your line, but they will follow you."

### From The Eccentric's Point of View...

His mother told Detroit police that she thought her 20-year-old killer-son "was a hard-working boy who slayed-out late nights only over weekends." Now he is revealed as leader of a gang of tough hoodlums known as "Hooded Blades", and is called "Crazy Fred" Dodge. With several others, filled apparently with beer, he jumped three young men who were passing. A fight ensued, with Dodge stabbing to death one of them. Can a boy get this tough without parental knowledge?

Fires throughout the United States in 1954 caused losses totalling over a billion dollars. About 1,995,300 fires of all kinds were created, most of them by human carelessness. What a pity!

Federal government scientists hope a chemical they are using will prove able to destroy the sea lamprey that has killed off so many of the Great Lakes trout and other fine fish. In this hope they are joined by millions... and we hope the capricious Congress will not be stingy with the money needed to allow plenty of the chemical to be sprinkled in these mid-west waters.

The lowly hog's economic status may determine whether the 1957 Congress is Republican or Democrat, say political experts. This is because farmers in the corn belt states feed corn to hogs, and the price of hogs is down 20 per cent below 1954 figures. Feeling this is due to Republican farm policies, the rural voters may swing into Democratic pastures.

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