



## Cite Eccentric For Contribution To Local History

A "certificate of award", citing its efforts to preserve local and Michigan history, was presented to The Eccentric Friday night by the Historical Society of Michigan.

This award, made at the Society's 81st annual convention held this year in Flint, was accepted by George R. Averill, editor and publisher of The Eccentric.

Usually, the Society makes only three annual awards of this nature, but because of special 100th Anniversary Editions by the Lansing State Journal and the Saulte Ste. Marie Evening News, two additional citations were given.

The Escanaba Daily Press and Flint Journal were also cited, although The Eccentric was the only weekly newspaper in Michigan recognized this year. Flint, too, currently is celebrating its 100th anniversary, an occasion recognized by the Flint Journal in its anniversary edition.

EACH SOCIETY CITATION presented read the same, except for a change of name for the newspaper receiving the award.

The Historical Society of Michigan presents this certificate to Birmingham Eccentric in recognition of the significance and value of state and local history, which this newspaper has notably manifested by the constant presentation of materials of historical nature, as a public service to its readers.

This text refers to the 75th Anniversary Edition published by The Eccentric in May of 1953, together with the subsequent publication for two years of a weekly column titled: "Birmingham Background." This latter column was written by Ruth P. Silbar, staff writer for The Eccentric.

## Special UN Day Plans Are Being Finalized

Highlighting the Birmingham celebration of the 10th anniversary of the United Nations, will be an address by the Hon. Dr. Martin, head of Canada's UN delegation.

Dr. Martin will speak at a city-wide meeting in the Birmingham Community House on Oct. 28.

His address will be given in a "four-minute" format, stressing what the group can and cannot do.

The meeting will be opened by Mayor Charles Renfrew, Mrs. Eleanor Gaffill, chairman of the mayor's committee for the local celebration, will make an activities report.

IN CONNECTION with the UN celebration here, organizations throughout the city have worked together to provide prizes for poster and essay contests in the junior and senior high schools.

At a City Commission meeting Monday evening, plans were held to hold a parade here on Oct. 22, was granted.

Commissioner William Roberts asked, "Will we be setting a precedent that will have other groups wanting to hold parades and interrupt downtown traffic?"

Mayor Renfrew replied that in his opinion anything that can be done to foster civic pride and work and bring it before the people, should be done.

"I THINK it's worth trying up."

## Survival Test Explanation Draws B'ham Officials

Details of a proposed federal survival test program were outlined yesterday at a local metropolitan defense officials meeting in Detroit yesterday.

Representatives of Birmingham were Mayor Charles Renfrew, Asst. City Mgr. Dana Whitman, also civil defense director; City Engineer; Police Chief Ralph Moxley, and Administrative Assistant Gerald Bland.

This survival-plan project would permit study of eventual evacuation, shelter, and care in and near critical U. S. target cities and in cities near important military installations.

Besting Detroit, there are some of the other major cities included in the test. New York, Chicago, Houston, Cleveland, Boston, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The name has applied to her own personality, for she has done many things to lighten the way to a better life for her own and other Asiatic countries.

## He's Got to Handle a 'Bus Bomb' Every Fall

By RUTH ANNE SILBAR

Questioning, unbelieving, uninformed, misinformed, disgruntled, irate, belligerent, pedantic parents, the Birmingham assistant superintendent of schools in charge of transportation has had them all—on the other end of the telephone. And most of them want to talk about school transportation.

Explaining the school transportation problem at the beginning of every school year, these are typical questions Wolfe answers:

"We live two and a half miles from the high school on the east side of town. Our two boys go to high school each day, pay 10 cents each way, each school day for transportation, totaling \$40 a year for us—not tax deductible. Another boy lives only a few blocks from the high school, gets transportation free."



SALES GIRLS Mattie Jackson (left) and Helen Andrus are instructed by Kresge manager H. L. Sellers on conducting fellow employees for Torch Drive contributions.

## Tuesday Sees Launching of Torch Drive

More than 1200 local Torch Drive volunteers will swing into action next Tuesday, with the launching of the United Foundation's 1955 "Give Once For All" campaign in the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin Area.

Residential volunteers will meet for a sponsored kickoff luncheon Monday at 12:30 p.m. in Cranbrook school gymnasium.

ULTIMATE goal of the three-week drive is to raise \$200,445, this area's share of the \$1,450,000 goal set by metropolitan Detroit.

Living B. Babcock, general campaign chairman has called the 1955 quota an "extremely realistic" one, and one that demands wholehearted response from every segment of the communities in this area.

"Giving help to the needy and unfortunate is a very individual matter," Babcock said. "I believe that every man, woman and boy has the opportunity to help a part, no matter how small, in a community effort like the Torch Drive."

"IT'S LIKE putting your house in order each fall. Neighbors, businessmen, even school children, with an awareness of the great need for health and welfare funds, join together, and in a few short weeks, the job is done."

Each year, it's an immense satisfaction to all of us to know that, through our own efforts, 150,000 lives vital to the well-being of our country have again been put on a sound financial basis.

"We can be proud, too, that our fund-raising system, now being widely adopted by other communities throughout the nation, is considered the most efficient and economical system yet devised for local purposes."

AGAIN this year, women will be asked to make personal contributions of their own, apart from whatever their husbands may contribute at work.

To emphasize the personal nature of giving, some schools are suggesting that children contribute money that they earn, or would otherwise spend for non-essentials to the drive.

The business solicitation phase of the campaign began last week with a sponsored kickoff dinner, sponsored by Don E. Ahrens, 1954 United Foundation general chairman of the metropolitan area.

GRANVILLE MORSE, local business and industry chairman, reports that his nine teams are now functioning smoothly and making steady progress.

Captains of the business solicitation teams are Jim Cousins, Don Hacker, Glenn Payne, Carl Ingraham, Wayne Combs, Henry Sellers, Arthur Blakely, Gordon Walker, David Underdown and Don Cargill.

Handling individual assignments are Rudy Ranke, Jack Harmon, Walter McCoy and John Van Lee.

RESIDENTIAL volunteers, headed by 12 area chairmen and 117 city and residential representatives of training meetings presided over by residential training chairmen Mrs. Dorothy J. Gray and one of her team of 12 instructors.

Residential chairmen for the 1955 drive are Mrs. J. Hawley O'Brien, general residential; Mrs. Joseph C. Dodge, Birmingham residential; Mrs. C. H. Dixon, Franklin residential; Beverly Hills residential; Mrs. E. A. Schirmer and Mrs. Theodore O. Yntema, Bloomfield Hills West, and Mrs. Raymond G. Bower, Bloomfield Hills East.

## Another Deal for City Parking Lot

## Auditorium Suggested On SW Park

Location of a community auditorium on part of a proposed acre recreational unit at 14 Mile and Cranbrook was suggested in an 18-page survey by recreation director Frank Whitney to the city recreation board.

In order to develop a recreation program to keep pace with the rapid development of the community, an outline which would embrace a triangular pattern of the city, has been presented in Whitney's survey.

THREE POINTS were suggested as needs which should be immediately recognized, and a breakdown of the proposed facilities for potential development of the 64 acre 14 Mile-Cranbrook and Lincoln were listed.

The points were:

- 1) That Birmingham was ready for a full time highly organized recreation program, which is in keeping with its development as a city community;
- 2) That present and future needs are such that considerable functional planning should be made a vital part of recreation board activities;
- 3) That immediate facility development is necessary.

THE RECREATIONAL triangle pattern for primary development would include Springleade Park in the north, Eton Park in the south, Eton Park and the Birmingham high school disposal plant section in the lower west corner of the area.

Six acres of the site at 14 Mile and Cranbrook last week was reserved by the city planning board for possible sale to the Birmingham Athletic club, which desired purchase of the 600 acre site for construction of an athletic club.

A recreational program for the site would include a field house, a 14 Mile-Cranbrook park site would link the parking and athletic program, with the high school facilities.

PROPOSED sites include six tennis courts, parking area which could be used for both high school and park, a driving course, a field house, a tennis court, basketball diamond, pitch and putt golf course, toboggan slide, horseshoe courts, croquet courts, tennis courts, volleyball ball courts, archery target area, and a community auditorium.

The auditorium, which would be the final addition, would be used for musical, stage productions and concerts.

Proposed seating for the building would be 2,000.

The three sites at Springleade, Eton and Cranbrook would be re-located at the site of the 11 smaller sites, all class III sites comprising the overall program.

## Neighborhood Rinks Stated for 3 Fields

Three neighborhood ice rinks will operate along with the artificial skating rink being constructed at Eton park, according to Recreation Director Frank Whitney.

Fields at St. James, Quanton and Pembroke will be banked and flooded soon as freezing weather will close in, and yet, children living around the street which is another school district must attend to their own school district.

FOR PARENTS who are planning a new home, he offers some advice.

"Check with the board of education before investing your money. You see that the school near the house you intend to buy is the school your children will be permitted to attend," Wolfe warned.

"The selling point of some real estate men, 'and near schools', may

## Contractor Already 19 Days Late

It will be the middle of next week, at the latest, before the city will be able to open to the public the first municipal parking lot.

City Engineer L. R. Gage, who has been trying valiantly to get the 2 1/2 acre facility at Pierce and Meigs open, said yesterday that rain has delayed the project.

"When the rain stops, it'll take at least a day or two to dry out, then require a minimum of another four days to lay the two courses of asphalt pavement," he emphasized.

The private contractor already is 19 days behind his completion date, which was Sept. 21.

GAGE SAID it was just as soon as the lot was finished, it would be opened.

Moxley, chamber of Commerce Secretary Charles Mortenson got on the phone again to include the lot in the existing brief opening ceremony, to tell them to wait at least another week.

Monday night, the city commission discussed at some length the kinds of parking it would permit to be added immediately around the lot.

AFTER discussing Police Chief Ed Moxley's detailed plan for hours of operation and parking charges, commissioners decided on a plan to be put into effect on Monday night, then let Moxley try out his idea for at least 20 days.

They told Moxley temporarily to keep the operating hours to 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. He had suggested extending it to 9 p.m. each night, primarily because of theater patrons.

MOLLEY also recommended that many street meters, mostly in the north and Pierce streets, be operated until the same hour to keep theater patrons from filling up the street spaces.

Donald Cummings, acting chairman of the C of C's parking committee, asked that this decision be delayed until his group could obtain mercurial reaction.

Plans call for 58 parking spaces in the north end of the lot to be on a two-hour time limit at five cents for each hour.

THE REMAINING spaces to the south would furnish all-day parking for 30 cents, or at the rate of two hours for five cents.

Meters will take nickels, dimes and quarters. The spaces in quarters at the north will take the quarters too, but give only two hours parking. Moxley warned that the all-day meters will have bright yellow posts. The red posts are for one-hour parking, while the green posts have a 30 cent meter. The other area green markers now are used only for on-street parking.

## STRICTLY FRESH

Cosmetic manufacturers say that some movie stars don't know how to apply lipstick properly. Nearly all who observed lately saw how a dandy way to remove it, though.

Survey by a group of Japanese art teachers indicates, they say, that school children who favor orange lipstick are more likely to be long for love. Which won't be satisfied if they use on mama's and papa's walls.

Chicago plumbing union official says that plumbers are being high enough without adding the time it takes to change a toilet.

Dog bit a policeman in Somerset, N. J. Officer's dogging. Dog did the following night. Mox: Never feed your pet 'cop' cakes.

Plentist in Lorain, Ohio, was charged with assault and battery for spanking a prodigier who bit him while the dentist was making a nirocan injection. Dog got a whipping and himself. To prove that there's no such thing as a painless dentist.

## THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

It might be interesting to a student of philosophy why a Los Angeles man, some years ago, purchased a picture of a man whose face was a mass of wrinkles. So much of the world of today's babies is made up of wrinkles, and now learns from a face that they were in our own childhood.

Now it can be told? Six hundred million years ago Hawaii was a lush, Magisteric Pale of the world. This information has just been released by England's Cambridge University, working with learned professors at the University of Arizona.

They said they found proof of this from experiments on magnetic rocks in the U. S. A. and Europe.

Boy, what a climatic change! From Eskimos, polar bears, penguins, and black ice caps to Waikiki Beach, hula hula dancers... and expensive hula parties during the tourist season. Indeed, times do change.

President Eisenhower's administration has been assailed by leading Democrats and numerous labor leaders as "soft" for big business.

Well, what's wrong with having an administration that is friendly to business? Isn't business, and industry, that create jobs? And isn't the United States today enjoying peak prosperity? Why are there such critics, anyway?

The answer is a simple one: policies, regardless of party, thrive on criticism. Indeed, if the present administration were composed of Jesus and the Twelve Disciples, it would be subject to partisan criticism.

Sports occupy much of the time and attention of millions of Americans... and that is wrong with that? So long as it is kept clean, it is a harmless, and healthy, sport of any type is good for the brain and brawn of mankind. But in scholastic sports, this is not true. (See THIS & THAT, Pg. 2, Sec. 1)

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