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How many times you may hear another speak negatively, pessimistically about something or somebody? These utterances, for the most part, are unnecessary and unwelcome. If you are the one who speaks them, it is best to stop it. You would try to quit this habit.

78TH YEAR—NO. 32

4000 F Workers Start on Drive

A near capacity crowd of "Torch troopers" gathered at Cranbrook Gymnasium Monday for the annual campaign luncheon that signals the opening of the 1955 United Foundation drive in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area.

Businessman Loren Babcock keynote the drive in behalf of the community agencies which depend on the Torch Drive for funds.

Walk-known for her services to many of the agencies, including Children's Hospital, Mrs. Babcock told the group the success of the record campaign being undertaken could be measured closely by the participation of local women.

NEARLY ONE out of every ten women in the area is contributing a share of time to the campaign, she pointed out. Personal contributions by women are usually accounted for the bulk of the necessary quota, she said.

General campaign chairman Irving B. Babcock, officially opening the drive, reminded the volunteers they have three short weeks to raise the record \$200,485 quota.



CRANBROOK HEADMASTER Harry Hoyce helps Torch Drive luncheon guests to coffee. He is a member of the United Foundation Advisory Committee.

THIS and THAT

By G.R.A.

Gov. Craig Defends Law and Order in State of Indiana

Indiana Gov. Craig has declared martial law in the New Castle area where a strike exists between members of the U. O. and the management of the Perfect Cello, which closed by several days a clash between the non-striking and striking employees, during which blood was shed.

Upon declaring martial law, the union leaders loudly shouted that the Governor was "holding property rights above human rights."

NOT TAKING either side, I must offer praise to the courage of Gov. Craig. After all, his initial action was in the name of law and order, in the defense of life and property.

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Turmpike Stands Reaffirmed by Opposing Groups

By BRUNO KEARNS

The flame on the controversial 113-mile turmpike burned at both ends Monday night.

Anti-turmpike forces, numbered at more than 500, gathered at Devon Cables to set up their battle front while members of the Senate and House committees on roads and highways were meeting at Dearborn Inn to hear a report from George N. Higgins, turmpike authority chairman.

Under the sponsorship of the Citizens' Action Association, representatives of 100 municipal committees and 100 township committees, including Southfield, Franklin, and Bloomfield, were called on to support the anti-turmpike position.

VANDERKLOFF attempted to refute Higgins' claim that "he has the approval of 95% of the communities along the turmpike route," and he charged the MTA staff with making "misleading statements."

The turmpike will cost 154 million dollars and not 164 million dollars as Higgins claims, so what happened in the office, 10 million dollars' worth of money, was a lie.

IN A statement, the press last week, Higgins said, "one by one the objections to the turmpike are disappearing."

ELLSWORTH E. Kramer, president of the Forest Improvement Association, said, "We oppose the turmpike because of the very limited access to it, which is opposed by the Forest Improvement Association."

WORK ON the Adams station began in September 1954 and the building was being in August 1955. It is a two-story building and provides a control board for wells, automatic pumping system, apparatus room, dormitory, recreation-class room, kitchen and dining facilities, and a rest room.

Visit Your New Fire Station This Sunday

Birmingham residents will have an opportunity to inspect their city's two new fire stations when special open house ceremonies at Chesterfield station and Adams station are held this Sunday from 1-5 p.m.

Water Still Is Delaying Parking Lot

Any more of this inclement weather and Birmingham City Engineer L. R. Gare will be ready to buy a slightly used circus "Big Top" to keep the municipal parking lot dry so the asphalt paving can be put down.

ALREADY 26 days behind schedule, the private contractor for the past couple of weeks run into enough wet weather which prevents application of the hard surface.

GARE says he's getting so that he barely can get a drop from the water cooler outside his office door. "Whenever I see more than a teaspoon of water, one time, I get nervous," he said.

THE REST of the lot is ready to go—the parking meters have been installed, the lighting is ready, the customers are waiting. And the contractor is waiting for a job to start.

CITY MANAGER D. C. Egbert is hoping it will be ready for opening this winter. However, for an official opening ceremony committee, being arranged by Chamber of Commerce, is planning for the opening of the lot on Oct. 29.

FIFTY-EIGHT spaces on the north end of the lot at Pierce and Morrill will be limited to two-hour parking, at five cents per hour for five cents.

SIX COUNTIES May Survey Water Needs

Oakland county is among six counties in the state which are being sought to insure that population increase does not surmount the board's capacity.

EDWARD Connor, Detroit city councilman and chairman of the Supervisors' Inter-county committee seeking the authority, pointed out recently that "less than five per cent of the water increase could be taken care of by existing water systems in the Detroit area."

THE AUTHORITY would need between \$800,000 to \$1 billion for the surveys, basing on 1950 population increase in the six-counties of 1,800,000.

THE BUILDING, all on one floor, will be used for the fire chief, fire marshal and fire prevention bureau, apparatus room, dormitory, recreation-class room, kitchen and dining facilities, and rest room.

Foreign Students To Spend Weekend

To Birmingham this weekend will come 20 University of Michigan foreign students on a study tour under the sponsorship of the United Church Women.

Disaster Controls Ready for Study

A general disaster plan outline for Birmingham will be up for discussion Monday night by city commissioners, along with a proposed civil defense ordinance.

Town Hall Starts 2nd Fall Series

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Madame Wellington Koo will open the second series of Birmingham's Town Hall when she speaks at the Birmingham theater at 11 a.m. today.

THE wife of China's ambassador to Washington will inaugurate the program of duplicate Thursday and Friday morning programs brought about by the popularity of the series last year.

Following both stage appearances, Madame Koo will be guest of the Town Hall at a debonair luncheon in the Birmingham country club.

SEATED WITH her at the speaker's table will be the Rev. Harold E. Towne, pastor at St. James Episcopal church, who will introduce her at the theater and Mrs. Charles J. Shan, chosen to present Madame Koo at the luncheon.

Others at the table will be the Hon. David Thompson, Mrs. Norvell Hubbard, Mrs. Ruth W. Moore and Mrs. Ralph H. Bachman.

A SPOKESMAN for St. Anne's, Town Hall speaker, said a group of 20 from Elton school will lead the lecture and be part of a live orchestra.

COMPLETING the Town Hall series will be Dr. Murray Backs, speaker and psychologist, on Nov. 10. 11:30 a.m. at the luncheon.

ANOTHER Party Added To City's Halloween

Another post-party has been added to the annual Halloween party. Roland Reese, chairman, said this week.

A party will be held at Adams school to provide fun for the 350 junior high school students there, Reese said, operating on the same basis as the customary party at Barnum junior high.

"Barnum would be overruled," he said, "and the Adams group asked if it might have its own party. They'll have dancing to a live orchestra, games, and prizes of course prizes and refreshments furnished by the general committee."

"WITH the cancellation of outdoor acts, the Adams party is held in the gymnasium, with the use for additional funds, he said.

TRICK 'N' TREAT

Birmingham youngsters are asked to make Saturday, Oct. 29, 1955 "Trick or Treat" night, rather than Sunday, the day he has been traditionally observed.

City Asks New Trial in Suit Over Zoning

It took only 10 minutes Monday afternoon for Oakland County Circuit Judge Frank Doty to decide Birmingham's zoning ordinance was "unreasonable" in that it prevented Mrs. Alma B. Grimes from using her property at 227 W. Frank for income bungalow purposes.

HE ORDERED a writ of mandamus issued to compel the city to grant her a building permit for the two-family dwelling.

CITY ATTORNEY F. S. Haswell that evening told Birmingham city commissioners that he had never experienced a similar hearing. They agreed with him.

HE SAID C. K. Patterson, Mrs. Grimes' attorney, hadn't even finished questioning her when Judge Doty announced the zoning ordinance was "unreasonable," and ordered the writ issued.

COMMISSIONERS immediately instructed Haswell to file a motion for a new trial, which he said he probably would do by the end of this week.

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STRICTLY FRESH

Los Angeles laundry manager turned down a man seeking a job because he was too old to work a "colder" Fellow was young enough, though, to take manager in the "colder" game back and called him off 4900.

Man by the name of J. Walker was arrested for offense of the same name in Los Angeles, Calif. Sorry we can't report that the arresting officer's name was young, but some days you just don't get a break when concocting this column.

Fellow across the desk from up said the perfect system for getting out of yard work. He lets the leaves pile up until he can't find a place to put them.

THE snow shovel he left out last spring which blocked the garage door so that he couldn't get the lawn mower out all summer.

Halloween holds no terrors for us but we're scared silly of the "colder" Fellow who is just around the corner.

Stoopy party who wanted some secret information on how long the atomic powered sub Nautilus could remain submerged was told by Navy Secretary Charles S. Thomas that it "only surfaces to re-charge the 'atom' power, please, my."

