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Most of life's problems are spawned from economic lack, or from marriage or adultery, these are related with the mess of jealousy, infidelity, unkindness create problems that hurt many others.

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1000 More Expected at City's Halloween Party

THIS and THAT

By G.R.A. This paragraph is written as Britain's Princess Margaret and her escort, Capt. Townsend, are weekend guests at the Windsor Forest castle of her cousin. We trust this couple, giving the evidence of being deeply in love, are enjoying each other's company as all lovers should.

To Investigate Land Purchases of Troy Officials

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS TROY—Two township officials have been ordered by Asst. Attorney General Wilbur DeYoung to bring to a meeting today records and information of a corporation which holds options on land eyed by a racing syndicate, or face possible grand jury investigation.

Friday Night Opening for Parking Lot

A Friday night opening for Birmingham's first municipal parking lot has been set by city officials. It opens this weekend, said City Engineer I. R. Fare.

Decide Long Civil Defense Ordinance Might Be Better

It appears Birmingham's civil defense ordinance will be fairly long. City commissioners agreed the preamble can be shortened, and expect to approve the final draft at their next meeting.

Losses \$1,500 Pin

A \$1,500 diamond pin was lost last week by Mrs. Frank Pierce of 421 Arlington, Birmingham, according to police.

Files of The Eccentric Now Are on Microfilm

No longer will librarians have to struggle up from the basement with dusty, cumbersome and sometimes heavy volumes of The Eccentric for patrons who want to look back over the years for special items. Now on microfilm at Baldwin public library is a complete file of the papers from its first issue on May 2, 1878, to March 10, 1955.

City Not Ready for Annexation

Ten days is way too short a time to consider the advantages or disadvantages of annexing about one-eighth of a square mile of Southfield township, Birmingham city commission agreed Monday night.

Capacity Audiences Welcome Mme. Koo

Tiny and chic, Madame Wellington Koo opened the Birmingham Town Hall series Thursday and Friday at the Birmingham theater, and a capacity audience at both performances heard the Chinese ambassador's wife discuss the culture and civilization of her homeland.

VanDusen Demands Apology From Anti-Turnpike Leader

Representative Richard C. Van Dusen this week refuted statements and requested a "public retraction" by Robert Vanderkloot and members of the Citizens Protective Association which a week ago made charges against the legislator for his pro-turnpike stand.

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Before commissioners was a letter from Robert F. Stansberry, president of the Beverly-Golfhurst Assn., asking the city to say whether it would favor such annexation—and asked for the reply by Nov. 3.

UN Anniversary Plans Completed

Chairman of Canada's delegation to the United Nations, the Hon. Paul Martin will be the main speaker as Birmingham observes the UN's 10th anniversary tomorrow night.

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Businesses Are Hosts To Children

It's ready—the big community-wide Halloween party when 6,000 Birmingham boys and girls are guests at business and professional men and women for an evening of parading, eating, having fun and receiving prizes.

Trick or Treats On Saturday Nite

Saturday's trick or treat night. Householders will have hundreds of weird characters chanting the "help the poor" refrain on their doorsteps as they seek the traditional treats or, in the modern trend, ask for items which can be used in the UNICEF program for needy children.

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STRICTLY FRESH

Thieves in Meriden, Conn., stole a \$200 set of drapes, curtains and bed 'em. The boys skedaddled to beat the band.

From time to time The Eccentric gives you feature articles about the interesting hobbies of local men and women. Some of these hobbies are retired, while others still work at their hobbies away from regular work activities.

If you have a hobby, or know someone who has, and would like this newspaper to feature it, just call our news department. We'll do the rest.

Adlai Stevenson apparently wants another try at the Presidency, now that President Eisenhower probably will not run for reelection.

Well, why not? Dreamy as he is about many things, we expect Adlai to be a better Chief Executive than either Truman or Eisenhower. He is an opportunist, still trying to "cash in" on his TV show of two years ago, when a U.S. Senate Committee was televised while investigating gamblers and racketeers.

It is rightly suggested that if you use our Full Turnpike you'd better KNOW that you're taking it full, or arrange to have a gasoline truck stop. A newspaper reporter recently had 175 minutes for help when his tank emptied. Gas stations along this new highway are few and far—very far—between.

See where many newspapers are publishing stories about Vice President Richard Nixon, who is being mentioned as "about all of other potential" Republican candidates to succeed Ike.

Our own belief is that the job is heavy for so young a man. But maybe he might make the grade, at that. To be sure, there were many Presidents of the U.S. who were far older than Nixon. (See THIS & THAT, Pt. 4, Sec. 1.)

Table with 3 columns: Amusements, Section, Page. Lists various entertainment options and their page numbers.

some portions of the lot may have been closed temporarily while the contractor touches up some spots and while the city paints grille lines. A brief opening day ceremony, being planned for 7 p.m. under the direction of the Chamber of Commerce.

It also will pay the first evening parking on the lot in conjunction with its current Friday night "Jubilee of Values" staged by Birmingham businesses.

IN THE May 23 vote, Barnard, along with Trustees George W. Ford and township clerk Clifford Truedell, voted against the track, while the majority was behind it and how such problems as traffic would be met, Barnard said.

"The Chinese of the track were Trustees Lyle W. Walker, Elmer W. Lowe, Hildebrandt and Treasurer Hildebrandt.

"I've known these board members for a long time; I have a great deal of confidence in them," said Barnard.

SINCE the board met and tabled the track proposal following a public hearing Oct. 11, track officials have brought plans of the Ford and township clerk Clifford Truedell, voted against the track, while the majority was behind it and how such problems as traffic would be met, Barnard said.

Heger's partner, Harry N. Dell, said the purchase of a viewer, the remaining 25 per cent of Enoch Koo, Heber holds a similar amount of the stock, said DeYoung.

THERE WERE approximately 75 older volume dealers, Jeanne Lloyd, librarian explained and to bring old volumes from basement

Madame Koo traced the progress of the Chinese woman in recent years. How she has branched into a world of careers, her place in the political and economic life of her country and her modified adoption of western ways.

"Madame Koo spoke of family relations, the esteem in which parents and all old people are held, and the attitude they in turn, have for youth.

"MARRIAGE customs of China she discussed at considerable length, showing how certain "signs" were taken into consideration so that the one party of a marriage would not be a "tiger" and the other a "mouse," an unfriendly combination.

"In many countries beauty as shown in the picture at all. It was the position of authority. Unless jealousy was not obliged to engage in hard labor.

"This fashion has been outlawed for women, including cosmetics for persons in marriage in China, today is being continued."

"Young girls learned household tasks early and constantly were being trained to be obedient wives and good mothers.

"This HAD a remarkably light impact on the first wife. She was the mother and remained so. The concubine traveled with the husband so the first wife could remain at home and continue in her position of authority. Unless jealousy made her uncomfortable, the presence of a concubine in no way threatened her position."

"This practice, like the binding of feet, has become unlawful, however, marriage in China, today is just about the same as it is here—young people fall in love and marry and go on to face the same trials and joys that young Americans face.

STANSBERRY'S letter indicated the legal complexities in any such annexation would have to be solved because Southfield township presently may be in the transition stage to a city.

STANSBERRY'S group is not the only one in the Beverly area which is considering a move in Birmingham. His decision on preference to staying in the new city of Southfield. However, it is the first to publicly make known its desires.

EGBERT SAID the area, comprised of homes between \$10,000 and \$30,000, would be a "relatively new" area. He said the area is quite similar to Birmingham's.

"It's not an easy decision to make, but I think it's a very intelligent analysis," the manager said of the proposed annexation.

Another factor the commission considered was that it might be more logical to have the entire 14-mile boundary moved south a mile or two, and its character to be at just one point.

"In view of the fact that your statement was false, I shall appreciate your prompt public retraction," said Van Dusen. It is an insult to my integrity that it might do little credit to you or your organization," the representative added.

"I CAN appreciate that it may improve hands on some whose property will be directly affected," he added.

Further improvement of parking along Hunter Blvd. will be considered in talks with teachers' lay officials, city commissioners have ordered.



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