



but anyone is not required to eat food he doesn't like, so one is able to choose what he reads, what he listens to, what he thinks he wants to make. In intelligent exercise of one's freedom, no such things are necessary for right living.

THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Maybe I am prejudiced (for he says) you delivered my only daughter dead, but I'm always happy to learn that Dr. George P. Rayne is being recognized by those who know.

This distinguished and dedicated local physician and surgeon last week was honored by the following members of the Oakland County Medical Association: they selected him as "Doctor of the Year".

In my opinion, he is fit candidate for that honor on a national basis.

Paul Foley, 1211 Willow Lane, is executive vice-president of McManis, John & Adams, well known national advertising agency, headquartered in Bloomfield Center. Recently he had to refuse a request from the Michigan government to serve as chief press relations officer for the agency.

Too much pressing business at the agency prevented his acceptance of the important assignment, which only proves that more able men make their homes in this good area.

As I write this, no new buyer has acquired possession of the Detroit Tigers baseball team. Admitted to be among the few best such enterprises in the league, no doubt more than one bid will be offered, but let's hope that the ownership remains in the hands of Michigan people!

Three British electronics engineers are reported to have developed a teddy bear designed to put people to sleep. The bear is filled with air, which in turn is pumped out, then in, and so on, slow, rhythmic breathing aids the brain to slow down one's own breathing rate, thus allowing one to relax and go to sleep. Folks who don't like to cuddle teddy bears may buy pillows that do the same.

Now we know why so many of our grandchildren still like teddy bears.

Of this you may be sure in 1955: Both major political parties will engage in very heated competition. The Republicans will argue that they have slowed down the nation's drift into socialism. The Democrats will argue that they are opposed to socialism, that they only accept those parts of it that will benefit voters.

It will be a tremendous contest for the high stakes that accompany federal control of the U.S.A. Much that both sides will say will be sincere, half-truths, snarls and delusions.

Only the exercise of non-partisan intelligence by the voters will prevent any of the quackery and demagogues from taking over.

November 6 to 12 has been set up by President Eisenhower as "Education Week." Here is a fine opportunity for good citizens and both their minds and their hands in the cause of better educational standards in this whole nation.

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To Explore Stronger Recreation Program

A stronger, better coordinated, more effective recreation board will be considered tonight at a special dinner meeting of the board, the Birmingham city commission and Birmingham school board.

Commissioners discussed their general ideas of improving the local recreation picture at a special committee meeting Saturday morning.

THEY AGREED THEY WOULD like to see an approach to a more vigorous program made on the basis of a school district unit, with all city and school facilities regulated by the recreation board (except those which are restricted in order to preserve their characteristics, with expense shared either on a per capita or school population method, which ever appears the best).

Such a school district-wide recreation program, if it could be established, commissioners believe, could prevent the outlying areas from building up so fast that recreational areas and facilities were forgotten.

B'ham Rotary to Host One-Day District Meet

One hundred Rotarians representing 42 clubs throughout this area will attend an all-day institute beginning at 10 a.m. Monday in the Birmingham Community House, it was announced today by Victor Pegg, president of Birmingham Rotary.

The institute will deal with Rotary local and international information, and the classification system of membership among other subjects. It will consist of a morning meeting, luncheon at guests of the Birmingham club, and an afternoon meeting.

Dr. Troschke Schmidt of Jackson, district information and extension counselor, will preside, and Kenneth G. Partridge of Port Credit, Ont., director of Rotary International for Canada and chairman of the international executive committee, will be principal speaker at the luncheon meeting.

ACCORDING to Pegg, attendance at the institute will consist of the presidents and information and classification committee chairmen of the 42 clubs in district 222, plus the entire membership of the Birmingham club at luncheon.

Partridge is a prominent lawyer in Canada and besides other official posts is a member of the Rotary International constitutional, redacting committee, and of the Canadian advisory committee.

May Eliminate Slab To Trim Rink Costs

In its attempts to get some sort of ice skating rink for the \$140,000, it has to spend on it, the Birmingham city commission next week may decide it must eliminate the concrete slab which was to be used in the summertime for tennis, volleyball, shuffleboard and similar sports.

This has been at a letter to the city this week from the architectural firm. It said approximately \$100,000 could be saved by not constructing the slab, and this amount would largely make up the cost difference between steel piping and the plastic pipe originally contemplated.

"It is feasible to omit the slab and build on the sand 'base,' said the letter.

MAYOR Charles Renfrew said the commission would consider the suggestion at next week's meeting.

Last April, voters approved a \$125,000 bond issue which was represented in pre-election publicity as "adequate" to provide the rink and \$15,000 worth of parking.

Lately, the commission has wrestled with mounting costs which result primarily from a larger shelter building. Architects now estimate the ultimate cost at nearly \$150,000, and the city has about \$15,000 in park improvement funds it plans to add to the pot.

Too, the city is in the midst of re-evaluating bids on the ice-making machinery, and the subsequent contract may add considerable more dollars to the problem.

Van Dusen Supports 'Pike Route'

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL

Rep. Richard Van Dusen of Birmingham this week declared himself in favor of the proposed Michigan Turnpike Authority's route through Southfield and Bloomfield townships.

"After studying it, I'm certain that route is the best that can be devised," Van Dusen said. "I've studied it almost as much as (George) Higgins (newly appointed MTA chairman)."

Van Dusen's statement came as he left Monday morning's Economic Club of Detroit meeting where he heard Higgins and State Commissioner Charles M. Ziegler debate the relative merits of freeways and toll roads.

SOME MONTHS ago, Van Dusen was critical of the turnpike proposed location, which has caused considerable alarm among Franklin Village and Foxcroft subdivision residents.

Next month the state supreme court is expected to rule on the legality of the turnpike act, and then, Higgins said Monday, the authority will immediately sell the bonds and have the 113-mile Rockwood-Saginaw turnpike in operation in 30 months.

THIS CONTRASTS sharply, he said, with the highway department's slowness on the 26-mile path between the Ohio line and Rockwood.

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HE SAID 5,000 miles of state roads need to be modernized in the next 10-15 years, and he could speed it up by \$100 million. When he (Ziegler) told me the cost of the freeway to (East City), I want to be sure of it."

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Increase For B'ham \$31,872.45

Re-alignment of Waterford township's assessed valuation as equalized last week during a hearing before the State Tax Commission in Pontiac, changed tax figures for every community in the county.

Waterford's state equalized value dropped about \$1,400,000, causing an increase in some communities' assessed value, while others dropped to bring them in line with the re-evaluation.

Royal Oak saw hardest hit with a \$57,319.92 increase while Bloomfield township benefited most with a \$10,138.45 reduction.

All figures here were presented at the hearing last week by the state and as yet have not been confirmed.

Area cities and their increases are: Birmingham, \$31,872.45; Lathrup, \$1,648.25 and Bloomfield Hills, \$1,572.75.

Southfield township was upped \$18,453.13, while West Bloomfield township was required to pay \$15,334.69 more than before Waterford's appraisal.

Lydia L. Anderson, Waterford township supervisor, said she based her appeal on poor sampling of the township and the fact that the township had not been equalized anywhere near 1950 figures.

State tax commission is expected to confirm the figures sometime this week.

Sec. of State Branch Moves Location Again

Just who actually has the Birmingham branch of the Secretary of State office in the downtown area this week, The Birmingham Eccentric has discovered.

But for the next few weeks, its business is being handled at the local branch of the Auto Club of America, 500 S. Hunter Ave.

The AAA says the arrangement was made by the Birmingham agent, George Schute, 312 S. Woodward, says he still has it but the office location is being changed and the secretary of state's office has asked the AAA to take it over for a while.

For the past several years—until February this year—the local office was held by the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce. Then it was transferred to Edwin P. Dowd, who relinquished it to Schute several months ago.

Turn Down Rules On Swimming Pools

Restrictions on private swim pools—primarily pool draining, heating and chlorination—have not met the Birmingham city commission's approval.

By a 4-3 vote, the commission this week turned down a proposed ordinance on the basis that it was an invasion of private rights.

Commissioners Eugene Willett, who sponsored the measure, and James Allen and Manley Bailey favored it.

STRICTLY FRESH
Lady in Brandon, Miss., is suing the county for alleged injuries suffered when a racing party, chasing a boulevarder, knocked her out of her rocking chair. She once tasted some legally bottled stuff that would set you rocking in a straight chair.

Weatherman in Oklahoma City, reports that the office roof sprang a leak during a recent thunderstorm. Fellow's nearly out of his mind. No one he can call up to blame for lack of information about the storm.

A Waltham, Mass., firm is selling a back-yard roller toaster kit. I'll never replace a roller steak on the stairs for unexpected sweeps and thrills.

Horse racing friend of ours, after long practice in disparing the new baby, proudly announces he's come up with a winning "daily double."

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Famous Sculptor, Carl Milles Dies

Resident sculptor and head of the department of sculpture of Cranbrook Academy of Art for 21 years, Carl Milles died Monday at Chicago, his home near Stockholm, Sweden.

At Cranbrook he executed many important monumental works for U. S. and European cities, including the famous Orpheus fountain for the Stockholm Opera and Temple in bronze, without the central figure of Orpheus, which stands in front of the Cranbrook Academy of Art Galleries.

CRANBROOK, with 72 of Milles' fountains and sculptures, has the largest collection of his work outside of his home, now a national museum in Sweden.

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Next week's Eccentric will feature a special section on the salaries of top public officials. This information is compiled from various sources and is being published for the first time in this area.