

To many, drinking and smoking are considered vices. Yet there are many others they should include in such a list — not the least of which are being generous, indulgent, selfish, and a host of similar negative qualities.

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THIS and THAT

By George R. Averill

Teach Youth to Be Good Citizens And Remain Free

Americans who honestly do what they can to make their system of self-government work, realize that being good citizens is an absolute necessity.

Known for its dedication to the best possible society for mankind, Rotary International has adopted a code, known as "Ten Marks of a Good Citizen."

If all adults would read and digest this code, and then take time every year or two, maybe freedom might work better and last longer. Here is what Rotary says is necessary to being a Good Citizen:

1. He is well-informed on local and world affairs.
2. He is courteous, unselfish, friendly—gets along well with others—is a good neighbor.
3. He is sincere, dependable, and takes an active part in the church or religious community of his choice.
4. He appreciates what others have done for him and accepts responsibility for the future betterment of his community.
5. He is fair and just in his relations with others.
6. He obeys the laws of his community and nation.
7. He votes regularly and intelligently at election time.
8. He is interested in the freedom and welfare of all of the world's peoples and does his part to secure them.
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10. He sets a good example to the youth of his community.

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"Best way for any girl to keep her youth is not to introduce him around," reports a local recently married gal. "From now on, if all she'll have to do to learn how to keep her age."

A young woman's father approached her and said: "Daughter, your young man today asked me for your hand and I gave my consent."

Replying the daughter: "But, father, don't want to leave mother."

Without batting an eye, the mean and nasty father exclaimed: "I quite understand, child. But don't you stand in the way of your happiness. Take mother with you!"

Now that Harry S. Truman has revealed that his to-be-on-in-law will always vote the Democratic ticket, patiently wait to learn (from Harry) 2 more of Margaret's hubby's likes and dislikes.

This is spring, housecleaning (See THIS & THAT, Pg. 2, Sec. 1.)

Commission to Dive Into Pool Rules

Quoting portions of a national magazine article, and fortified by letters from "Worried Mothers," "An Interested Citizen" and "A Worried Citizen," City Commissioner Florence Willett Monday night got her colleagues to take a seven-league step in the direction of an ordinance establishing safety standards for backyard swimming pools.

They asked the building inspector, the city attorney and city manager to bring up for discussion next week a rough draft of a regulatory ordinance.

During the winter months, Mrs. Willett has consistently emphasized that local swimming pool construction undoubtedly will start in strong this spring. Like it will in many other U.S. communities. Her magazine article writer made a similar statement.

"Worried Mother" related how early last spring her four-year-old boy nearly drowned when he fell into the tile of a partially-filled neighborhood pool.

"Except for the clear thinking and quick action of a neighbor's daughter, a girl scout, he could easily have drowned," the letter said.

MRS. WILLETT'S chief concern is the lack of fencing around many of these pools.

A check with the building inspector's office Tuesday brought out that there are approximately a dozen private backyard pools, about half of them already fenced.

Commissioners Monday night were in some disagreement whether or not fencing provisions could be made retroactive.

But they did admit that future building permits could be withheld unless proper fencing, construction, fencing, and any other rules were followed.

MRS. WILLETT explained the reason why the three letter writers were anonymous.

"They didn't want to start a neighborhood squabble, which they felt would come if their names were known," she said. "But I know them and can vouch for their concern."

3-County Water Supply Is Principal Panel Topic

How to solve the area water supply problem will be a major discussion topic when some 100 Michigan municipal officials meet in Birmingham May 2. These mayors, presidents, and other elected and appointed municipal officials represent cities and villages in Genesee, Macomb and Oakland counties.

The annual meeting of Region IV of the Michigan Municipal League, which will be followed by a discussion of the 1956 legislative session, will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Birmingham.

The panel on water problems will lead off with comments from George Schmidt, engineer-manager of the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority. On the panel will be Mayor William W. Donaldson of Pontiac, chairman, and panelists Mayor Howard Kelley of Royal Oak, Robert Heitsch, city manager; E. L. Bemus of the Detroit Water Board and David Magee, Flint Commissioner.

THE PANEL on state services will be moderated by Dr. Lynn Riley of the Institute of Public Administration at University of Michigan. The panel will consist of representatives of these four state agencies: health, agriculture, highways and historical commission.

Banquet and meeting place arrangements are in charge of Birmingham Commissioner Florence Willett.

Regional officers serve as liaison between the league and its member municipalities, and arrange regional meetings which provide officials an opportunity to discuss common problems and exchange helpful information.

The league is made up of nearly 400 Michigan cities and villages.

27 Attending Republican Party State Convention

At a convention of the Oakland county Republican committee held last night at the Hotel Parkside, 27 delegates were named delegates to the Republican party's state convention in Detroit.

Birmingham delegates to the May 5 convention in Detroit are John A. Hedrick, Mayor; Parson's Betty Ellis, and Dorr F. Lovett. Bloomfield Hills will be represented by Henry Wilfong, and Everett F. Hayes will attend from Lathrup.

From Bloomfield township, delegates are Stanley M. Brown, Jamie M. Martin, Elizabeth D. Fisher and Arno L. Hulst. Garner M. Miller, of Troy township, is also a delegate.

DELEGATES AT LARGE include Chad M. Ritchie, Richard C. Van Dusen, John C. Emery, Jr., Revere G. Counselman, John W. Edler, Robert H. Flint, Ralph A. G. Hartley, Marshall E. Jones, George B. Norris, Jr., all of Birmingham.

Others are John A. Roberts of Bloomfield township; Dr. John P. Wood of Bloomfield Hills; Doris Stacey and Edward E. Wilson of Troy township; Mrs. Florence Henderson and John L. Demman, Southfield township; and Hazen Beach, West Bloomfield township.

Clean-Up Campaign Launched by City

With the placement of new, larger, and more waste paper receptacles in the business area, Birmingham commissioners hope to tidy up the downtown area.

They expect the present eight baskets to be augmented by eight or ten. By a 4-3 vote, the commission decided to buy a 348 unit model and thus be able to get more of them at one time.

The three dissenters wanted to get a \$22 standard, empty type of aluminum container even if the city had to spread the purchase over a longer period.

Finalists Agree to Build Evergreen

STANDING IN ORDER OF FINISH are the four finalists in the Detroit News district spelling bee contest held Tuesday at Baldwin school, Birmingham. From left to right are: Virginia MacGregor, Birmingham speech corrector; a spelling bee pronouncer; winner Bill Noch of Barnum school, Birmingham, who correctly spelled "juvenile"; Joan Akers of Kingswood school, Bloomfield Hills, second; Forbes Van Wyck of Baldwin school, third; and Dale Gentz of Troy Union school, fourth.

No Increase in Rek Budget

Birmingham's 1956-57 recreation budget, to be submitted to the city commission Monday night, is expected to be approximately the same as the current appropriation, \$16,000.

No increase is seen resulting from the new recreation director's hand in special forms on which Birmingham shoppers have indicated their like or dislike of a proposed ban on early morning and late afternoon parking.

The budget was ready for the city commission meeting Monday night but a crowded agenda forced the review over to this coming Monday.

New Asst. Mayor Is Harry Denyer

Harry Denyer, Jr. Monday night was named Birmingham's mayor pro tem to succeed Charles Kenney, who moves onto the city employee retirement board as the city commissioner's representative. Kenney declined to serve on both jobs, and commissioners chose to place him on the retirement board.

Unprepared for Court's Speed

When Oakland county circuit court opens hearings on a zoning case Friday, attorneys for both sides are expected to ask for a postponement so further information can be obtained.

Involved are four lots on Southfield road, north of 14 Mile, which the city has refused to return to retail commercial use for owner Fred Greig.

Began only three weeks ago, the suddenness of the case's being brought to trial has surprised both parties. Normally, it is six or eight months before proceedings get under way in court.

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Climax to Five Years Of Effort

By GEORGE W.M. AVERILL

It's taken almost five years, the complications have been many, and the questions have been hard—but the answer is known:

The Evergreen interceptor will be built by six upper Rouge river municipalities to end their pollution of those waters, as ordered by the state water resources commission.

First step in the \$2.7 million project is expected to get under way very shortly from the north end just as soon as the four northernmost municipalities incorporate a junior-interceptor project.

It is evident from reading formal resolutions the state will receive by next Tuesday's deadline from five of the municipalities, who have declared for the Evergreen project.

THE SIXTH, said its chief administrator Eugene Swem, "practically is a member now" except for some legal complications.

Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield township and Lathrup Village are under court order to answer by May 1 how they intend to eliminate Rouge pollution.

Southfield's decree has not been entered, and the hearing is in contemplation because of its in-between township and city status.

LATHRUP this week declared it favors the Evergreen, but if that is not possible of achievement, then it wants the county drain commission to obtain disposal connections direct to Detroit.

Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Troy and Bloomfield township officials met last night to discuss specialities of the North Evergreen interceptor authority articles of incorporation.

In principle, they have agreed to construct the sewer a sump Troy through Birmingham to the disposal plant at 14 Mile and Evergreen.

BIRMINGHAM'S plant would be used until the Evergreen was completed, then the plant abandoned.

But the agreement also will provide for Southfield and Lathrup to join later, or for permanent use by the initial four members if for any reason Southfield's municipality will be unable to formally participate in the Evergreen project until later this fall.

"But we've got the first quarter million dollar payment already in the bank and we've got the authority," Swem commented.

HE SAID the township is anticipating three possible ways to become a member.

1) By late June or early July supreme court decision that would validate a special district. Every citizen that saw voters approve mill (See EVERGREEN, Pg. 2, Sec. 1.)

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