



Until more individuals within a nation are examples of the best that life can develop... until fewer citizens respond to those grosser... until there is more of the brotherhood of man evident, no mere governmental super-structure will insure peace.

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## Renfrew, Ingraham Romp Home in Lightest Election Ever

### HIS and THAT

By George R. Averill

A vast majority of human beings are merely drifts upon the sea of humanity, knowing not whether they go. They have a right to depend upon more intelligent people to lead them rightly. Unless the correct leadership lures them, they will follow incorrect leadership, with voices loud enough to be heard.

News reports reveal that the lower extremities (legs) of Miss Margaret Truman when she marries April 21, will be covered (?) with hose costing \$666. Miss Grace Kelly, who is to marry some two-by-four European Prince in April... (we've forgotten the date) will be satisfied with the same type of habilliment costing only \$150. That's all I have to say on this subject!

Chinese Reds, following the style of their Russian elders, are boasting. Now they assert they have developed a silkworm that is the world's largest. It is, they say, "soft, warm, bright, elastic, and disease-resistant." (Won't be long, probably, before it will be able to weave itself into hose, lingerie, and similar items. Maybe, too, it will be able to put one's initials on the stuff.)

On a recent Sunday TV program a debate was held between Leonard W. Hays, chairman of the National Republican Committee, and Paul M. Butler, who carried the name job with the Democrats. Both men revealed the antics of an ally cat and dog fight... with little light could describe the hour-long program. Each unfairly accused the other of representing an inept, incompetent, almost-American political party.

Several weeks ago, in this column, I reminisced about those long-ago-days back in Cleveland, Ohio, when the chief of the son grade school used to collect marbles from the pockets of her male students... "Betty Brisley" herself a former Denison student, wrote me a brief note saying, "The very first copy of The Birmingham Eccentric really made me feel quite at home in Birmingham...". Thanks, B.B.,... after all, they say a small world, after all.

Actually, those who criticize labor union leaders, holding special meetings and convening in Florida and Honolulu in the winter... earn credits in the summer time, are hardly fair to human nature.

U. S. Post Office Dept. is trying out some right-hand drive mail trucks. Nothing wrong with that, at all. Was Art Summerfield, Flint auto dealer responsible for this switch? He is U. S. Postmaster-General, you know.

During mankind's latest few hundred years on this earth, no nation ever enjoyed the personal freedoms that have existed in the United States. Many of them (See THIS & THAT, Pr. 8, Sec. 1)

## Ironwood's Assessor Coming to Birmingham

Birmingham's new city assessor is Clark Hagstrom, 39, for the past five years assessor of Ironwood, Mich., his hometown. His appointment was confirmed Monday night by Birmingham city commissioners, who had interviewed him at a special committee meeting Saturday morning. He starts here May 1 at a salary of \$7,800.

According to the record, Hagstrom will take over from City Finance Director W. H. Taylor, who since last week has been doubling as assessor to carry out city charter requirements.

In the background, however, is former assessor (since Sunday) Elmer W. Haack, who has been put but setting as assessing consultant till the new man gets squared away.

Hagstrom is married, has two daughters, ages 10 and 6, and belongs to both national and state associations of assessors.



**EDDIE RODGERS, JR.**, his head swathed in bandages, at Beaumont hospital as his mother tries to divert him from thoughts of the pain he feels. Eddie was severely bitten, Monday as he played in his front yard.

## Hunt Setter as Boy Gets Dread Treatment

A three-year-old Birmingham boy recovering from plastic surgery and serious dog bites will have to undergo more of the dreaded Pasture treatment, unless the red Irish setter that bit him is located.

Possibility that the dog might be rabid and a threat to other children spurred Birmingham police in the search. Edward J. Rodgers, Jr., is reported in fair condition at William Beaumont hospital, where he underwent an hour and a half of plastic surgery after he was bitten Monday.

So severely was he bitten about the head that some of the wounds went through to his skull. Though there were no facial lacerations, one serious gash came within an inch of Eddie's eye.

"If neighborhood boys hadn't pulled him off Eddie, the dog might have killed him," said Mrs. Rodgers. "I just hope they find that dog, because every day he's loose, other children are in danger."

Mrs. Bonita Krause, nursing supervisor in Beaumont hospital's pediatric ward, said the Pastor shot had to be started Wednesday, since the dog had not been located. Shots will have to be administered.

Approved by the senate and now in a house committee, the \$150,000 extension will have to be settled before the legislature adjourns, which it is trying to do by this weekend.

VIGOROUS objection to toll roads as a means of relieving traffic congestion has come from several communities along its proposed 113-mile route between Rockwood and Saginaw. Particular opposition has arisen from the Tel-ogack road corridor, in which the turnpike would be for considerable distance.

Bloomfield township and Franklin Village residents have spearheaded this battle to do away with the turnpike authority.

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CLARK HAGSTROM weeks ago thought they had obtained Hattleck's assessor in W. E. Taylor, Hattle Creek city assessor. But Taylor went back to his old job after five days here, citing "personal reason" for his return.

## Proposals Pass; Only 1,334 Vote

In the lightest election the city ever has experienced, a mere 11.2 per cent of the registered 11,963 voters expressed their opinions Monday.

But those opinions which were expressed were emphatically for incumbent Charles Renfrew, Carl F. Ingraham, and the three ballot propositions.

The 1,334 voters returned Renfrew by 1,070 endorsements, with Ingraham only 39 behind with 1,031. This was Ingraham's third time out for the commission. In two previous elections he just missed getting aboard.

TRAILING the two winners were D. Malcolm K. Fill, who gathered 236 ballots, and Omar Hansen with 172.

A city charter amendment providing for integration of city employees retirement system with the federal social security program was overwhelmingly approved, 1,173 to 83.

Sale of three city lots on Hunter level behind Webster also got the nod, 1,123 to 124. Electors also favored an exchange of property at the southeast end of Quorum lake, 1,100 to 131.

SCHOOL Supt. Dwight B. Ireland and Mrs. Cassius Miller, both unopposed for reelection to the public library board, received 1,069 and 1,071 votes, respectively.

Next Monday will see both new commissioners sworn in for their three-year terms. Ingraham takes the vacancy left by former commissioner and ex-mayor Dean G. Beier, who declined to run again after serving two terms.

Renfrew, who was the city's mayor last year, probably will find himself in that position again—if he will accept it for another year. With Beier gone, Renfrew has the most seniority. This may add emphasis to his colleagues' reasons for wanting to keep him on at top job.

TONIGHT AT the municipal building, commissioners will meet to canvass the vote, then go into joint quarterly meeting with the city plan board.

Precinct voters generally remarked on how few voters turned out in their precincts.

Precinct 1 (Chesternfield fire station) voted 16.9 per cent of its 1,339 eligible voters. Only 6 behind was precinct 3 (Adams school), voting 197 of its 1,207 registrars.

In tail end spot was precinct 10 (YMCA) where a mere 63 (or 97 percents) bothered to cast ballots.

City Clerk Irene Hanley said there were other annual April city elections where the total number of votes was smaller than Monday's, but that was when Birmingham was a village and its registered electors correspondingly smaller.

"Never has the percentage gone so low," she noted after checking her records.

## Van Dusen Won't Seek Re-Election

State Representative Richard C. Van Dusen of Birmingham yesterday afternoon announced to his colleagues in Lansing that he is retiring from the state legislature at the end of his term, which expires this year.

Van Dusen said he reached this decision slowly and gradually on what has been "a very rich and educational experience."

HE WAS ELECTED in a special runoff in February 1954 because of the resignation of Howard R. Estes, who left to head the Oakland county home for the aged.

When Van Dusen won out in the regular election that following November, "Being a representative is as much an opportunity to contribute to the state as in any other public service position open today," Van Dusen told The Birmingham Eccentric. "I've tried to make my tenure there reasonably contributive."

He said he intends to resume fulltime duties in the Detroit law firm he is with.

## Only 92 Votes Cast in Hills City Election

Even the most conservative vote estimates before the Bloomfield Hills municipal election Monday proved optimistic when only 92 voters went to the polls to register their unopposed incumbent candidates.

Back into office went city commissioners James A. Beresford and C. G. Eden and constable Homer J. Murphy.

Beresford was top vote-getter with 90, followed by Murphy, 77, and Eden, 84. Henry L. Wolfenden received three write-in votes for city commission and Joseph Sepszy got three votes for constable.

Of the total, 38 votes came from precinct one (municipal building) and 54 votes at precinct two (St. Dunstan's playhouse) which served the southern portion of the city for the first time.

THE VOTES will be canvassed at the city commission meeting Tuesday night and city officers will be elected. Beresford has been mayor for the past two years.

Other officers to be filled by commission members are mayor pro tem, fire, police and highway commissioners.

## 5 Teenagers Hurt As Car Overturns

TROY—Five youths, including two Troy girls, were injured Monday when their auto ran off 16 Mile road east of Adams and overturned in a ditch, according to Royal Oak, Mich., police.

Charles Underwood, 18, of Royal Oak, the driver, was treated at St. Joseph Mercy hospital for nose cuts.

Others and their injuries were: Miss Patricia Parker, 15, of 4225 Livernois, admitted with head cuts; Miss Arlene Mosher, 16, of 1878 Bammoor, facial cuts and bruises; Hi Edigo, 17, of Royal Oak, bruises; and Richard King, 17, of Royal Oak, head cuts.

## No Wind Damage

A check with Birmingham police after the night's high winds revealed that no serious damage resulted from the storm.

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## May Fluoridate Birmingham's Water Supply

Fluoridation of Birmingham's water supply may come with the city's new treatment plant, it was indicated this week.

City commission at its Monday meeting, appeared to endorse Commissioner William Roberts' suggestion that a state health department official be invited here to inform more completely the commission of fluoridation equipment can be added, should that decision eventually be made.

High rentals and down payments have kept Birmingham's housing market from making a comeback since the war, said city commissioners Monday.

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TEN-PASSENGER Volkswagens would circulate along streets north of Maple, east of the railroad, picking up and returning passengers from the downtown area, Ward explained.

The survey there showed 78 percent of the housewives recently interviewed indicated they would use such a transportation system.

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## Family Service Changing Location

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New location will be in a house at 166 Oakland, just east of Woodward. Present location is on the second floor at 102 Pierce.

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## Richard Van Dusen

Richard Van Dusen, State Representative from Birmingham, announced his resignation from the Michigan State Legislature at the end of his term, which expires this year.

## Bus Service Would Start in B'ham's NE Area

A micro bus service, which would begin in the northeast part of Birmingham and in a year be available to the rest of the city, was detailed to city commissioners Monday night.

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Learning that Selfridge Air Force Base uses about 300 packages a month, The Eccentric called there, asking them to save as many stamps as they could. But without help from other readers, even this aid would not be enough.

Tom, who has been working since he was in the sixth grade, had his eye on the \$100 scholarship which has shown interest in Cornell University.

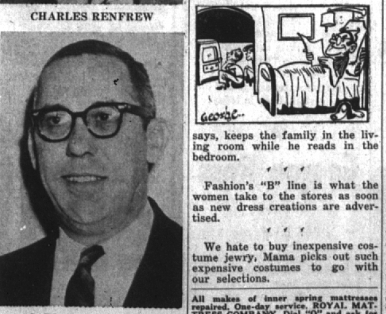
Since he was confined, Tom has done his school work at home with the help of interested instructors who are trying to find him a scholarship but because of his physical condition, see little hope because most schools require good health before they will issue aid.

BESIDES Tom, the Schads have a daughter, Chris, 13, and a son, Kenneth, 12. Both boys have been puzzled over Tom's growth of whiskers. As is the case with most young boys, Tom, with the added advantage of not having to face the outside world, has taken to experimenting with mustaches and beard and presently is sporting a goatee.

Yes, you know, if we all saved one Good Luck margarine wrapper and turned it over to Tom by Monday, he would get more than enough to qualify him for that highly-prized scholarship he wants so badly.

If you do want to help, be sure that the margarine package you buy has the little one-inch good luck stamp on the wrapper.

Tom Schads says, "Thank you."



CHARLES RENFREW

Carl F. Ingraham