



Honestly and sincerely desiring something that is right and good is a form of prayer, whether one uses the words or not. Just keep the thought in mind. Thus, prayer, aided by one's own labors, is the means more often than not of having one's desired desires fulfilled.

Essays Set

ICS and THAT

By George R. Averill

Mankind's Nature Demands Freedom

Human beings require the breathing of oxygen in order to live, physically. Likewise, they require the breathing of social, political and economic freedom in order to develop themselves into more civilized beings.

All of which adds up to the fundamental fact that normal people should and do oppose the pattern of imposed dictatorship.

To be sure, society does impose upon us some slight forms of dictatorship, forms that we may approve of and thus tolerate. A President of the United States, a Governor of a State, a mayor, law enforcement officers—even parents—use in some degree the pattern of the dictator.

BUT WHEN dictatorship is imposed through the use of force, it then meets with opposition by all freedom-loving peoples. Even the present enslaved people in a tyrannical dictatorship are hungry for freedom, as they are for pure oxygen.

Within a considerable portion of the human family, alas! there still remains the urge to achieve power for others; there is within many people the latent, although as yet undeveloped, pattern of the dictator. He is sometimes "benevolent," sometimes just aggressive, by mean and sadistic.

IT IS THUS easily seen that human freedom, wherever it may be at the moment, always is subjected to the inroads of mankind's baser desires.

Freedom is not, in and of itself, a condition of any collection of people. It always must be defended against tyrants.

Whether there be residents of a Kremlin or within the spacious offices of governmental bureaucracy.

A Small Adventure

A couple of tourists were sampling the Maine Coast after the vacation season was over. At one fishing village they came upon a character who was as glad as they were to chat on a remarkably mild October day.

"I suppose you have some adventures in your work," prompted one of the tourists.

"Well, you might say I do sort of. Like yesterday I was pretty well out and one of these sudden fogs came down. Quicker, lighter fog. Well, I just idled the boat, hoping for a clearing and suddenly dead ahead there came a bright pocket of light. And what do you think I saw right in front of me?"

"No idea."

"A clump of rocks. And on it were a lot of prettiest blonde girls, with no clothes on, playing a small hand ball and the other things her hair. Well, we talked (See THIS & THAT, Pg. 2, Sec. 1)

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Detroit Progress Will Aid Suburbs, Mayor Cobo Says

Can Handle Water and Sewer Need

"As far as you are concerned in this area, you can forget your water problems and your sewage problems, because we can take care of you," Detroit's Mayor Albert E. Cobo told a Birmingham audience Monday night.

Cobo discussed progress of Detroit's superhighways, Civic Center and waterfront development, along with water and sewage facilities when he addressed the dinner meet of the St. James Episcopal church men.

He revealed that an announcement would be made in a few days of a private redevelopment project on Detroit's near east side that, in Cobo's words, will be the finest development in the downtown area of any major city. The committee on redevelopment, he said, is headed by TAW president Walter Reuther.

COBO DISMISSED credit for Detroit's progress in superhighways, its Civic Center and other projects since he became mayor seven years ago.

"I don't do all these things," he said. "I just permit the 23,000 city employees to do them with the advance a plan that is practical."

The Detroit mayor's philosophy is that there is nothing remarkable about getting things done, and said that "when you don't get something done it's because someone else is making it difficult or there is a lack of cooperation."

For eight or nine months after that he said motorists will have to use one-way streets around the intersection until the underpass itself is completed.

THE EDESEL FORD expressway, he said, will reach Connors by the end of this calendar year, with the road again going around the underpass.

Among further expressways being considered, he said, are Eastlakes to Oakland to Stephenson thoroughway, and Southfield road, under construction. The number one recommendation.

In covering water and sewage problems a major use will be applied to provide water and sewage facilities to your community."

IF A SEWER is built to meet up with the Detroit Seven Mile-Meyers road plant, Cobo promised that Detroit sewage disposal would have the capacity to take care of that added suburban load, plus foreseeable future growth.

Suburban water needs, too, Cobo said, could be handled by Detroit with the enlargement of the Springwells plant and the building of the new northeast pumping station.

He added that Detroit will not contract with any city unless it builds reservoirs to draw off water in peak periods. With proper restraint with lawn sprinklers and conditioning systems, Cobo said water needs of future suburban growth could be accommodated by Detroit.

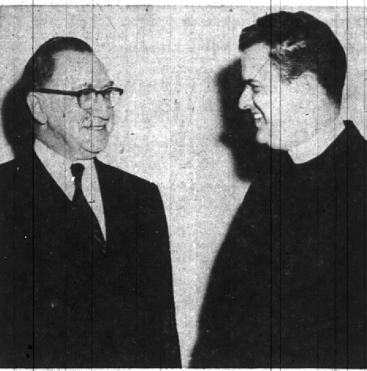
COBO GAVE A detailed account of the progress made in building a modern city where families can live a better life, with a high standard of living.

Policewoman Injured in Fall

A fall on the ice just outside the Birmingham police station Saturday resulted in a broken leg for Miss Winona Singers, 528 Park.

The accident occurred about 6 p.m. as Miss Singers was leaving the police station, where she is employed as policeman and senior clerk.

She was taken to William Beaumont hospital where she will be treated until the end of the week, after which she will be confined to her home for several weeks.



ALONG WITH members of the church's Men's club, the Rev. Harold E. Towne of St. James Episcopal church (right) was host Monday to Mayor Albert E. Cobo. Birmingham Mayor Charles W. Renfrew welcomed the Detroit mayor to the city, and former governor Murray D. Van Wagoner introduced him.

Police Sgt. Emmett To Retire Feb. 22

After 26 years of service with the Birmingham police force, Sgt. Robert Emmett last week announced to Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley that he plans to retire Feb. 22. He and his wife will move to South Bend, Ind.

The day following his retirement, he and several other city employees will be honored for their long service at the city's first annual employee recognition dinner.

Takes Out First Petition

Omar Hansen, 823 East Southland, commission candidate last year, is the first to take out a petition for a city commission post in the April 2 Birmingham municipal election.

According to Irene Hanley, city clerk, petitions must have 25 signatures, and filing date deadline is Feb. 25 at 4 p.m.

Commissioners whose terms expire in April are Charles Renfrew, mayor, and Dean G. Beier.

RENFREW, appointed to office September 1951 to fill the vacancy of Mayor H. Ritchie, was elected in 1953.

When contacted yesterday regarding running for re-election, Renfrew said, "I don't know yet, I haven't made up my mind. It's a little early to decide."

He is a Pontiac attorney, said he will not seek re-election. He was elected to the city commission in April 1950 and served as Birmingham's mayor during 1951-52.

MOTORCYCLE patrol was his chief duty for many years, and he suffered skin burns and cuts in a number of minor motorcycle accidents.

As Emmett himself put it, "I've lost enough skin on the streets of Birmingham to give a couple of them."

Despite the spills he took, which he says were unavoidable, Emmett still believes motorcycles are the most practical vehicles for police use in maneuvering through traffic.

ASKED IF HE ever delivered the Birmingham Press association is Press Emmett's eyes lit up as he replied, "I certainly did!"

He said he had enjoyed his many years in the city.

"I've been treated wonderfully," he commented.

Emmett lived in Birmingham until several months ago, when he moved to Pontiac. His wife is auditor and office manager for a Detroit automobile dealer.

General Excellence Award to Eccentric

For its general excellence, The Birmingham Eccentric this week was named the leader of the state's metropolitan weekly newspapers, pacesetter in the weekly journalism field.

In second place is The Grosse Pointe News, with The Plymouth Herald, publisher of the Wyandotte Tribune.

Other officers are Almon W. McCall, co-publisher of the Grand Haven Tribune, first vice president; Robert S. Marshall, publisher, Openway, County Herald, second vice president; Jack Sinclair, publisher, Hartford Day Spring, treasurer.

Elected to the board of directors E. C. Hayhow, publisher, Hillsdale Daily News; George McCall, co-publisher, Grand County Herald; Ithaca; Vidian Bos, Fremont Times-Indicator; Dale Stafford, publisher, Greenville Daily News; James Tagg, publisher, Farmington Enterprise.

SIX MONTHS ago, The Eccentric was named the nation's leading weekly by the National Editorial Association.

Friday's honor is the fourth state excellence award among the 16 The Eccentric has won state and nationally in the past five years.

The Eccentric's editor and publisher, George R. Averill, was among those living past MPA presenters honored at Saturday's dinner for service to the state's newspapers.

Landry, Fauteck Leaving

By GEORGE W. AVERILL and RICHARD M. KELLEY

Resignations this week of two top Birmingham recreation officials apparently have set the stage for a careful re-evaluation of the city recreation board, with the possibility that it might be converted into a city department of recreation.

Should this happen, it probably would mean the end of the recreation board as such, or, at best, relegation of the board to merely an advisory capacity.

PRESENTLY, the board is the "operating agent" for the city program.

The two who resigned are: Norman Landry, who after only two weeks on the newly created job of full-time recreation director, returned to New Hampshire, and Robert Fauteck, superintendent of Springdale and Eton parks, who is resigning to accept "a position with a future."

This latest development will come as a shock to board members, who only last fall wrestled with the city over the responsibilities, duties, and operations of the board.

AT THAT time, the three public members of the Board—Chairman Mrs. William Jackson, W. C. Cot Allee and Hollie Reese—thought they had resolved in favor of the board the question of how to operate the city's recreation program.

Only Springdale park was to be city-operated. All other facilities, it was agreed, would be placed under recreation board supervision and operation.

These three board members argued that to sustain interest and activity, the board needed to be in charge of actual operations of the recreation program.

OTHERWISE, it was emphasized, the city might as well do the job itself and do away with the board.

How prophetic this latter statement will be still is to be determined.

The city commission is expected to give careful consideration to anticipated reports from both Landry and Fauteck on their past relationships to the board and the recreation program.

Landry's report, which he has promised to send back as soon as possible, is expected to contain a recommendation that the recreation director be given full authority to develop and maintain a recreation program, with the board acting only in an advisory capacity.

HOWEVER, Fauteck, in a parting statement, leveled this blast on the board:

"Eton skating rink, like Springdale park, is under the supervision of the city, instead of recreation board, which does little or nothing towards providing recreation for Birmingham residents."

Fauteck, credited with much of the success of the Springdale Park golf course, which he accepted a position with the C. E. Anderson Co., Royal Oak golfing and park equipment distributor.

"After six years with the city, my future seems limited," Fauteck said, "so under the present setup I see no reason for staying."

LANDRY, who took over the post Jan. 8, submitted his verbal resignation to the recreation board last Thursday night.

Landry told the board it was the "hardest decision he ever had (See OFFICIALS, Pg. 2, Sec. 1)

2nd Hamilton Lot May Lose to One In Southeast Quad

Starting Friday, Michigan's Speed Limits Will Be:



For Daylight Driving and For Nighttime Driving

Birmingham motorists have just today left in which to drive on outstate roads and highways at speeds which they consider "reasonable."

Because at 12:01 a.m. tonight, law enforcement agencies will begin handing out tickets to motorists traveling more than 65 miles per hour in the daytime, or 55 mph at night ANYWHERE IN THE STATE.

Michigan state police caution, however, that the state's basic speed law still applies—it is unlawful to drive at any speed deemed too fast for weather, road or traffic conditions.

THE NEW top speed limits are part of measures passed by a special session of the state legislature last fall which tackled the state highway safety problem.

Along with the speed law, the state highway department will post reflectorized signs at six-mile intervals through the southern part of the state. The 20 by 30 inch signs will advise motorists of the 65 daylight and 55 nighttime driver's licenses, authorized for persons under 18 seeking a license to study the them at night.

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STRICTLY FRESH

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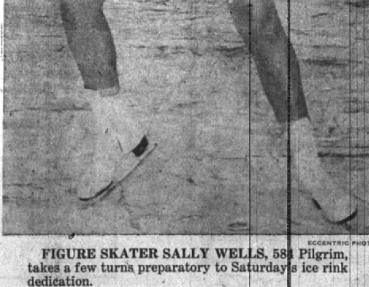


FIGURE SKATER SALLY WELLS, 584 Bicentennial, takes a few turns preparatory to Saturday's ice rink dedication.

Egbert Sees 5 Lots by End of '58

East Maple parking needs may be provided more economically from a parking lot in the southeast business quadrant, rather than a similar lot in the northeast area, Birmingham city commission discovered in its closed committee discussion following adjournment of Monday night's regular meeting.

So City Manager D. C. Egbert was ordered to expedite plans and cost estimates for a 65-car lot on the northwest corner of Forest and Brownell streets (Lots S-E-1).

Tentative costs for this lot will be compared with those for a 68-car municipal lot on the south side of Hamilton at Hunter boulevard (Lot H-1).

REASON underlying the switch in emphasis from H-H to S-E is the sudden realization that H-H's cost will have to include loss-of-income benefits to owners of a four-family income dwelling and a car wash, both of which would have to be acquired.

Three weeks ago, city estimates showed H-H's development cost at about \$1,400 per car space, and S-E's at \$1,200. Monday night the commission saw H-H appraisals which now place the cost in the neighborhood of \$1,800 per car.

Having Egbert can have the Lot S-E appraisals ready, commissioners have set another committee session for this Saturday morning to evaluate the costs.

At their regular Monday session, the commission heard Egbert say it may be possible (from the remaining \$305,000 in parking lot bond issue) to acquire and develop the 176-car Lot 3-A, and acquire lots 2, Merrill and Bates), H-H, and S-E.

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