

If your doctor prescribed and guaranteed a medicine for an illness, and it didn't cure you, how would you value his further advice? When a politician asks you to vote for him because he will cure an economic ill, and he doesn't, what do you think of his word? Think it over.

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## THIS and THAT

By George R. Averill

### A Poll That Is a Poll! A Western Galloping Poll.

Most everybody in this country knows that the great open spaces of the southwest do something to make residents there a sort of peculiar and most interesting breed of people.

The very atmosphere of the southwest sort of restores to humans a mental feeling of being pioneers . . . of living in a condition far removed from teeming eastern cities, with their physical confinement and tempo of hurry, hurry, and hurry faster!

The other day I was handed a four-page brochure gotten out by the Valley National Bank, of Phoenix, Ariz. Herb Gardner, president of the Birmingham National Bank, gave it to me with a chuckle, saying, "This would make good reading in 'The Eccentric.'"

Well, here it is, entitled "Galloping Poll on Outlook for 1956": (Ed. Note: Having rounded up most of the horseback opinions available to date, we find that they straddle the line very neatly.)

49% of the people interviewed are optimistic because inflation has stopped.

49% are optimistic because more money than ever before.

No opinion . . . . . 2%

49% of respondents are optimistic because people are saving more money than ever before.

49% are optimistic because people are borrowing more money than ever before.

N. S. P . . . . . 2%

49% of respondents are optimistic because war is diminishing.

49% are optimistic because government is exercising less control over business.

49% are optimistic because government has guaranteed to take care of everything.

Left grants at home . . . . . 2%

49% of respondents are optimistic because interest rates are rising.

49% of economists are optimistic because interest rates are falling.

No interest . . . . . 2%

49% of voters think Ike will win again.

49% of voters think Ike won't win again.

Other candidates . . . . . 2%

49% of people interviewed report that they are better off than a year ago.

49% feel that it is their turn next.

Don't ask . . . . . 2%

1% of businessmen are pessimistic because things can't be as good as they look.

1% of businessmen are pessimistic because things are too good to last.

Don't rock boat . . . . . 98%

### Quarterly Meeting

Although the agenda items have not been determined yet, Birmingham city commissioners this week agreed to hold their quarterly joint meeting with plan board members on Tuesday, March 27.

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MRS. MILLER and CYNTHIA

## Four Years to Wait for Their Next Birthday!

"A BOY FOR YOU AND A GIRL FOR ME" makes a happy family of three children. Arriving on that rare day, Feb. 29, Cynthia Leigh is the third daughter of the Gustave Millers, 468 West Lincoln, and Gordon Thomas is the third son of the Thomas N. Urquharts, 1041 Norwich.

Cynthia arrived at Beaumont at 3 p.m., weighing 7

MRS. URQUHART and GORDON

pounds 4 ounces and sisters Martha Jean, age 12, and Judith Ann, age 14, anxiously awaited her arrival home. The bouncing baby boy weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces when he made his appearance in New Grace hospital. Four-year-old brother Jimmy is already trying to teach him tricks, while Stuart 8 just appears pleased.

## Two More Lots by December Is City's New Parking Goal

By the coming Christmas season, Birmingham may have two more parking lots in operation.

This possibility resulted Monday night when city commissioners approved City Manager D. C. Egbert's recommendation that necessity hearings be held March 19 on a 66-car lot at the northwest corner of Brownell and Forest.

The other lot, which also may be ready by December, is a 170-car facility north of Hamilton, between Park and Ferndale streets. Necessity for this lot was determined only several weeks ago, and will cost an estimated \$300,000.

Commissioner's decision came after Egbert reported finance studies show the parking system fund would be able to finance the city's 60 per cent portion of the estimated \$106,675 cost of acquiring and developing the southeast lot.

Special assessments on benefited property would bring the remainder.

PROPOSED assessment district includes the business area south of Maple, east of Woodward and west of Hunter, plus frontage on the north side of Maple from Woodward to Hunter, and the west side of Woodward between Maple and Duane.

Financing this southeast quadrant lot from funds other than revenue bonds will permit the city also to proceed with acquisition.

## Seven-Year-Olds Take Long Stroll

Spring fever must have prompted two seven-year-old Birmingham boys to take a long walk away from Baldwin school at noon last Thursday.

Mrs. Joseph Gougan, 30459 Dresden, phoned police at 3:28 to report her son, Charles, and a companion, Allen Stark, had been missing from the school since noon.

Several hours later Royal Oak police advised the hearing was continued until March 19 to permit the city to double check its appraisal.

A city has been told it will cost \$150,000 to take 20 feet from the Ferndale right-of-way through the property of John Gaffill, at the northwest corner of the intersection.

MONDAY night, Gaffill presented appraisal figures he had had made and said they were \$45,000. They would be about \$10,000 less if the city left a 20-foot usable lot, instead of the proposed 17 1/2 feet, Gaffill said.

An accompanying hearing on the Ferndale right-of-way through to Hamilton, together with the proposed paving of both streets, was continued to the same date.

along with a 7-foot walkway.

A MARCH 19 hearing also was set for an \$18,000 alley north off Forest to serve business properties abutting the southeast lot.

Egbert said the revenue bond issue, approved last April by voters, now can be used only for the Pierce-Merrill lot (now in operation), the Hamilton lots, and a recently cancelled second lot in the southwest business quadrant.

Once the city has two years of satisfactory parking program revenue experience, Egbert explained, it can venture into any area with other lots. The city has another year to go for that experience factor.

The Brownell-Forest lot would preclude any parking opposite the lot, the manager said.

## Voting List Total Still Near 12,000 City Clerk Predicts

Voting registrations for Birmingham will approximate 12,000, City Clerk Irene Hanley estimated Monday night at the registering deadline for the April 2 municipal election.

"I think there will be about as many voters dropped from the rolls as those who have been added since last fall," she predicted.

On Nov. 8, by actual count, 12,217 residents were registered, she said.

Registrations cannot be taken until April 3.

MISS HANLEY Monday night secured commission approval for voting machines to use red tinted paper for ballot propositions, and blue-tinted paper for commission candidates (who run on a non-partisan ballot).

Recent state legislation permits municipalities to use these colors in place of the all-white if a city feels it will aid the voter.

April 2 voter reaction will be carefully observed by Miss Hanley and her election boards.

WHAT FUN! Our six-berth cabin was decorated with the basin full of flowers, a clothesline, suitcases over the limited floorpace, and clothes curtaining each bunk.

It was so hot coming over we often spent the night (or what was known as "deck in camp stretchers, waking at six when the decks were washed down.

At Honolulu the typical Hawaiian hospitality prevailed and we were shown the island by members of Rotary club. They were

Marbles Shot  
Into Four Homes  
Saturday Night

A high-powered sling shot must have been used to hurl marbles through windows and doors of four homes Saturday night, Birmingham Police Det. LL Merlin Holmquist believes.

First damage was reported to police at 9:55 p.m. by Merritt Olson, 407 W. Brown, who said someone shot a hole in his front door.

Six minutes later William S. Rook, 120 W. Fifth, said it is expensive as far as New Zealand standards go. Savellys changed to hot on dogs, biscuits to cookies, lollies and sweets to candy, and tea to tea bags—changed to mille.

During the few weeks before (See MARGARET, Pg. 2, Sec. 1)

## Out-of-Town Dog Means Woes for Many Wardens

By JULIE CANDLER

Enforcing a city ordinance leads dog warden Al Sundell to the dog-gonest troubles with both dogs and people.

Canine ordinance violators don't like Al. In fact, once he has impounded a dog, the animal usually streaks away the next time he sees Sundell's orange-colored truck coming down the street.

"Under reasonable control" ticket for violation of the ordinance.

Others complain Al allows too many dogs to run loose on the streets.

Just look at the particularly knotty problem Al had last week when Mrs. Russell F. Manning, 17833 Dunblaine, Beverly Hills, appeared in court to protest a \$6.50 ticket Sundell issued to her.

Sundell didn't catch her dog, complained Mrs. Manning, and therefore she shouldn't have to pay a dog pound fee to Birmingham, especially when she lived outside the city limits.

MRS. MANNING's dog, Sundell testified before Birmingham Justice John C. Emery, was observed in the city on 14 Mile road. Sundell said he followed the dog until it returned to the Manning back yard, whereupon the dog warden rang Mrs. Manning's doorbell, and wrote out the ticket.

Justice Emery explained to Mrs. Manning Friday that the \$6.50 charge was not an impounding fee, but rather a minimum fine, to which is added \$1.50 per day charge when dogs are held at the pound.

It was unfair to residents of Birmingham who are required to keep their dogs under control, Emery said, to permit dogs from outside the city to run at large within the city limits.

MRS. MANNING paid the \$6.50 fine.

Among the many calls received at the police station, regarding

## Dutch Elm Spray Program to Start In About 2 Weeks

The city's fight against the Dutch elm disease is going to be materially aided by the purchase of a new DDT mist sprayer, reported Charles Gales reported to the city commission.

"We're going to start this year's spraying program in about two weeks, or whenever the temperature hits 40 degrees and stays above it," he said.

City spraying will be done only on public elm trees.

Effectiveness of this program, Gales explained, is shown in the reduced rate that city trees have been hit by the disease.

SINCE it was first discovered here in 1952, only 73 city trees have been lost, while 238 have been not contacted by the home solicitors," Mrs. Weinhold said.

"Our work will continue until all reports both business and home are in and all contacts made."

dell will begin work at an earlier hour on some days. Other days he will start later and work beyond usual quitting time.

Meanwhile, "Things are going to the dogs," says Sundell, who loves dogs and people, but finds little response from either as he carries out his duties of enforcing the city's ordinance.

"I have a three of my own at home," says Sundell, "and I really love dogs. But there must be some easier way to make a living."

## 'Won't Run', Dondero Says; Broomfield? ?

Congressman George A. Dondero (R-RO) has announced he would not be a candidate for re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives from Michigan's 18th district.

From Lansing, William S. Broomfield (R-RO) State Senator from the 12th District, asked by The Birmingham Eccentric if he would be a candidate for Dondero's seat, said:

"I am going to give it serious consideration and will have a definite answer within the next few days."

Recent backstage political talk has been that Broomfield would be a candidate should Dondero decline to seek re-election.

Dondero's complete statement follows:

"After careful consideration I have decided not to seek reelection. I have completed 10 years in public life, having been elected to many public offices through the suffrage of a generous people."

"Time does not stand still. It waits for no man. At the end of the present session of the 84th Congress, I shall have served 12 terms—24 years—in the Congress of the United States. For this work, I have had a natural and individual attachment from the very beginning."

"IT IS A rare experience and a distinct honor in the eyes of any citizen to have had the privilege of serving the people of the greatest nation on earth. To preserve our American ideals, upon which our country was founded, has influenced and directed my thinking and decisions during my service in the House of Representatives."

"I am deeply grateful to the people of the 18th District (Oakland County) as well as the 17th Congressional District of Michigan for the honor and confidence in me through the years."

"To have had a part in sustaining the basic traditions and fundamental principles upon which our Republic stands has afforded me much pride and personal satisfaction."

"I am sure the host of friends, who have never forsaken me, will understand my motives in withdrawing from public life at this time."

STRICTLY FRESH

Fellow in St. Paul, Minn., is recovering nicely, thank you, after actually swallowing a knife while doing a knife-swallowing act at a party. He's a genuine party cut-up.

It matters not what the weatherman says. Springtime is officially here, whether or not he holds their first shaving of fall furs.

A budget of means of apportioning your money so that you'll pay up broke two days before payday just like the rest of us.

Anyone who questions the wisdom of keeping candy away from children should remove chocolate cream from an upholstered chair.

It's a mystery to us why anyone denies that the stork brings babies. The stork always presents its long bill to you as a souvenir.

All makes of inner spring mattresses covered in OLYAC and ask for TRESS COMPANY, Dial O-1 and ask for Enterprise 5316.



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