

What a great personal milestone it is when a person is loved and respected by his friends and neighbors. People are quick to overlook mistakes that come from the heart, but not so forgiving and forgetting when they learn that one's heart is wrong.

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THIS and THAT

By George R. Averill
Need Spiritual Dedication for Memorial Day

Memorial Day, often called Decoration Day, is an American tradition that started back in 1868, when the survivors of the Civil War observed a day to place flowers and flags upon the graves of their deceased loved ones who died in conflict.

It is fitting that solemn observance of their passing be an annual custom. It should be a time when all of us turn our thoughts toward seeking a solution to the causes that result in wars not merely to giving thanks to the dead.

In every land those who govern nations have made those sacred acres available to regulate human beings; to keep them out of the barbarism that is the result of the big differences between individuals and between nations.

History shows that mere legislation, as such, does not bring about law and order; do not create human environments in which the good is greater than personal selfishness, personal lust for power and place, may dominate mankind's thoughts and actions.

INDEED, the thinkers of every age have agreed that the mind is "rockers," when it is willing to give up materialism for spiritual riches, will mankind ever find an environment conducive to peace and security.

As I unfolded the American flag at the home of this Memorial Day I paid thought to those who died in the great struggle of the Civil War, and to those who, though still living, are paying in physical infirmities for their military service to their country.

But also I offered up a prayer that contemporary mankind, now faced with the awful destructive power of the H-Bomb, will rededicate itself to the observance of Spiritual Law, and thus perhaps, prevent another Memorial Day also dedicated to the living!

Up at the late George Mason's an 800 sq. ft. cabin, a few miles east of Grayling, there hangs on the wall of the living room a Hindu saying, which reads: "All that does not deduct from man's allotted span, the hours spent fishing." Mr. Mason, former president of American Motors, perhaps loved trout fishing with as much zeal and enthusiasm as did famed Hank Wagon, that Hindu axiom, I think, applies to many other situations than fishing. It seems to me that, usually, man is more so, fits into the lives of all who "go about doing good."

Great and good as the art of fishing may be for people, certainly the art of being a working good Samaritan is a large and most important opportunity for enjoyment of life upon this earth.

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AN AMERICAN FLAG for every home here is the aim of the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce and Boy Scouts. Scouts will be canvassing the city so that all residents may have the opportunity to purchase a 3-foot by 5-foot flag with all attachments. The flag drive is between June 2 and June 8. Proceeds will be divided between the Boy Scouts and several other children's agencies. Standing at the door of a Birmingham home are Roy M. Nelson, Jaycees' flag chairman, Mrs. Barton Duncan and David Samanen of troop B-7.

City Studying 3% Pay Boost For Employees

Salary adjustments are being contemplated for all personnel in the 1956-57 budget now under consideration by the Birmingham city commission.

A preliminary schedule has been prepared based upon 3 per cent on salaries, 6 cents per hour on hourly rates, with a minimum increase of \$125 per year.

Department heads have reviewed these preliminary figures and a final revised salary plan will be submitted to the city commission shortly.

FINAL HEARING on the proposed 1956-57 municipal budget is June 11. Preliminary budget proposals range as high as \$1,697,123, although it is expected that final figures will be somewhat below this amount as commissioners try to hold to the present 19.70-mill tax rate.

The salary adjustment under consideration is in line with changes being made in adjoining cities and follows the general wage pattern for the current year.

Salaries of department heads will be adjusted on an individual basis for inclusion in the 1956-57 budget.

Wider Southfield Gets City Okay
Although owners of more than 50 per cent of the frontage petitioned against it, Southfield will be widened to three lanes between 14 Mile and Lincoln, Birmingham city commissioners decided this week.

Because of residential construction under way along the street, a parking lane and several additional feet of width to present two lanes traffic is desirable, the commission contended.

Residents protested the project as unnecessary and ill-timed because of unknown plans for county road development to the south.

Beginning Next Week in The Birmingham Eccentric

Portrait of Michigan residents of the gray nineties, Leon DeGalan and Pat Little prepare to ride a bicycle built for two in the Michigan historical festival held last week at Vaughan school. Over 800 students portrayed Michigan's history in pageantry, from the Indian through the present day, in a festival titled, "It's Great to Live in Michigan."

Business and Industry Should Let Executives Serve a While in Public Office Says Representative Richard Vandusen In the First of Two Special Articles

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Torchlight Rally Here On June 28

Parade, Floats, Speakers Will Be Special Features

The Birmingham League of Women Voters is gathering forces for June 28, eager to have every eligible voter safely registered and ready to vote in the presidential election this year.

As in their first community rally, staged four years ago, their plans include an old-fashioned Torchlight Parade, an outdoor candidates rally at Shain Park and a birthday party for those who will be voting for President for the first time.

All of these require practical, full-time activity on the part of the general co-chairmen, Mrs. Henry Jackson, Mrs. Bernard Magruder, and their committees. Mrs. Richard Van Dusen and Mrs. James Allen are co-chairmen of the Torchlight Parade. Among other things, they must arrange for floats, bands, color guards, torches, calliope and, of course, refreshments.

ADVICE in this colorful event are committee members Mrs. Albert Weirich, Mrs. E. B. Bono, Mrs. Jean Beier, Mrs. Nell Stack, Mrs. Gertrude Bowden, Jr., Mrs. Floyd Bunt, Mrs. R. S. Plevico, Mrs. Robert Voss, Mrs. Charles Long, Mrs. Charles Tully, Mrs. Paul Bowers, Mrs. William Snelman, Mrs. William Hutchins, Mrs. Donald Graf, Mrs. A. Leslie Schaefer.

Handing decorations and arrangements are co-chairmen Mrs. Robert Ramsey and Mrs. Walter Jackson. With all of the thousands of details that go with dramatizing an important community program (such as sound, painting, banding, park arrangements) they also need many assistants.

Their active committee includes Mrs. John T. Martin, Mrs. D. Hopkirk, Mrs. George B. Peterson, Mrs. John H. Longley, Mrs. Charles Peterson, Mrs. Robert Beck, Mrs. Richard Featherstone, Mrs. Peter B. Loomis, Mrs. Harlan DeWitt, Mrs. F. Chalmers Smith.

THE CANDIDATES Rally, with co-chairmen Mrs. Frederick Robinson and Mrs. Charles C. Layman, will contact the approximately 30 on the primary ticket running for U. S. Representative, Michigan and Oakland county offices.

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"There are signs posted on city roads advising people of the ordinance against dumping rubbish," said Bloomfield Hills Police Chief Stanley Kevern.

"The violation carries a maximum fine of \$100," Chief Kevern added, "and we intend to enforce this ordinance strictly."

Michigan Week Festival Staged by 800 Students

By BUNY Candler
If Paul Julian himself had returned to his legendary home to see over 800 school children portray Michigan's history last week, even he would have agreed, it was great.

"It's Great to Live in Michigan," was the name of the outdoor historical festival presented in Bloomfield Hills by Vaughan school students, with the help of teachers and parents.

Additional help with the ambitious production came from all over the Detroit area.

THE MICHIGAN HISTORICAL museum insured the authenticity of costumes worn by every one of the 800 participants. Curators consulted with the Vaughan fifth graders who visited the museum for each Michigan historical period.

The Henry Ford museum assisted Mrs. Kathleen Flint, Bloomfield Hills elementary school supervisor who coordinated the production, in obtaining an antique automobile to help portray an important phase in Michigan's history.

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