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Though religions offer human beings the heritage of eternity, yet all too often while on this earth's journey is the length of his days... and what one does during those days determines where he has been and where he is going. Why do so many of us accept unwise "defours" on this journey?

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This and That

by George R. Averill

Our Long, Tortuous Struggle to Reach Goal of Freedom

Electing high officials in our state and national governments is a tremendous undertaking—yet so often treated lightly by millions of our citizens. Statistics reveal that a comparatively small ratio of those who vote really are sufficiently informed on candidates and issues to enable them to vote intelligently.

So many of us respond to the appeals of partisanship and our emotional reactions. We may and often do vote for a person because we like his looks, or we may remember favorably something he or she said during the campaign that struck us—like a slogan or a wisecrack.

TAKE THIS FACT of personal partisanship... how do so many of us vote the Democratic or the Republican ticket? Was it because our parents so voted? Or did we gain a deep impression about each political party, including their exaggerations, their demagoguery, their flag-waving orators.

ACTUALLY, Most observers believe, the American citizens pay too little attention to the problems and solutions that confront this business of self-government. You may encounter other millions of persons who know very much about a variety of professions, of business vocations, of gardening, music and painting, and a host of similar subjects—yet who know too little about this business of correct self-government procedures to insure its maximum success.

The other day I was talking with a friend about this problem and I asked: "Why does man accept and apply the physical, scientific laws as he produces things of wealth from the earth, water and air, yet fail to exercise the same methods of following economic, moral and psychological laws in creating a satisfactory civilized state?"

"Why?"

"PERHAPS," I said, "only because man is better able to understand these physical, scientific laws than he is able to understand himself. Somehow, in a sort of a torpid proof that, for example, the Welfare State will not satisfy (See THIS & THAT, Pg. 2, Sec. 1)



PROMPTING THE broad grin on the face of nine-year-old Timothy Cowen is the signature of President Eisenhower. The Eccentric was there when Timothy, of 3280 Bloomcrest, Bloomfield township, stopped at the mailbox on his way home from Eastover school last Friday. Tim was looking for the signature he asked like to send him, to start his collection of signatures. When he pulled the White House envelope from the mailbox, Tim's reaction was "Oh, boy!" The fourth grader said he wanted "nobody but Ike" to start his collection for Cub Scouts.

Describes Legal Aspects Of Disposal Plant's Sale

A special two-part local question will be before Birmingham voters at the Nov. 6 general election. One part asks permission to sell the 17-year-old city disposal plant (on Evergreen road north of 14 Mile) to the N. Evergreen sewage disposal authority.

The other section would amend the city charter to permit Birmingham's joining and contracting with the authority.

Both questions should be given unqualified voter support. The city, along with several others in the area, are entering into this program in order to comply with state orders to cease River Rouge pollution.

FORMER CITY COMMISSIONER, mayor and now member of the law firm handling the city's legal matters, Dean G. Beier this week leads off a three-article series by discussing the legal aspects the special questions involve.

Next week City Manager Harpold Schone will discuss the financial requirements of the N. Evergreen project, while former city manager Donald C. Egbert will wind up the series Nov. 1 with comments on its operational methods.

By DEAN G. BEIER
Member, City of Birmingham's Consulting Law Firm

An affirmative vote on two special questions in the November election... required if the people of Birmingham are to avoid some serious legal entanglements.

The two questions pertain to sewage disposal and are required under the Birmingham charter to (1) authorize the Birmingham sewage treatment plant to be sold to the North Evergreen sewage disposal authority and (2) authorize the city to enter into a contract for sewage treatment with the authority.

The legal difficulties which will result if the people of Birmingham are to avoid some serious legal entanglements... are not at all insurmountable.

THE WATER resources commission, a state agency charged with control over the pollution of state waters, has brought a suit against Birmingham to compel it to stop polluting the Rouge River. Other neighboring communities, served by the Rouge basin, also have been brought into Court by the Commission.

Several months ago Birmingham was ordered by the court to stop polluting the Rouge and was given a certain time in which to abate the pollution. Under the order, the city must report from time to time on its progress.

New Birmingham Bank May Be Chartered

Director For Giant Evergreen

Two important steps that would aid in getting the "Big Evergreen" interceptor sewer constructed and financed at an early date were taken by the Oakland county board of supervisors Tuesday.

It accepted a drain committee recommendation that an Evergreen coordinator be picked to spearhead the project, and directed the legislative committee to draw up proposed legislative changes to permit easier township financing of drains-at-large.

This legislation would permit the country's full faith and credit to stand behind drain bonds. Cities may add their drain financing costs to their winter tax bills. However, townships will have difficulty meeting their obligations share unless the amendments are passed.

Meanwhile, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills city commissions have tentatively approved the cost-sharing plan for the North Evergreen interceptor system. This also concerns Troy and Bloomfield townships.

The plan would include Southfield and Lathrup Villages, both of which are pretty much in the discussion stage.

Winners of highest awards in journalism for his skillful handling of national and world news, Marquis Childs, syndicated columnist and Washington analyst for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, opens the third session of Birmingham Town Hall today and Friday, 11 a.m. at Birmingham Theater.

Childs recently covered the meeting of foreign ministers in Geneva then went to India to review new developments in that important area.

He was quoted at length in Time magazine's recent symposium of election opinion and has appeared in a televised discussion of the Suez Canal problem.

GREETING the audience for the new season and introducing Childs will be Mrs. James S. Moon, president of Birmingham Town Hall Board since its beginning.

Mrs. John Ramsey, president of the Birmingham League of Women Voters will preside at the question and answer period with Childs at the luncheon at Birmingham country club directly after the lecture.

Seated at the speakers' table today will be Mrs. Gordon Hess, Mrs. George Fox, Mrs. Morris Halded, Mrs. Moon, Mrs. Ramsey, and the Rev. Harold Towne, of St. James' Episcopal Church.

At the speakers' table with Childs and Mrs. Ramsey on Friday will be Mrs. O. A. Luedenbach, Mrs. Norville Hubbard, Mrs. Harry B. Coen, Mrs. Richard Sears and Mr. Towne.

Another \$45,750 would be added by the authority's purchase of the Birmingham plant. Birmingham voters Nov. 6 will be asked to approve its sale.

Childs estimates Birmingham's net cost of joining the N. Evergreen will be about \$400,000. This, he says, will be the real cost of the city to try to solve its disposal problems alone, retain the plant and make the required plant additions and improvements.

The N. Evergreen would become effective Jan. 1. It could be abandoned in favor of the Big Evergreen if all six communities can agree on it. That must be done within the next few months if state water resources commission deadlines are to be met in halting River Rouge pollution.

As in previous years, costumed youngsters will gather at 7 p.m. in the spots designated for their particular schools by parade marshals.

Reese said feeding tables at the parade's end will be moved about 100 feet farther south on Woodward this year to avoid congestion after the parade breaks up.

FOURTH, FIFTH and sixth graders will view a movie at Baldwin school after the parade. Barnum junior high school students will attend a party and dance at their school.

Derby Junior high school ninth graders will drive at the Community House, while Derby seventh and eighth graders will be entertained at the school cafeteria. The split-up of Derby classes is necessitated because facilities at the new school are not ready.

At Birmingham high school, students are planning a dance. Refreshments, prizes and music are provided by the local merchants for the event, which co-chairman Reese valued as a \$10,000 party, including costs of the donated citizens' labor.

Reese said the committee's planning would be facilitated if merchants would get their contributions in early.

Also named as a principal nominee to the naval academy is Alan Forler Wright, 315 Pilgrim, Birmingham.

Alan L. Fletcher, of 1088 Oxford drive, Birmingham, was named first alternate for appointment to the military academy, and Douglas Frank Matthews, 17475 New Hampshire, Southfield township, was named a principal nominee for the military academy.



MARQUIS CHILDS

Marquis Childs Opens Town Hall Today, Friday

Detroit Bank & Trust Hours to Stay 'As Is'

Because new hours of Birmingham's recently merged banks cannot be adjusted to accommodate commuting workers and shopping couples, a brand new local bank may be chartered here.

The Birmingham Eccentric has learned that: Pressed weekend hours of the Detroit Bank & Trust Co. will remain as they have been since the merger because effective Sept. 1—open until 6 p.m. Friday evenings, and closed all day Saturday.

A local group of citizens is in the process of finding out whether or not a new banking institution is desired in order to "better meet local suburban-living requirements."

ANOTHER ASPECT of the controversial rearrangement of banking hours came yesterday when Arthur F. Blakeslee, president of the Birmingham chamber of commerce, said he will appoint a special new and larger committee to review all phases of the local impact of changed bank hours.

He said it would include local citizens and professional people, city and county work outside of the city, and representatives of industry and local government.

CHARLES MORTENSON, chamber secretary, is compiling public reaction data obtained from the Bank Questionnaire published last week in this newspaper, copies of which have also been made available to the public in 30 local libraries.

He will, later, turn it over to bank officials for their own perusal, to the end that they may acquire better knowledge of local public opinion on the subject.

Completed questionnaires still are coming in to both The Eccentric and to the C of C, and will be added to earlier returns.

Blakeslee told The Eccentric that Tuesday morning he was informed by Herbert H. Gardner, president of the former Birmingham National Bank and now a senior vice president and director of The Detroit Bank, that the Detroit institution cannot change its present banking hours.

"We HAVE BEEN to Lansing several times to discuss the matter with the state banking commission's office, and have been shown that, when proof of a definite need for another bank can be shown, a charter will be granted," said Wilson.

"Already we have found a considerable amount of feeling among interested people that a locally owned and operated banking service that capital for it easily can be raised."

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Recreation Survey Is Drawing Feeble Response So Far

Bob Girardin is stymied. For the past three weeks, he's been asking Birmingham residents what kind of recreation they want or are interested in.

"So far, results are so meager that any recreation program based on them would be totally out of line, yet I'm getting no help from residents," Girardin declared this week.

The city's recreation director held out the little handful of questionnaires he's received back from the previous three weeks' mailing.

If you believed these answers were representative, we'd put on an annual program devoted primarily to baseball, roller skating and dancing.

Yet I know there are considerable numbers of people who are interested in golf, ceramics, and photography—and I need to hear from them, too."

HE STARTED his job here late last May. And he wants to operate a recreation program designed by the people who will use it.

To three weeks ago Girardin mailed out the first of 10 groups of recreation questionnaires. He estimates that very sixth house in the city will be so contacted.

He said he has not yet been able to indicate your particular family's desires, you can get a copy from my office the municipal building," Girardin emphasized.

In his questionnaire, Girardin lists different facilities and activities which can be part of a city recreation program.

THEY RANGE from archery, basketball, and fly casting, to roller skating, sledding, table tennis, From track and field to wrestling. From bakery and ceramics to plastics and puppets. From barber shop quartets to community singing and rhythm bands.

From folk dancing to social dancing.

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