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Man is well on the way to the conquest of this material world. He has discovered many physical laws, new uses in the sciences, the chemistry of elements, by thinking, can change materials into a machine that flies, cannot man discover and apply knowledge that will lift him above the earthliness of mortality?

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SECTION A

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Bad Roads Bring Out Parents' Protests

Eastover School Closed for a Day

Impassable school roads and teachers' salaries were topics under fire at a spirited meeting of Bloomfield Hills board of education Tuesday night.

The board turned its attention to the road problem first as Merrill D. Bates, president, reported that Eastover school had to be closed Tuesday when it was impossible for school buses or cars to use the quarter-mile-long strip of road from Adams road to the school.

Bates and Superintendent of Schools Eugene L. Johnson told how they visited the county road commission office Tuesday morning with Bloomfield Township Supervisor Arno Hulet but received no satisfaction.

AT HULET'S suggestion, a community meeting has been called tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the high school to discuss the problem. Tony Spina is to be meeting chairman.

Johnson told the board that he and Bates spoke with Commissioner Harry Allen, father of the present Mayor James C. Allen, who said he would like to see a road built from Adams road to the school.

The commissioners also suggested, Johnson said, that the board build the schools closer to Adams road. Johnson's report was that the commissioners then would have to build a road from Adams road to the school.

BATES DECLARED that calling the annual spring rains uncalled for was "ridiculous argument."

"They're refusing to take responsibility for what we are doing. It's like making an excuse for building a school without a road," he said.

Johnson said he had received "hundreds of calls" from parents who wanted to know why they had to let school close Wednesday by letting children out of the bus at a vacant lot where they had permission to cross an acre through a wooded area to the school's back door.

FIRST INDICATION of the road situation at Eastover came Monday night, according to Johnson, when a chain of six cars became stuck in mud and others became mired in the mud.

The board also discussed teachers' salaries and ways to keep teachers in the system. Scott moved that Johnson present a recommendation to the board to raise salaries in general and also to compensate coaches and music teachers.

Declaring himself against "any salary under the state payments," such as summer employment, Scott said, "It's absurd to think that some people get more money than others as well as days with no extra help, as paid the same as others. We need a different kind of salary schedule for these fellows."

DAVID W. LEE agreed, praising the "hard work and good jobs" done during the school year by the athletic coaches and choir directors. Lee and Douglas L. Johnson also mentioned that he and Scott spoke from experience as parents of teachers, that they were should be a base salary with a graduated pay.

1957 Plates Due On Cars Tonight

Waited until the last minute to buy your two 1957 auto license plates?

Right tonight is the moment police officers will start ticketing motorists who aren't equipped with the new 1957 Michigan plates.

Most secretary of state branch offices are extending their last-minute plate purchasers.

Along About This Time We All Could Use One!

For the first time in five years, there was a Headmaster's Holiday at Cranbrook School.

This doesn't mean Headmaster Harry Hoy got a vacation, but 375 Cranbrook students did. There were absolutely no classes all day long on Wednesday, February 27. Day boys didn't have to come to school, and boarders were given the whole day as "free time."

No Contest For Three-Year Terms

Arthur Land

For the fourth time, Birmingham voters will have a "no contest" vote at their annual city election April 1.

When Saturday's filing deadline passed, there were only three candidates who had filed for the three full city commission vacancies.

There will be, however, a runoff for the school board, Arthur W. Land for the first year vacancy of an unexpired term.

INCUMBENTS Florence Willett and William Roberts, together with newcomer William Hutchinson, will file for their respective terms.

1952, present City Commissioner Charles Redford had no opposition in his election to a 1-year vacancy. Eight chairs, earlier in 1944, W. C. Allen and John E. Martz were not opposed for three-year terms.

Back in 1938, Martz and Frank Packard were elected to full terms with no opposition.

LIBRARY BOARD incumbents Harry Allen, father of present Mayor James C. Allen, will find himself re-elected to his fifth full three-year term at the April 1 election.

So will Mrs. Oliver Rodgers be named to the library board for the first time. She and Allen were the only ones to file petitions. Incumbent Mrs. Graham Shinnick declined to run for re-election.

Sign Revisions Allow Billboards

Billboards in Birmingham's business areas still will be permitted under the city's new sign ordinance adopted Monday night by the city council.

Subject of considerable study for some months, the new measure consolidates several separate regulations and modernizes provisions by making several minor changes.

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THE PREVIOUS meeting, Adams had been asked by the public whether it is the function of Birmingham to clear the way for a sign industry.

Commissioners said they could not permit private business' use of public right-of-way. They also would be \$5 fine for recovering any signs police pick up as ordinance violations.

They called for all signs to be inspected at least every three months and that they be subject to a \$2 minimum fine charge, with a \$2 minimum fine charge.

Local Juveniles Steal Car, Throw Away \$400 Watch

Several hours after four youths were seen running from a car which stopped to start her home last Thursday, Mrs. R. Garden Miller, 963 Floyd, Birmingham, noticed a lost property in the back seat.

A few blocks away Edward E. Bissell, 1184 Edgewood, found a diamond wristwatch on the sidewalk.

Reported to police, the incidents cleared up the matter. They were before a 1956 convertible owned by Mary Roy, 17458 Kirkshire.

More's are open

Housewives Begin Calls for Funds For Roll Call

Monday about 1,000 Birmingham housewives began their trading from door to door to collect the \$20,000 which will support the Community House this year.

The home solicitors include many newcomers who will meet their new neighbors as they make calls during the two-week campaign.

"We are proud," said Mrs. Clarence Bloomer, chairman of the roll call drive, "that so many women are willing to spend their time collecting our annual budget. They support the House in the most concrete way of all."

Speakers who briefed home solicitors include Mrs. George Maxfield, Mrs. Harry Graber, Mrs. Howard Liverance, Mrs. George Womhold, Mrs. Howard Morgan, and Mrs. Ewald Schaeffer.

Mrs. Harold Bickner heads the speakers' committee.

Campaigns will be posted twice weekly on the Woodward-Maple thermometer until the drive ends March 11.

Democrats Pick B'ham Woman For U-M Post

With the nomination of Mrs. Irene Ellis Murphy as Democratic candidate for University of Michigan representative at Saturday's Democratic convention in Grand Rapids, Birmingham now has two official candidates for the next post. Mrs. Ethel Jocelyn Watt was named Republican candidate Feb. 9 at the Republican convention.

She pointed out that the government's three-point program includes 1. Junior and community education by Williams and 2. Expansion of existing universities and provisions for greater educational possibilities for more young people.

A LAST-MINUTE change of plans at the convention Saturday caused Mrs. Murphy's nomination to be announced by Birmingham delegate to the convention.

Presenting her name, Mrs. Murphy said, "From her experience and long years of public service Mrs. Murphy's nomination will take in the name of modern universities to train people who will be able to help solve domestic problems which face the nation and to provide leadership to and America to fulfill its duty as a leader of the free world."

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March 25 Vote on 6 Mills For B'ham School Operation



PLAYING ON the floor in their living room are eight-year-old JoAnn Middleton and her 15-month-old brother, Danny, both of whom will enter Henry Ford Hospital Sunday for heart surgery to repair holes in the inner walls of their heart chambers.

Would Run For Next Five Years

A 2.5-mill boost for the next five years in the Birmingham school district's special operating millage will be asked of voters at a special election Monday, March 25.

The date was set by the board of education in a resolution adopted at a special meeting Tuesday night.

THE MILLAGE includes a continuation of the 6-mills school district vote in 1951, but which expired last December.

Other benefits the district would receive more than \$120,000 annually, \$300,000 of which it is proposed be used to increase and strengthen Birmingham's teachers' salaries.

This program was recommended in a report released publicly last week by a citizens educational advisory committee composed of school district laymen.

THE SPECIAL millage, if approved, would be levied each December for the next five years—1957 through 1961. It would be in addition to the 6-mill millage obtained as part of the county 15-mill limitation, plus debt millage.

For 1956, these figures were \$32,822 and 12.6 mills, respectively. Other benefits the district would obtain from the millage increase would be an additional assistant superintendent of schools who would handle personnel matters, five assistant school principals, a curriculum broker, a procedural manual for employees, sabbatical leave for two or three teachers, and a personnel evaluation program.

THESE PROPOSALS would cost an estimated \$50,000 annually. Registrations for this special election close at 5 p.m. Friday, March 15. The election will be at the clerk's office in the city of Birmingham in which the resident lives.

At Tuesday's special meeting, the board unanimously passed a resolution thanking the citizens committee for its eight-month task in evolving the 182-page report on school personnel, policies, and recommended improvements out of which grew this special March election.

Said Board President Ernest W. Seaborn: "In general, we are in agreement with this committee's report. There is one aspect which it is recognized must be worked out as we go along."

"We decided it would be better to ask for this special millage for the next five years—rather than just three which the committee recommended—because the board believes it would be too short a time before we would have to come back for a similarly voted increase. This report is one of the most outstanding things we've ever seen. We are fortunate to have so many citizens of this type in our area and on whom we can rely for evaluations of this kind. They did a tremendous job."

Air Raid Sirens Get First Test Saturday

First in a regular series of tests of Birmingham's new air raid warning sirens will be staged at 1 p.m. this Saturday, said Civil Defense Director Robert Kenning.

The first Saturday of every succeeding month, each time at 1 p.m., the sirens will be tested, Kenning emphasized. This is the same day and time as Detroit's sirens are tested.

The blasts will consist of: A 2-minute steady blast, a minute of silence, then a 2-minute "warble," or alternate rising and falling of the sound.

(Regular air raid warning signal is a 5-minute steady blast. The "take cover" signal is 3 minutes of siren warble, or swells.

Landslide Hits Boy's Mailbox

Making a scrapbook for Cub Scouts led Tommy Fagg into a letter-writing adventure that has brought him a virtual landslide.

Along with personal replies from 36 American governors, Tommy has received 36 samples of the states' soil.

And the postman has brought other prizes to the enterprising eight-year-old son of the Kenneth H. Fagg, 501 Blvd., Birmingham. Tommy now possesses a piece of marble from the base of Alabama's first capitol building plus the soil and the governor's compliments. He has clippings from newspapers such as the Boston Globe concerning Tommy's letter to Massachusetts Governor Furore.

IT ALL started, Tommy's mother relates, when he had his eighth birthday. He had been wishing for that day since he was old enough to realize a full Scout organization existed.

Tommy's father, a third grader at Pierce school, became a member of pack BT, Den 13.

A FEW WEEKS later Tommy collected a box of red soil from South Carolina on a Christmas visit there. Back home, he had fun convincing his friends that the soil was from Mars.

That led to the idea of a scrapbook containing small plastic-covered samples of soil from each state. The scrapbook is one of the requirements for obtaining a Wolf badge.

Then Tommy's problem was how to get soil from each state? "Why not write to the governors?" said his father.

That was all Tommy needed. He wrote winter afternoons after school typing the 48 letters himself.

THEY READ: "DEAR Mr. Governor, I am a Cub Scout and eight years old. At the present time I am making a scrapbook of all the different states in order to get my Wolf badge. To complete this book I need about a tablespoon of soil from your state. Can you send me just a little soil from the capital lawn in an envelope along with your autograph?"

"Please, sir, if you are in a bad mood today, or if you are too busy, please lay this letter with you so that I may request mail to be granted. Sincerely, Tommy Fagg."

FEB. 1 HE MAILED 25 letters, the other 23 Feb. 14. Three days after the first group of letters were mailed, the "landslide" into Tommy's mailbox started.

Minnesota's governor was first to respond with a large brown envelope containing not only soil and the autograph, but also a very warm and encouraging letter.

The former World War II ace Joe Foss, now governor of South Dakota, sent a letter telling about some of his fighter-pilot experiences. Mississippi's governor Coleman sent a picture.

"IF YOU WANT to get an idea of what any certain governor is like," says Tommy's mother, "come over to 501 Bird street and read the letters in Tommy's scrapbook."

"Alan," Mrs. Fagg adds, "if you see Tommy strutting around as if he is governor himself, it's because he expects to be a governor some day—so he can make another Cub Scout as happy as he is now."

Why should one wonder why every year brings added millions of American hands outstretched for government help, when our nation gives billions away to other countries? As we have said before: "This is an age of technical indiments and feeble solutions."

Birmingham's Mrs. Ethel Watt has proved herself an energetic campaigner. She won her Republican's party's nomination as candidate for a University of Michigan Regency. Now she'll try to win over a Democrat in April. Louis Schimmel, of Pontiac, lost in his efforts to win a place for members of the House of Agriculture, which governs Michigan State University. He'll probably be successful two years hence.

Women's eyeglasses today are meant more to be looked at than looked through.

Perhaps some people prefer television to movies because it's easier to tolerate bad actors when they're small.

Have you heard about the woman who bought a car so she wouldn't have to walk to the recurring sales?

All members of house spring mattress regressed. Double-stuffing. ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY, Dist. '67 and SAT for Enterprises 6212.

STRICTLY FRESH

Patients of high-priced dentists often wish they had buck teeth.

In the advertising world, mere exaggeration is regarded as complete understatement.