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This and That

by George R. Averill

Current newspaper headlines: "The Seen Facing Tight Fights . . . Democratic Tide Seen Sweeping Over Nation." In reverse, the same thoughts were expressed prior to the 1952 election that placed Ike in the White House. Like the seasons, political figures and parties come and go.

Strange situation when a State's universities, supported at public expense, refuse to allow their football games to be televised so that their fans may see them without charge—yet against said universities' efforts to have them televised only for those who paid movie houses. Do university authorities believe that this pattern of denying the fact that they pay for does not make its questioning mark on the thought processes of its students?

You know that various methods are used by people who claim to be able to divine your fortune. Some depend upon playing cards, tea leaves, phrenology, graphology, and so on. I have seen certain of these methods used by a paid movie house. Do university authorities believe that this pattern of denying the fact that they pay for does not make its questioning mark on the thought processes of its students?

Last week, in this column, I ventured to predict that the two major political parties, at some future date, probably would be labeled as "conservative" on the one hand, and the "socialist-welfare state" on the other. This manner of political realignment will be necessary, since not only do most New Deal Democrats go for the so-called Clause-govern formula in government, but also many of the so-called modern Republicans have accepted this program. In fact, many Democrats and Republicans are becoming more and more alike in their programs of high taxes, extravagant spending, and an ever-increasing centralization of government in Washington, D. C. Many Democrats and Republicans oppose this pattern of their political-economic party program. However, the manner of political party, when high taxes and excessive spending in government prevail, the dollar becomes worth less and less, and all who are on pensions, annuities, or hold U. S. government bonds, plus insurance policies, suffer loss in their purchasing power. No party affiliation will save you from this economic calamity.

Every spring, at graduation time, editorialists are written and sermons preached, each trying to get the new crop of grads to do and conquer new worlds. As some candidly stated: "Why not ask them to do a good job on the present world?"

The right, indeed, the need, for certain public officials to investigate a variety of the affairs of a variety of small firms (and women) might not be their best subject for controversy. Not all investigations are fruitful, or even handled honestly and decently. But enough of them are to warrant the continuation of the idea. Without them, the general public would easily be more victimized.

During the days of courtship and into early marriage, most couples respond to the curiosity of each, and as a result much conversation is carried on. Much of it is seasoned with romanticism, which in turn heightens humor and liveliest separates. Moments of silence, too, occur—when words are useless to convey inner feelings. Why lose this mutual interest decline?

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Seven-Man Theft Ring Broken Up

Extensive work by Birmingham and Farmington police officers has led to the arrest of seven men, who stole over \$5,000 in television sets and appliances in Detroit and suburban areas during the past month.

Birmingham police started searching for the men Sept. 28 after they took over \$1,000 in merchandise from the Birmingham Television Co., 1842 S. Woodward.

Two of the men, Cestrie Hoskins, 2300 National, Detroit, and Willie B. Houston, 422 W. Willis, Detroit, were arrested by Farmington police Sept. 27, after some of the stolen TV sets were found in their car when they were stopped for speeding.

Richard Chambers and patrolman Norman Probst of the Birmingham police department, mentioned the men last week, and after detailed police work arrested Fred Chatman, 24, of 232 E. Warren, Detroit.

FOUR OTHER men were arrested by Detroit police.

Chatman waived examination in Birmingham municipal court Tuesday and was placed under \$1,000 bond. He will be arraigned in circuit court next Wednesday.

Hoskins and Robinson pleaded guilty to breaking and entering during the night when arraigned last week, and will be sentenced in two weeks.

Chambers said that most of the merchandise taken from the Birmingham Television Co. has been recovered.

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By GEORGE WM. AVERILL
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Rocket Expert To Talk Here

CRANBROOK—Willy, Ley, authority on rocket research and space travel, will lecture on "The Conquest of Nearby Space" in the auditorium of Cranbrook school on Thursday, October 23, at 8:15 p. m.

Ley's lecture is one of the Cranbrook forum series, established to bring speakers of timely importance to the community. The Series is sponsored by the alumni association of Cranbrook school.

An interest in rocketry and space travel is both a profession and a hobby with Ley. He was one of the founders and later vice-president of the German Rocket Society, and is presently a member of the American Rocket Society.

During the past decade he has received increasing popularity as the author of several books dealing with rockets, missiles, and space conquest.

In his Cranbrook talk he will explain the latest developments toward the conquest of space, and other facts he acquired as a recent consultant at the Cape Canaveral test center in Florida.

Tickets for the lecture are on sale at the alumni office, Cranbrook school. They will also be available at the door the night of the lecture.

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Fire Prevention Alarm Sounded Throughout Week

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"Don't give fire a place to start," is the motto of fire prevention, Oct. 9 through 11.

Birmingham fire department is putting its emphasis on adult education during the week, Fire Marshal George Scott said.

Three-minute films warning home owners to take precautions against fire are being shown in both the city's movie theatres.

Posters in store windows and on city fire hydrants also remind residents of fire dangers. Cards on the hydrants were donated by the Birmingham association of insurance agents.

Scott said fire department inspections are being intensified in the downtown area through the week, and speakers in fire prevention are available to local groups on request.

Bloomfield Hills fire department is cooperating with other departments in the Box-O alliance to distribute circulars in the area. Fire trucks are visiting Bloomfield Hills schools, and pamphlets are being handed out to the school children.

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Times have changed. First graders like six-year-old Martha Gray, 1130 Fairfax, Birmingham, are now reading "My Little Red Story Book" and its sequel. Martha is a Quorton school pupil of Mrs. Janet Jones.

Oh Look! New Books! Dick, Jane Are Gone

By JULIE CANDLER
Staff Writer

Oh! Oh! Look! Look! Look! Putting it in words from the beginners' story book pages, Dick and Jane and Spot and Puff are gone.

Things will never be the same for the parents of Birmingham school children. Of course, their first grade children will still come home boasting, "Look, Ma! I can read!"

But when the kids proudly open their books to read aloud, Mom and Dad will hear stories about some new characters—Tom and Betty and Susan and Pip and Mother and other, and Pony.

WHAT HAPPENED to Dick and Jane and friends? It's a long story. What it boils down to is—Dick and Jane became subject to view, and flunked.

The perennial primer personalities were studied by a committee of reading experts in the Birmingham schools.

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City May Ask Modification Of Injunction

Because 79 per cent of the controversial area has now developed residential, in spite of its commercial zoning, Birmingham may return to circuit court to seek modification of an injunction to recognize this land use.

Previous owner Frank Newell was asked to investigate chances of getting the modification.

Developed over a year ago by Judge Frank Doty, the injunction prevented the city from enforcing its right-of-way north of Maple.

Judge Doty said such zoning was "unreasonable," and said commercial use would be allowed.

IN THE meantime, 80 terrace units have gone up on the north end of the property, located between Eton and the Grand Trunk right-of-way north of Maple.

Another 40 units are going up south of the first group.

Builder Frank Newell and others won the injunction in the lower court. The city appealed it to the state supreme court, but lost.

New "Y" Building To Open Sunday

The Birmingham Y.M.C.A. will officially open its new \$150,000 administrative building, 400 E. Lincoln, by holding open house from 2 to 6 p. m.

In addition to acquainting the public with the first unit of a proposed million dollar permanent building, the open house will be used to formally introduce the "Y's" new executive secretary, Owen Manchester and his wife to the community.

large assembly rooms for banquets and large group gatherings.

The building features acoustic tile on the ceilings to dampen noise, accordion doors of gray plastic to separate the lounge from the ball building, which includes the furniture. Upholstering is done in bright colors to harmonize with the drapes, wall coverings and tile floors.

A GRANT of \$100,000 was made by the Metropolitan Detroit Building Fund to the Birmingham "Y" for this first unit of the new building. The Metropolitan Board of the Detroit Y.M.C.A. provided security for funds for additional equipment and an all-purpose basement room for the new building.

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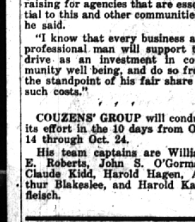
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