

Thanks, Topics, But No Ae Yo?

Dearest Santa

... is what Birmingham youngsters are penning these days. For the Santa letters see page 7-D. For additional interpretation see page 8-D.

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This and That

... by George R. Averill

HERE'S A MAN WHO SAYS—THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME.

A lot of people have trouble determining when to say "who" and when to use "whom." Being something of an authority on the subject, I've been stressing the proper usage around our house.

As we were dressing for a neighborhood party the other night, my wife made a typical error. "Who are you going to make a fool of yourself with tonight?" Millie or Joyce?

"Whom am I going to make a fool of myself with tonight, you mean?" I said justly, you know.

"If it's Joyce, guess whom is going to punch you right in the nose."

"Who is the proper word there," I corrected.

"I think you know who I mean," my wife grated, ignoring my interest in her language improvement.

"Whom I mean, please, dear. Try to keep in mind the difference between the object and the subject and you'll be all right," I said.

At the party, I danced Joyce into a tight corner of the room and suddenly things went black. When I came to, my wife was holding an ice pack to my nose.

"Who hit me?" I groaned. "I'll sue whoever it was."

"Whoever it was would be better English," my wife said gently. "Your grammar is getting as bad as your footwork."

Eddie Mulligan in Ludington Daily News

On a per family basis, federal spending for other than military functions increased from \$87 per family in 1930 to \$897 per family in 1959, or more than 900 per cent. How do you like having to pay for all this?

The national U.S. debt has grown from \$540 per family in 1930 to \$6,477 in 1959, an increase of more than 1,100 per cent. (And it's getting higher each year.)

In Falls Church, Va., PTA members kept eyes fixed on TV screens through the hours children were being viewed. They observed 185 programs in 11 1/2 hours, saw 281 assaults, 117 killings, 19 robberies, 16 kidnappings, 10 murder conspiracies, 3 arson, 3 extortions, 3 jailbreaks, 1 kidnapping, 1 bombing, and 1 suicide.

The Birmingham Eccentric "MIGHTY MIDGET" CLASSIFIED

MI 4-1100 Will Do the Job for You

By KEN WEAVER
News Editor

There's a mystery in Birmingham today. Who is Tobias? Is he a private citizen interested in international goodwill, and thus interested in Birmingham?

Is he a member of the Rio de Janeiro Chamber of Commerce, and thus interested in the commercial aspects of tourists and trade between his country and ours?

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He has signed his name each time but has never given any other indication of his identity. Checks with the U.S. Secretary of State Department's office in Detroit, the Brazilian Consulate in Chicago and the Brazilian government's trade bureau in New York so far have proved fruitless.

A few months ago the City received by registered mail a magazine about Brazil. Then came several brochures and a post card. Then more magazines.

Each time, the gifts were accompanied with Tobias' name. But why was he sending these to Birmingham?

Apparently, he started sending them after reading an article about Birmingham in a Detroit newspaper in August.

We figured he must be sending these publications as a goodwill will-wait. Said Mayor Florence Willett.

MORE MAGAZINES arrived, with a request that they be placed in the Baldwin library.

"We realized then," said Mrs. Willett, "that our affairs were being watched by communities far and wide, even in Brazil."

This week three books arrived from Tobias. One was a catalog of Brazilian stamps; another, a photographic essay on Brazil, with notes in French, Spanish and English; and the third, a photographic essay on Brazil, with notes in French, Spanish and English.

One of the books was printed in Brazil. Stamped on the title pages were poems and Brazilian adages; Tobias' name, in a circle like a postmark; the date; and his mailing address, Caixa Postal 5234.

"Hunt for the good point in the other fellow. Remember, he has to do the same as you," Mrs. Willett said with a smile. "Check with the Brazilian Consulate in Chicago."

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B'field Hills Votes Monday On Bonds for Sewer System

By LES LANGLOIS
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stallation of the sewers is inevitable. "Sooner or later we're going to have to have them, and we may as well have it done now when it is most economical."

AS THE STATE Water Resources Commission has stated, said Stadler, "Although something other than the entire internal sewer system might possibly eliminate pollution temporarily, the method as laid out is the only method of assuring continuous compliance with the state law and the court decree issued thereunder."

Under the proposed plan, the initial \$1,330,000 installations in the developed areas of the city will serve every existing residence and other buildings within Bloomfield Hills.

The remaining \$170,000 installations in the undeveloped sections of the city will be held off until a future date.

THE ENTIRE sewer project, if carried at Monday's election, would cost residents an additional \$7,312 per household. The cost per thousand dollars of assessed property valuation the first year.

Thus, property assessed at \$10,000 would cost the taxpayer about \$73 in additional taxes the first year. The bond issue would be based on a 30-year program.

However, since only \$1,330,000 in bonds would be issued at first for installations in the developed areas, the first year's additional taxes will drop to about \$6.30 per thousand dollars of assessed value.

In addition residents will be charged about \$2.50 per year for sewer connections from the houses to the properties lines.

OF COURSE, said Stadler, there are a few isolated cases where the connection costs would run higher because of unusual conditions and depth of the sewer work.

The city commission will meet Tuesday, Dec. 20, to canvass the results. If the proposal passes, the job of putting the bonds on the market for sale will be turned over to City Financial Consultant Dean Stanley.

City commissioners Monday night adopted resolutions authorizing both this and the Detroit Bank & Trust Co. depositories for City funds. Previously, the City could deposit its funds only in the Detroit bank.

The Birmingham-Bloomfield Bank submitted to the commission a certified statement of condition which showed that it has assets and liabilities of \$1,110,223.64.

SPENDING 50 in 35 mph zone, violation of traffic signal and arm around passenger—license revoked for 15 days. Defendant to attend correctional clinic.

Spending 38 in 25 mph zone—talk to adviser and write theme of 700 words on awareness of traffic.

Lt. Schaeuble commented, "I think they came over as nice people. Services of the referee for this first session, Forbes S. Hascall, were not needed. Other attorneys will act as referees in forthcoming training teacher.

DATES FOR future sessions of the court were listed by Lt. Schaeuble as Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 2 and 30, April 20 and May 11 and 25.

Other teen-agers serving as jurors, for the first session were: Sharon Bacon, James Bryan, Tim Burns, John Carter, Bob Cher, Don Dierkes, Karen Jones, Bob Ritter, Bill Embury, Sarajane Foreman.

Ron Green, Susan Hamilton, Bob Hanson, Peter Henderson, Bill Johnson, Calvin Lauritsen, Rod Lohly, Tom Lutz, Susan McCabe, Teri McCarty, Ralph Meloche, Suzi Melusky.

Mike Morden, Sherry Nurenburg, Fred Osann, Josee Ann Pridgen, Grace Rice, David Schroyer, Dick Schubert and Linda Steiner.

THIS MEETING with the area mayors and a continuation of his theme on special interest groups, among which he includes business groups as well as labor, which are too dominant in political and economic decisions.

Thus, he contends there is reluctance to change of persons who are concerned basically with winning elections, to handle the long-term interests of the citizenry.

Romney expressed a preference of having Con-Com delegates elected on a non-partisan basis. But he also pointed out that the delegates are partisan, he would not

dispar of the outcome. Romney said that an experienced suggests that even "the most rabid partisans" would accept the overall needs of the citizenry once they are presented "with all the facts."

THE MEETING resulted in the mayors sending a telegram to Governor Romney, asking for the appointment of a bi-partisan constitutional revision study commission.

The telegram would serve a dual purpose, according to the mayors. The commission would be a non-partisan body, but the delegates should be elected and also

gather facts and expert opinion on the needs and weaknesses