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Emotions, alone, are not enough to truly reveal your entire character. A given subject, emotions are splendid aids to give spirit to logic and reason, of course. Emotions, properly controlled, are necessary to bring color and life to speaking and to writing, to painting and to giving forth music. But emotions alone are not enough, for guidance, inspiration.

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This and That

by George R. Averill

JFK's Boys Forget Depreciating Ike's 'World Prestige'

Currently you have been hearing and reading those patriotic statements by Vice-President Lyndon Johnson and Attorney General Bobby Kennedy in which both loudly declare that persons who question the ability of the federal governmental structure, or who in any other manner speak negatively of our glorious nation are nasty citizens... perhaps disloyal... even un-American... even un-Christian.

Well, I remembered some of those same leaders' statements in last year's presidential campaign. You may recall how then candidate John F. Kennedy criticized the Eisenhower administration's handling of both domestic and foreign affairs.

KENNEDY, JOHNSON, et al never hesitated to depreciate the economic status of the U.S.; both accused Ike of floundering around... and JFK many times thundered his convictions that "the world prestige" was very, very low. And perhaps you may recall that the Soviet propaganda made capital of the utterances of Democrats during that campaign.

How easily some persons "forget" their own negative words and actions. I only remind you of this current situation of America and Bobby Kennedy, and others in the JFK administration, who so you won't overlook the inconsistency of their pre and post-election utterances.

TRULY, WHILE self-governance's basic principle is to deal toward which to strive, the utterance of some of its leaders often are incompatible with those ideals.

Whaddya-you-think?

Scientists have discovered that kissing is simply one phase of chemical reaction, though a craving for salt started among the early cave men. They found that they could cool off in summer by licking a friend's cheek. They then discovered that there was more fun if the friend was of the opposite sex. Then everybody forgot about the salt.

One piece of information from what we believe a most reliable source says that the Soviet reds cannot launch total missile attack on the U.S. right now because they are not equipped to do so, despite all their shouting.

Also, they know that we have plenty of such ammunition and thus you see, they won't start shooting... because they also know that we would retaliate.

(Note: This statement is not revealing secrets to the Russians; they know more about U.S. military strength than we, the citizens, know.)

The family had finished dining at a restaurant and much of the steak remained on the plates. The father called the waitress over and asked her to put what remained on the plates into a bag to take home to the dog. "Oh, no," the "junior" screamed in delight, "are we really going to get a dog?"

Quiet Life to Prevail On Thanksgiving Day

By JOE CADARIU

A quiet time in the generally busy lives of Birmingham-area people will take place Thursday when they join others throughout the country in giving thanks.

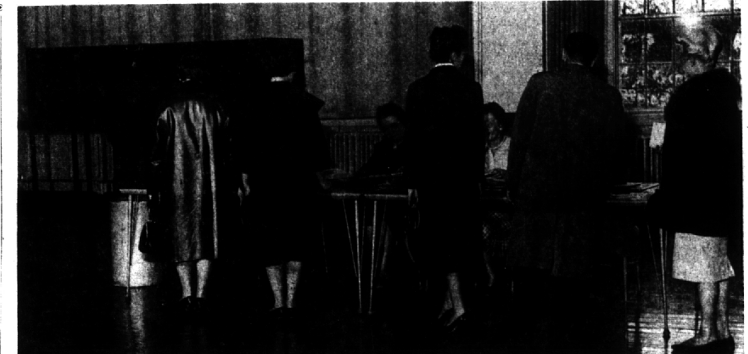
Stores will not be open; nor will schools. Most students will give special thanks for the two-day respite from their own, special five-days-a-week world.

A community-wide Thanksgiving Day worship service will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Congregational Church of Birmingham. The Rev. Jack Angerman of the First Presbyterian Church will preach and Rev. Maud Bailey of the Beth Church will lead the service.

Similar hours of quietness and thanks will take place at a number of other area churches.

AT FAMILY gatherings the bird will be the thing. Sitting proudly atop the dinner table will be the well-roasted turkey. Along with the main course will come the usual foods which have come to be associated with Thanksgiving—cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie.

Then after overeating as most of



Birmingham electors await their turn at the voting booths in the "time decision" in the special school election Monday. In line are residents of the school district's third precinct at Baldwin School where voters approved the operating millage proposal 260 to 242 and rejected the bonding authority proposal 227 to 212. Baldwin was the only precinct rejecting the bonding authority while Beverly was the only precinct rejecting the operating millage.

B'ham, Beverly Initiate Library Contract

Birmingham's first contract for library service was signed last night at a special meeting of the Baldwin Library Board and Beverly Hills Village Council.

James Tobin, board chairman, and Marvin B. Cline, council president, exchanged signatures on the contract which becomes effective Dec. 1, 1961. It will run for an indefinite period.

Initiation of the contract marks the first phase in the library board's plan to terminate the present non-resident fee system by July 1, 1964.

"WE ARE DELIGHTED," said Mrs. Ogden Vogt, library board president, "that it has finally come to this fruition."

Both bodies agreed that it was an excellent contract designed for the interests of both parties.

As of Dec. 1 Beverly Hills residents will be entitled to the same library privileges as Birmingham residents. These include use of facilities, book collections, reference material and other services.

UPON APPLICATION, Baldwin library will issue library cards to Beverly residents and make pro rata refunds to those holding the obsolete non-resident cards.

Under the terms of the contract, Beverly will pay its "fair share" of the annual operating costs of the library on a "percentage of use" basis.

Baldwin's operating costs for the current year total \$149,251 while Beverly's present "percentage of use" amounts to about 7.28 per cent.

"EACH YEAR" a new "fair share" charge will be set based on the previous year's operating costs and the amount of use. Payments will be made semi-annually in advance, half by Aug. 1 and half by Jan. 1.

However, in order to assist Beverly in assuming its share of the cost gradually, Baldwin will require only 75 per cent of the "percentage of use" cost until July 1, 1964, when non-resident fees in all communities will be terminated.

For the fiscal year July 1, 1964 to July 1, 1965, and each fiscal year thereafter, Beverly will pay 100 per cent of the "percentage of use" cost.

SINCE THE CONTRACT runs from July to July, Beverly's first payment is \$4,753.64 to cover the seventh-month period between the contract's effective date (Dec. 1, 1961) and the beginning of the fiscal year (July 1, 1962).

At first, Beverly will finance its "fair share" payment through the city's operating budget and by charging library users an estimated \$5 permit fee. Eventually, the operating budget is expected to absorb the entire cost and free library service will become available to all Beverly residents.

At for which community will be next to contract library service, it has not been determined yet.

ALTHOUGH SEVERAL other communities have replied to the library board's invitation to discuss contracts, it will be several weeks before any definite steps are taken.

"I FEEL THE real culprit of our society is TV," she said. "It is fast becoming the number one destructive force in American warfare. When there's TV, there's no communication. The idiot box, somehow or other paralyzes its watcher."

"Husband and wife must communicate. It is even far better to buy your car than to bolt in between the two. I still know what I'm Eppie Lederer."

IN PRIVATE LIFE, Ann Landers is Mrs. Jules Lederer of Chicago. She was born 44 years ago in Sioux City, Iowa, and after 20 years of marriage with Mr. Lederer, "we think it's going to work into something steady." Ann quipped to the Birmingham Country Club, Birmingham, after she and Mr. Lederer, who is 62, were introduced at the luncheon.

"After she said that she often works a 10-12 hour work day, someone asked her how this affects her home life.

"If I weren't a good Mrs. Lederer, I couldn't be a good Ann Landers," she said during the question-answer period of the luncheon.

"He works 10-12 hours per day," she said, "but the time, we do have one special moment together. For women who do not work she recommends separate interests."

"THE HAPPIEST couple is one which has separate interests. A husband would get tired of hearing only how the kids are so much trouble, that the wash was quite dirty and that Mrs. Brown down the street has kidney trouble."

"When you have separate interests you have many things you can talk about and communication is one of the most important ingredients in a happy marriage."

What seemed to be her favorite phrase—television—was a topic of discussion both at her lecture in Birmingham and at her home in Chicago.

Tractor Plant Wins \$2 Million Contract

The Tractor and Implement Division of Ford Motor Co., Birmingham, has awarded a \$2,486,216 contract Monday to build 1,907 tractors for the Army.

Announcement of the contract was made by Cong. William S. Brockfield (R., Royal Oak).

It was awarded through the engineering procurement method of the Army in Chicago.

Brockfield said the work will be performed in Highland Park.

11 Mills, \$4,915,000 Bonds Pass by Decisive Margin

By LES LANGLOIS
CITY EDITOR

Months of study and campaigning paid off Monday night as Birmingham voters approved school election proposals for an 11-mill operating budget and a \$4,915,000 bonding authority.

Unofficial election returns from the school district's 13 precincts Tuesday morning showed a decisive victory for both proposals with the operating millage receiving 5,425 of the 8,684 votes cast and the bonding authority gaining 5,341 of the 8,374 ballots.

While the operating millage was open to all voters and the bond issue was restricted only to property owners, the proposals passed with only one per cent of the total votes between them—operating millage received 62 per cent and the bond proposal won 63 per cent of the votes cast.

EACH PROPOSITION required a simple majority or more vote of 50 per cent of those cast for passage.

Voter turnout for a school election ranked second highest since reorganization of the district in 1947. The June 1960 election for a 1.9 millage increase and selection of two board of education members stands as the record vote when 10,087 electors turned out.

An election canvass to certify Monday's results was conducted at last night's board of education meeting. The board will meet Dec. 12 to certify the results.

Net effect of the success of both proposals is an annual school tax increase of one mill, which for 1961 for each \$1,000 of state equalized property valuation. However, the increase will not be levied until the tax collections in December, 1962.

SIX OF THE 11 mills for operating represents a renewal of the present operating tax which expires next month. Although tax levies for the fiscal year 1962 will increase by one mill, the five-mill increase, they will pay 2.4 mills less in debt service millage. Groves East, which is levying a net increase of only 2.6 mills.

The board of education has committed itself to a five-year plan for the school system which will combine a combination of rising assessed values and a reduction in the debt service millage from 7.4 to 5 mills by December, 1962.

A new school usually applies for accreditation preceding the graduation of its first senior class. Groves East, which is levying a net increase of only 2.6 mills, will graduate its first senior class of some 230 students in June, 1962.

The inspection team's visit, part of the procedure in achieving accreditation, was completed by the North Central Association. The inspection team will visit, part of the procedure in achieving accreditation, was completed by the North Central Association.

100-Year-Old Indian Bones Found Here

One hundred-year-old human bones were dug up in Birmingham last Wednesday.

The bones were discovered by Dr. Richard Olson believes the bones to be those of two Indians, possibly twins.

THE MOST practical location," said Kenning, "for location of this shelter from the standpoint of availability to the present city hall and practicability for its potential dimensions should be the court on the south side of the city hall between the garage and the police wing."

Plans drawn up by Assistant City Manager R. S. Kenning, Birmingham's civil defense director, call for a combination operations center and personnel shelter that could also serve as a police post and a classroom for training civil defense personnel.

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All makes of linear spring mattresses available at Groves. Call for list for 24 hours.

ROY ABERNETHY

Abernethy Moves Up At AMC

George Romney, of Bloomfield Hills, president and chairman of American Motors Corp., has announced the election of Roy Abernethy as executive vice president and general manager.

Abernethy, who joined American Motors shortly after Romney became the company's chief executive in 1954, has been executive vice-president, primarily responsible for sales and distribution of Rambler automobiles and Keweenaw home appliances. He is also a member of the company's board of directors and policy committee.

Romney, who has also been general manager of the company, said the move is being made because of the growth and potential growth of the company.

One of Abernethy's first moves was to announce the election of V. E. Boyd as vice president of automotive sales.

Boyd resides at 1870 Forbes Drive, Bloomfield Hills.

ABERNETHY started in the automotive industry in 1943.

(See ABERNETHY, 1-A)

Read All About Santa, His Toys in Eccentric

Did you know that on Christmas Eve seven ago Santa Claus got lost?

It happened when one of his elves persuaded Santa to follow the expressway on his route across the continent.

Staff writer Irma Davis tells all about it in a thrilling story on Page 3 of The Eccentric's annual Toy Section appearing with this week's issue. Parents and children alike will enjoy it.

In pictures, stories and advertisements this 12-page tabloid tells you what the Man from the North Pole has available in the "wonderful world of toys" for Christmas, 1961.

"LEARN WHILE you play" is Santa's theme this year, as he adopts the scientific approach to toys.

He has atomic age toys, from space suits to missiles, complete with launching pad.

He has completely new games to offer—and building kits and musical toys.

Santa's helpers have come up with dolls that are almost human." And sewing machines that are "just like mamma's" but that are simple and easy for little girls to learn to use.

To learn more of what Santa has to offer, see this special Toy Section.

See the pages of staff-produced stories and pictures. Read about the two lives that Santa leads at a business establishment.

YES, IT'S GOING to be a wonderful Christmas for children, and you'll know why when you see the toys that Santa has ready for them.

Turn now to The Birmingham Eccentric Special Toy Section.

You'll find it a handy reference throughout the Christmas season.