

How Everyone Benefits

The child of wealthy parents was stricken with a deadly disease. Hospitalization, with the most modern equipment and medicine, were needed.

The child was taken to Children's Hospital in Detroit.

There, he received treatment that was not available elsewhere in this area.

Although this was the child of wealthy parents—parents who could easily afford the high costs of hospitalization and specialized treatment—the youngster could not have received this care if it had not been for the United Foundation.

For Children's Hospital is supported, in part, by the UF.

THIS CASE demonstrates vividly that everyone may benefit from UF.

So often, one is inclined to think that only the poor and needy benefit from the services rendered by the 195 agencies which derive their financial support from the UF.

Yet, there are many services that are provided ONLY by UF agencies. Those people who can afford to pay the costs involved do so; but they could not avail themselves of these services if it were not for the UF, because the agencies could not have come into existence without the benefit of united giving.

ORGANIZED 13 years ago in Detroit as a federation of givers, it seeks to meet all basic community health and welfare needs through one massive community effort, the Torch Drive.

This campaign has made it possible to provide many more vital services by eliminating separate fund appeals. It has, in one combined drive, greatly reduced the cost of raising the needed money, thus making available more dollars to provide the services.

The UF Torch Drive offers an opportunity to give once for all—to make one con-

tribution toward meeting all basic community needs.

AS UF WORKERS point out, actually EVERYONE benefits from the Torch Drive—from progress in medical research programs made possible by UF dollars, for example.

One service which the UF provides, but which many residents do not realize exists, is called "Community Information Service." Anyone who wants to know which UF agency can handle his problem may phone "Community Information Service" to get that information. The number: 833-3430.

THE BUSINESS phase of the Oakland County Torch drive will start Oct. 9 and the residential drive for funds will start Oct. 17. Both will end Oct. 23.

The total quotas for the Birmingham-Bloomfield area are:

Birmingham, \$53,659; Bloomfield Hills, \$75,282; Bloomfield Village, \$14,695; Oakland Hills, \$9,577.

Wing Lake, \$4,988; Franklin, \$5,033; Beverly Hills, \$7,850; Region, \$5,460. Grand total: \$176,544.

THE ECCENTRIC takes pride in noting that many of the volunteer leaders on the metropolitan level of the UF are residents of our community. They devote much time and effort to this worthwhile cause.

There are also many volunteers who assist with the UF drive and other operations right here in our own area.

Because of their dedication to the task and because of the belief that we are sure our residents have in the UF, we are confident that Birmingham-Bloomfield area businesses and residents will enthusiastically support this year's Torch Drive.

They have in the past and, we believe, will again today.

Remember:
Give once for all, because everyone benefits.

'Two Garments a Year'

We have many charitable organizations in our community who work from day to day without public recognition. The only source of satisfaction may have come from recognizing a need and seeing that the job is well done.

One such organization in our community is in its thirtieth year of local community service. It is the Birmingham-Bloomfield Branch of the Needlework Guild of America.

MEMBERS of the Guild annually contribute two new garments which are then distributed over the year by the Guild to needy families.

They have no dues, no paid workers, no taxes, no overhead and no waste. They gather once a year at our local Unitarian Church to sort the contributions.

With these contributions they help the County Juvenile Court, Family Service,

County Social Welfare Department, the Red Cross, the Big Brothers, Camp Oakland and many hospitals.

THEY COLLECT "new" garments because they feel the extra lift of a hand-me-up instead of a hand-me-down means a bit more than just charity to the recipients of Guild gifts.

We would like to give public recognition to this community project on the occasion of their annual membership drive which will begin in the next couple of days.

The Needlework Guild project can be summed up in their little poem:

Two garments a year—how little to ask
Two garments a year—how small is the task.
Two garments a year, yet how great the joy
They may bring to the heart of some girl or boy!

Rendering a Public Service

Beginning with this week's issue, The Eccentric is publishing a series of articles on the various departments in the Birmingham city government.

These articles, supplemented with photographs, are designed as a public service: to inform our citizens of the purposes and functions of the city departments and the people who run them.

People who pay taxes to their city government many times do not really know or understand why their government costs so much; they don't always know just how their money is spent, and why; and in many instances, government provides services that some people aren't even aware exist.

The more informed the citizenry, the better the relationship is between them and their city officials and the greater are the mutual benefits.

THE FIRST series of articles deals with the Department of Public Works. Birmingham residents generally are familiar with some of the maintenance ac-

tivities of this department; but many lack a full comprehension of the scope of its operation.

For example, recently a new sidewalk was constructed on the north side of W. Maple along the City park property at the bridge. This long needed improvement was installed by the DPW, on authorization from the city commission.

Every year, the department surveys the city's streets and sidewalks and makes recommendations for repairs and replacements, in the residential as well as in the commercial areas.

THE SERVICES provided by the DPW are too numerous to mention here.

What is important is that these services are rendered in a capable and efficient manner, giving the taxpayers the full value for their money.

This, we believe, is true of all governmental departments in Birmingham. It is another reason why our citizens can claim pride in their city.

'Wish I Had a Dress'



PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Fluoridating of Water 'Violates Our Rights'

To the Editor:
The letter below which I have written to the Detroit Common Council regarding fluoridation of our public water supply, deals with a subject which should be of special interest to all people who now use or may in the future use water supplied by the City of Detroit.
The acceptance of adulteration of our public water supply could lead to very serious consequences in the future. Publication of this letter on your editorial page might be very helpful in acquainting the general public with this problem.
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GENTLEMEN:
It is my understanding that fluoridation of the Detroit water supply may be on the agenda for consideration by the Council this fall. I am firmly convinced that any attempt to add fluorides to the general water supply used by the people of the Detroit Metropolitan area is a direct infringement of their individual rights as guaranteed by our Federal Constitution.
I am against any adulteration of this nature since such action can only result in compulsory medical or dental treatment through our water supply and would be in violation of individual freedom and rights of conscience.
TO SUPPORT my stand, I offer

the following quotations from our Bill of Rights and Amendments to our Federal Constitution.
Article Nine. The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.
Article Fourteen, Section One. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; . . . nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.
LAURENCE S. CLARK

Decries City's Stand on State School Bus Law

To the Editor:
I must commend your editorial of Sept. 13 in which you criticize the action of the city commission in not adopting the state school bus law.
The reason behind the commission's decision is, at best, unworthy of them. The fact that there has not yet been an accident from this race within the city limits is poor reason. The excuse that such a law enacted in Birmingham would "fall



There are women who go out and buy a hat to brighten a dull day. Others get a new hairdo or buy a new dress.
There are some of us, though, who just get tired of hearing "why don't you do something about that hair" or "you're not going to wear that awful old hat again?"
Thus it was, that I found myself headed for the local beauty salon recently—under duress and grumbling all the way.
The soft lights and music had an undermining effect, however, and I threw caution to the well-known winds.
"Do anything you want to this mess," I ordered, "just so long as it's easy to take care of."
NINETY MINUTES later I emerged into the world again feeling self-conscious and a bit like a certain awn that was once an ugly duckling.
A stop at the village grocers should have warned me of things to come. Proprietor John Showers, who has yet to forget a name, solemnly packaged my purchases with a "Thank you, madam," followed by a double-take.
"Oh, I didn't know you," he remarked gratifyingly. Then he spoiled it with a follow-up: "You look different without your glasses."

Yesteryear Happenings

From the Files of The Eccentric

50 YEARS AGO
Oct. 4, 1912
The High School Literary society held its annual election of officers on Friday afternoon. The following officers were elected for the year: President, Ira Martin; vice president, Chas. Spencer; secretary, Lila Barnett; treasurer, Melford Blunt; doorkeeper, Chas. Martin.

Delightfully situated among the Bloomfield Hills is the Bloomfield Hills seminary, "The Lone Pine" farm house which, under the direction of the principal of the school, Miss Eade, is being remodelled to make a home for the school. At present the children are being taught in one of the buildings on the Walker-Gordon farm.

For the year 1912 women paid taxes in the corporate limits of the village of Birmingham on property assessed at \$222,200. These women had no vote and no voice in choosing persons who should spend this tax, or how it should be spent. If taxation without representation was unjust 100 years ago—how is it now?

30 YEARS AGO
Oct. 6, 1932
Members of the Board of Education and Bloomfield Township officials (See HAPPENINGS, 5-B)

Eccentricities

By HANK HOGAN



The Gentleman from Canada

I imagine quite a few of the area residents were at their TV sets two weeks ago when George Romney took on Guy Nunn, in a way, allowing Romney on his show was one of the best publicity gimmicks Nunn could ever ask for.

Nunn has been using the radio and television waves for quite a few years blaring out propaganda about the cursed lot of the working man. For as brilliant a man as Nunn is supposed to be, he has heaped his programs at an intellectual level slightly below that of a moron.

Therefore, anyone with a slightly higher intellect takes care of Nunn with a twist of the dial. With Romney appearing, however, he got his first intellectually live audience.

I DON'T THINK too many votes were swayed by the show. Most of the audience had made up their minds beforehand and were watching either to see Romney put Nunn in his place or vice versa.

The sad part about the show is that here in America a man is allowed to use a mass public media and breed class hatred by a series of half-truths and distorted facts. I honestly, instead of by innuendoes, distortions and half-truths.

A case in point is what happened after the TV show that most people watched; Nunn came on in a later program and read off the questions he would have asked Romney if he had had time. The manner in which he did it was like a fighter who is beaten fairly in a public fight, and then goes home and tells his mother that his opponent used brass knuckles.

NUNN HAS several radio and television shows and very few of them pass without partisan political comments. He is sponsored by the dues of UAW members, but you would think the Democratic Party was picking up the tab.

There is no question in anyone's mind what Nunn's political philosophy is, but he could present it fairly and honestly, instead of by innuendoes, distortions and half-truths.

Throughout the campaign Nunn has called Romney "the industrialist from Wisconsin" because Romney was head of American Motors when it moved its car manufacturing facilities to Kenosha, Wis.

Romney scored a solid blow when he said to Nunn that Nunn should properly be called the "gentleman from Canada" because he did not broadcast from a United States station.

The public has often wondered about this. Are the Detroit stations refusing to allow Nunn's type of broadcasting over their airwaves and forcing him into Canada, or is Nunn himself afraid of the Federal Communications Commission and what it would do to his type of broadcasting?

Michigan has problems enough without class hatred continually being blasted at its citizens. Michigan and its social climate would be far better off without the "gentleman from Canada."

By KEN WEAVER City Beat

"I shall remain a wanderer until mankind has learned the way of peace, walking until I am given shelter and fasting until I am given food."

These were the words of the Peace Pilgrim in March, 1956, after she had walked some 8,000 miles in a personal crusade for world peace.

I was fortunate enough to interview her at that time, when I was state editor of the News-Sentinel in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Last week, the Peace Pilgrim was in Pontiac and Detroit. She was wearing navy slacks, blue canvas shoes, navy shirt and a faded blue tunic with the letters "Peace Pilgrim" emblazoned on the front—the same as she wore six years ago.

She also passed through this area in 1956. Her message is much the same today as it was then.

THE PEACE Pilgrim started out on her mission nine years ago and has been conducting a "walking prayer" for peace ever since.

The kernel of her message is to match "evil with good, falsehood with truth, hatred with love." She will reveal nothing of her past. She has no dependents, she says, and has a legal right to use the name Peace Pilgrim.

"Walking is a form of prayer for me and is intended to inspire others to work for peace in their own way."

THE GRAY-HAIRED, energetic cross-country hiker feels she has accomplished much toward her mission. She tells of many "requests for me to speak in churches and to smaller groups."

"Everybody seems to realize something must be done for peace," she says.
"Peace can only be accomplished by person-to-person contact. . . I urge people to commend everything good they see because goodness promotes peace."

HER PILGRIMAGE, she declares, was undertaken "as faith, as prayer and as an opportunity to talk to people and perhaps inspire them to pray and work with me for world peace."

"I have known no fear in 10 years, even on lonely nights on lonely roads. I have walked in sun, in snow and . . . sub-zero temperatures."
"It's nice to know you can conquer these things. I have always known my skin was waterproof."

Believing that she was called by God for her work, "the same as a minister is called," she insists now, as she did back in 1956, that she asks to see no results of her efforts.

"That's in the hand of God."
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