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on your face, and in your daily tions, you reveal what is going in your head and heart. While may be true that now and then e has moments, even hours, of umpiness, there is no excuse for s being too pessimistic, uncharble, suspicious, or giving any her evidence of being a disciple gloom and melancholy.

THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

igler Continues to Expose the Communists

You Folks who read the newspers and listen to the radio have, recent months and weeks, learn- of Gov. Sigler's personal opposition to Communism. Many pearances the Governor has nbashed the Communists who, ore than the average man and oman realize, are making inads upon the American way of e. In ways that are devious and nding, clever with deceit and ckery, the Soviet inspired Comes in the United States are reerting to carefully laid plans to n over as many Americans as essible to their un-American chniques; through labor unions, ncy-named "study groups," in r public libraries and especially on many college campuses, the llowers of Lenin and Stalin ply eir evil trade.

Since he became Governor Janry 1, Kim Siger has made a mber of statements antagonistic the Communist Party and its ow-travelers. He started out th reference to that subject in s first message to the Legislare January 3. A few weeks later publicly exposed the union acvities of one Foss Baker, of Lanng, who works among the State's stitutional employees, and who aims he has organized over thousand of them. At another me the Governor exposed Comnistic activities within the merican Youth for Democracy nion group at Michigan State ollege, the University of Michian and Wayne University.

It is, of course, interesting to oserve how the Commies and Red Dupes, fellow-travelers perate in the face of such blasts the Governor. At the Executive Office in the Capitol at Lanng, for example, I have observed e influx of inspired postcards nt by young college folks from hicago, New York, and several ther educational cities, including etroit and Ann Arbor. Some of e cards are mimeographed, some ritten in brief phrases, but all llowing a definite pattern of opndition to "anyone interfering ith academic freedom of thought nd expression."

Telegrams, some long, (when communist leaders send them) ome very brief, also arrive at the xecutive Office; a few letters, atacking the Governor, are received, too. On the other hand, plenty f letters and telegrams come in rom people who support the Govrnor in his stand against Comunism.

The Governor is, of course, nnoyed to get all such messages, ncluding those from the Commies nd their mis-guided sympathizers.

All I seek to do is to expose hese groups who, directly or indirectly, receive their inspired leadrship from Moscow," declares im Sigler.

When Teachers Strike

It is in keeping with human beaviorism for youth to follow the xample of its elders. That is why, when the school teachers go n wholesale strike, the pupils ake sporadic activities of the ame nature. I have always argued that too little of the Ameri- an earned dollar goes to education; however, it is a shameful sitation when teachers find it necesary to strike, in violation of exting contracts, for higher wages. This, in and of itself, does no good for the ultimate cause of education.

Retaining Atomic Secrets

It is axiomatic that oil and vater do not mix. It is equally rue that Communism and democracy will never come to majority greement on most major problems. That is why I think all informed people agree that the United States should never let loose of its atomic secrets until Russia is enced in by restrictions in the ands of a harmonious United Nations organization to control war and the causes that lead to war. Russia's own history, over a eriod of 25 years, reveals that the Soviet dictators have murdered millions of its own people, in order to enslave its citizens to totalitarianism; Russia lives by the sword within her own borders and, ultimately, can only continue internationally by the sword . . . Also the atomic bomb. Russia must be controlled by enough of the rest of the world's nations to ere united on a program of peace. n this comment, I am not talking bout the average fun-loving, liveo-let-live Russian; I am talking bout the Communistic politicians who run that great nation.

Summer Not Going to Fall for This, But Spring Freezes Wheel

Little car damage occurred in a freak accident that happened on Maple avenue Monday. A car driven by Kenneth E. Whitlack, of Detroit, was going east on Maple when a spring broke, freezing a rear wheel. The car turned completely around and bumped into the back of a car driven by Thomas T. Stolberg, 818 Pierce, who was traveling west on Maple.

30 gallon Clark automatic electric hot water heater. Green. Immediate delivery. Leonard's, 162 West Maple. adv. tf

Commissioners Decide Upon A Policy to Take Them in Direction of Parking Lots

By George Wm. Averill

If there is some resident of Birmingham who has a solution for the city's off-street parking problem, let him hasten to the Municipal Building and tell our city commission about it and receive the grateful thanks of seven weary gentlemen.

Last Thursday evening the city commission spent long hours trying to study through this parking situation.

They looked at charts, maps, graphs; they thumbed through pamphlets, magazines and articles looking for some fleeting fact which would permit them to settle the question.

They found nothing but opinions, which they agree are very hard to base any answer upon, especially in regard to Birmingham's parking problem.

Adopt Six Principles

Commissioners conclude, however, that the problem is such that city officials should make some effort in the right direction.

The first step, taken last Thursday evening, was the adoption of six general principles, or policies, which the commission will be guided by in the consideration of off-street parking.

First, recognizing the need for this type of parking, they determined that any ordinance should be reasonable in its provisions. This ordinance would allow the acquisition of parking areas through special assessment procedure for business property, as well as other areas to be furnished by owners of buildings to be erected elsewhere in the city.

Secondly, the cost of developing general parking areas will be borne by an 85 per cent assessment against the property benefited.

Just Present Needs

Another guidepost will be the determination not to acquire any more areas for parking than are demanded by present needs.

A fourth principle agreed upon was that future needs will be met by multi-level (2 or 3-story) garages or additional land acquisition, dependent upon the relationship between land and construction costs at that time.

Commissioners contemplate that service fees may have to be charged for parking privileges to pay for the operation, maintenance and capital cost should conditions necessitate it.

Lastly, they will seek to place parking lots on comparatively low value property which is also convenient to business areas and where possible, to serve uses requiring facilities at different times.

"We don't want the public to attack these policies on the basis that they are iron-bound and not subject to change," one commissioner commented. "We've got to start somewhere, even if it is with general policy, and we may run up against brick walls later on."

SCF Official to Report on Europe Relief Program

Dr. Howard Kershner, chairman of the Overseas Committee of the National Board of the Save the Children Federation, will come to Birmingham Friday, March 14, as the guest of the Birmingham Branch of the Federation. He has just completed a five-month visit through Norway, Sweden, Finland, Holland, Belgium and France.

Dr. Kershner will be honored at a luncheon to be given at the Community House on that day, and will then report on the progress made by the SCF in these countries.

The luncheon will be attended by many members of the Birmingham Branch of the SCF, as well as members of Birmingham organizations which have supported European schools with food, clothing and supplies during this critical period of rehabilitation.

Second Visit Here

Also in attendance to hear Dr. Kershner's report will be persons interested in this relief work abroad, and representatives of the public and private schools and churches and other local groups which have supported the recent shoe and clothing drives.

Mrs. Angus McLay is chairman of the affair and Mrs. Frederic W. Sevin is in charge of reservations.

Dr. Kershner, who visited Birmingham two years ago to report on work he had then done, has labored for some time in behalf of the starving and ill-clad children of Europe who were receiving literally no education. Before becoming chairman of the Overseas Committee of the SCF, he worked as European director for the American Friends Committee and founded a temporary food counsel for Europe's starving children.

Child Refugee Program

He has interested people in the United States and Canada in their condition, and finally was successful in getting a resolution passed in both houses of Congress approving the feeding of Europe's children, even though at that time a blockade was on.

Shortly after that, Kershner, through the means and facilities of the SCF, began building up a strong child refugee rehabilitation program. Any club, or person in the United States, through this program, could contribute to the support of a European school—

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Kroger Store Fined for Short Weight

Appearing before Justice John Gafill Friday, Feb. 28, Joseph Rolando, manager of the Kroger store located at 325 N. Woodward, pleaded guilty to a charge of "offering packaged goods for sale at less weight than marked on the package," in violation of the weights and measures ordinance.

The complaint was signed by Bill Green of the local police department. The packages in question contained nuts and cheese. The fine of $50 was paid by Rolando.

Hospital Drive Heads Toward Final Weeks

Contributions Total Over $638,000 Now, Recent Reports Show

While there will be no more formal report meetings of the Woodward General Hospital Fund workers, the campaign will still be carried on actively for the next few weeks, with individual workers reporting to their captains, captains to community chairmen, and chairmen to headquarters, according to Carmen House, now supervising the hospital campaign.

The last report meeting of campaign workers was a dinner meeting held last Friday night when the grand total of contributions to February 28, $638,256.02, was announced.

Additional Totals Later

At the meeting Birmingham workers reported a total of $72,453 collected, Royal Oak's figure being $111,568.50, and Ferndale's $24,757.75.

Additional figures on neighboring towns will be announced at a later date as they are compiled, House stated.

Reports on production firms were also announced at the Friday night meeting, advance gifts totalled $147,119.52. Gifts from industrial corporations reached a figure last week of $63,300 and from retail corporations, $92,625.

Well Under Way

With the campaign well under way and all the organizational work taken care of, campaign directors MacClean Worth and Parker Gibson, have left headquarters. House will remain in a supervisory capacity for the balance of the campaign time, at headquarters here in Birmingham.

As the reporting of campaign figures will now be handled, the individual solicitors will report to their captains, the captains will compile reports, turning them over to community chairmen and community chairmen will bring in the total contributions to headquarters for compilation.

Much work remains to be done in the campaign areas, House pointed out. Many people who were undecided as to how much to contribute have to be contacted again, and there are still a great number of people who have not been contacted at all—many of them vacationing while the campaign has been going on. This work will be carried on during the balance of the campaign.

Can't Get Coal from Ground So Kirkceldy Gathers It from Along Nearby Seacoast

James Dowie, the Scotsman who returned to America and Birmingham only a few short months ago after a 14-year visit to his native Scotland, this week reported how old Mother Nature was slapping the cheeks of his countrymen with one hand, yet putting a protective arm about their shoulders at the same time.

Dowie's birthplace, the seacoast village of Kirkceldy on the Firth of Forth, is one of the towns in the British Isles that is being lashed by one of the severest winter gales that has been recorded.

Although Dowie returned to Birmingham some time before the storms began, he knows what the villagers are going through with only 100 pounds of coal a week with which to heat their homes and cook their meals.

Tons of Sea Coal

"The most remarkable thing about the storms is that while they bring snow and ice in overwhelming quantities, these same storms are casting up on the beaches near Kirkceldy tons and tons of 'sea coal' which the villagers are gathering to relieve the fuel shortage," Dowie related.

Dowie's letter to his parents this week has received word from relatives in this little Scottish town who tell of regular trips to the coast with baskets, wheelbarrows, baby buggies, or anything else that coal can be transported home in.

"Factories, working at half speed because of the drastic government restrictions on fuel, have sent workers to the sea coast to pick up the coal, pack it in cars and ship it to the factory," he said.

'Act of Providence'

Dowie, who is staying with his daughter, Mrs. Rachel M. Provan, 998 Hazel, said that while storms have washed up a little of the sea coal before, this is the first time in the town's history that it has ever come up in such quantities.

"Usually you can pick up a piece of it here and there," he said, "but now it can be measured in tons. It

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Birmingham Police to Cooperate in 'No Violation' Day

Police Chief J. P. Hackett announced this week that Birmingham will cooperate with Detroit and surrounding suburbs and will have a "No Violation Day," to see how low a number of traffic violations can be recorded in 24 hours.

The date set for the test is May 12. All violators on that day will be required to appear in court on the date indicated in the summons. Overtime parking tickets, however, will not require a personal appearance in court.

The special day was planned in Detroit by a committee of police, safety, court and Automobile Club officials.

"The test will be made under normal conditions," Hackett stated. "It is not the intention of the day to make many arrests—in fact, the fewer the better."

IF selling your car, why not call your local Chevrolet dealer, 478 So. Woodward. Phone 4021. adv. tf

Maples, Eastern Michigan League's Junior Member, Returns With Championship

By Gerry Hughes

Inspired by an overwhelming desire to win, the victorious Maple quintet battled from the starting whistle to the final gun to outpace Port Huron, 23-18, on the latter's own floor and return home indisputed champions of the Eastern Michigan League.

Birmingham's fast shifting zone defense worked with mechanical precision and became the outstanding feature of the game, holding Port Huron from scoring a single field goal in the last half of the contest.

The encounter began with Birmingham playing a loose man-to-man defense. The Maples were unable to stop Brick Fowler's Big Red with this type of game and the Port Huron boys led 9-5 at the first quarter.

Coach Lloyd Cooper then changed the Maple's defense to a zone and slowly but surely the fast Port Huron offense was brought to a standstill. Gaining encouragement from this new spark, the Birmingham cagers began looping in baskets and finally led the Huronites 13-12 at the intermission.

An exceptionally large Birmingham crowd for an away game was kept on its feet during most of the second half as the determined Maple quintet fought furiously to raise the score.

Chuck Murray, Stan Schaeffer and Bob Littleson kept the Maples' offensive attack rolling while Jack Filkins, Dick Blauman and Bob Folin played superior defensive ball and checked every Port Huron attempt to score.

With a few minutes remaining, both teams battled for possession of the ball. It was during these waning minutes that Port Huron received the final blow when two over-enthusiastic boys, Balogh and Gorte, were called out on five personal fouls.

As the final gun, the fans raced to the floor to congratulate the new champions on one of the hardest fought contests of the season.

High scoring honors for the Maples again went to Chuck Murray with nine points for a total of 210 markers this season.

Stan Schaeffer, playing his last game for Birmingham, racked up six points for the contest and did

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Victor and Bluebird Records. New releases weekly. Leonard Electric, 162 W. Maple. adv. tf

Norge oil burning space heater. Immediate delivery. Heats five rooms. Leonard's, 162 West Maple. adv. tf

State Clears New Car Purchases by Local Cab Owner

Harold Harvey, chief investigator of the Michigan Secretary of State's Office, yesterday morning declared that an investigation by his department had cleared Vern Colburn, 970 Ruffner, of any doubt concerning his statement that he had purchased seven new cars during 1946, all of which were used in his taxicab business.

"Our investigation shows that Colburn, during 1946, purchased seven new Plymouth automobiles and that he now owns and operates five of the above as taxicabs," Harvey explained.

"The other two cars were wrecked and taken back by the companies which had insured them. None of his cars was bought and resold for profit."

Harvey's investigation of Colburn resulted from last week's disclosure that a number of persons in the Detroit metropolitan area had purchased three or more cars during 1946, and the Secretary of State was investigating the possibility that one or more of the persons had resold the cars at a profit in violation of a Michigan statute requiring a dealer's license for such operations.

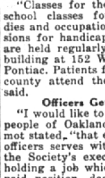
1947 Easter Seal Drive Opens Today in Oakland County

Kickoff in the 14th annual Easter Seal drive by the Oakland County Society for Crippled Children to raise funds for the care of crippled and handicapped children and adults was announced today by county chairman William H. Wilmot.

More than 65,000 letters, each containing a sheet of Easter Seals, are being sent to residents of Birmingham and the rest of the county, according to William Story, chairman for the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills area.

Classes for Hospitalized

"Easter Seals represent the only means we have of raising money to carry on the Society's work for the crippled and handicapped," Wilmot declared. "We furnish wheel chairs, braces, crutches and even dental care to crippled children whose parents can't afford those things. We have two teachers who give regular classes at the Oakland County orthopedic hospital for youngsters hospitalized there for long periods. The same teachers give classes to homebound children, thereby granting them their American right of education.



"Classes for the blind, nursery school classes for cripled kiddies and occupational therapy seems to be handicapped of all agers are held regularly in the Society building at 152 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. Patients from all over the county attend these classes," he said.

Officers Get No Pay

"I would like to point out to the people of Oakland County," Wilmot stated, "that every one of our officers serves without pay. Even the Society's executive secretary, holding a job which is normally a paid position, does not accept a penny of salary.

"These are only a few of the many aids offered by the Oakland County Society for Crippled Children. Our work is never done and carrying it on properly requires the support of every person throughout the county," Wilmot concluded.

Registrations for Blood Bank Begin Monday, March 17

Under the directoin of Mrs. A. K. Toepfer, chairman, a civilian unit from the Red Cross will visit Birmingham Community House, April 7 and 8, for blood donations.

"Residents of Oakland County can help directly those needing surgery, suffering from burns, shock or other emergencies by donating their blood at this blood plasma clinic, sponsored by the Birmingham Red Cross chapter," Mrs. Toepfer stated.

There are no substitutes for human blood plasma, the Red Cross has pointed out, adding, "If any good can be said to have come out of the last war, it is the knowledge that certain portions of human blood can be extracted, powdered, pressed and then without loss of time, put back into the blood streams of others who desperately need to have their own fluids replenished."

Slogan for this civilian blood drive is "Somebody Gives—Somebody Lives."

Of the plasma collected, ninety per cent will go for the use of Oakland County residents, while ten per cent goes to the State for research purposes.

"The new plasma discoveries saved a high percentage of battle casualties and the same technique is now turned to saving civilian lives. Generous giving of blood from an individual in good health will make free plasma available to any resident of Oakland County who needs it, in adequate amounts to provide for his recovery," she said.

New Director of Community House Named

Was Former Leader of Downtown Detroit USO Club Activities

Mrs. Velma R. Isley, well-known assistant director of metropolitan Detroit's many USO branches and director of its Downtown Club, began a new job for Birmingham's Community House Monday, March 3.

As Community House Director, she will be in charge of its administrative work and personnel, relieving Miss Amy Wild for a full time program as director of the rapidly expanding recreation division of the Community House.

Miss Wild, a veteran of Red Cross hospital recreation work in New Guinea, the Philippines and Australia, has been carrying on both administrative and recreation jobs since her arrival last September 1.

Mrs. Isley resigned recently from her USO positions to join the Community House staff and will give her full time to the work. She is a slender, gray-eyed, gray-haired woman with a record of achievement which belies her early middle age.

In the USO she directed the efforts of several thousand volunteer workers who helped to make Detroit's USO clubs outstanding in the country. Before joining the Detroit USO she was the director of Travelers' Aid USO in Memphis, Tenn., and before that assistant director of one of the U.S. Public Health hospitals in Memphis.

She served as director of the Y.W.C.A. USO in Detroit from 1941 to 1943, coming to Detroit from Waterloo, Iowa, in 1937 to the Detroit YWCA health education department.

A graduate of Iowa State Teachers College, with graduate w[illegible] at the University of Wisconsin, Mrs. Isley has taught in Iowa high schools and at Iowa State Teachers College.

She is the wife of Carlton H. Isley, a staff member of the Detroit Board of Education. She and her husband intend to live in Birmingham as soon as they can locate a home here. At present the Isleys have no children, are living in Detroit.

March 31 Date Set for 'Voters Rally'

A tentative program was set up by representatives of six Birmingham organizations Tuesday night when they met to formulate plans for a non-partisan "Voters Rally" to be held at the Community House at 8:15 p.m., March 31, when the eight candidates for the city commission will be asked to present their qualifications and views concerning local government.

The committee also agreed to select a moderator and decide upon the questions of civic interest to be submitted to the candidates.

At the meeting were Ferd Broock, Elliott Kinney, Jerome Benjamin and Fred Pew, representing the Realty Board, which is sponsoring the meeting; Bill DeGraff, Rotary Club; Mrs. Katharine Blunt and Mrs. Katharine Smith, of the League of Women Voters; Larry Nelson, Jack Andrews and Wayne Mortimer of the Junior Chamber of Commerce; Chad Ritchie and James Hodges, Birmingham Veterans Organization; and Clarence Vliet and Rolland Reese, Retail Merchants Association.

Electrically Minded

After trying out an electric typewriter in the Municipal Offices for some time, City Manager Donald C. Egbert Monday night recommended to Commissioners that the City purchase it. Cost of the new machine will be $290.

Seeds to Provide for 655 European Gardens Result from Local Contributions

In response to the urgent appeal made by the American Friends Service Committee for money for seeds to replant the depleted gardens of European countries, money from Birmingham clubs, churches and groups has provided for seeds for 655 of those gardens.

The voluntary committee serving in this action for the collection of the $360.25 representing the 655 gardens was made up by: Mrs. Blair Swartz, Mrs. R. W. Reily, Mrs. Paul L. Penfield, Mrs. L. D. Stauffer, Mrs. Frederic W. Sevin and Mrs. Philip H. Pretz, chairman.

The entire amount collected is now in the hands of the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia, and soon the packets will leave from the seed company which has prepared special seeds for the short growing season of Northern Poland, Finland and Lapland.

War Leaves Few Gardens

The seeds will be used in garden projects in those countries under the close supervision of many teams of Quaker rehabilitation workers in those areas.

The "scorched-earth" policy of both the Russians and Germans, who alternately commanded this area, left hardly a farmhouse standing, nor any tools, seeds or the things necessary to recommence gardening, the American Friends Committee reported.

Consequently these people have had nothing green and fresh to eat for years, and the gifts of seeds will not only provide a family of five with garden produce enough for summer and winter storage, but will yield more seeds so that the gardens may be carried on in subsequent years.

Participating Groups

Participating in the Quaker project in Birmingham were the

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Heart Attack Fatal to Dr. John Gordon; Services Are Friday

Dr. John Hurter Gordon, who for the past 24 years has been a practicing physician in Birmingham, died suddenly of a heart attack Monday in Winter Haven, Florida, as he and his wife were enroute home from a Southern vacation.

Dr. Gordon was stricken on the train as it neared Winter Haven and was taken off there and rushed to a hospital where he succumbed.

As a young man, Dr. Gordon came to Birmingham 24 years ago to establish his practice, and he has lived here serving his community and its residents since that time.

Active in Local Affairs

He was a member of the Oakland County Medical Association, the State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the Fellowship of the American College of Surgeons. He was a member of the staff of the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, being elected vice president of the staff in 1934, and was actively interested in the new Woodward General Hospital.

Dr. Gordon will not only be remembered for his medical work, but also as an active member in community affairs. Besides his work with the Village Players, he was also a member of Orchard Lake Country Club and Kappa Alpha Society.

Graduate of Boston School

Born in Anniston, Ala. in January 1874, he attended Sewanee Military Academy and Sewanee University. He graduated from medical school at Tufts University in Boston, and in 1923, the same year he came to Birmingham, he married Jennie Evlynne Peterson on June 19.

He was a veteran of World War I.

Surviving are his wife, and two sons, John H. Gordon, Jr. and Clayton Gordon, who are both medical students now at the University of Michigan. He also leaves his mother, Mrs. Frederick Gordon of Talladega, Ala., a sister, Mrs. Melanie Barbara of New York City, and three brothers, Cecil F. Gordon of Long Island, N. Y., William H. Gordon of Cleve-

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Dr. Cadigan Plans 3-Month Tour to Foster Religion

Dr. Charles H. Cadigan, rector of Christ Church Cranbrook, has been granted a three-month leave of absence from his parish for the Church Society for College Work, a national Episcopal church youth group committed to the three-fold task of uniting Christianity and learning, of placing chaplains on college campuses and of awakening the Christian religion to its responsibility among youth.

Dr. Cadigan left Saturday for his new work and will return to Cranbrook for the June 1 service.

The Rev. William Hill will become rector-in-charge at Christ Church during Dr. Cadigan's absence, assisted by the Rev. Walter Young.

Dr. Cadigan's new work involves making a tour of the college campuses of the country, setting up a program for the recruiting of men for the ministry, and laying the groundwork for the intensifying and expanding of the church's work in college centers.

Some idea of the importance of such a task can be gained from the fact that at the moment there is a shortage of 3,000 clergy competent to serve on the parish level.

The return to college and university life of thousands of servicemen and women has increased college enrollments to an unprecedented high in educational history. The opportunity for this work is especially timely.

Dr. Cadigan plans to concentrate his work in 12 strategic areas of the country. Beginning with the colleges in Michigan, he will then visit Chicago, Dallas, returning then takes him through Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York State.

In the month of April he will visit St. Louis, Mo., Denver, Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, Los Angeles and San Francisco. In the month of May he will visit the colleges in the southern states.

At Easter, Dr. Cadigan will pause in his youth work and return to Christ Church Cranbrook for that special service. His associate on the trip will be the Reverend Hugh C. White, Jr., former Cranbrook graduate who was recently graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary.

Car Rams into Pole; Dad, Daughter Hurt

H. B. Updegraff, 468 Willits, and his daughter, Barbara, 12, sustained many cuts and were treated for shock after an accident late Saturday afternoon on Woodward avenue just south of Birmingham, when Updegraff swerved his car into a utility pole to avoid a car which attempted to cross the highway ahead of him.

According to Royal Oak police, Updegraff was travelling north when a car driven by Edgar W. Parkin, 45, of Detroit, attempted to cross in front of Updegraff to get to the southbound Woodward lane from Starr road.

The front end of Updegraff's car was very badly damaged. His five-year-old son, a passenger in the car, was not injured.

Seek to Create Gordon Memorial

Friends and former patients of Dr. John H. Gordon announced Tuesday that they were seeking to create a Gordon Memorial Fund as a tribute to his long, faithful service to residents of Birmingham. A spokesman expressed the hope that there would be enough voluntary contributions so that possibly a room at the proposed Woodward General Hospital could be dedicated to him.

A number of contributions have already been submitted to Hilmer C. Carlson, cashier at the Birmingham National Bank, who has set up an escrow account until the type of memorial has been decided upon.

Checks may be addressed to him at the bank and designated, "Gordon Memorial Fund."

Eight Persons in Commission Race

Names of eight candidates for the two city commission vacancies will appear on the April 7 ballot, Miss Irene Hanley, city clerk, announced Monday. Deadline for the filing of petitions was last Saturday afternoon.

All candidates have accepted nomination, Miss Hanley added.

The candidates are Donald S. Bell, 219 Elm, Jules DeBeaubien, 895 Harmon, Bruce R. Dodds, 384 Puritan, S. James Duncan, 638 Westwood, Thomas Klingensmith, 818 Southfield, Mrs. Hazel Lawler, 684 Pierce, Harris G. Machus, 1031 Madison, and C. Theron Van Dusen, 783 Puritan.

John J. Gafill was assured of reelection as justice of the peace when the deadline passed with no other petition being filed.

James J. Kelly, 744 Hazelwood, local insurance agent, has accepted his nomination as associate justice of the peace and will run against John W. Gafill, who is seeking re-election.

No one has filed a petition seeking the office of constable, Miss Hanley said.

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