To some who grasp the golf club's mysterious shaft there comes the spirit of the conqueror, going out to slay the dragon for his lady fair. What—a swell motive upon which to fub a shot!

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Labor and Management Not Always Fighting

Some folks, reading various news stories on the subject, might think that negotiations between management and labor leaders consisted chiefly of verbal fighting; while it is true that, on occasion, heated words do fly back and forth from both sides, it is equally true that both parties are human beings, and much of their relationship is leavened with humbr, even respect.

A week ago last Saturday night, following a telephone message at my home from Phil Weiss, chairman of the State Labor Mediation Board, I arranged a meeting for the next evening in Detroit between Governor Sigler, Emil Mazey, acting president of the UAW-CIO, (Walter Reuther, president is recovering from his recent wounds) Norman Matheson, CIO director for the Chrysler Motor Corp. union employees, and Robert Conder, head of the Chrysler industrial relations department, and his assistant, John Leary.

Before talking first to the labor leaders, the Governor and I spent a brief time with Weiss, receiving from the latter the latest information on the subject of the strike at Chrysler, which then had been going on for 12 days.

Concerns inventory

Then Mazey and Mathews came up to the Governor's suite in the Book-Cadillac Hotel; conversations lasted for an hour and a half, centering chiefly on the union's request that the Governor seek to influence Chrysler from going ahead with its inventory activities. The union men claimed that some of this work is done by the employees then on strike.

The Governor listened attentively, finally telling Mazey and Mathews that the subject was, actually beyond his official jurisdiction.

Then word was sent to Conder and Leary, who previously had been asked to be available that evening; discussion with them lasted about as long as that with the labor leaders. Conder promised the Governor that in taking the inventory, the non-striking employees still on the job would not be asked to do manual work, agreeing that this type of the inventory would remain unfinished until the strike was over, then completed by the CIO members.

Both Groups Discuss

Keeping the Chrysler representatives in his suite, Sigler then called back Mazey and Mathews for a joint conference, winding up with his request that both sides renew negotiations the following Wednesday afternoon. During the joint conference, no "hot words" were hurled about; indeed, now and then humorous remarks brought laughs all around.

Mathews is about 45 years old, and impresses one as a quiet, but determined chap, bent on getting as much as he can for the laboring man; Mazey, ten years younger, although a perfect gentleman that Sunday evening, has the reputation of being a hard-hitting union man. These leaders, I was informed, were counselled by able lawyers and economists, and thus put up vigorous arguments for more of the income of the corporations their union men work for.

Now that the Chrysler strike is over, I am inclined to believe that Governor Sigler's suggestion that both sides get together for renewal of negotiations was a helpful one. Actually, of course, a Governor has no legal power in determining terms during negotiations; but the influence of his office, on behalf of the whole public, is tremendous on such occasions.

Personally, I am happy that the strike is over; for one of the assignments I have as Sigler's executive secretary is to maintain liaison relationships between the Governor and all phases of labor-management problems as they affect mediation, arbitration, and the use of the State Police or National Guard.

Three Persons File for School Board

Three persons, including two incumbents, have filed for election to the Birmingham Board of Education.

Mrs. Peter B. Loomis, 1648 Dorchester road, and Ross Campbell of Franklin Village were appointed last summer to fill the unexpired terms of two board members who resigned, Mrs. Norman Lyle and Lee E. Joslyn, Jr.

William Spence, 30523 Greenfield road, Southfield township, also has filed for a place on the June 14 ballot.

Two persons are to be elected to a three-year term.

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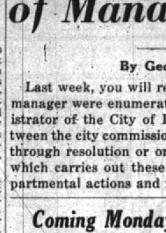
Unimportant Calls Are Biggest Problem of Manager's Office

By George Wm. Averill

Last week, you will recall, the general duties of the city manager were enumerated. Briefly, he is the chief administrator of the City of Birmingham. He is the liaison between the city commission, which determines over-all policy through resolution or ordinance, and the city government which carries out these measures through its regular departmental actions and functions.

Coming Monday



Robert Magidoff

Robert Magidoff, NBC's Moscow correspondent for many years, will tell a Birmingham audience Monday evening the circumstances which lay behind his sudden expulsion from Russia last April. His talk will begin at 8:30 p.m. at the Community House and is sponsored by the Birmingham League of Women Voters.

His local talk was arranged by Mrs. Charles J. Shain, chairman of the League's speakers bureau. Mrs. Brooks Marshall is ticket chairman.

Magidoff will be a Monday dinner guest of the members of the League's board of directors.

St. Malo Drive to Be Aided by St. Dunstan Play

Part of the proceeds from the play "Jacobowsky and the Colonel," to be presented by St. Dunstan's June 17-20, will be donated by the group to aid the French city of St. Malo.

This Brittany coastal town of about 2,000 was devastated during the war, largely by Americans who drove out the Nazis. The idea brought back by visiting Birmingham mites of the Junior Chamber of Commerce was that it would be generous for this American community to help these people get back on their feet.

"Our 'adopted town' is getting more foster parents in Birmingham every day," declared A. J. Smith who heads up the activity for the Jaycees. "Resulting from the enthusiastic response of social and service organizations, we now have a hard-working committee and the beginnings of something tangible to send abroad. We are now waiting further word from the Mayor of St. Malo on more specific requirements."

Committee Members

The committee, besides Smith, who is also responsible for procuring machinery and tools, consists of Mrs. R. F. Giffels, food; Mrs. Pearl Estes, clothing; Drs. Edson K. Pool and W. George Schaller, hospital equipment and medical supplies; Pell Hollingshead, storage, packaging and distribution; Herman Erke, finance; Norman B. Stanton, publicity.

Additional members are Mrs. Helen Genung, who was largely responsible for the Village Players and St. Dunstan's participation, Mrs. Richard T. Hatch, president of the Newcomers club and Richard Patterson, president of Birmingham Veterans Organization.

"Among the first to contribute to this effort" said Smith, "were the Village Players with their benefit performance. Rebekah Lodge has started a continuing drive for clothing, as has the Newcomers Club. U of M alumnae put in the first cash. And so it goes.

Two Strange Requests

"The Real Estate Board is grappling with the plea for a grass cutting saw (probably the strangest request ever to enter Birmingham), and the new lifeboat asked for is another item not likely to be found in anyone's back yard. But the bulk of what's needed are picks, shovels, hammers, soap, shoes, coats, dresses, bandages, simple medicines . . . the ordinary things you yourself would need to keep existing."

As the program develops we hope to tell more groups and individuals of our town exactly how they can help the desolate families of St. Malo, who want only the bare necessities to rebuild their lives and their city."

Offers of help will be gladly received and further information given by A. J. Smith, 1444 Bird.

On the other hand, the city manager gathers data and facts from the various city departments, correlates it and recommends to the city commission certain actions which are designed to enable these departments to properly perform their respective duties.

Must Make Predictions

In the past decade the City of Birmingham has grown tremendously, both from a residential and commercial standpoints. Each new residence, each new business has added to the city's task of providing necessary municipal services.

The future holds still greater growth for Birmingham. That fact no one can deny. But at the same time city officials must try to take it upon themselves to predict, as accurately as they can, what will be demanded of the city in 10, 15, 25 years from now. There is a gigantic planning job to be done immediately, accompanied by a work program that must keep pace with present needs as well as provide ultimate demands.

Now it is an impossible task for the proprietor of any local business to be behind the counter waiting on customers and at the same time checking over his stock to see what he should order to keep his shelves filled. He's got to do one or the other. If he is the only one who can compile the stock orders, he must have someone out in the store in his place to wait on the customers. Or else he has to wait until after he closes the store for the night before he can check his stock.

The city manager of Birmingham is in much the same situation. Before him lies the task of planning for the city's future, jobs that must receive immediate attention unless city services are permitted to fall behind demand. There's sewage, water problems; a 10-year street improvement program that must be figured out in detail; he must determine the advisability of erecting a water softening plant; the sewage disposal plant needs enlarging. This list could go on for some length. But you get the general idea.

Birmingham is a friendly town. We all count among our local acquaintances a much larger number of people than if we lived in a city like Flint, Pontiac or Grand Rapids, for instance. We have the neighborly spirit, of which we should rightfully be proud.

But this can seriously handicap the activities of City Manager Donald C. Egbert, as this reporter can verify. Egbert would, in the last person in Birmingham to come out and tell just how this friendly spirit either cuts down the amount of planning he can accomplish, or spreads it over a considerably longer period.

Phone Constantly Ringing

Egbert's office phone—any day of the week, any week of the year —is constantly ringing with calls from local citizens who want a hole fixed in the street in front of their house. Or they want the water meter fixed. Maybe they want a piece of property rezoned and desire Egbert's aid.

Most of these calls are eventually transferred to the proper city department anyway. Why couldn't the caller ask for the DPW and tell them about the hole in the road? Couldn't the Water department be told about the meter? The planning commission or the board of appeals handles rezoning problems—why weren't they called in the first place?

On the other hand, if the DPW refuses to fix that hole, or the Water department won't come

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Hole-in-One Made by Brad Kempton, Jr., on Springdale Course

The thrill of a lifetime came to Brad Kempton, 15, Friday evening when he made a hole-in-one at the Springdale course. Playing with Granville Dance, Brad made the 193-yard drive at the seventh hole and made his "ace", using his brassie. His score for the game was 42.

Brad's shot was witnessed by several persons, including Melville B. Robb, 18378 Bedford road, Beverly Hills.

The boy is a sophomore at Baldwin High School and is the son of S. Bradford Kempton, 19380 Beverly road.

When asked if he thought he'd take up golf as a career now, Brad grinned and replied, "No, I guess not. My luck won't always be that good!"

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Sigler Repeats Plea for New Constitution

Agricultural State No Longer, He Tells Franklin Audience

Michigan, one of the nation's greatest industrial states, cannot operate successfully under a state constitution adopted in 1908 when agriculture was the main livelihood of most residents, Governor Kim Sigler declared before an audience of 250 which crowded the Franklin Community Hall last Thursday evening.

The Governor was introduced by Harry Henderson, Franklin resident and member of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. Hugh C. White, Franklin Village president, was chairman of the meeting.

To illustrate his point, Sigler mentioned two matters: salaries of state officials and the gigantic number of "boards, bureaus, agencies and commissions".

Lot of Money Then

Three dollars a day back in 1908 was a lot of money, and $6,000 a year for being governor of this state was a pretty big sum," Sigler explained. "Not today! Those figures are so far below the corresponding scale at the present time that—well, you people of the State of Michigan will have to pay enough to your public servants to make it worth while for good men to seek public office."

He lamented the fact that Michigan has 110 boards and commissions.

"Why, there are so many of these boards that I must admit I haven't even got around to visiting all of them yet," the Governor said. "And maybe you'd be interested in knowing I have walked into meetings of several of these boards and by doing so became the first governor the board members had ever seen."

No wonder Gov. Tom Dewey can do a good job of running the State of New York, Sigler commented.

Only 21 Depts. to Watch

"Dewey has only 21 state departments to watch, and he appoints the heads of these departments who are responsible directly to him. If they don't perform, he gets new men," Sigler said. "But can I do a good job of watching 110 Michigan agencies? No one could. Besides, I can't determine the policy of these departments, either. If the people don't like what a department is doing, they can't go to the polls and elect someone else to these boards. But they could if these department heads were appointed by a governor who is elected by the citizens and responsible to them."

Some day the people of Michigan will insist on changing the present system, the governor said.

Annexation to City of 45 Acres Awaits Action of Township

The Troy township board of supervisors was expected to act last night on the petition for annexation to the city of Birmingham of 43.25 acres of township land located east of the Grand Trunk railroad and contiguous to the north city limits.

The Birmingham city commission Tuesday evening unanimously approved of the annexation, which will become final only if the township board also decides in favor of it.

Also before the board at this meeting was another petition for the annexation of about 2 acres at the east end of Holland avenue. The city commission approved this latter petition last December.

'Sky Streak' Pilot Tells of Flying Near Speed of Sound

By Alice E. Morgan

How would you like to travel almost as fast as sound? Especially in a plane flying only a few feet off the ground

Major Ridley, who with his brother Jim, owns a service station at Hunter and West Maple, visited here last week and explained the sensation of being the test pilot of the famous Douglas "Sky Streak". He has sent this jet-propelled plane hurtling through the air at more than 680 miles per hour while flying about 20 feet above the ground.

The test flights are made at Muroc Dry Lake in California, largest test field in the world.

"You do have a feeling of speed," he said, "because things are behind you almost before you are aware of them. For this reason the pilot must always fix his attention on some object far in the distance. To try to look at a thing nearby would be impossible —as well as fatal.

Constant Bumping

"The air, at this altitude is hard and choppy. It's rather like riding a heavy truck without springs and with solid tires over a corduroy road. It's one constant bump after the other. The ship is traveling so fast that it cannot ride the air pockets as a lighter, slower ship would do."

May explained that the exceptionally low altitude is maintained to get the maximum speed from the plane. Here, air conditions allow greater use of the power obtainable, as well as make it possible for the speed to be checked by ground instruments. His flights for speed are checked photographically by a camera which travels at the rate of 800 frames per second. Other ground instruments are brought into use which would be worthless were the plane being flown at a higher altitude.

The pilot wears specially designed flying suits, heavily padded to protect his body from the bouncing he must undergo. The cockpit, referred to as the "padded cell" is also designed for his protection. A heavy pad is mounted directly behind the pilots head to soften the shock when the terrific speed throws him back against it. Sides and all exposed parts which he might strike are spotted and padded.

Little Chance of Recovering

In addition to the padding which is built into the pilot's suit, it is also pressurized. Without this precaution the pilot would blackout in silver and turns. At the speed he is flying there would be little chance of his recovering in time to avoid a crash.

Before flights the pilot must undergo complete physical examinations. His greatest danger is decompression, and for this he is put through every known medical test. May, 43, is considered "the old man" among test pilots, and especially those engaged in testing jet planes.

Asked if he believed jet planes would have a use in the commercial field, May stated they would.

"Of course they are still in the experimental field," he explained. "Commercially, they are useless right now. They are too expensive for the big airlines to junk their present holdings and buy jets.

"Furthermore, until they are smoothed out, they are impractical. At the present stage of development, they are only capable of remaining in the air about 45 minutes. In landing at heavily trafficked airports they would not be able to stay up while the runways were cleared for landing. These ships burn fuel (kerosene) at the rate of 700 gallons per hour, so it's plain why they must have short flying periods.

Another Drawback

"Right now the matter of airports is another drawback. The landing speed of the Sky Streak is 160 miles an hour. There isn't a city in the country that can take it. The minimum distance for a landing is a seven and one-half mile runway."

May, who was joined here by his wife, expected to remain in Birmingham about a week before returning to his home in Los Angeles. Another series of tests will be started soon with the Sky Streak, with Gene May at the controls.

Three Top Students Among June Graduates

Eloise Fowler

Sara Jane Scott

Fred Mallender

Names of the three students who scholastically top the list of 170 Baldwin high school June graduates were announced last night at the annual Senior Dinner held at the Community House.

Fred Mallender, son of Mayor and Mrs. Milton F. Mallender, 430 Aspen road, and Sara Jane Scott head the honor students as co-valedictorians. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Scott, 775 Kennesaw.

Eloise Fowler was named salutatorian. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Madison H. Fowler, 139 Pilgrim.

Commencement program will be held Thursday morning, June 17, at the Birmingham theater.

Dr. W. Glen Harris, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will be guest speaker at baccalaureate service to be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 13, in the auditorium of the Baldwin high school.

Mallender has attended Birmingham schools since kindergarten. Besides topping his class in scholarship, he has participated in extra-curricular activities, playing three years in the band and serving as manager of the tennis and football teams.

Miss Scott, who shares first honors, came to Birmingham last fall as a senior from Bowling Green, Ohio. This year she has served on various school committees.

Miss Fowler came to Birmingham in her junior year. She is a member of Y-Teens, new school club, and has been active on bulletin board and school dance committees.

All three students are members of the Nathional Honor Society.

Street Problems Hold Attention of Commissioners

Attention of the city commission Tuesday evening centered again on the improvement of city streets when commissioners held their regular weekly meeting.

City manager Donald C. Egbert recommended the improvement of Bowers street between Hunter and Adams, Elm from Hunter to Forest and Hazel from Elm to Hunter, with curb, gutter and hard surface.

In his report, Egbert also pointed out the advisability of improving Hazel and Chestnut, between Adams and Hunter, in order to entirely improve the area at one time and thus benefit from reduced construction costs.

Palm Street Problem

"However, this project also includes the problem of what the city should do with the curb and of Palm street," Egbert said.

Commissioners referred the projected program to the manager for further study and report.

The improvement of Eton, between Yorkshire and Derby, with curb, gutter and hard surface was confirmed by the commission.

The Abbey-Putney-Adams intersection was officially changed so that the streets intersect at right angles.

The portion of Glenhurst, be-

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Oiling Program Starts Today

Birmingham's summer road oiling program is expected to get under way this morning with the oiling of Holland. DPW Superintendent Marx Fall said this week. The first tank car of oil was expected in the city DPW yard yesterday.

According to Fall, streets on which curbs and gutters were installed last year will receive first consideration. Then streets for which petitions have been received will be taken in order of their confirmation by the city commission.

It is not the intent of the DPW, however, to do too much "jumping" around town, Fall said.

"If we find that there are other streets to be oiled in the immediate neighborhood, then they will be done at the same time," he explained.

New Maple Bridge to Be Started Within 12 Months

A contract for the construction of the new West Maple bridge over the River Rouge is expected to be let within the next 12 months, Mayor Milton F. Mallender revealed at Tuesday evening's commission meeting.

"The city has hired an engineer who is expected to report his plans and drawings to us any day now," Mallender said.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert explained that present plans call for the location of the new bridge to the north of the old one.

"This would enable traffic to be maintained during construction of the new bridge," Egbert pointed out.

Damage Is Slight in Local School Entry; Five Boys Involved

Norman Wolfe, assistant superintendent of Birmingham schools, reported Wednesday morning that the parents of the boys involved in the vandalism display at Quarton School Saturday are cooperating with the board in straightening the matter out. Five youths were apprehended and appeared at police headquarters Tuesday. The matter was turned back to the boards and they are parents.

Entrance to the school was gained through an unlocked window in the nurse's room, Wolfe reported. The boys went through the school where they damaged two vending machines, and damaged other school property by turning a fire extinguisher on it. In the office of the school principal, the gold fish bowl and contents were poured into a desk drawer.

Wolfe reported that he had talked to the boys and he does not believe their act was caused by "meanness or any grudge against anyone. I think they simply found out they could get in the school, and once in things just happened," he said.

Clark Resigns from Board of Appeals

Resignation of Edward S. Clark, 692 Oak street, from the zoning board of appeals was accepted by the city commission Tuesday evening. Clark is acting city building inspector during the absence of Scott A. Hersey.

Mayor Milton F. Mallender said he expects to appoint a new board member next Monday evening.

Survey Taken of Adult Classes at Community House

Scope of the adult education and recreation program of the Community House is limited only by the interest of participants and space and special facilities of the House, a committee which has been studying the matter, has reported. Mrs. Wm. M. Milligan, member of the Community House board, appointed by Mrs. Howard J. Liverance, president of the board, to survey the arts and crafts and recreation classes included in the adult education program, will carry the report to the Community House board at its regular meeting next Monday.

The survey committee recommends that the public be given an opportunity to indicate interest in other subjects than those taught last winter, and contemplated as repeats in the fall term which begins September 27. New classes can be formed for groups of 12. If a dozen people express a desire for a subject, the community House will undertake to find a suitable instructor, according to Mrs. Milligan, chairman of the adult recreation and arts and crafts survey committee.

Express Interest

Some interest, but not enough to warrant the formation of regular classes has been manifested in classes in interior decorating, public speaking, cooking, art and music appreciation, languages, textile painting, parliamentary law and photography. Other possibilities are typing, chess, geology and anthropology and a group for poetry reading.

Mrs. Milligan will recommend, in her report to the board of the possible activities. Also, that some means be found for the public to indicate its interest in these and other subjects so that classes may be set up if sufficiently large groups request the subject.

Next Fall's Schedule

Next fall's schedule of adult recreation and arts and crafts classes will again include hooked rug making, millinery, slip cover making, clothing construction, painting, ballroom dancing, ceramics and silver jewelry classes for adults and teenagers.

Annual Inspection

Members of the city commission will make their annual tour and inspection of the fire department next Monday evening prior to the regular commission meeting.

Area Traffic Pattern Begun by Suburbs

IACP Reports on Field Survey Made Here Last Fall

An official coordinating committee, composed of the city managers of Birmingham, Royal Oak, Berkley, Clawson, Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge and Hazel Park, has been set up to effect uniform traffic ordinances and police record procedure in these seven suburban communities.

E. M. Shafter, Royal Oak city manager, heads this committee.

This action results from recommendations made by field survey of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, which last fall carefully checked the traffic accident pattern for those cities lying between the 8 and 16 Mile roads.

Report Just Received

The report of the findings of this field crew, which has just been received here, recognized that these seven communities form a contiguous, fairly compact area; that they are traversed by common traffic arteries carrying high volumes of traffic; that persons using these arteries travel through several of the cities and should be subject to the same control pattern and technique in each city; and that all cities have common problems relating to public safety education, traffic engineering and traffic enforcement.

It was also recommended that five additional committees be established to assist in putting through the IACP recommendations:

1. Committee on Police Operations, composed of police chiefs of the several cities involved;
2. Committee of Safety Education, comprising school superintendents and police educational officers;
3. Committee on Traffic Engineering, which would include the heads of the various DPWs and /or engineering representative of the police department, and the consulting traffic engineer.
4. Committee on Uniform traffic Laws and Ordinances, consisting of the city attorneys; and
5. Committee on Traffic Court Procedure, made up of the justices and attorneys of the several cities.

The official report went on:

"The IACP believes that the following general conditions should exist as regards both the individual cities and the organization for and the operation of the Official Area Traffic Control Program:

Police Activities Only

"None of the police departments is sufficiently large to warrant the creation of a separate traffic division, and all police officers must be available for both traffic and non-traffic activities, although some few may be assigned, primarily to specific types of traffic or non-traffic duties.

"Police department personnel should not be assigned to perform police activities.

"Each department should have a central records unit controlling all departmental records and allied activities.

"One officer in each department should be given the responsibility for the performance of all safety educational activities.

"There should be a sufficient number of properly qualified and trained police personnel to permit adequate coverage, by time and area, of all police incidents."

(The report later suggests that a police department should have a minimum personnel of 25. The Birmingham department has a present total of 19, will obtain one additional patrolman July 1.)

"A police training program covering all phases of police duties should be developed on an Area basis."

Starts September 20

(Birmingham City Manager Donald C. Egbert said that this police training program is scheduled to start next September 20.)

"Departmental policies and efforts should be directed to the thorough investigation and reporting of all traffic accidents occurring in the Area.

"A level of traffic law enforcement be attained which will produce a definite reduction in the accident experience.

"Adequate equipment to permit efficient operation."

The report also recommended that police administration should be characterized by developing a sound program in terms of clearly defined procedures and policies; uniform application of these policies, and continuous evaluation in order to permit adjustments and improvements.

Start Season Tonight

The City Softball League opens its summer schedule tonight when Bayley-Caltrider meets Flying Saucers at Howarth Field; Craig Sporting Goods and Appliances plays Michigan Bell Telephone at St. James Field; and Ritters Beverages vs. Sumner Motor Sales Company at Pierce Field. All games start at 6:45 p.m.