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HIS and THAT
By G. R. A.

Gov. Williams Proves Himself "A Human Being"

It is universally agreed that one of the best qualities a person may have is that of a cheerful and warm personality, expressed in the friendly smile, the smiling face and the firm handshake; when these qualities are revealed without conscious effort, and they appear a natural part of the person—then he or she is in possession of something most people value to meet.

Be he commoner or king, ditch-digger or governor, rich or poor, such warmth of personality is a distinct asset in any human being's struggle toward his concept of living.

Such a quality is being expressed by Michigan's new Governor G. Mennen Williams. Friday of last week I visited my old haunts in the Capitol at Lansing, and spent a brief time in the Executive Office. While conversing in one corner of the large room adjacent to the Governor's private office, suddenly I was interrupted by the warm welcoming voice of the new Chief Executive, who, noticing my presence there, (I had not seen him at the time), strode over to me in friendly fashion, clasped my hand, and said, "Hello, George, glad to see you. And we visited for a few moments."

I had known Mr. Williams, of course, when he was a member of the Michigan State Bar Association, appointed by Gov. Kim Sigler in 1947. As Sigler's executive secretary, I now and then had official contacts with the Commission.

Gov. Williams is making a good impression upon official Lansing. Even the hard-billed, skeptical newspaper correspondents told me that Williams appears to be completely natural, unaffected, friendly human being; his job has not taken any of his heartiness. He is a man who goes on, with some political enemies, he will still retain many personal friends. He is not called in as a hard worker, and admits that he doesn't have all the answers to Michigan's problems, but believes in the team idea. But, of course, only time will make the final test.

Good luck, Mennen! Since you're so prone to quote the Bible, let me mention to you that the one who humbly himself shall be exalted. It's a mighty rugged road . . . that of being humble . . . one that the world really respects.

Military scientists now reveal that they have about perfected a "thinking TV bomb." This missile contains a picture of the target it seeks; by using the latest in electronics and television, the scientific gadget gets into reasonable focus with the actual target, the scientific gadget gets into reasonable focus with the actual target, the scientific gadget gets into reasonable focus with the actual target.

Traffic Light Creates Noises and Nuisance

On petition of 48 residents on Madison, Oakland, Park, Ridgedale, and Rivencroft streets, the City Commission Monday night instructed Manager Donald C. Egbert to investigate the possibility of changing the Hunter Field Oakland traffic light from red-to-amber-to-green, the usual color, to an amber blinker each night from midnight to daylight. They claim that late night traffic comes to an amber blinker each night when the red light is against motorists; by changing to a blinker, the danger is eliminated, the petition declared.

Egbert will co-operate with the State Highway Dept. to make a traffic study at that intersection and determine whether the change is practical. It was also pointed out at Monday night's Commission meeting that the light often flashes incorrectly in its timing, resulting in unnecessary traffic congestion, with attendant danger when impatient motorists run the red light.

Chad Ritchie Heads Membership Group

Chad M. Ritchie has been named chairman of the membership committee for Birmingham Chamber of Commerce by the board of directors. The announcement was made by Dr. Robert J. Mason, president.

Poster Boards OK'd

On the advice of Chief of Police Ralph W. Moxley, the City Commission has approved the proposed sign and poster boards to be placed at prominent locations within the city. The boards are to be placed at prominent locations within the city. The boards are to be placed at prominent locations within the city.

City Says: 'What Comes Down Must Go Up, But Dead Tree on Henrietta Will Be Removed'

Had Joyce Kilmer, poet-author of "Trees," been in Birmingham Monday night he would have listened with interest to a lengthy discussion on the subject of some famous lines.

For 45 minutes the Commission listened to objections from Mr. and Mrs. John E. Roth, 207 W. Town st., as they pleaded for the preservation of an ancient chestnut tree at their corner. Some weeks ago the Commission authorized the city to remove the tree, holding that its location five feet in the Henrietta at right-angles made it a traffic hazard.

Gasoline Purchased

City Manager Donald C. Egbert Monday night was authorized by the Commission to purchase 8,000 gallons of gasoline from the Standard Oil Co. at 19.4 cents.

Local Dwelling Razed by Fire Last Thursday

Defective Chimney Causes Blaze Which Sweeps Old House

A defective chimney caused the fire which, Thursday morning, partially destroyed one Birmingham landmark, the W. W. Henry house at 981 N. Woodward. Donald McGaffey, Birmingham attorney present owner of the house, discovered the fire shortly after 10 a. m., when he awoke and discovered flames around a door casing. Firemen, on their arrival, found the house filled with smoke which hindered them in their efforts at locating the seat of the fire. A few minutes after they reached the scene, Chief Vern W. Griffith ordered a general alarm sounded.

The fire, which until this time, had remained hidden, broke through the roof burning away the entire top of the structure. The cause was not disclosed until after the blaze had been put under control sufficiently for firemen to enter the building.

Defective Chimney

Griffith said their investigation showed a loose brick, without mortar, had permitted the escape of flames from the chimney. These ignited the flooring on the first floor, and the fire spread up the old chimney construction to the attic. A double roof prevented the fire from venting itself and held the smoke in the building. Griffith said this hindered the locating of the fire, and that his men were unable to direct their efforts against it properly. When the flames did burst through, they were so fast that the firemen were unable to spread canvas for the protection of furniture and extensive smoke and water damage resulted. He reported that McGaffey had been in the house about an hour before the fire was discovered to fix the furnace and had noticed nothing wrong at that time.

In a statement to the Economic Thursday afternoon Griffith said that while their household furnishings had been damaged extensively through smoke and water, they were able to save most of them. Two apartments on the first floor were also damaged.

Short-Term Tenants

The one, occupied by Donald Knorr and Edward Weren, architects for the Scarpin firm, was filled with smoke, and the two young men reported a carton of cigarettes damaged by water. They had moved into their quarters only about 36 hours before the fire, and after waiting a month for the remodeling and redecorating to be completed.

Commission Won't Fight Rate Hike

By action of the City Commission Monday night, Birmingham legal contest with the Michigan Public Service Commission, involving an increase in gas rates, allowed the Consumers Power Co. The action came in response to a letter the city received from the Michigan Municipal League, which was acting for a number of affected communities, including Detroit.

The Commission held that the Lansing is presumed to represent the public in such matters. City Manager Donald C. Egbert declared that he could see no reason for load extra expense upon Birmingham taxpayers when the State has more power to protect the public interest in rate matters.

Driver Dies Instantly In This Accident

Should be preserved wherever possible. The Commission re-assessed its long-held position of tree preservation and declared it approved cutting down trees only when necessary. Manager Donald C. Egbert reminded the audience that the city had planted 600 new trees within the past ten months.

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Old Landmark Badly Damaged By Fire



Fire Chief V. W. Griffith (in white coat) directs members of the Birmingham Fire Department, as they entered the Donald McGaffey home, 981 North Woodward, with spray nozzle, to get at the location of the fire which partially destroyed that city landmark last Thursday morning. The picture was taken shortly after the flames had broken through the double roof of the dwelling.

Commission Approves Street Oiling Program

The major portion of Birmingham's 1949 road oiling program was approved by the City Commission Monday night. It will consist of scarifying, grading, and oiling, and is guaranteed for five years.

Parts of the following streets are included in the project, which will be started when weather permits in the late spring: Ann, Birmingham Blvd., Brookwood, Glenhurst, Kimberly, Latham, Lyonhurst, Northlawn, Raynole, Westwood and Winthrop.

Driver Posts Bond; Trial to Be Jan. 19

Frederick F. Holt, 572 Linden, was released on bond of \$100 Monday on a charge of drunken driving. He will appear for trial Wednesday, Jan. 19.

Rotarians Learn All About Sculpturing In Visit to Marshall Fredericks' Studios

Birmingham Rotarians Monday afternoon adjourned their meeting at the Community House in order to visit the sculptural gallery of a member of Marshall Fredericks' studios, whose studio is at 4113 So. Woodward avenue, below the 14-Mile rd. Mr. Fredericks, a graduate of

Paul Friedrich, president of the Birmingham Rotary Club, Monday noon announced that the Club has agreed to erect a special Marshall Fredericks' sculptural column in memory of a member of the Club. The column will be placed in the City Hall and Baldwin Public Library, some time this summer.

Recreation Board Announces Program of Winter Sports

The Birmingham recreation board will resume its winter program starting this Saturday, Jan. 15. Activities will be centered around Quaker Lake and the Harcum pool. Weather permitting, the lake will be open for skating, both day and night in good conditions of the winter. No organized supervision, however, will be furnished.

Barnum pool is to be open each Saturday for all school children below seventh grade. Girls who learn to swim should bring their own suit, cap, towel and soap. Practice periods are set from 9:15 to 10:30 a. m., while boys will be given instruction from 10:30 to 10:45. They, too, are to bring their own equipment. Jay Myers, swimming coach at Baldwin High School, will be in charge of pool activities. The fundamentals of swimming will be taught. Those children who are not tall enough to stand behind above water in the shallow end of the pool are asked not to report for these classes. A small fee is charged for each instruction period. Parents of all children attending are invited to watch the group at work.

Frank Whitney, recreation director, reports that the board is investigating the possibilities of other skating areas throughout the city. A thorough investigation will be made as to cost and maintenance of these problems once the cold weather sets in.

Robert Gravin Killed in Early Morning Crash

Robert A. Gravin, 23, of 384 Henrietta, was instantly killed in an early Saturday morning when his car crashed into a tree at Rivencroft and Adams. Police said the young man, while alone, was traveling south on Adams, when he apparently lost control of his car. The car skidded about 17 feet from the edge of the roadway. The point of impact was about 20 feet from the tree, and the car, which was traveling south on Adams, when he apparently lost control of his car. The car skidded about 17 feet from the edge of the roadway. The point of impact was about 20 feet from the tree, and the car, which was traveling south on Adams, when he apparently lost control of his car.

Baccalaureate to Open Graduation Week's Program

Mid-year graduates of Baldwin High School will open Commencement Week activities with the baccalaureate services in the First Presbyterian Church Sunday evening. The speaker of the evening will be the Rev. Arnold F. Runkel, pastor of the First Methodist Church, whose topic will be "Staying Power". Dr. W. Glen Harris, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will be the speaker.

Get Plates Early

Charles Mortenson, manager of the local Chamber of Commerce, has announced that over 700 license plates for 1949 have already been issued locally. He warns drivers that the convenience of motorists, at the C. of C. office at 350 E. Maple, he warns drivers that the convenience of motorists, at the C. of C. office at 350 E. Maple, he warns drivers that the convenience of motorists, at the C. of C. office at 350 E. Maple.

Exhibit Open Nights

To accommodate the many persons who wish to see Michigan on Canvas, as well as the several other exhibits now displayed at Cranbrook, the museum will remain open from 8 to 10 p. m. each Friday evening, through Jan. 23. The Michigan on Canvas exhibit now winding up its state tour, has drawn large crowds wherever shown.

Original Aims Realized

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Must Be Engineer, Too

The Rotarians discovered that sculptors work not only with their hands but also that they must possess a certain amount of artistic ability—since large single or group pieces of sculpture must be designed in conformity with good structural practice.

Considered one of the great contemporary American sculptors, Mr. Fredericks has won numerous national and international awards for the excellence of his work. During the meeting, which was conducted with the U. S. Air Force,

Delegates Of Local Groups Judge City

On the basis of a University of Michigan Extension Service Community Score Card, 56 delegates and board members recently conducted a "survey" of Birmingham. The idea was introduced by Mrs. Cleveland W. Kautsky, president of "Councils" at the Jan. 4 meeting of the Birmingham Community Planning Commission. She answered the 10 questions represented about 30 local clubs.

A Community Score, as a community, as appraised by the University of Michigan Extension Service, which exhibits a noticeable degree of civic pride and is characterized by cooperative spirit. In this analysis of the appraisal showed that note thought Birmingham a pleasing, or even seriously deficient. Only three out of the 35 delegates thought it even in need of much improvement.

On the second question: The best type of community emphasizes the value of providing good music, wholesome entertainment and good reading, the scores were not so favorable, however. None listed it as highly successful. Three said it was seriously deficient and the remaining claimed it to be in need of much improvement.

Question three, regarding the community which is very actively concerned with the protection of the health and physical well-being of children and adults drew more favor from the delegates, although the scores were not as high as any other question. The voting showed some felt Birmingham a pleasing, or even seriously deficient, while others consider it seriously deficient. The average of the scores was 85 per cent.

The best type of community provides adequate facilities for wholesome recreation for children and adults. While, among the lowest average, this question brought forth the most favorable replies. Seven rated it as seriously deficient, and throughout the polling (See DELEGATES, Page 2)

Community Council to Sponsor Public Panel Discussion

Birmingham's City Planning Commission welcomes enthusiastic participation in the series of "Why City Planning?" scheduled for Jan. 24 at the Community House, 1000 University Blvd. The Community Council, Mrs. Peter B. Loomis, chairman of the City Planning Commission, is sponsoring the panel discussion.

"City planning is not new to Birmingham," she said, "and in discussing the reaction of the planning commission to the City Planning Commission, which takes for some of the aims of the original planning group have been realized, although the scope of the program, as the city grows. Some of these aims, she said were zoning, the regulation of open spaces, improvement and increase in the number of parks and a tree replanting program, which takes for

Since the first commission was set up, and a general plan was drawn by Arthur C. Conroy of Boston and approved by the Planning Commission, a Planning Commission has been in existence at all times, in Birmingham, according to Mrs. Loomis. The first Planning Commission consisted of H. N. Davock, chairman, J. A. Wendorff, Mrs. S. F. Wilson, Ralph J. Corbett, H. T. Eberly, and J. W. Parry. The present one, in addition to the chairman, consists of Mrs. Loomis, H. N. Davock, Elliott S. Kinney, Harold F. Klein, Harris O. Machus, Dr. Robert M. Navin, and Ernest W. Seaborn. It is between more than a score of public spirited citizens have served on the commission, and, according to Mrs. Loomis, lay people like herself, not technicians.

Ditely Will Speak
The Community Council's City Planning meeting, which takes the form of a dinner, followed by