

"Life begins like" is an old and familiar adage. It would be hard and tedious, reveal those qualities to others; if you would be respected, and if you would be virtuous toward others. Life is like a mirror; it reflects the image of reflection or perception that stands before it.

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HIS and THAT
By G. R. A.

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Field Day For Evil

Knowing that the use of the old 23-man grand jury seldom brought about the indictment of people high in public life, knowing that the use of the new law, requiring that three Circuit Judges sit together in each case, no longer can crooks be made to talk by granting them immunity—these factors have caused the minister and predatory influences in Michigan will soon begin their activities.

If that pattern follows the past, it will include the widespread placing of slot machines in Michigan; the corruption of public officials; the "each seeks" to control one or more segments of their underworld activities.

Do you suppose the Detroit and Wayne County governments would have been cleaned up, as they were several years ago through the efforts of the Ferguson-O'Hara Grand Jury? Or that a former Detroit politician who had revealed an dishonest, had not the Michigan Grand Jury gone into action?

It is to be hoped that Michigan citizens struggle over this abolition of the tools of Justice, will resort to the Constitutional initiative and referendum to restore to themselves the necessary defense measures of the One Man Grand Jury which have been taken away from them.

Standing Helpless

In the meantime, Michigan taxpayers stand practically helpless against the return of crooks, gamblers, and grafters.

Michigan has lost its most valuable and effective law enforcement protection.

And for this we have to thank the Governor of Michigan Legislature who sponsored and approved the new law, plus a few members of the Michigan Legislature who, in their courageous leadership to veto it when it reached his desk.

What a fine political act this whole procedure could offer in the hands of a 1950 gubernatorial aspirant!

One Case of Protecting The Public via Lansing

One of many unheralded projects the recent Sigler administration gave to the public Michigan was the case of the Tucker Motor Corp. in Detroit. It is anybody's guess how many millions of dollars Michigan citizens were saved.

Following Kim Sigler's final election victory in November of 1947, he said it happened to be joint recipients of information touching on the efforts of Preston Tucker, who was from Lansing, to sell stock to the public to finance his "radical new car."

For several months in office, early in 1947, there came to my (See THIS & THAT, Page 2)

Intensive Traffic Safety Program for 3-Day Weekend

Police Chief R. W. Mosley announced today that an intensive traffic safety program will be conducted here in connection with the three-day Fourth of July holiday celebration this year.

"Our enforcement program over the Fourth of July will bring Birmingham into the united effort of cities and states throughout the nation to hold down the high holiday death toll which usually occurs over the Independence Day celebration," Chief Mosley said. This nationwide program is being coordinated by the National Safety Council.

"The police department urges everybody to take special precautions in an effort to have both lives and property over the Fourth. It will be a time of real hazard because of the long weekend, the festive spirit of the holiday and heavy holiday traffic."

Travel Will Increase

Chief Mosley emphasized that motor travel will increase during the Fourth of July celebration because the three-day weekend will tempt many summer vacationists to use it as the beginning or end of their regular vacation periods. National figures already show a substantial rise in vehicle mileage so far this year.

"Let's all work together to make certain that death and disaster do not mar the holiday celebration of anybody in Birmingham," Chief Mosley said. "The Fourth of July should be a joyful and safe celebration of our nation's independence, and it can be—if everybody remembers to see and make it so."

Recreation, Planning Appointments Due Next Monday Night

Mayor Donald S. Bell next Monday evening will appoint these members of the city recreation commission and one member of the recreation commission.

Terms of Plan Commissioners: Peter B. Loomis, Edward Bissell and Dr. Robert J. Mason expire July 1, as does the term of Mrs. William H. Jackson on the recreation commission.

Appointments to the plan commission are for three years, while those for the recreation board are five years.

All names of paper applying tomorrow. PH. PHONE 914AM-1078. COM.

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Solution Due Soon on Tight Telephone Situation Here

Walter B. Fausser, manager here for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, said today that several possible solutions to Birmingham's current tight telephone situation are being considered. One or more of these will be put into effect as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, service for high priority applications on a limited basis is being provided through rearrangement of existing facilities. He said additional details on the step Michigan Bell will take pending the installation of Birmingham's new two and one-half million system, will be announced later.

Work on the dual system is being pushed at maximum speed, Fausser added.

Merchants Discuss Possibility of Fall 'Open House'

As a means of showing residents what the Birmingham shopping center has to offer in the merchandising line, merchants are discussing the possibility of an "open house" this fall.

According to William Kennedy, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce business committee, the event would be held some evening during which local merchants contacted this week are enthusiastic about the plan, Kennedy said.

"While they toured the shopping center to see the wide variety of merchandise Birmingham has to offer, the shoppers would be served refreshments by the stores," Kennedy has proposed.

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Baldwin Graduates Asked to Use Intelligence, Integrity in Their Daily Activities

In his commencement address, Thursday morning, Dr. Kenneth I. Brown, president of Denison University, Granville, Ohio, urged the 145 members of the Baldwin high school June graduating class to use intelligence and integrity in their daily activities.

"I know Webster uses all the vowels in the spelling of the word, but it's a waste of good vowels. If you will use these two 'i's' you will have no trouble."

Racing Doesn't Pay in Bloomfield Hills, Five Drivers Find

With three fined and one caught, the Bloomfield Hills police are methodically settling the taxpayers' score against four young men who made a temporary Indianapolis speedway out of that community on June 12.

Three of the cars were the "hot rod" type, while the fourth was a "standard" model, equipped with a supercharger. In the competitive field, the hot rods outran the standard, but when it came to the law, all were a little slow.

Police nabbed two of the drivers and managed to get the license numbers of the other pair.

William E. Clark, Detroit, and Wilbert J. LaPrinere, Highland Park, both 21, were fined \$40 each last Saturday by Justice Alex J. Richardson. Warren E. Nash, 25, also of Detroit, paid an extra \$10 because a traffic warrant was needed to bring him into court. According to Chief James Banks, a "John Doe" warrant is being issued against the fourth driver.

Two others have run afoul of the Bloomfield officers and consent by ignoring speeding tickets which were issued to them several weeks ago. Denny A. Protostan, 26, and James R. Cechrane, 20, both of Pontiac, paid \$50 in bond when they failed to appear in court.

Fire Damages Home of William Newton

Bloomfield Hills firemen, assisted by men and equipment from Clarkston, responded to a call from the home of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Newton, 24 Barbara Terrace Monday. The fire, of undetermined origin, was confined to the living room of the home, where extensive damage was done to furnishings.

Chief Bert Bartholomew of Bloomfield Hills placed the damage near \$600.

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Southfield Board Fails to Attend Special Meeting

SOUTHFIELD—More than 100 residents of Southfield Township Friday evening in Colony hall, Evergreen, near Midway, to hear data gathered since the last protest meeting 10 days ago when pressure was brought on the manner in which a \$1,300,000 bond issue referendum was conducted by the school board. Facts on the purchase of a 52-acre site for a proposed new high school also have been discussed.

The property was purchased from Charles McCallend of Holly for \$225 an acre whereas the land was assessed at \$200 an acre on a 50% basis. The objectors also claim the \$2 acre is twice as much land as needed for 525 pupils now attending outside area high schools, even though twice that many may register in the fall.

Two Factors Are Present

William P. T. a n, temporary chairman for the second meeting, was assisted by Barbara DeLong acting as secretary again. The chairman was forced to resort to the use of his gavel to maintain order as it became obvious that two factions made up the throng.

One group consisted of those who objected to the high building cost of the proposed new high school and who have claimed that discrimination was shown at the special election held May 26. It has been charged that residents were denied the privilege of voting unless they had re-registered and many did not know that re-registration existed. It has been alleged that voters who had not re-registered were allowed to vote and in some instances persons cast their votes although their names could not be found in the files despite the fact they had re-registered.

On the other side of the "war" were persons who stated that the school board had sent representatives to PTA and Association meetings for the sole purpose of enlightening residents on the approaching election and had discouraged alternative school plans at those meetings.

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Dearborn Motors is the national marketing organization for Ford Tractors and Dearborn Farm Equipment.

The new buildings will be located on a 45-acre site at East Maple Avenue near Coolidge, just east of Birmingham. Construction will get underway shortly.

Main unit will be a three-story office building with approximately 85,000 square feet of office space. Laboratory and warehouse will be in a separate building of 165,000 square feet.

Ground breaking will take place in 30 to 60 days and occupancy is planned for near the end of this year.

Dearborn Motors presently occupies about 40,000 square feet of the old Ford Highland Park plant. The company has 450 employees. It is contemplated that there will be some expansion in personnel when operations are moved here.

New Hospital Board Elects Its Officers

The board of trustees of the hospital to be built in Oakland County formally incorporated last Thursday night, elected officers, approved the name "Oakland Hospital," and took other actions to speed the development of the new 200-bed health facility.

President of the board is E. A. Tomlinson of Birmingham. Other officers are first vice-president, Franklin Fickler of Franklin; second vice-president, Carl W. Forsythe of Ferndale; secretary, J. M. Fagan of Birmingham; and treasurer, Alfred C. Girard of Pontiac.

After reading of the form contract signed by all hospitals in the Greater Detroit Hospital Fund program, the board approved a motion to apply for participation to receive the \$5,500,000 fund allocation for construction of a new 200-bed hospital in Oakland County.

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It was also agreed to appoint a committee to study possible sites for the hospital and a building committee to approve an architect and work out plans for a structure best suited to serve the area.

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"Health knows no geographical boundaries," he said. "There is a tremendous need for this hospital and it is our grave responsibility to plan it in a way that the area can give the best possible service to the greatest number of people."

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Ask Reasoning to Permit Apartment

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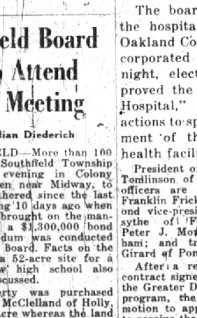
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Michigan Distributor Here

Of Dearborn's 35 distributors, 15 have erected completely new dealerships. The remaining 20 have enlarged their facilities.

Dealers have built more than 200 new buildings and modernized 600 more.

Great Lakes Tractor & Equipment Co., Michigan distributor for Dearborn Motors, recently moved into its new general office building and warehouse at 2100 Maple avenue, slightly to the west of where Dearborn Motors will put up its new building.

Today's announcements are the latest steps in the development of Dearborn Motors, newest among the full-line companies in the farm equipment industry.

In July, 1947, the firm began national distribution of Ford Tractors and Dearborn Farm Equipment. The Dearborn line has grown wide under the leadership of soil preparation, cultivation, planting and harvesting, and special equipment for soil conservation and other farm jobs.

25 Supplier Plants

Wood Brothers Inc., 50-year-old farm equipment manufacturing firm in Des Moines, is owned by Dearborn. The Wood Brothers plant now produces the Dearborn line of farm equipment. (See DEARBORN, Page 2)