American Indians on TV Program Tonight

Authentic American Indian materials, loaned by the Cranbrook Institute of Science and Detroit Institute of Arts, will be featured on the "World of Art" program over WXYZ-TV at 7:45 tonight.

Three well known American Indians will also participate in this program, which is MC'd by Marshall Fredericks, noted Birmingham sculptor.

On Honor Roll

DETROIT, Mar. 9—Lloyd Fitzgerald, Dean of the College of Commerce and Finance at the University of Detroit, today announced that Robert Pierce, of Goodhue Road, Bloomfield Hills, has been named on the honor roll for the fall semester. He is a senior majoring in accounting.

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Traffic

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control signal on the side of the road. In cities which have them, one cannot park opposite a safety zone. Parking within 50 feet of a railroad crossing is another way to be in violation."

The year Birmingham's perfect non-fatality traffic record was broken after standing for two years. Chief Moxley seeks the cooperation of every motorist to help avoid further deaths in the city from traffic. He also seeks the co-operation of pedestrians, who are often a contributing factor in accident cases.

Use Reasonable Care

Persons walking show rank carelessness in many cases, according to Moxley. They cross against lights, even when there is moving traffic in the near vicinity. They plunge blindly from between parked cars, looking neither to the right nor the left. They walk diagonally across wide streets.

"It is true," Moxley said, "the motorist has a legal obligation to drive in such a way as to never endanger any other person and should always be prepared to make allowance for the unexpected and unsafe acts of the pedestrian. On the other hand, it is obvious that the pedestrian should not risk his own life by placing an unfair burden on the driver.

"By exercising reasonable care, both motorists and pedestrians, the City of Birmingham may again take its place among those cities noted for their excellent safety records. I hope so."

Certain Merchants Learn Details of City Parking Plan

Seventeen representative Birmingham merchants met last night with members of the city's special off-street parking committee to discuss some of the committee's findings to date.

Held at the Birmingham National Bank, the meeting was designed to acquaint these merchants with what may be proposed as the city's parking plan, as well as to obtain the reaction and suggestions of the merchants.

James J. Hogan is chairman of the off-street parking committee, assisted by H. H. Gardner and H. E. Thurston.

Red Cross Donations Are $1,000 to Date

Harry O. Smart, local chairman of the American Red Cross drive in Birmingham, announces that workers have collected about $1,000 to date. He added that as yet the campaign had not gotten into full swing, and that there were still many homes to be contacted.

The solicitors again ask the cooperation of local families to make their donations in Birmingham in order that the money which actually comes from here, may be available in the event disaster strikes the city at some future date. The amount available to the city is based entirely on the money which is turned in to local workers, they point out.

Vets Don't Have Time to Be More Active Civicly

"Veterans, as a group, are being nationally characterized as being politicaly inactive. Because veterans played serious and protracted roles as citizens during the war, they want to stay active and useful citizens in peacetime —they just don't have the time to do so," said Dean N. Smith, president of the Birmingham Veterans' Organization at an executive board meeting Monday night.

Smith's statement and plan to overcome this situation is being given all active, associate, and prospective members of BVO today in preparation for their March 15 meeting at Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills, at 8 p.m.

Reports on Civic Affairs

Tuesday's meeting will include reports on civic affairs from BVO members whom Smith appointed to make specific studies. Among them are: Oakland County's prohibition drive—C. Jackson Sitts; Birmingham public library needs —Chas. F. Dye, Jr.; city government—E. D. Spicer; Quonset housing—Bruce A. Pettypiece; B'ham city commission candidates —Neil Spicer; veterans' public relations—James S. Hodges, Jr.

"We of the Birmingham Veterans' Organization came together n the summer of 1946 to form a local group. We did not want national affiliation," Smith's statement continued. "We did not want national commanders with their collective hands in the public taxtills. We have retained that idea; we have been effective citizens locally. Our plan is sound enough to be a pattern for other communities. Then—and only then—when a national action is necessary need we join together.

How It Will Work

"Here's how we are going to handle our local citizenship," he explains. "Even after three years, most of us are still beginning our business lives. We cannot spend too much time outside business hours to be as active and worthy citizens as we want to be. So we'll keep ourselves sensitive to our community needs; we'll scout out the facts; then we'll turn over necessary projects to whatever local organizations are willing to carry them on."

All former and present members of the U. S. armed services in the Birmingham-Bloomfield areas are eligible to attend BVO Meetings.

We Heard It Said By:

Mayor Milton F. Mallender: "We have tried to remedy this low-flying plane situation in Birmingham, but unfortunately the equipment our police department now has won't take to the air. All we can do is hope for more and better cooperation from the State Aeronautics Board."

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stances where a function is allocated to the state, using Jefferson's idea, funds in support of the function and voted by the voters as a whole, and responsibility and accountability for the funds are tended by the state to the voter as a whole without reference to any intermediary echelon of government.

"Under this form each voter in the state has a right and duty power to express his willingness to support the allocated function and elect its administrators. The voter has the direct privilege of holding his agency—the state—directly responsible and accountable for the expenditure of the funds. In this instance, responsibility, accountability and authority for the expenditure of funds lies in the direct relationship between the state and its constituents."

Current Practice

Current practice, Emerson said, in the administration of the Michigan sales tax diversion and other state subsidies, works in opposition to this administrative principle.

"Under our present governmental organization, the State of Michigan in regard to these subsidies has no allocated function but does have the responsibility for collection of these funds," the speaker said. "The municipality in this instance possesses the allocated function but it is not accountable or responsible to the state for the handling of these funds.

"The voter of the state agrees to provide the funds for the allocated function but only the local voter holds the municipality accountable and responsible for the expenditure of the funds received. All voters of the state have neither the right nor the privilege to hold any governmental agency accountable and responsible for the expenditure of all the money the voter of the state has provided.

Not Responsible to State

"The difficulty here arises from the fact that the municipal administration has authority over state funds without being responsible for them to the state.

"This condition makes possible unwise handling of funds by individual municipalities without the voters of the state as a whole having the right and privilege to take corrective action.

"One of the more unfavorable aspects of this practice lies in the probability that municipal corporations (including schools) which receive more funds than they need and spend more than is necessary are responsible only to the municipal voters who, if they are being over-subsidized by the state, will be the last to take action to kill the goose laying the golden egg. On the other hand, voters in municipalities not faring so well under state subsidies hesitate to upset the apple cart for fear that they will lose what funds they are already receiving. So you see, current practice under this form is self-perpetuating."

New Principle Results

Because state subsidization of municipal function has been going on for so many years, it has resulted in a new principle of government, Emerson said, which is the "equalization principle."

He said this could be stated: "So that the general welfare of the state may be served and so that certain functions may be offered with equity to all state citizens not by the state but by municipalities, the state shall subsidize these functions on the municipal level by distributing funds on the basis of need and ability to pay, provided: that the state will underwrite only a minimum or foundation program of service as defined by law.

"In the ideal," Emerson continued, "the welfare of the people of the state as a whole is considered and the function of equalization is accepted as a state responsibility.

Are Two Methods

"There are two methods of equalization, one of which—the small fund method—has been accepted in Michigan. This principle envisages the establishment of the cost of a foundation program which is a dollar-and-cent figure representing the cost of the minimum program the state is willing to underwrite for the general welfare of the state in all its municipalities.

"Theoretically, the wealthy municipalities are supposed to support the total cost of the minimum program locally and other municipalities are supposed to underwrite locally only their prorata share of the cost of the minimum program, the remainder being paid by state subsidies.

"In practice, however, the welfare of the schools of the state is accepted as a responsibility of the state only to a limited extent. It accepts the responsibility for underwriting the general cost of operation of all schools more than it accepts the responsibility of providing for the general welfare by the equalization of educational opportunity."

State Pays One-Half

Proof of this statement was provided in the fact that one-half of the cost of school operation is paid for by the state, yet last year only $42 out of $99 million in state school subsidies went for equalization, Emerson declared.

All schools of the state—rich or poor—received considerable state funds and the poor districts received but little more than the rich districts, he said.

"The fact that the equalization principle does not operate efficiently in Oakland County schools may be seen by observing its application in the instance of certain selected school districts," Emerson continued.

"In district A, with a per capita school cost of $292 and a property valuation of $38,000 per child, the state subsidizes the child to the extent of $74. In E, a poor district, the per capita cost is $107, valuation $3,500 per pupil, and state subsidy $94. The range of state subsidies per child to the high school districts in Oakland County last year was $30, from $74 to $104, a differential of about 31 per cent, while valuation per child ran from $2,500 to $38,000, a difference of about 91 per cent.

Sufficient Evidence

"In 14 cases out of 22, the wealthier districts got more state subsidies per pupil than did the poorer districts. I believe these figures are sufficient evidence that there is some doubt whether the equalization principle, as applied to Oakland County school districts, functions to an extent anywhere near approaching the ideal."

He said these same figures will show a further faulty application of the equalization principle in some of the county schools.

"School District A with a per capita education cost of $292, of which the state pays $74, this year levied 8.25 mills on its equalized value. District D had a per capita cost of $162, the state paying $91, and only levied 4.55 mills.

Have Nothing to Say

"It would appear from these figures that District D, while putting forth about one-half of the effort of District A, was receiving $20 more of subsidy. But under our present governmental organization, the voters in Districts B, C and E, who also pay state taxes to subsidize Districts A and E as well as their own, have nothing to say about the worthiness of the effort of District D. This illustrates the application of the equalization principle but points up the violation of the principle of governmental administration.

"District A and District E both receive state subsidies differing only $20 per capita, yet District A proves an education which costs $292 and District E provides an education which costs $107. This illustrates the non-application of the equalization principle.

"Either District A is spending too much money and is, therefore, wasting its funds and its subsidies. Or else District E is not spending enough money and is, therefore, providing a poorer education and is wasting part of its subsidy. Yet the voters of Districts B, C and D have no right to judge the wisdom of the expenditures in Districts A and E, despite the fact that they as taxpayers supply part of the subsidies for both these districts.

Should Examine Possibilities

"These points illustrate the fact that our present governmental organization works in opposition to the ideal principles of administration in government," Emerson stated.

If Michigan intends to improve the organization and administration of government, it should examine the possibilities for either re-allocating functions or for accepting state authority and responsibility in the regulation of functions now subsidized on a local level, Emerson believes.

"If governmental functions were reorganized in conformity with the criterion of allocation of governmental functions, then funds, accountability, responsibility and authority would be held in one administration and all voters would have recourse in the law for any justified complaint that they might have," Emerson emphasized.

On the Other Hand

"If, however, we should decide not to reorganize functions and leave them at present levels, we should give the state regulative powers over the performance of municipalities in these functions so that funds, accountability, responsibility and authority would be returned through the chain of government to the individual voter.

"Should we re-study our governmental organization and decide on the course of continued municipal function with state supervision, we should then accept the responsibility of revamping our equalization practice and rewrite the state equalization laws for schools and other municipal corporations. The equalization principle was formulated to cure governmental ills caused by the non-reallocation of functions. If we refuse to reorganize functions, we should take steps to see that the equalization principle functions," Emerson concluded.

Approval

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ter main installation in this Crestview Gardens subdivision.

"At the present time, the city is attempting to show a group of subdivision property owners why these installations should be made. Another hearing will be set shortly, and I suggest that you, together with the other proponents of the plan, attend this next hearing. We should have both sides represented at any hearing, but too often all we have is the side which is in vigorous protest."

The commission changed the city's "fire limits" to coincide with all Business A and B areas. Under the original 1931 building code, these limits covered some residential property and excluded some business areas. These limits, explained Egbert, are designed to minimize the danger of fire in highly concentrated business areas by requiring certain fire control measures.

Objects to Low-Flying

An official communication was received from the city recreation board advising commissioners that the board "has no plans for organized play in the Henrietta-Pierce area now or in the foreseeable future."

The commission has been offered the use of six lots in this neighborhood and will decide on the matter at its March 14 meeting.

James H. Barrett, 720 Kennesaw, in a letter to the commission, complained about the low-flying airplanes over the city. His communication was turned over to Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley who will attempt to get some better cooperation on this situation from the Michigan Board of Aeronautics.

This & That

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and increased retail trade here, but no contribution tax-wise to the maintenance of Birmingham's public facilities, including our school system.

In most communities, manufacturing industries pay a substantial portion of the taxes necessary to provide adequate public services. That factor is not present here, nor is it expected that it will be, since current opinion is in favor of preserving and continuing our existing status. Therefore, it is imperative, in the general interest, that everything possible be done to find a substitute in the encouragement of high-grade, large volume retail business enterprise. Otherwise, the weight of increasing municipal and school budget will bear heavily on the residential property owners.

Postponed Improvements

During the successive periods of depression and war, many public improvements have been postponed. This experience has been common to all municipalities, as indeed it has been to many industries. Added to such accumulated requirements are those occasioned by our population growth. Over the next ten years, extensive expenditures will be needed to keep abreast of our needs. In addition to the public protective services, the need for new school buildings, with enlarged staffs, there must be added water and sewer facilities, parks and other recreational centers, and reasonable provision of parking space for the convenience of the public.

There is the definite prospect that growth will continue. Inherent in the situation will be the problems of growth. Only the more practical of such problems have been mentioned here. It is reassuring to know that much time, thought, and effort are being devoted by many interested citizens to the future welfare of Birmingham and its people.

Among novelties in tools is an illuminated six-foot ruler that snaps back into a case no larger than a cigaret pack. The unit, including the flashlight battery, weighs but five ounces.

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