Police Continue Starling Battle With Owl's Aid

By ALICE E. MORGAN

"Well, there is a difference of opinion on the bird's value."

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley thus summed up the situation as to whether or not the horned owl is driving the starlings out of Birmingham's "starling row".

Some residents of the area admit the possibility of the owl having scared some of them off, but declare that their friends are coming in to have a look. Some say there is a noticeable decrease in the starling population while others are positive there is no change.

MOXLEY SAID they would continue to use the owl for a while, at least.

"We are going to give him a good test," he said. "There's no way of knowing in so short a time whether it will work or not. We will be very sure before we discontinue the 'owl outpost'".

In the meantime the bird, which has once flown away as it was being placed on its perch for the night and has once picked the padlock which fastened its chain, has undergone a change of diet.

"We fed him steak and rabbit," Moxley said, "and then I pulled a fast one on him. I bought a couple of pounds of horsemeat and tried that.

"Apparently he likes it, or else he gobbles it down so fast he doesn't know the difference. At any rate, he's eating it and it sure is a lot cheaper than steaks!"

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Griffith Testifies Before Special Gas Study Committee

Fire Chief Vernon W. Griffith testified on Birmingham's Dec. 11 gas explosion before a Michigan State legislative committee in the State capitol Monday.

Birmingham state Representative Howard R. Estes heads the committee which is charged with recommending laws for more adequate state control over transmission of gas.

Griffith said his testimony was largely the presentation of data on the December disaster which took five lives and was the primary cause of the gas committee's investigation.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert sent a letter to Rep. Estes Monday outlining Birmingham's position.

"**WE CONSIDER** the lack of proper regulations for gas distribution systems serious," Egbert stated and gave the following five recommendations:

"1. The operation of gas distribution systems involve serious hazards unless properly safeguarded, and the potential hazard is present at all times.

"2. Municipalities are not and cannot reasonably be expected to employ experts in this field to draft regulations and competently enforce same.

"3. Proper legislation should be enacted to grant to the Public Service Commission or some other state agency, the authority to draft proper regulations.

"**4. THE AGENCY** charged with the drafting of the regulations should be provided with the necessary authority, personnel and equipment to assure the enforcement of the regulations drafted.

"5. The state agency charged with the above responsibility should provide guidance and competent advice to the local units of government, and they in turn, should be expected to perform a part of the necessary inspection to insure compliance with state regulations."

"LONG DISTANCE, PLEASE"—"A column up front has been cut off. The Reds are giving them hell. They need cover quickly." That's the sort of call that moved this U. S. 105-mm. howitzer team into action. Heaving shells a distance of approximately seven miles, the weapon drops messages of death among the enemy. And the gun's echoing roars are reassuring words to the ears of imperiled frontline forces in South Korea. The Yank on the telephone at right is checking up on the crew's long-distance effectiveness.

Curriculum Guides for Local Schools Discussed by Principal Paul Carter

By ALICE E. MORGAN

"Unit teaching," Paul Carter, supervising principal of Adams school said last week, "is the comparatively new system which is being widely used in the Denver (Colo.) schools at present. It is still in a somewhat experimental stage, and nothing which I would suggest for our public schools until it has been further proven.

"The system means teaching subjects in their relationship to each other. An example would be the teaching of arithmetic as it would be related to social studies and vice versa."

Carter has just returned from a month spent at the Denver summer school workshop for teachers, where he was one of the 26 staff consultants.

"**I DID BRING** back one thing, however, which I feel can be of great assistance in the Birmingham schools. This is the curriculum guide."

These guides, Carter explained, are useable in the elementary schools and would be of great value to teachers and pupils.

"With them," he said, "the teacher can plan a day-to-day basic program of study for the child. Abilities of the individual child can be considered, as well as those of the class as a whole.

"The guides show the teacher how she can make the plans and put them to the greatest use."

Carter said he will receive copies of the guides for use in Birmingham as soon as they are prepared for distribution.

"**THE WORKSHOP** devoted a great deal of time helping teachers from various parts of the country to solve the problems particular to their regions. Many, Carter reported, were so highly localized that they seemed fantastic to participants from other areas.

In addition to these discussion groups, the 277 participants also had recourse to a library of more than 1,000 carefully selected professional books plus the services of a full-time librarian.

A completely equipped visual aids laboratory with one consultant and two technicians gave teachers an opportunity to see what this medium of teaching can and does mean. There were also two art centers with two instructors and a music teacher with a full-time staff member.

"**CARTER WORKED** with two groups. One dealt with the supervisory and administrative problems in elementary schools, the second with questions which arise in teaching arithmetic.

"The workshop was not all work, though," Carter said. "We had plenty of recreational facilities including outings to the mountain regions and plenty of informal fun as we wanted it.

"The session was a wonderful opportunity for me to meet and talk with other teachers; to see what other schools are doing; to become acquainted with problems which are non-existent here and to enjoy the beauty and hospitality of one of our great western cities."

SPONSORED BY the Denver public schools and the University of Denver, the workshop was under the direction of Arthur J. Lewis, Jr., director of the department of education for the public school system of the city.

Consultants came from the Denver University school of education; City College and Queen's college in New York; the University of Alabama; Passaic and Plainfield public schools in New Jersey; Boulder, Colo., public schools and the Denver public schools.

Bloomfield Hills Teacher to Attend Training Institute

DETROIT, Aug. 17—Felix Wotila, Bloomfield Hills school teacher, is scheduled to register here Sunday along with 90 Michigan high school instructors for a five-day Driver-Training Institute sponsored jointly by the state department of public instruction, University of Michigan extension division and Automobile Club of Michigan.

Fifteenth in a series of such institutes, this course will fit these men to teach driver-education in their high schools when they graduate the following Friday.

Purpose of the institutes, which are offered twice yearly, is to stimulate interest in driver-training and make it possible to teach the course in every high school in Michigan, according to Dr. Lee Thurston, state department of public instruction superintendent.

ALL-EXPENSE scholarships have been awarded to the 90 educators by Auto Club. Teaching staff will include Dr. Aurelio Fiorio and Dr. Norman Key, American Automobile Association road training consultants; Norman Borgerson of State Department of Public Instruction and Bayard A. Clark, Auto Club's assistant safety and traffic director.

While in Detroit the teachers will live at the Wardell-Sheraton hotel.

Michigan today leads the nation in driver-training, with 278 high schools offering the subject.

Obituary Notices

EDWARD T. SCHLISKY, 32217 Lahser road, died at his home suddenly Tuesday night.

Born in Oakland county on Sept. 20, 1886, he was educated in the local schools. On June 18, 1913, he married Clara Fenninger-dorf in Detroit.

Mr. Schlisky had lived in this vicinity for 10 years, coming from Highland Park. He had been employed by the Ford Motor company for 40 years and at the time of his death was manager of the maintenance and salvage department.

He is a member of the First Methodist church here; Highland Park lodge, F & A.M., 468 and the Detroit Consistory.

He is survived by his widow and two sons, Robert E. of Detroit and Richard T. of Birmingham. A sister, Mrs. Howard Ries of Royal Oak, also survives.

Services will be from the Bell funeral home Friday afternoon at 2:30, with burial in Roselawn cemetery.

109 More Names

An additional 109 Birmingham residents have signed the petition which protests the use of the municipal park as an off-street parking site, Miss Irene Hanley, city clerk, reported yesterday. This brings the protest total to 959.

Second Local Youth Honored by Culver

Another Tuxis bronze medal has been awarded to a local youth at the Culver military academy summer session.

John J. Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Barnes, 788 Randall court, has been given the medal upon completion of the course in the school of horsemanship at the academy.

The Tuxis medal is awarded to members of the Culver Military Black Horse troop for proficiency in five different phases of the camp program.

Trooper Barnes, who has just completed his first summer in the three year program, is now eligible to begin working for the silver Tuxis award.

Barnum Swimming May Be Restricted To School Use

The Barnum swimming pool will probably be used exclusively for school use and beginners' swimming on Saturday mornings during the coming school year, according to Norman Wolfe, assistant superintendent of schools.

Reason for the restriction on evening swimming is that officials felt the pool's facilities are becoming overloaded. Last year, the YMCA and boy scouts used the pool on certain evenings.

Wolfe said the pool was originally built for a much smaller sized community and with the continued growth, it is too small for all the groups which wish to swim there.

LAST WEEK, the summer recreation swimming classes were cancelled for two days when the water became cloudy in appearance.

Wolfe said a check revealed the chlorine content of the water was satisfactory but the only reason the pool was closed was that it might be difficult to see persons under the water. Pool operation was resumed Friday after the water again became clear.

City recreation director Franklyn Whitney said the pool is never operated unless it is perfectly safe at all times. Last week he cancelled all evening swimming classes for the rest of the recreation schedule.

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Heavy Twist	9' x 21'	Gray Permaset	178.50	155.00
Beige Wilton	12' x 16'	Sculptured Leaf	155.00	120.00
Gray Wilton	12' x 14'2"	Sculptured Leaf	221.00	185.00
Green Wilton	12' x 8'2"	Sculptured Scroll	143.00	117.00
Lok Loom Gray	9' x 7'	Carved Wilton	140.00	75.00
Lok Loom	8' x 9'6"	Powder Green (Seconds)	90.00	65.00
Heavy Axm.	8' x 10'6"	XVIII Century Floral	80.00	60.00
Carved Effect	12' x 7'6"	Gray	118.50	85.00
Beige Plain	12' x 9'4"	Heavy Ply	135.00	100.00
Rose Plain	10'1" x 14'3"	Heavy Ply	188.00	125.00
Modern Texture	6'9" x 12'	Heavy Axm.	67.50	49.50
Heavy Wilton	8' x 9'6"	Plat. Beige Carved	128.50	80.00
Heavy Wilton	12' x 16'	Paris Rose (Sculptured)	340.00	256.00
Lok Loom	9' x 27'3"	Gray Needle Point (Seconds)	372.50	

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Cornerstone of New Troy High School To Be Laid Saturday

Cornerstone of the new $600,000 Troy township high school on Livernois near Big Beaver road will be laid at 4:30 Saturday afternoon.

Main speaker on the program will be William Emerson, Oakland county superintendent of schools. Charles Martell, Troy township board of education president, will be ceremony chairman.

The public is invited to attend the program and look over the partial construction of the building.