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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Good Old Nostalgia

A sort of sentimental nostalgia grips many folks in the lower Great Lakes states as they witness the departure of the familiar side-wheel steamers operated for so many years by the D. & C. Navigation Co.

Flying between Detroit, Cleveland and Buffalo, these ancient steamers carried many a newlywed to Niagara Falls. Pleasure trips on them brought joy to countless thousands, and one must not overlook the convenience they offered to business men and women who used them, either.

The vanishing of these commodious steamers has been caused by the ability of man to invent other means of transportation, including the airplane, which makes the trip from Detroit to Cleveland, in 39 minutes. In his haste to get from where he is to where he isn't, man abandons slow moving things for faster ones, and then weeps a bit in fond memory over the thing he so easily discards.

Up In the Clouds

A number of Colorado residents are up in arms against the modern scientific rain-maker. They claim that heavy snow last winter buried certain portions of their mining areas under abnormal depths of snow, then came the heavier-than-usual spring rains—all resulting in cave-ins to mines and destruction of property.

So these people petition their state government for laws to protect them against future efforts of man to control the clouds over Colorado.

That's all fine, but we wonder how many of those same people have bombarded their politicians in Washington, D. C., in an effort to stave off economic cave-ins from unbearable taxation.)

Harry S. Truman is the only President who ever supported every official thought and act of his Secretary of State, Dean Acheson. Dean Acheson is the only Secretary of State this country ever had who ever supported on every official act by Harry S. Truman. No matter how you say it, it doesn't make sense!

The poor little kingdom of Greece, having received hundreds of millions of dollars of aid from the U. S. A., has just purchased a $220,000 private yacht for King Paul. Certain American high officials raise their eyebrows over this extravagance . . . and rightly, too. (But the Greeks, always known for their ideas of government, probably thought a King needs a private yacht as much as does a president of the U. S. A.)

Four Cheyenne Indian braves, clad only in loin cloths and their bodies painted with yellow ochre, reverently prayed for four days atop a S. Dakota mountain . . . what do you suppose they were praying for? Just peace, peace for the nations of the earth. In their own way, who knows but what their prayers surged from greater depths of honest sincerity than in the case of many of their wayward white brothers?

Billions of tent caterpillars are damaging trees and foliage in various parts of Michigan, as well as other areas of the nation. These caterpillars, like locusts, have ravenous appetites and display no loyalty to the property rights of others. In this, of course, tent caterpillars are like human beings who sow and then engage in destructive wars.

Trustees of South Oakland Hospital Authority to Meet

A meeting of the board of trustees of the South Oakland Hospital authority is scheduled for Thursday, June 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the commission room of the Royal Oak city hall, according to chairman H. Lloyd Clawson.

Purpose is to ratify the Oakland hospital's acceptance of the authority's offer, and to instruct the committee to proceed with the drafting of necessary papers to enable the Oakland group to absorb the authority's assets.

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Bantam Ben Slays 'That Monster'

By RAY DENNIS

After Robert Trent Jones remodelled Oakland Hills golf course in preparation for last week's National Open golf tournament, it was emphasized the layout would be a test for a true champion.

Coming from behind and finishing with amazing golfing skill, Bantam Ben Hogan demonstrated Saturday that he is a great champion.

As approximately 3,000 persons jammed around the ropes surrounding the eighteenth green at 4 p.m. Saturday, Hogan finished his fourth round with a par-shattering 67 for a total score of 287. His previous scores were 76, 73 and 71.

AS HOGAN FINISHED, only South Africa's Bobby Locke and the consistent Clayton Heafner were considered serious threats. Heafner entered the final round with a 220, the same as Hogan, and finished with a par-breaking 69 to end up with 289, two strokes behind.

Locke and the colorful Jimmy Demaret were deadlocked for the lead at 218 as the fourth round started. However, Locke fired a 73 to come in third with 291. After shooting brilliant golf during the morning round, Demaret soared to 78 and finished with a 296.

Hogan's totals for the tournament included 39 par holes, 14 birdies, 17 bogies and two double bogies. Heafner, who hails from Charlotte, N. C., parred more holes than any golfer in the field with 54. He also had five birdies, 12 bogies and one double bogie.

WHILE HOGAN'S 287 is far from the record 276 he registered at Riviera Country Club in Los Angeles three years ago, the score is exceptional considering the difficult layout of the course. In the press tent following the presentation, Hogan referred to the heavily trapped course as "that monster."

During presentation ceremonies, Locke stated in his heavy British accent: "This course is the greatest championship test of golf I've ever played. I've played many of them, but this one takes the cake."

Throughout the three days of the tournament, the largest galleries were following Hogan, Locke and Sam Snead. After leading following Thursday's play with 71, Snead put together scores of 78, 72 and 74 to finish with a 295 tie for sixth place. The main trouble with the White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. golfer's play was his putting.

The crowd began to sense Hogan was in for a good day after he scored three birdies on the first nine holes in Saturday's morning round to register a 32. This was the lowest nine strokes recorded during the tourney.

MANY OTHER FEATURES of the tournament will long be remembered. Among the most regrettable instances were the clowning antics and good-natured kidding around of trick shot artist Joe Kirar of Seattle, Wash.; the 50 foot putt of Ben Hogan on the ninth green Thursday; the crowd attracting appeal of two time Open winner Gene Sarazen; the tremendous drives of Andy Anderson of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and of course, Hogan's sensational performance Saturday.

Top amateur golfer during the Open was Royal Oak's Frank Kocsis who put together rounds of 75, 74, 76 and 72 for a 297 which was good for a 16th place tie.

Top Michigan professional was Al Besselink of Mt. Clemens who scored a 294 to tie for fifth place. Al Watrous, host Oakland Hills professional, made a 77, 75, 77 and 74 for a 304.

This year's open also cracked all previous attendance records for the annual classic. Figures for the three days were Thursday, 10,500; Friday, 11,300; and Saturday, 17,500.

ONE MARSHALL described the conduct of the spectators as the finest he had ever seen for a sporting event. He stated, "They were swell. They obeyed all instructions we gave."

Hogan's caddie was 14-year-old David Press of Hazel Park.

Hogan said of him, "David was a fine caddy. No, he didn't tell me what clubs to use or give me any advice, but he stuck to his job and did the things he was expected to do."

Other National Open championships held at Oakland Hills were in 1924 when Cyril Walker won with a 297 and in 1937 when Ralph Guldahl shot a 281 to break the then existing record.

This year's National Open attracted 194 newspaper and radio men from all sections of this country. Travelling the longest distance was Maria Pereyre of El Golfer Argentino in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Also covering the event was Bill Stern, chief sports announcer for NBC.

Trailing Hogan, Heafner and Locke in the standings were Julius Boros and Lloyd Mangrum, 293; Besselink, Dave Douglas, Fred Hawkins, Paul Runyan, 294; Al Brosch, Smiley Quick, Skee Riegel and Snead, 295.

The Birmingham Eccentric and the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce wish to acknowledge their appreciation to Newsweek Magazine for furnishing the map that appeared in last week's issue. The map was accurate in detail and showed the Oakland Hills Golf Course exactly as it was played for the National Open. It appeared in an advertisement sponsored by the local merchants, welcoming visitors here for the tournament. It was prepared for Newsweek by Robert Trent Jones, the architect who redesigned the course.

Hogan Has the Answers

By HAL P. BUERGE

The 1951 National Open Championship at Oakland at Oakland Hills had been decided, Ben Hogan had successfully defended the title he had won at Berion Country Club in Philadelphia last year and had already been given his prizes.

He had thanked everybody from his caddy, David, to Robert Trent Jones the architect who had made Oakland Hills so difficult. He even thanked each and every fan who had followed and cheered him to victory.

It was about 8 p.m. Saturday, the sun was in this eyes as he walked from the presentation stand to the press tent in the middle of a covey of policemen.

Inside he sat down on the end of a long table and said, "Go ahead, boys" to the large group of newspapermen and golf writers who gathered around him.

Go ahead they did, with every kind of question imaginable.

"NO, I DON'T feel as tired as I did last year when I finished the grind at Merion. My legs and my all 'round physical condition is greatly improved."

Plans for the immediate future include an exhibition round of golf at Jackson Wednesday and they tell me a fellow over there has a private lake and I'm going to fish in it. I hear they are biting real well."

"There aren't any more tournaments in my plans for the summer, but the next six weeks are booked full of exhibition games around the country."

"I've been asked to take a break to play in the All-America test at Chicago's Tam O'Shanter, but I don't see how I can. Haven't decided for sure, though."

"Impossible for me to play in the British Open—entries must be in by now and mine isn't."

"ABSOLUTELY NO, I haven't changed my mind. I still think the golf course is too tough. If I would say the course is unfair, however, it would just be my opinion. Someone else may feel that it is exactly suited to his game and like it very much, but for my style of play it is definitely unfair—the long hitter is penalized. I don't believe the driving machine could play the course without getting penalized."

"The toughest holes are four, 10 and 14—not necessarily in that order, no."

"Finding out where the pins were set on the morning round was definitely an advantage this afternoon."

"I'll play in the National Open just as long as they accept my entry fee. You see, it isn't the tournament itself that is such a grind, it is the preparation for it. I started preparing for this four-hamept last September, but I went at it all wrong. If I had known what I was going to run into I would have come to Oakland Hills with an entirely different game."

I DON'T KNOW if I'm at the peak of my game or not, but I'll say this, I never was any better than I am right now. I know that I never played better than I did this afternoon."

"My two-iron shot on number 10 was the best shot in the round. Sure I played over the trap."

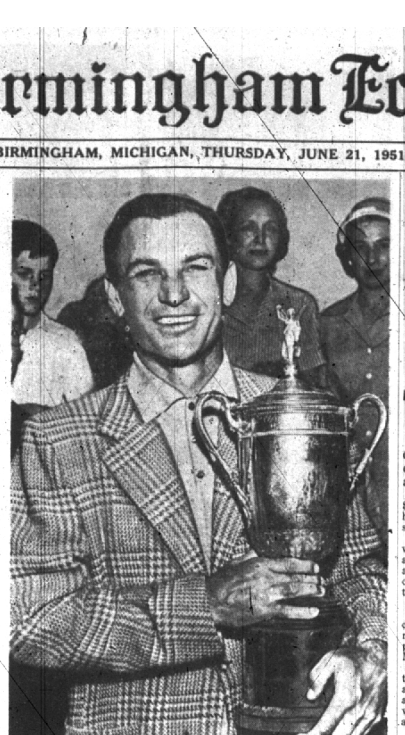
"A tailor-made game is out of the question for this golf course. I changed my style of play several times during each round."

"Only changed clubs once after making up my mind and that was because of a change in the wind. After I picked a club I played the shots with never a doubt."

"I don't remember ever playing more positively because I knew I had to."

"If there are rumors of another moving picture, I'm sure they are just rumors; I sure haven't heard a thing about it."

"Well, boys, if you've had enough, I'll be going now. My wife is waiting and probably yours is, too. Thanks for everything."



THREE-TIME CHAMPION BEN HOGAN
Proudly holds cherished cup.
(Photo courtesy Detroit Times)
(Additional photos on inside pages)

180 Baldwin Seniors To Receive Diplomas

Dr. Carl Winters, pastor of the Oak Ridge (Ill.) Baptist church and noted radio speaker, will deliver the commencement address when 180 Baldwin high school seniors receive their diplomas this morning. The program will be held at 10 o'clock in the Birmingham theater.

Dr. Winters has been a radio speaker for 14 years and is a director and trustee of the Institute at Chatauqua, N. Y., as well as their regular summer speaker. He has also served on the juvenile crime commission for that city and as crime commissioner under two Michigan governors.

His topic will be "Life's Glory Road."

THE COMMENCEMENT program will be opened with the invocation by the Rev. Joseph Kress of Holy Name church. The presentation of the senior gift will be made by George Bosworth, class president.

The Rev. Dr. Arnold F. Runkel, pastor of the First Methodist church delivered the baccalaureate sermon Sunday evening, taking for his topic "The House I Live In."

He told class members that they must build truly, paying as much attention to interior construction as to those surfaces which will be in constant view of the public.

"You must always remember," he said, "that in building your lives there will be many important details which you, and you alone, will be aware of. You must never submit to the desire to cut corners and think you are saving. The weaknesses will show in time and you will find yourselves slipping downward."

HE POINTED to the laws of God by which man must build if he is to be successful, telling the class to remember that they cannot let themselves lose sight of God at any time.

The Rev. Harold E. Towne of St. James Episcopal church gave the invocation and benediction and introduced the speaker of the evening.

Special musical numbers were sung by the Baldwin high school choir under the direction of Victor Ulrich.

GRADUATES ARE Clarissa B. Adams, Jerry Adrean, William Aikens, Roy Aulph, Jr., Ann Averill, Barbara Averill, Joseph Bachman, David Beatty, Roger Beebe, Joyce Begg, Patricia Bezanson, Patricia Bolz, George Bosworth III, Mary Bowden, John Bowie.

Alfred Brennen, Audrey Brown, John Burton, Mary Bushnell, Patricia Capling, Thomas Carlson, Sally Carrier, David Chalmers, Barbara Chesley, George Clarke, Lester Colbert, Jr., Elizabeth Cole, Megan Couty, Daniel Crawford,

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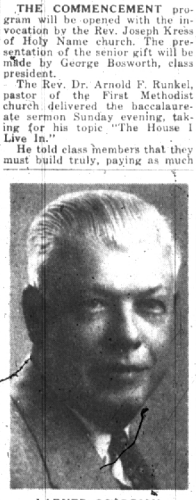

LARNED GOODRICH

Goodrich Named Assistant Principal Of High School

The Birmingham board of education last week confirmed the appointment of Larned Goodrich as assistant principal of Baldwin high school. He has been a member of the teaching staff and student counselor here for 12 years.

A native of Ionia, Goodrich received his A.B. degree from Western Michigan college and his master's degree from the University of Michigan.

Before coming to Birmingham, Goodrich was superintendent of schools at Holt for 13 years. He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, honorary educational fraternity, Michigan Education association, National Education association, State Counselor's association and its planning committee for 1951.

Goodrich will succeed Lloyd Cooper, whose contract was not renewed.

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3 More City Planners Hand in Resignations

City Considering Two New Buildings

Future construction of two badly needed structures was considered by the city commission Monday evening. Discussed were a fire hall at the Bowers-Adams street site and a new Springdale Park building.

Ever since a fire gutted the $25,000 Springdale Park clubhouse in 1943, only a temporary structure has been available there.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert was directed to secure sketches of a proposed building for the park and a tentative estimate of the cost which is to be submitted to the commission for approval.

EGBERT STATED the building could be constructed by utilizing money presently available in the park fund. Balance at the end of May was $12,837.95.

The city manager said that tentative plans call for constructing an inexpensive but very presentable cinder block structure which would serve as a combined sales area and service building.

An old barn located on one of the lots in Bloomfield Estates is presently being used as a service building for the park.

The commission also instructed Egbert to consider the appointment of an architect for the Bowers street fire hall and present his recommendation in a few weeks.

A FIRE HALL site on Bowers would be part of the decentralization plan for the department. With the hall now located in the municipal building, fire trucks have difficulty maneuvering through the business district.

The Bowers site was purchased several weeks ago for $9,000. Egbert said the forestry and parks department has been instructed to start cleaning up the property so that planting of a portion of the area can proceed.

Birmingham Fireman Praised by Chief For Quick Action

A minor fire at the Columbia Terraces June 12 was kept that way because of the alertness of a member of the Birmingham fire department, according to Fire Chief V. W. Griffith.

Griffith last week credited Chauncey (Dick) Nunnelley for preventing what could have been a serious blaze.

Nunnelley, who lives at 1171 Holland, was returning to the Station from a fire call at about 5 p.m. As he drove past the terraces he noticed smoke coming from a basement window and stopped to investigate.

WHEN NO ONE answered his knock, Nunnelley entered the house and found a mangle on fire. He turned in the alarm and went through the apartment as a precautionary measure.

Griffith said the fire was out in a matter of minutes, but could easily have been much more serious had it not been for the alertness of the fireman.

"People living in the other terrace units had not noticed the smoke," he said.

City to Receive Proposals for New DPW Garage

City commissioners set July 10 as the date for receiving proposals for the construction of the new DPW garage addition.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert said the architectural firm has submitted final plans for the garage. Bids for the purchase of $100,000 in bonds to finance the construction can be received July 17.

Represents Club at Kiwanis Convention

Kenneth J. Hoover, Birmingham Kiwanis president, is representing his club at the Kiwanis International annual convention in St. Louis. The convention opened Sunday evening and ends today.

Eight-Year-Old Boys Questioned On Fire In New House Here

Two eight-year-old Birmingham boys admitted to police over the weekend that they had set fire to a house under construction at the corner of Bates and 14 Mile.

Lt. Henry Timm questioned the boys who, he said, tried to get away on their bicycles. The boys were turned over to their parents until a hearing could be arranged with Police Chief Ralph Moxley.

Firemen responded to the alarm and extinguished the blaze before much damage was done. Replacement of the burned areas will cost about $500.

First Night Tests Due This Weekend For Observer Corps

A 33-hour, round-the-clock practice for ground observers is slated for Birmingham Saturday and Sunday.

Richard Dewey, supervisor, said this is the first alert for the local station to work throughout the night. He reported about 22 men will be assigned to 11 three-hour shifts.

The test starts Saturday morning, ending early Sunday evening.

The system of recording and reporting all planes in the area will remain the same as in previous tests. The station will remain in the municipal building tower where telephone communications have been installed.

YMCA to Proceed With Temporary Building Plan

The local YMCA Committee of Management voted Monday evening to proceed with plans for a temporary 'Y' building at the corner of Edgewood and Lincoln.

Ed Kirbert, YMCA executive secretary, said the valuation will be $3,200 and the structure will be a one-story frame building 20 x 30. The committee hopes construction will be underway in eight weeks and plans call for the building to be occupied by the end of September.

City's New Building Code Provides Faster Action on Certain Hazards

By RAY DENNIS

When Birmingham's new building code goes into effect June 23, way will be cleared for Building Inspector Barkley G. Omans to speedily handle emergency cases where there are extreme hazards.

Under provisions of the old code, even when there was an extreme hazard, the inspector was required to serve notice upon the property owner, and then wait 48 hours before action could be started.

However, with the new code, the inspector can take immediate steps which he deems necessary to correct an unsafe situation.

OMANS CITED AN example of conditions caused by the previous code. This past winter, there were several feet of water in an excavation and it was covered over with a thin coat of ice. As this situation created a safety hazard, Omans attempted to get in touch with the property owner who lived out of town.

After much searching, the man was finally located and the condition remedied.

However, under the new code, the building inspector can immediately take care of the situation without contacting the property owner.

Omans pointed out that quite a few out-of-town owners and builders are erecting structures in the city and it is often impossible to get in touch with them on a few hours notice.

The building inspector emphasized that these steps will be taken only in emergency cases where there is imminent danger of failure, collapse or extreme hazard.

Enforcement provisions of the new code also will make it easier and faster to function during emergency situations such as high windfalls, floods and explosions.

MANY PROVISIONS of the new code will be essentially the same as the former. In fact, Omans stated, quality of construction required will be very close to the old code.

However, many clauses in the old code were outdated. For example, there was a provision that gas stations could only be heated by steam or hot water.

Omans pointed out the old code lacked as long as it did because it, too, was primarily a performance rather than specification code. Through the years it adapted itself over a longer period than a true specification code would have.

The building inspector stated that the committee drawing up this code attempted to emphasize performance rather than specifications.

AN EXAMPLE of a performance code would be when mentioning concrete, the code would specify the strength to be used and not the mixture of ingredients.

Omans said that in cities throughout the country, there is a definite swing away from specification codes.

The inspector stated that the new code will cover 95 per cent of the building work going on in Birmingham and he pointed out that it should better serve the welfare of the entire city.

New Planning Board Ord. Approved

Board Membership Reduced, Limited To City Residents

Resignations from the city plan commission of Dr. Robert J. Mason, H. F. Klein and Thomas R. Navin were accepted "with regret" by the city commission Monday evening.

At the same meeting, a new planning board ordinance was approved effective June 28. This means that the planning group's function will be purely advisory and the name is changed to City Planning board.

MEMBERSHIP OF the board will be reduced from nine to seven. At next Monday's meeting, commissioners are expected to nominate board members. If the five remaining members of the planning commission are selected, only two new persons will have to be picked.

Another important provision of the new ordinance stipulates that members of the board "shall be qualified electors and freeholders in the city."

Both Mason and Klein were non-resident members of the planning commission. Mason resides in Bloomfield Village while Klein lives in Troy township.

Mason's letter of resignation was addressed Feb. 8 to then Mayor Bruce Booth. However, it wasn't sent until this week. He gave "press of business" as his reason.

KLEIN STATED he was resigning "in order to free the situation in regard to non-resident members of the commission."

Navin said the pressure of war work plus service on two Washington Industry committees leaves him little time for planning work.

In discussing the resignations, Commissioner Milton Mallender said, "The city is losing three men who have devoted a tremendous amount of time, energy and civic enterprise. It is with a great deal of regret that I see their resignations submitted."

He added, "I suppose it is our duty to accept them, but if I accept, I do it with a note of appreciation of the time and effort they spent."

Terms of members of the new board is set for three years and the city manager and city engineer are ex-officio members. Another stipulation is that the board shall hold at least one regular public meeting quarterly and joint meetings of the city commission and board are to be held at least quarterly at a time designated by the mayor.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT factor is that the planning group is

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Ambulance Service Discontinued Here By Funeral Homes

Emergency ambulance service, previously offered by Birmingham's two funeral homes, will be discontinued.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert told city commissioners Monday evening that July 1 had been designated as the final date of this service, but that both firms had assured him they would continue to answer calls until such time as a municipal system could be set up.

Spokesmen for the Bell Chapel and Bailey funeral homes said they were discontinuing the service because of expenses involved.

Both have responded to ambulance calls in Birmingham for about 20 years, with nearly the entire expense being born by the company. The equipment and its upkeep, plus the wages of the two men needed on each call, have risen to the point that they no longer feel they can offer the service, they emphasized.

EGBERT SAID he has had several discussions with the two companies and also talked with officials in nearby communities on how they operate their own ambulance service. He mentioned that Royal Oak and Ferndale maintained their own service.

Although no final decision has yet been made, it is felt that ambulance service will be assigned to the Birmingham fire department.

This department already has considerable first aid equipment, including an inhalator and resuscitator.

Tentative plans call for a truck to be equipped with this and other life saving equipment, Egbert said.