

Are you able to love and obtain, regularly, the great comfort and solace that come from listening to the music of the instruments that create concord of sweet sounds?

75TH YEAR—NO. 6

THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

President Truman argues that "what this country needs is a revival of the spirit of old-fashioned religion." Indeed, Sir, and Amen! How about you, Vaughan, Harrigan, Finnegan, and a host of other of your erring official appointees hitting the sawdust trail as examples to the remainder of the nation?

W. Averell Harriman, President Truman's chief foreign-aid administrator, a son of E. H. Harriman, one of the nation's 19th Century railroad moguls. His name, originally, was spelled "Averill," the same as mine.

His mother, Mary Averill Harriman, came from northern New York state, and she was a first cousin of my father-in-law. No, I've never met this chap who never having had to work for his own dollars, found it so easy to toss around billions of taxes collected from Americans. Along with millions of others, I'll be very happy when he loses his dollar-a-year job and seeks to minding his own business.

So "He" is coming home early in June, to take a vacation from his arduous duties in Europe. Well, that's fine and dandy. But he says he won't take off his uniform and talk like a citizen when the Republic is in the hands of a President. He will, however, accept a draft by that party, if it wants him.

In the meantime, of course, Sen. Taft will continue his efforts to win that nomination. It will be interesting to learn, finally, whether the Republicans want a traditional candidate, or one who assumes the voice of a sphinx.

It is to be regretted that "He" isn't willing to sacrifice his military position and pension for the pleasure to assist the Republican candidate. Certainly, he doesn't need the money, for he's a millionaire, approximately, in his own right, right now.

Just why should the Missouri, Mississippi and numerous other large mid-west rivers overflow this year like a volcano within the history of the United States? Why should a volcano erupt, or a volcano erupt, and property of many human beings? Why should earthquakes occur, or volcanoes erupt, or cities, maining and killing men and women, boys and girls?

These things, and the ability of mankind to control, are part of the eternal mystery of an infinite universe, whose celestial and terrestrial laws are governed by a Providence who is infinite in wisdom and power. He is interested in keeping order among the assorted galaxies of heaven, than in making mankind's whims and caprices are made secure.

Dearborn's Mayor, Orville Hubbard, who manages to get himself into numerous public scrapes from time to time, is having an extraordinary time in his operation and operation. He is a man of many ideas, but that isn't stopping Hubbard from trying through his own ideas of how to spend his money.

It must be remembered, though, that the Ford Motor Co. is spending more money on advertising than on many other things. Many of the Ford workers support Hubbard, even though they ought to know that every unnecessary expense pinned on Ford eventually impacts upon their own wages.

Civic Control Day Set for Students

Forty-eight students of Birmingham high school will help city officials with their chores Monday as the school's first annual Civic Control Day.

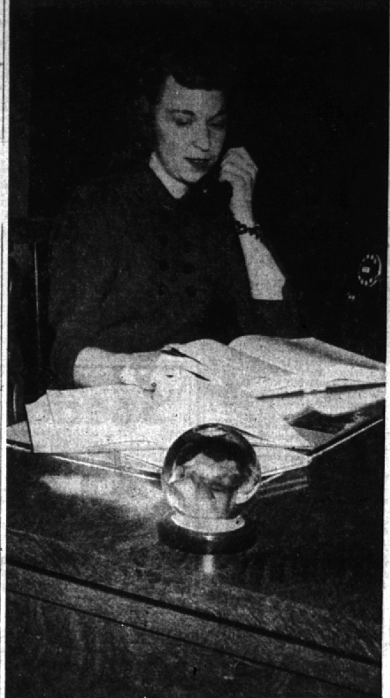
MUSIC WEEK IS MAY 4 TO 10

Here's an excellent opportunity to get rid of the music instruments that you have been wondering what to do with since the music careers of your family terminated.

MUSIC INSTRUMENTS

PUT AN AD IN THE CLASSIFIED SECTION.

Perhaps you can help some boy or girl get started in a musical future.



SHE KNOWS ALL THE ANSWERS!
Marion Fleming, reference librarian

Curious People Keep Library Staff Busy

By ALICE E. MORGAN

"A library," according to Miss Jeanne Lloyd, head of the Baldwin public library, "is not just a collection of books." Miss Lloyd and other staff members are firmly convinced that the library must also play the part of a guiding parent in the life of many a Birmingham resident.

"Our inquiries come from young and old and cover just about every subject that man's mind can conceive," she said.

"Parents want help with their children, and the children want help with their school work. Both seek information about how to make things, how to do things and where to find things. They ask questions to help with their work, to point a point they have made, to help with their school work, to know about something and want to know the answer.

"Nearly all librarians handle this sort of thing, but somehow people never think of them as anything but a place where you go to borrow books or read for a while."

The questions asked at Baldwin are general information types and some which call for highly specialized knowledge. The answers to these questions are often found in the books, but librarians are often asked to leave the book librarians gasping.

THEY HAVE received calls asking them to explain what causes anemia and even pneumonia. Someone else wants to know the population of Brownsville, Texas, while another was interested in the names and locations of all hospitals in White Plains and Albany, N. Y.

In the commercial field they have been asked to explain the laws governing the start of a new business, how to write business letters, cost accounting and how to keep and filing. The techniques of good selling and personnel testing have also come up for answers by staff members.

Technically included residents ask where to learn how to use a slide rule, read blue prints, patent inventions, nickel plate metal objects, build concrete houses and what size fan to use for ventilating a restaurant kitchen.

PEOPLE WANT to know where to get information on how to train children how to explain death to them and how to help them conquer fear. They even want to know how to help them how to train their dogs for show bench.

Someone wants to learn how to write for radio; another seeks to learn more about radio sound effects; third wants to know how to market short stories; and another wants to know how to market the library staff.

Water Discussion on Fire Hall Delayed

Meeting Postponed by City

April 7 Decision Accepted

Boys Hurt Briefed on Middle League

When Car Rolls Over

(See Picture Page 1, Part 2)

Five Birmingham boys, all 14 years of age, were injured about 10 p.m. Saturday when their car went out of control and rolled over several times on Cranbrook road, near the intersection of Lincoln.

Most seriously injured are Peter Monaghan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Monaghan, 747 Puritan, and Richard Deloria, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Deloria, 843 East Lincoln.

Monaghan received several broken ribs and a punctured lung. Deloria's left arm was broken between shoulder and shoulder and he suffered multiple bruises.

POLICE CHIEF Ralph Moxley said Monday that his department would continue its investigation as to why the boys were out driving at that hour without the consent of their parents.

"We will finish our investigation of the boys said to the seriousness of the injuries of the Monaghan and Deloria boys is determined and we are able to talk to them."

Moxley added that this was the most serious accident so far this year in the city. He also said it was the worst ever recorded here involving children.

The three others, including the driver of the car, Donald Haugh, 815 Puritan, Ed Whitson, 1115 W. Brown, and Tim Baldwin, 788 Harmon, were treated at St. Joseph Mercy hospital, where cuts and bruises and were released Sunday.

National Award To B'ham Sculptor

Marshall Fredericks, Birmingham, has been awarded the first prize in the Birmingham Institute of Architects for his outstanding work in integrating sculpture with architecture. He has been invited to attend the 1952 convention in New York to receive the medal in person at the June 24 ceremony.

This is considered perhaps the highest award in the country that can go to a sculptor. A number of years ago this award went to Carl Miller, former head of the Birmingham sculpture department, under whom Fredericks once studied.

FREDERICKS also has just received the gold medal of the Michigan Academy of Science, Art and Literature for his contribution to the development of the Arts in Michigan.

The jury which selected him for the award consisted of Edgar P. Richardson, director of the Detroit Art Institute; Carlos Lopez, dean of the University of Michigan state and Dr. Charles Scheyer, art historian at Wayne university.

RUSSIA Has Broken off Diplomatic Relations with Cuba

The Soviets are pretty good at raising cans, but how will they coat their proposals with gold?

Gen. Gerardo Rada promises "Dear Communist Stalin" they'll fight "American war mongers," and only the country. Maybe if they're good boys Uncle Joe will give them some of their "reparations."

A woman member of the British Parliament has introduced a bill which will send husbands to jail if they refuse to give their wives sufficient housekeeping money. That's one way of recruiting for the Foreign Legion.

June college graduates face a question about the Baldwin staff. Entry was gained to the school by removing a circle of glass from the door.

Police said it was evident that an attempt had been made to rob the Baldwin elementary school safe. Entry was gained to the library by removing a circle of glass from the door.

Italian Reds are at war with the puppet "Epinotto" which tells children about American aid to Italy. Moscow's puppet has competition on their side.

It is believed that because this safe is set in solid concrete, the job was given up.

As City Grows, So Does Budget

It won't be long—April 28 to be exact—before City Manager Donald C. Egbert submits the tentative city budget to the city commission.

At the present time, he is tabulating some of the needed items. No doubt, while this important operation takes place, he thinks of the days when the city was smaller, the headaches fewer and the expense of running a municipality much less.

Birmingham's budget for 1951-52 was \$973,849.74. Just five years previous in 1947, the year city budget was only \$260,625.65.

Since 1946, with the steady growth and expansion of the city and the cost of living hike, the budget has likewise grown in size.

The 1941 BUDGET stood at \$224,095, 1944, \$354,453.17, and in 1946 was \$458,676.

Last year some of the major appropriations were police, \$127,250; fire, \$98,150; DPW, \$132,170; general administration, \$38,500; treasurer's department, \$20,250; street lighting, \$21,000; and building inspector's department, \$18,000.

Back in 1941, the police expenditure only amounted to \$44,365. Other appropriations were fire, \$39,093; general administration, \$13,280; street lighting, \$14,600; building inspection department, \$8,029; treasurer, \$11,160; and public works, \$85,262.

INCLUDED IN THE public works appropriations at the time was a \$2,420 amount for snow removal. In 1946, this item was \$24,200. The 1951 budget appropriated \$15,400 for this service and it now appears that the amount will be expanded.

In 1946, budget appropriations were still far under the present figures.

Some of these were treasurer's, \$11,720; building inspector, \$4,150; DPW general, \$13,185; police, \$67,800; fire, \$53,490; general administration, \$7,540; street lighting, \$14,800; recreation board, \$3,500; and snow and ice removal, \$3,500.

OTHER ITEMS INCLUDED

in the budget are: unimproved streets, \$3,050; unimproved

May 11 Is Date Of Presbytery Ground-Breaking

May 11 has been selected for ground-breaking ceremonies of the new Presbyterian church at Maple and Chappel roads.

Ernest Seaholm, building committee spokesman, said Monday that the current building plan would probably be ready for the educational building.

"We will erect the most badly needed new church in the city. The educational building is being planned long before the church is under construction. By working this way we are able to plan for greater efficiency in the new church which will place on the building."

SEAHOLM SAID that when completed, the new church would probably stand between six and ten hours in the main auditorium.

"For the time being," he said, "we will concentrate on the educational building, continuing to use our Woodward avenue church for Sunday services. Even after the new church is finished, we will have to continue having duplicate services each Sunday and duplicate church school classes."

There are no immediate plans for the disposal of our present building, which is being used for how much longer we will have an active need for it.

All males of inner-city students invited to attend the new church. CONTACT: PANY. PHONE Enterprise 6319.

Decision Accepted

By GEORGE W.M. AVERILL

Birmingham's city commissioners are in no rush to resubmit the east side fire station proposal to voters.

By passing a resolution indefinitely postponing discussion of the matter, the commissioners Monday night pigeonholed a recommendation from City Manager D. C. Egbert that the proposal be placed on the November 4 general election ballot, and that the architects immediately be asked to provide detailed construction drawings and specifications.

Of the seven commissioners voting, only Richard Patterson and Charles Renfrew voted against the indefinite postponement.

When the proposal appeared on the April 4 ballot, the proposed bond issue failed when only 67 per cent of a required 60 per cent majority approved the proposed fire station.

EGBERT SAID detailed drawings and specifications would permit the commission to learn pretty exactly what the station would cost.

Stated Egbert in his recommendation: "The major portion of the appropriation appears to be based on an estimate of the expenditure of \$500,000 for a fire station which is reasonable and that such a structure may be constructed for a lesser cost."

"There was, I believe, also considerable misunderstanding in regard to the plans of the city in connection with the construction of this building."

THE PROPER method of determining more accurately the actual cost of the proposed fire station would require that the construction drawings be completed and that proper specifications be prepared which would outline the materials to be utilized in the construction of the building.

"With this information available, an estimate of the cost of the building could be secured from reputable contractors which would approximately the actual construction cost."

But commissioners reacted coolly to Egbert's suggestion.

Commissioner Ralph A. Math, while admitting the new station was needed, thought more work must be done before the city could take action.

LANE C. MINOR agreed with Math, and added that the city commission had carried out its responsibility to the public.

Commissioner Frank Rising said he "was discouraged—very discouraged, and we can't afford to let this happen."

Mayor Dean G. Beier and Commissioners E. W. Watkins and Renfrew felt the commission should not forget the matter, but rather should take a little more time in assembling more detailed facts and presenting them to the public.

Main said he didn't think the detailed plans should be ordered yet because "we shouldn't go into it too fast again. We'll keep the gold plate off and get a fire station that meets our needs."

SAID MINOR, "I think we have done our chore for the public. We've brought it to their attention. Now I believe we should take advantage of all these people with the brains who apparently know more about fire stations than we do."

Let's get their ideas and null them over in addition to all the facts we've already obtained from the national bureau of fire underwriters. We should also take into account the needs of all municipalities similar in size and needs to Birmingham.

Watkins gave some of the historical background leading to the commission's decision to put the bond issue on the April ballot.

He told how the commission last week felt the overall plan should have been explained, together with its ultimate cost.

THE CITY has stressed that the first step in decentralizing its fire-fighting facilities. A second station would ultimately be erected at Chesterfield and W. Maple, and the central location at the municipal building abandoned.

TONY GORSKY GETS the "FEEL" of his club before teeing off at North Hills golf course to prove that spring is here. Max Schneider, Tony's playing mate in the Ford Trade School Alumni league which opened play Wednesday, waits patiently for Tony to get his drive off.