

When a marksmen aims at a distant target, he allows for the trajectory, or curve of fall of the bullet, if he wants to hit the target. He does not aim higher than seems necessary. The same idea ought to be good for each of us, to aim high to come anywhere near the target!

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### BI-PARTISAN STATE BOARDS

Every Governor of Michigan, during his one or more terms, has the responsibility of appointing men and women to various boards and commissions, as terms expire.

In various cases these groups are required to be bi-partisan, which simply mean that not more than, for example, three or a five-member board or commission may embrace a single political party. Now Republicans are in the ascendant. Of course, the Republican-nominated legislature may refuse to confirm such appointments, as it has done recently.

But the situation points up to the fact that the governor is politically "every man for himself" and that will pay off in the long run to be determined only in future elections.

As this is written, the Tigers have at last emerged from the cellar of the American League, and this is cause for Tiger fans to rejoice. Let's hope that the playing days will make our favorite baseball team to test the ball clearly enough to make plenty of hits and runs for the writers of the season.

Have you ever noticed that most of those Soviet military men almost completely ignored with various medals if they ever got into front-line fighting it would be difficult to penetrate their chests with bullets. Most certainly they'd never have a Bible inside their coat pockets to hold an enemy missile.

Due to the efforts of Michigan Congressmen in Washington, that body has agreed to provide a hearing for the committee with which to fight the sea-lamprey menace in our Great Lakes. We congratulate the committee concerned. Certainly this comparatively small amount of the state budget is worth the extra money value to the taxpayers than plenty of other activities emanating from the nation's Capital.

Most newspaper editors endeavor, for each edition's front page, to write and print a headline for the most important story in the day's news. Perhaps the entire problem could be solved by printing in every edition this simple statement of contemporary fact: "The Whole World Will Be In A State of Confusion."

Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam recently appeared before Senator McCarthy's investigating committee and strongly expressed his sympathy for the doctrine of Communism. We should like to see the clergyman at all points in opposition to what he considered the untruthful statements about Communism.

However, we'd like to see him in the church militant to join up with those respectable circles of government that really desire to expose the existence of Communist groups active in this nation. His position of influence would go a long way towards helping solve the problem.

Often it is customary for daily newspapers to get small pictures of men and women who write regular columns for them. Take The Detroit News, for instance. It long has run small pictures of some of its special writers. . . yet I fail to see the picture of even the photo of W. K. Kelsey, author of that newspaper's editorial feature, "The Commentator."

No doubt many thousands of his readers would like to know how the years are chiseling the countenance of that ancient reporter and chronicler of events, large and small.

England's former King Edward VIII, now the Duke of Windsor, has a synthetic tooth. The Princess Margaret, over her love for a British commoner, said the Duke of Windsor's teeth are long that reason doesn't know. The Duke ought to know—for he is the King's brother-in-law. He decided to marry an American divorcee, Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson.

### \$10,000 Fire Damages To Home in Franklin

Structural damages from a fire at the R. E. Evans home, 2052 North Green Bria, Franklin Village, are estimated at \$10,000.

The fire was discovered by neighbors about 7:30 p.m., July 30, while the Evans family was away from home. It was contained in a cardboard container and was about to start the basement blaze.

### Quarterly Get-Together

Quarterly meeting of Birmingham city commissioners and planning board members has been set for 8 p.m., Aug. 12 at the Municipal Building.

## Farrell Names Tractor Division Executives

## 'Hope for Home in Birmingham' Mrs. Shafor Says

Mr. and Mrs. James Shafor still are looking for a house—preferably one in Birmingham.

The Shafors, with their five children, lost everything Wednesday morning, July 29, when fire swept their home at 562 S. Woodward. Mr. and Mrs. Shafor had just left for work when the fire broke out, threatening the lives of the children.

Patricia, 13, who has since been treated for smoke burned eyes, Donna, 12, and James, Jr., 11, were able to leave the house without any serious injuries. The younger children, Gerald, 9, and Robert, 6, managed to crawl through a window with one of the porch rods and were rescued by George Jones, 588 Jurdy, who received painful burns about the arms.

The fire, according to Fire Chief V. W. Griffith, was caused by defective wiring in the basement of the house owned by the New Market, Inc., of Detroit. Griffith said the Shafor family had been repeatedly bothered by burned out fuses for some time.

In speaking of the family, now staying with relatives in Royal Oak, Griffith said they were among the most deserving he has ever known.

"THIS IS their second fire within a year and this time they lost everything. First, they need a home so they can be together. Then they're starting from scratch—clothes, household furnishings, appliances, etc."

On Wednesday afternoon, Birmingham residents were offering their help to the family. Clothing, especially for Mrs. Shafor and her daughters, was offered, along with bedding, beds and other furnishings.

In a statement Tuesday to The Post, Mrs. Shafor said the fire destroyed the family's savings account, but that she had been injured during the blaze.

"WE THANK GOD," she said, for all that people have already done for them. She said she had been wonderful about letting the girls have clothes.

"The girls are going to live and get organized. Patricia, Donna and I are going through all the things in the house and getting rid of things that the girls can wear and I want to let them select what they want. Then we will give the things to some organization that will pass them on to children who need them."

"Our first need is a house. We've been able to store some of the things which have been given to us, but we need a home for us by the people who gave them."

## City to Continue Suit Over Rezoning Triangle

Residents from subdivisions in the northeastern section of Birmingham descended on the city commission Monday night as they successfully obtained reversals of the city's original stands in rezoning matters.

Packing the commission room so that a number of persons had to stand in doorways or along walls, property owners from the Birmingham Estates and Pembroke Manor argued the commission into continuing with a court case and revamping a rezoning petition recently submitted to Troy township.

Birmingham City residents, as well as those in Pembroke Manor, just east of Elton, applauded the commission's decision. They said they had rejected a compromise that would have permitted multiple dwellings and terrace units on an 11-acre triangle between Elton and the railroad.

The Pembroke Manor group, which saw the commission vote to withdraw a petition now before the Troy plan board asking for a rezoning of the southern portion of the Walker gravel pit area to industrial use.

Commissioners agreed in order to modify the petition to ask for rezoning of the property entirely to residential use. The city also will ask Troy to consider zoning the area for the north and east of the gravel pit to residential. The areas now are zoned for agricultural use.

## Hill Is Assistant Gen. Mgr.

Thomas A. Farrell, who was named August 1 by Henry Ford II as a vice president of Ford Motor Company and general manager of the newly formed Ford Tractor Division, today announced a number of executive appointments in the division.

The Ford Tractor Division's headquarters will be located in the office building and research center formerly occupied by Dearborn Motors at 2500 East Maple Road, Birmingham.

Appointments announced by Farrell are:

MERRITT D. HILL, 3545 Woodward Road, Bloomfield Hills, assistant general manager. Hill brings to the No. 2 position in the tractor division an extensive experience in farm machinery sales and management.

Formerly general sales manager and later vice-president and member of the board of directors, Dearborn Motors, Hill has had positions with General Motors and other well-known business organizations.

B. A. BEST, 583 Cranbrook Road, Birmingham, Division Controller. Formerly treasurer and member of the Board of Directors, Dearborn Motors.

Best, a certified public accountant, has had wide experience in financial management. For a number of years, he was controller for the Board of Directors, Dearborn Motors.

R. E. HUNT, 391 Cranbrook Road, Birmingham, General Manager. Hunt formerly was vice-president in charge of engineering and manufacturing for Dearborn Motors. He joined that organization in 1948.

DALE ROEDER, Detroit, Chief Engineer. Formerly chief engineer, General Motors, Roeder has been with Ford Motor Company since 1923. He worked on the Model T car and later worked on many of the engineering designs for the Model A.

Other positions he has held include truck engineer and engineer in charge of military vehicles. In 1950-51, he was president of the Society of Automotive Engineers.

I. R. KAPPLER, 28010 Sunset Boulevard, Southfield township, General Purchasing Agent. He joined the commission to plan the financing of the project should be determined now so that plans will be ready when the county joins in the improvement of the pavement.

## Boys Rescue Man Who Fell in Lake

Two 13-year-old boys are credited with saving the life of Howard (Bud) Hale, assistant golf pro at the Pine Bluff country club.

According to bystanders, Hale was standing on the deck Monday afternoon when he suffered a heart seizure and fell into about 10 feet of water. Two boys, unidentified at the time, leaped in fully clothed and held Hale's head above water until the youngsters arrived.

The youngsters are Dave Ritchie, son of former Birmingham Mayor Chad Ritchie of 1234 Covington, and Robert Elders, of Pontiac.

Dave said they had gone to the lake to play golf and saw Hale fall and lost no time in going in after him.

Edwards, a member of the club, came to their assistance and helped administer artificial respiration to play golf and saw Hale fall and lost no time in going in after him.

## To Bolster Sagging Facilities

## B'ham Fire Chief To Help Draw Up Gas Safety Rules

Birmingham Fire Chief Vern W. Griffith has been named to the general committee which will work out and recommend for adoption by the state legislature, specific regulations regarding installation and maintenance of natural gas transmission and distribution lines.

Griffith's appointment has been recommended by State Fire Marshal Division Chief Arnold Renner to Michigan Public Service Commission Chairman John P. McCarthy for official approval.

Griffith and Southfield Township Fire Chief Albert Kruck attended last week's preliminary meeting in Lansing at which MPSC representatives met with municipal officials and pipeline and gas company agents to draw up committee assignments for drafting the new legislation.

According to Griffith, the new rules would impose definite standards for construction, distribution, transportation and servicing of both high pressure transmission mains and lower pressure distribution systems.

At the 1952 session of the legislature, amendments were made to the MPSC Act permitting the state to establish definite safety regulations for gas mains.

THIS AMENDMENT followed two years of investigation by a special legislative study committee chartered by Birmingham Representative Howard R. Estes.

Principal fact motivating creation of the study committee was the Dec. 11, 1949, gas explosion and fire here in which five persons, including a Birmingham fire inspector, were killed.

Birmingham has more than a passing interest in what these regulations will be.

Griffith revealed that since October, 1952, a committee of Birmingham and Southfield township officials have been attempting to reach an agreement with the handling Eastern Pipeline Co. regarding its high pressure transmission lines which run only a few miles from the city.

Griffith explained Friday.

One leak was discovered and repaired last October in Southfield Township at 14 Mile and Beacomfield, just south of the Birmingham Country Club, Griffith said.

## Two Local Winners In Craftsman's Guild Model Car Competition

Two boys, one from Birmingham and the other from Franklin, have been named among the winners in the 1953 Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild model car competition. The youths are Steven T. Tjarda, 1201 Colonial Court, Birmingham, 127 for second place, and Paul Franklin, 450 for third place.

Announcement of the state and regional winners throughout the nation was made Monday in the General Motors Building where judging has been in progress for three weeks. The model cars will be on display through August 23.

Judging is proceeding now to select the eight best models from the 40 regional winners in the nation for the university scholarship award which are: Two for \$4,000 each, two for \$3,000, two for \$2,000 and two for \$1,000. The winners will be announced at the annual Guild banquet during the Guild convention in Detroit.

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THOMAS A. FARRELL, Vice President and General Mgr.



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## W. Maple Paving Deferred To 1955

City Assessor Elmer W. Haack has been instructed to prepare a report to be considered at the city commission meeting August 10, regarding the West Maple widening.

The widening of West Maple between Linden and Cranbrook cannot be started until the 1955 paving season, commissioners have learned from the Oakland County road commission. The county is already obligated for other projects throughout the remainder of this year and all of 1954, the county said.

COMMISSIONERS agreed with recommendations of City Manager Donald C. Egbert that a means of financing the project should be determined now so that plans will be ready when the county joins in the improvement of the pavement.

## Church Officials Still Estimating Damages of Fire

Ralph Hunt, senior warden for St. James Episcopal church said Aug. 4, that no official estimate of damages has yet been made on the fire which damaged the church the morning of July 29.

Architects and church officials, he said, had been working together since Monday and have not yet reached an official damage estimate, but added that it would exceed \$100,000.

STARTED by a defective ventilating fan, the fire swept through the building, damaging the structure and contents. Because of the heavy structural material, the fire was particularly difficult to extinguish. In many sections the form of the building and its furnishings got at the blaze, prolonged the fire.

Hunt said small blazes were spotted in the building several times later during the day.

## First step in assuring Birmingham residents more adequate fire protection was taken by city commissioners Monday night when they approved the purchase of a multi-purpose aerial ladder truck estimated to cost \$36,000.

Commissioners agreed on the purchase after hearing the recommendation of Fire Chief Vern Griffith, whose meetings with the citizens' study committee on fire protection resulted in the investigation of this type of fire apparatus.

The versatile piece of equipment would include hand ladders, a 65-foot pole, a 750-gallon per minute pump, booster tank and small fire line reel and hose compartments for 1 1/2 and 2 1/2 inch fire hose.

Activity among members of the city and fire study committee has been heightened since the purchase of \$79,200 when thousands of dollars of property damage were suffered at the St. James Episcopal church and a private residence on South Woodward avenue.

CITY MANAGER Donald C. Egbert, in his recommendation to the commission, pointed to the seriousness of the city's situation in responding to second alarms as was the case on July 29.

Egbert suggested that the purchase of this equipment be made now even before the fire study committee has made its recommendations on construction of additional fire halls because of the one-year delivery time required in the purchase of the truck.

City officials strongly believe that the city's situation in responding to second alarms was the case on July 29.

A FEW HOURS after firemen had mopped up the St. James blaze and returned to clean and dry their equipment, the second alarm was sounded. The same apparatus was called on to fight the fire on S. Woodward.

Some commission members have been given by the fire study committee as to the advisability of purchasing additional trucks in some other section of the city. Griffith reports that this single truck can satisfy the basic most residential blazes with a single crew of men.

Should voters approve the construction of other fire stations, the truck would be on hand to be put in immediate use. Should such a proposal again be defeated, the need for additional fire fighting equipment would make the truck's purchase advisable, city officials believe.

EGBERT SUGGESTED that the truck be stationed at the city's new fire station, West Maple at Chesterfield, to decrease the risk of fire losses when West Maple is under construction of new pavement.

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