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Who Are The Teachers Who Long As Will Be Remembered?

Now that the public schools have closed for the summer, and portions of graduating classes either have stepped out into life to work, or will go on to colleges in the fall...

The verse was written by a chap named R. J. Gale, and goes like this:

Year after year they come to me To bid adieu to their outgrown books...

Have I taught them the joy of learning? When things are at their worst? Have I taught them anything that helps like a song?

City Wins Award For 1953 Traffic Law Enforcement

Birmingham has been named as one of 17 United States cities of from 10,000 to 25,000 population to win an honorable mention award for "outstanding performance in traffic law enforcement in 1953"

Awards are based on evaluation of enforcement reports of cities and states in the Annual Inventory of Traffic Safety Activities...

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CAROMING SIXTY FEET from the point of a collision at the intersection of Oak and Lakeside Saturday, the car pictured above came to rest just short of being immersed in the River Rouge...

2nd Zoning Suit Threatened

With one suit already on appeal to the state supreme court, the city of Birmingham this week faced the implied threat of a second suit seeking to force the city to rezone to business use some single-residence property in the northeast...

The second suit was intimated Monday night by John Martz, former Birmingham mayor and city commissioner.

Licensing Rules For Parking Lots Decided by City

Off-street parking lots in Birmingham must be hard-surfaced and properly drained if they are to be used by the general public, by customers, or if a fee is charged, according to the terms of a new ordinance approved Monday night by city commissioners.

Parking lots for the sole use of employees of the business owner are exempted from this ordinance's requirements.

Where there is no charge, a \$3 annual fee will apply, regardless of lot size.

Existing lots have two years in which to meet the grading and surfacing provisions of the new ordinance. Lots created after the ordinance's effective date will have a two-year period in which to meet the same provisions.

Ask Truck Bids

City Administrator Leonard Witkowski was authorized by Lathrup Village city councilmen last week to advertise for bids on new used 5-ton pickup truck to be used for general city work.

Custom made rubber stamps, 24 hr. service. Ad-Prop Co., Birmingham, Mich. (16)

Local City Reads. B of E Awaits Judge's Ruling

Whether or not a Royal Oak dentist will be awarded \$45,000 for injuries suffered in a bleacher collapse six years ago in a football game here will be decided by Oakland County Circuit Judge J. Russell Holland when he rules on the immunity of school boards in liability suits.

A nine-member jury Tuesday afternoon determined that a swayed motion of spectators to lean north end stands caused the collapse of the bleachers and dislodging of the Atlas Bleacher Company from any liability. Thus they directed responsibility for the accident to the Birmingham board of education.

They also ruled that injuries to Dr. Maurice Richards supported a payment of \$45,000. Dr. Richards asked \$200,000 in the suit against both the school district and the Detroit Bleacher company.

Franklin Village Hurries to Form Local Government

Southfield township's second incorporated area, Franklin Village, is in the final stages of preparing for local-meetings Monday night at the council's first official meeting.

During the 9 1/2-hour meeting, Franklin trustees wasted little time in naming a president pro tempore, selecting a treasurer and negotiating a settlement with Southfield township, choosing a board of appeals manager and a zoning officer.

THE JUDGE will rule on the legal aspect of the district's liability after the verdict is heard but it is entered in the court record.

School Population Still on Increase

The ever-heightening spiral of school enrollments in the Birmingham area shows no sign of tapering off as officials add up totals of this year's school census.

A nose count of all persons between birth and 19 years of age in the school districts of Troy, Bloomfield Hills and Southfield shows the population of children in this age bracket has jumped from 13,071 in June 1953 to 15,115 in June 1954.

Officials said preliminary figures indicate this year's figure will show a much higher figure for the Birmingham district.

Model Homes Going up on Mercier Farm

David E. Anderson explained Monday that the homes will sell for \$25,000 and up on half-acre lots.

WESTCHESTER Village will experience slow, careful development over a period of six years, to keep abreast of the latest innovations and improvements in building products and design, say the developers.

When ultimately completed, Westchester Village will contain over 600 homes.

They will be colonial ranch style with attached 2-car garages, and will boast exclusive design features never before available in a Catholic parish.

Some folks think the 421-mile-per-hour rocket-aid ride recently made at Alameda, N. M., is the fastest record speed ever.

Have Views From 19 Neighbors

By GEORGE W.M. AVERILL

With tonight's session marking the fourth meeting in eight days, during which a total of 19 persons were interviewed, the three-man board of inquiry is preparing to question city officials regarding the conduct of Birmingham firemen at a tragic June 14 flash fire in which three lives were lost.

We believe we have questioned practically all those neighbors and spectators who have come forward to volunteer their accounts of what took place that night, explained Board Chairman James Spencer, who also is chairman of the Birmingham fire board.

HE REPEATED his appeal to the community that the board would welcome additional interviews with persons who have not yet made themselves known to the board.

IN THE PREVIOUS three closed-door meetings, the three-man board has listened to 15 cases, including Frank Bising, former city commissioner, whose appearance before the city committee 16 hours after the fire prompted the board of inquiry.

RESISTING his difficult time that evening controlling his emotions as he told commissioners he was not satisfied with neighbors who saw the fire were in considerable doubt that city firemen were at their best that same night after they arrived.

COMMISSIONERS refused to believe the city could do better than for years have an excellent state-wide reputation for efficiency, did anything but their best in the fire which claimed the lives of Mrs. Thomas Cooper and her two sons, Larry and Anthony.

STRICTLY FRESH

MYSTERY of the beach-buzzing zing plane in South Sheld, England has been solved. Girl bathers have been scrawling names and phone numbers on the beach. Love letters in the sand, eh?

Russian scientists say he expects life to develop on Venus most any time now through colonization by man's hands. The heads, we hope.

An arctic weather expert we know says that hot, humid summer days are caused by a super-jet wind system centered over Washington, D. C.

Somebody has a lot of time on his hands in the North Tex. There's a sundial missing from Mrs. Frank Bailey's yard.

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