

There is so much about us every day that is good... babies and adolescents and grown-ups; the rebirth of Nature in grass, leaf and flower; the music and quiet reading; a scattering of laughter, perhaps a purifying tear... ours for the more observing.

Seek City Aid in Driver Training, School Parking

Combined school board and city action in providing a better driver-training program in Birmingham schools, and in solving the parking problem at the high school, was proposed by the Birmingham board of education in a joint meeting Wednesday night, April 28, with the city commission.

Supt. of Schools Dwight B. Ireland suggested that city-owned land across from the high school at Cranbrook and Lincoln be used for a combined parking lot and driver-training course.

He said there is need for more parking facilities than are available on the present school lot.

"When we hold a major function at the high school, the neighborhood areas around the school are flooded with parked cars that cannot be accommodated on the present lot. When the city and community auditorium is built at the high school, the situation will be even worse," Ireland stressed.

HE SAID because surrounding neighborhoods are affected, and because it creates a problem for police, the parking question is one in which the city and school district are mutually concerned.

Furthermore, conducting driver training on city streets creates a hazard and becomes a joint school-city problem, Ireland emphasized.

He said about a 10-acre lot to accommodate 1,000 cars was needed. It could be used during the day-time as a course on which one instructor could conduct driving classes for students in 10 to 12 cars at one time.

There was no discussion on who would finance the surfacing of the lot if the city were to loan, lease or sell it to the school district.

City commissioners asked the board to prepare a formal request and present it at a regular commission session for further consideration.

Babe Ruth Tryouts Slated Next Week

Tryouts for the Babe Ruth League, hampered greatly by rain and wet fields last week, will be held again on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights, May 13, 14 and 15, at Birmingham High school field.

Monday will be the day for 13 year-old candidates, Tuesday for 14 year-olds will report and Thursday will be open for 15 year-olds. All tryout sessions start at 6 p.m.

All Birmingham boys within these ages are eligible to compete for regular positions on the league's teams.

All candidates are asked to report to the tryouts in proper playing condition before spring training practice games which will precede the season's opener on June 15.

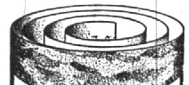
Sugden Promoted To Sgt. in Korea

Donald A. Sugden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sugden, 2825 Golden Gate, was recently promoted to sergeant while serving with the 24th Infantry Division in Korea.

Sgt. Sugden, whose wife, Carolyn, lives in Hazel Park, entered the army in July 1952 and arrived overseas during December of that year. He is a motor sergeant in Company M in the division's 34th regiment.

Returns to States

Among the men who returned to San Francisco, Calif., on April 22 aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Oriskany was Marine Pfc. Kenneth A. Worde, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander J. Tait, 380 Catalpa drive.



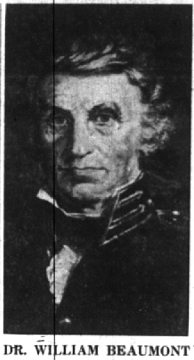
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Major Event In Medical History Lies Behind New Hospital's Name



DR. WILLIAM BEAUMONT

Behind the change of name for the new Oakland County hospital now under construction on Thirteen Mile road near Coolidge in Royal Oak, is a strange story of circumstances that 132 years ago began a revolution in medical thinking that was to bring immortality to the principal persons.

The \$5 million structure will be known as the William Beaumont hospital and become another monument to the medical research of a Connecticut-born physician who contributed greatly to medical science during his practice at Fort Mackinac, Mich., in the early trading days of the state's territory.

The shot gun exploded—and the holiday crowd shrank back in horror as they watched a man fall with a hole the size of a fist torn out of his body. Alexis St. Martin, a fur company canoe man, was sure-



THE 19th CENTURY MEDICAL research of Dr. William Beaumont, pioneer Michigan physiologist for whom Beaumont Hospital has just been named (formerly Oakland Hospital), is recorded in a painting by Dean Cornwell entitled "Beaumont and St. Martin". The painting is from the Wyeth collection and was presented to the Michigan State Medical society at Lansing. The Army medical officer's famed discoveries on the processes of human digestion were started in the crude cabin pictured here as he treated and studied the stomach wound of Alexis St. Martin, a French Canadian canoe man.

European medical centers were struggling to learn—how food is digested by the stomach.

When the young Army surgeon went over the French Canadian, he found two organs protruding from the gash—the lungs and the stomach. The stomach had been torn, leaving a hole "large enough to receive my forefinger," Beaumont reported in his diary.

Expecting the man to die within twenty minutes, the doctor dressed the wound, and left. When he returned an hour later he was surprised to find his patient alive.

IN WRITING about it later, Dr. Beaumont said, "A lucky and perhaps the only circumstance to which his miraculous survival can be attributed was the protruded portion of the stomach, instead of falling back into its natural position, adhered to the external wound." This meant that the doctor could dress the stomach directly.

If this was lucky for St. Martin, it was certainly a fortunate for Dr. Beaumont, and for the rest of the world. For in attempting to close the stomach opening, without sewing it, which the superstitious Frenchman would not permit, Dr. Beaumont noticed something. By lifting a flap of skin which had grown over the wound, he could actually see the interior of the stomach, without causing any pain to the patient.

"When he lies on the opposite side, I can look directly into the cavity of the stomach and almost see the process of digestion... I have frequently suspended flesh, raw and wasted, and other substances into the perforation to ascertain the length of time required to digest each," he records.

HERE WAS the clue. Could it be that the European medical centers were wrong in their theories of digestion? Some said that the food was ground up by the stomach; others that it was "cooked" there; still others—and they experimented on this—that the food underwent some sort of fermentation. Beaumont's observations made him think that digestion was a chemical process.

His experiments conducted intermittently over the next ten years led him to the conclusion he published a book, "Experiments and Observations on the Gastric Juice and the Physiology of Digestion," which a century later was called by medical authorities, "the most notable and original classic of American medicine."

Actually most of Dr. Beaumont's

City Closes Out 6 Assessments

A total of \$8,424.58 has been dropped from city books as Birmingham city commissioners cleared accounts for six special assessment districts.

Sewer costs charged against the Oakland county road commission and Troy township properties along Adams road—a total of \$5,661.24—was written off as uncollectible.

A \$2,473.11 city engineering department error, made in 1945 when gravel was placed in the wrong portion of Webster street, was assumed by the city and the district closed.

The remaining several hundred dollars were in uncollectible accounts or very small potential reassessments on properties involved in districts for the improvement of Grant, Henrietta and Cole streets.

him to Fort Mackinac where his adventure began.

Beaumont died in 1853. But Dr. William Beaumont, the pioneer physiologist of the United States and the first American doctor to make an enduring contribution to medical science, lives on today, as the inspiration of the hospital that bears his name, the Beaumont Hospital of Oakland County.

Pfc. Wade Serves As Radio Operator

Pfc. Robert Wade, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Wade, 1223 Webster, is returning to the U. S. after serving with the 1 Corps in Korea. Wade was a radio operator with the corps' 6th Field Artillery Battalion. He entered the Army in November 1952, completed basic training at Indiantown Gap, Pa., and arrived overseas last May.

Gifts for Mother

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Exchange To Hear Red Wing Story

Ted Lindsay, Oakland drive, Bloomfield Township, captain of the Detroit Red Wing Hockey Team, and Fred Haler, publicity director of the Red Wing Club, made a personal appearance before the Birmingham Exchange Club, Tuesday, May 4 at 12 noon.

The program included film highlights of the 1954 Detroit Red Wing Stanley Cup Playoff games, plus interesting sidelights of hockey by each of the two personalities present. A round-table discussion was held following the presentation.

R. J. Wilson, of the Wilson Drug Company is chairman in charge of the arrangements for the special sports program.

Dartmouth College Outing Club Officer

New director of entertainment for the Dartmouth College Outing club, is John Dinan, son of J. T. Dinan, Guilford road, Bloomfield Hills.

A graduate of Bloomfield Hills high school and a Dartmouth junior, young Dinan is leader of the ski patrol and active in other winter sports. He is also a member of the Green Key, junior honor society, and Sigma Nu fraternity.

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