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THEir NAMES and THAT

By G. R. A.

Those young MSU boys who splattered green and white paint in various locations on the M campus at Ann Arbor are revealing a nascent attitude of respect for that gear back to the caves and cliffs.

Even though the above was committed without low-violent intent, nevertheless it is part of that ill-civilized facet marked that identifies him with the barbarian. The ultimate manifestation of contemporary barbarism, of course, is found in warfare.

Perhaps it is the feeling of retaining "personal" pay that goes with certain top governmental jobs that attracts men to whom the lure of a public office was as great as why some become victims of alcoholism.

A Texas geologist says that by the year 2500 A.D. there will be so many people on earth that some will have only one square yard of land on which to live. Come now, Sir! As a boy, I remember you claim that Texas is large enough to accommodate this tremendous population all by itself.

Complaining that today's scientific people are being harassed by governmental investigations, Dr. Albert Einstein recently said: "If I had it to do over again, I would not try to become a scientist, a scholar, or a teacher. I would rather choose to be a plumber or a peddler, in the hope to find that modest amount of independence which is available under present circumstances."

And this from the man who discovered the theory of relativity and also the atom bomb. He would like to be a peddler or a plumber... Doctor, you certainly must be a very disconcerted scientist!

A variety of statements have been made about the influence of the "Eccentric" since we mentioned when it is completed, upon the Great Lakes areas. Some of the statements suggest that the economic effect on Michigan will be great as the "Eccentric" if the only "Nice" thoughts even if only true.

The President's wife, Mamie, had a birthday a few days ago, and the occasion was mentioned in most American newspapers. What is more, Mamie's age, 58, was given. — The "Eccentric" provides a good example for all women who try to obscure their age... or does it not?

"The rabbit is the world's greatest destroyer of potential food for humans," said a New Zealand public official. Arithmetically speaking, rabbits are notoriously known for their ability to multiply, add, subtract from natural resources and divide same.

Apparently that old axiom: "Whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad" is in part being applied to the current attitude of Sen. Joe McCarthy. In his defense, the majority of state proceedings, argues that all who oppose him are "unwitting enemies of American freedom."

France, whose per capita consumption of alcoholic stuff is three times that of either England or the United States, is to get a program of temperance treatment. Its Premier, Mendes-France, publicly says that one of France's basic problems lies in its people's failure to accept sobriety as an aid to its moral improvement.

Men's Night Dec. 6

Men's night, the night when Birmingham males have the entire town to themselves to select Christmas gifts, is being held on Monday, Dec. 6, according to Charles Mortenson, Chamber of Commerce secretary. List of stores to participate now totals 70 with the number still growing, Mortenson stated.

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RELAXING OVER COFFEE

after a red letter day in their lives are the five members of the John Fawcett family, 908 S. Adams, who became citizens of the United States in a mass ceremony Thursday, Nov. 11. Studying for citizenship examinations also was a family affair as the two sons and daughter quizzed their parents from high school text books. Fawcett, owner of a heating and hardware firm here, was born in England and spent most of his early life in Canada. Mrs. Fawcett, born in Ireland, also lived her early life in Canada and the couple moved to the United States in the 30's, only to return to Canada during the depression years. Two of their sons, John and William, are already U. S. citizens. Pictured, from left, are new citizens Syd, 18, Mrs. Fawcett, Allan, 19, Mr. Fawcett and Isabel, 22. (Eccentric Photo)

Laidlaw Notes Success Of Local UF Campaign

The United Foundation's 1954 Torch Drive in the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin area exceeded its record-breaking quota by a large margin that any other suburb, with local residents and businessmen contributing \$1.10 for every dollar they were asked for.

This success was noted especially at Detroit United Foundation headquarters by U.F. general chairman Walter C. Laidlaw, who said he was pleased to note that this "neighbors" area again have proved "to be charity pomeknakers."

John K. Stevenson, general chairman of the drive, said preliminary figures indicate the \$180,238 goal was topped by more than \$19,000, bringing the total contributions to more than \$205,125.

Bell to Cut in More Central Office Equipment

The Michigan Bell Telephone Co. again will expand its central office facilities this month to keep pace with continuing growth in the Birmingham area, according to A. H. Warner, the company's manager here.

Beginning last spring, the project involves installation of more central office switching in present completion of all current orders for new telephones as well as orders for new telephones to be installed in 1955, Warner indicated.

"While completion of this project leaves us in a good position to meet current demand," Warner said, "plans still are in progress regarding to meet anticipated future requirements."

IN CONNECTION

with inauguration of the new telephone set for Nov. 23, some 1200 telephone users with Lincoln numbers will be transferred to the Liberty group, Warner said.

He stressed the importance of correctly dialing the three-digit prefixes, 4, 6, and 7.

"Since there now are three Midwestern area numbers, it is important that you be sure to dial the correct digit in the prefix to avoid confusion," Warner added.

The number of telephones in Birmingham has increased from 4,468 in 1940 to 24,242 in 1949 and more than 20,087 in 1954.

To Dedicate Fire Halls At Special Ceremonies

Birmingham's two new fire stations will be presented formally to the community at dedication ceremonies, city commissioners have agreed.

Monday night, they asked Mayor Charles Renfrew to choose the members of a special committee to arrange the dedication.

To be called the Adams and Chertierfield fire stations, the two buildings now are under construction and undoubtedly will see their completion at different times.

This will confront the committee with the problem of determining whether there shall be one or two dedication services.

THE CHERTIERFIELD STATION

(at Maple and Chertierfield) probably will be ready in December, while the Adams fire hall (at Adams and Rowers) may take until February to finish, City Manager D. C. Eberhart said Tuesday.

Commissioners this week concurred with a recommendation of Fire Chief Vern W. Griffith that the stations be dedicated to two members of the Birmingham department.

The main station at Adams will honor the late William G. Olsen, who was chief of the department from 1915 to 1931.

The Chertierfield station will be dedicated to Lee C. Carroll, who was killed Dec. 11, 1949, in the explosion and fire of a N. Woodward antique shop, where four other persons also lost their lives.

Commission Questions Safety Board's Value

Airport Citizens' Group Seeks Support

An Oakland county citizens' group interested in capitalizing for local benefit on Detroit's effort to develop a major northern airport in Warren township has been formed.

Under the chairmanship of L. B. DeVillie, Fernalde industrialist, this group known as the Oakland County Committee for the Tri-County (Northwest) Airport seeks to promote Oakland county support for the proposed airport.

The committee's efforts will be directed to obtaining as many signatures as possible on petitions favoring development of the airport, and to correcting public misconceptions as to the characteristics of modern airport and modern airport practice and control, as well as to developing public comprehension of the necessity for such a facility to assure the future economic welfare of fast growing Oakland county.

Aware of the changing transportation outlook which in the future will rely increasingly on air, the committee points to the lack of foresight which in an earlier day made it difficult to provide adequate rail transportation, and which accounts for the current problem of choked inadequate highways we are now attempting to alleviate at great expense.

B'ham Board of Education Approves School Site Boring

Birmingham board of education members Tuesday night authorized a series of test borings at the site of the new junior high school here, by Adams.

The borings will be made by the architectural firms of Eberle M. Smith associates to determine ground conditions through soil analysis. Cost will be \$200.

The board also took preliminary action to purchase 500 tons of road gravel for use as a parking lot adjacent to the school site. A new paved, at a cost of \$850. A new sign will be placed at the school site to indicate the location of the school.

Appointment of two new teachers to the school system staff was approved. A position of \$274 in Stewart, who will be assigned to sixth grade classes at Beverly school which will be in session next month, and John Brown who will teach the second grade at Pierce school, beginning in January.

Registration of two teachers, Laura Lou Raymond and Rose Brundage, were accepted. Both will begin to teach.

Decision Seen in 3 Months

Creation of an advisory citizen safety board to concern itself with policies and operations of both police and fire departments appears to have sufficient advantages to outweigh new problems which would arise, Birmingham Mayor Charles Renfrew said Wednesday morning.

The Mayor's statement summed up the consensus of the seven city commissioners after an elaborate committee discussion last Thursday night.

Final decision on the safety committee will be made after the first of the year when the city's two fire departments are in operation, Renfrew emphasized.

"We did not turn down the idea of a safety board," he said, "we merely postponed it until we could feel the signs pointed against it." However, we are confident that in some way, sometime around February when we see how the two new stations are operating, we will be able to make a decision.

PHOTO: The fire department's operations show the new stations, the commission will study closely. Fire Chief Vern W. Griffith's plan for assignment of personnel.

"We already know we will have to add a minimum of several new firemen," that time, Renfrew admitted.

The safety board's creation was recommended two months ago in the report of the city board of inquiry, indicating the fragile condition of the city's fire department. A mother and her two sons were killed in a fire at 189 Brookwood.

Industry board members James Renfrew, Charles Kay and John Hall attended Thursday night's committee session. City Manager D. C. Eberhart also was present.

Additional Officer For Birmingham

Appointment of an additional officer to Birmingham police force was approved by the city commission at the request of Chief James W. Moxley.

Moxley pointed out that a recent transfer of Officer Richard Moxley to the Birmingham office to work with Lt. Henry Timm will leave the patrol division short-handed.

This transfer was required, according to Moxley, because of a new concept of the city's future economic requirements.

Headquarters for the commission, Birmingham, 105 W. New Mile Road, Fernalde.

Recommend Reese Postmaster Here

Recommendation of Roland W. Reese to be permanent postmaster here has been made to the U. S. Post office department, Congressman George A. Donners discussed Tuesday.

The recommendation is expected to be forwarded to the U. S. Senate for confirmation. Reese, acting postmaster since May of this year, temporarily is filling the vacancy left by Bernard E. Fowler, former post office head here, who was told he would be relieved by his office, but he is continuing to provide a serious personal shortage there.

Moxley told the commission, who approved the new appointment.

Russian Life Described To Town Hall Audience

By RUTH ANNE SJIBAR

Top Communist party leaders are playing the game of Ten Little Indians, said Lydia Kirk at Birmingham Town Hall Friday morning, and no one can prophesy who Russia's ultimate ruler will be.

The Russian revolution of Alan G. Kirk, U. S. envoy to Russia from 1949-52.

Mrs. Kirk's remarks left with the audience the feeling that life in Russia is a grim business.

All the top party leaders are looking suspiciously over their shoulders at each other and can't be comfortable in each other's presence," she said.

There are bound to be some changes. After all, it took 12 1/2 years for Stalin to consolidate his power after Lenin's death.

RUSSIA is a highly classified society, Mrs. Kirk pointed out. "The Russian revolution of 1917 is the beginning of one of the top books includes Communist party leaders, but a few who are managers of large industries.

Then come the masses, who to Mrs. Kirk, are just like a river. We must start to get a sense of height and a dead level of one and whose one aim is just to get on with the next minute of life.

The standard of living is very low in Russia, Mrs. Kirk stated, but party leaders claim that the one party better off than people in any other country.

ONE CAN get a picture of the life of the average Russian worker by indirect comparison, Mrs. Kirk described Communist propaganda used to get workers to work in developed agricultural areas. The radio broadcast of a Russian worker told the enviable lot of a model Russian worker.

He earns twice as much as the

Pontiac Man Dies In Morning Crash

Trapped in his overturned car, Elmer R. May, 61, of 451 S. Tallmadge, died in a fatal crash in Pontiac General hospital, early Monday morning.

The accident happened on Telegraph about half a mile north of the U. S. State police, said May, who said he had been driving westward on Telegraph when he lost control of his car and hit an abutment. Troopers Michael Fitzgerald and Dave Martini observed the wreck shortly after 10 a.m. while on patrol.

May's wife, 59, who has recent undergone a serious operation at St. Joseph Mercy hospital, was not injured in the accident.

BHS Variety Show Tickets Available

Birmingham school of Arts reports that there are still seats available in the school's annual variety show for both tonight and tomorrow night's performances. The show has a cast of 600 and will be directed by the school's principal, Mr. J. H. Adams. It is held at the school auditorium.

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STRICTLY FRESH

Many of our teachers, trying to teach discipline as a fast driver, was a matter of money and tax dollars. It is a matter of frustration.

Many of our teachers has a job he really can't get his teeth into. He is a man who is a cheerleader for a show in the school's assembly, lives in Dallas, Tex.

His mother in Pasadena, Calif., complained he sent to see "nature" film in a school auditorium.

which turned out to be a movie of very unwholesome dancing girls. So? He can't ever board of "cute chicks."

Spoken for the doughnut industry as they're reducing the number of doughnuts to give dancers a better grip on the subject. But will the dampknuckle be able to lift the new product?

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