The thing you may have worried so much about yesterday no doubt is less important today, simply because the healing effect of Time has been applied. Why not remember this as we worry again this day about something else?

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By G. R. A.

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VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA: Last locality I mentioned in this series of stories about a trip through Alberta, Canada, Montana, Idaho, and the State of Washington, was the lovely city of Seattle.

My traveling pal, Midland (Mich.) publisher Phil T. Rich, and I then started in our ever-faithful Nash Ambassador toward Vancouver, B. C.—and I had a great personal interest in this phase of our western trip because, a good many years ago, I spent the first seven weeks of my life there.

My parents, citizens of Cleveland, Ohio, were temporary residents of Vancouver when I was ushered into this planetary existence; they have told me that, due to the dampness of Vancouver and my own personal proximity to it at that tender age, I complained—so they went back to the Ohio city.

SO THIS WAS MY first opportunity since to be in the community established way back in the 'Eighties, taking the name of the British explorer George Vancouver.

Rich and I spent part of a day in this beautifully located city, population nearly 350,000, third largest in Canada.

Vancouver is a great community, situated amidst snow-capped mountains, overlooking its marine gateway to the far-flung nations of the Pacific Ocean.

At the customs border, entering B. C., Phil and I had to do considerable explaining about the quantity of film we were carrying; but this finally was solved by signing special forms relating to traveling newspaper people who take pictures and write stories for their respective papers.

VANCOUVER IS headquarters for much of the industrial life of British Columbia, which centers around mining, fishing and lumbering. Within it is a large Chinese population, second only to that of San Francisco. It is said that half of Vancouver's population are English born, with most of the customs of Britain prevailing.

This, also, we found to be more so in Victoria, British Columbia's capital on Vancouver Island.

Phil and I boarded, with our car, one of the Canadian Pacific Railroad's ferries at Vancouver, to cross 27 miles of water to the Island's second city, Nanaimo, 80 miles north of Victoria.

It was at Parksville, 23 miles north of Nanaimo, that Phil and I were to be received at the splendid motel owned and run by Earl and Daisy Kaufman, formerly of Spokane. We had arranged for a four-day stay with them, three days to be spent aboard Earl's 21-ft. boat, to engage in the eagerly-looked-for sport of salmon fishing.

THE WATERS WE FISHED constitute Georgia Strait, internationally famous for its variety of salmon—there being no river or stream salmon fishing on the Island at the time we were there.

In my last story about this trip I concluded by saying that I'd tell you "the awful truth", whether it be success or failure, about this salmon fishing.

I can capsule it all this way: on the second of the three days that we fished from this boat Phil said that morning: "Let's make it one dollar for the first fish and five dollars for the largest fish today." I quickly and enthusiastically

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BAS-RELIEF group which Judge James Sexton asked to have removed from courtroom, saying it was "immodest," gains many supporters.

When A Judge Is No Judge Of Modern Art

It has become apparent that the Marshall Fredericks bronze sculpture will remain in the courtroom of Wayne county's probate judge, James H. Sexton, in the new City County building, Detroit.

Judge Sexton recently declared the work "immodest" and ordered its removal, bringing it into the limelight.

Wayne County Treasurer Harold Stoll immediately put in a bid for the sculpture, a man, woman, child and wounded bird. He said that it represented the ideal of the family and would be an inspiration to taxpayers.

FREDERICKS said he felt the trio, with the injured bird, represented kindness, gentleness and charity, and therefore was appropriate for a court room.

Charles G. Oakman, building manager, invited clergymen to view the work and express their opinion as to whether or not Judge Sexton's charge was sound. None, to date, have voiced any objections.

In a letter to Oakman, Louis G. Redstone, prominent Detroit architect, said the Allied Arts Committee, of which he is chairman, was deeply concerned over the controversy.

HE COMPLIMENTED Fredericks on the job he had done, saying he had chosen a style that should please the follower of both modern and conservative art interpretation.

"The kind of sculpture to be installed in a civic building, which is to stand for generations to come, should not be, and cannot be, dictated by any temporary occupant of the premises, whether it be the present judge or his successors," Redstone declared.

In conclusion he wrote, "It is the expressed opinion of the committee that not only should this bas-relief stay where it belongs but other spots should be found for additional bas-relief expressing the dynamic events of our present day living."

FREDERICKS, in a Detroit interview, was asked what he thought of Judge Sexton's complaint, and answered, "From all I hear, Judge Sexton is an excellent probate judge and a very fine man."

To the Eccentric he said, "I am happy that so many people feel the work is meeting with approval of others, especially the clergy. I certainly had no intention of offending anyone."

In the meantime, Judge Sexton has been told that if the heavy sculpture is removed, he will have to bear the cost, personally.

An official quote credited to the judge is that he has reconsidered and feels the Fredericks' creation was too hastily judged.

Sprinkling Ban Removed Here

Effective tomorrow, Aug. 12, Birmingham residents may resume the use of water for sprinkling on alternate days, with odd-numbered houses sprinkling on odd-numbered days, and even-numbered on even-numbered days.

This removes a control placed on water use here about three weeks ago, when use was banned daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., when the weather became acutely warm and dangerous demands were made upon Birmingham's water supply.

"If our people will exercise responsible control over their sprinkling, should very warm weather return, and voluntarily refrain from using water for sprinkling during most of the daylight hours, we won't have to place another strict control this summer," said manager Donald C. Egbert.

Moxley Suggests Maple, Woodward Parking Changes

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley Monday night told the city commission that he favors elimination of parking on the south side of W. Maple this fall, and the substitution of parallel instead of angle parking on all of Woodward avenue, because of greatly increased traffic in Birmingham.

Eventually, stated Moxley, he favors complete elimination of all parking on Maple avenue, especially between Southfield and Hunter Blvd. Re-opening of local schools in September will contribute considerably to the W. Maple traffic problem, he explained.

The commission requested the Police Chief to give them a finalized report with recommendations so that early action can be taken on the subject.

B'ham Joins Move To Get Water From Lake Huron

Extra high demands upon their respective water systems so far this year brought together, Thursday of last week, representatives of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Washtenaw and St. clair counties, to discuss possible cooperative plans for a solution of the problem.

About 14 months ago these counties, except St. Clair, organized a Supervisors' Inter-County Committee for the purpose of co-operating on water, sewer, road, recreation and Park projects, wherever they felt that joint action is necessary.

Last week's discussion included the rough presentation of the plan of a New York City group who are desirous of bringing an adequate supply of Lake Huron water down to these counties, through private financing.

SPEAKING to the supervisors for the New York group was R. R. Stitt, vice president of the Lafayette Engineering Co., of Drayton Plains, north of Pontiac.

Stitt stated this his group estimates it will cost approximately $250,000,000 to install three large pipe lines to the counties involved. His plan would allow private enterprise to operate the system, rates to be set by the Michigan Public Service Commission; at the end of 25 years the system would be turned over to a single government authority.

Rapid population and industrial development within the five counties, especially Oakland, has resulted in ever-increasing summer water shortages; most communities have had to go on water curtailment programs the past two summers.

BIRMINGHAM CURRENTLY is installing water lines to connect with the present terminus of Detroit's system at Southfield, Pierce and Cummings streets intersect the 14 Mile road, with a probable emergency connection at 14 Mile and Eton road.

This installation, according to city manager Donald C. Egbert, should be in operation next summer, thus adding a water supply to Birmingham's currently overpumped deep wells.

"A year ago last winter city officials from Royal Ferndale, Birmingham and Pontiac met to discuss this water shortage problem in Oakland county," explained Egbert. "We all agreed that something must be done, co-operatively, to solve the problem.

"LATER THE FIVE-COUNTY Supervisors' Inter-County Committee was created, and it is from this group that we hope final solution to all of the water shortages of southeastern Michigan communities will be developed," continued the manager.

"There is much to be done before such a program can be started, physically. Engineering surveys must be made, estimates of costs arrived at, and special legislation will have to be enacted in Lansing before we can go ahead. It may take five, ten or more years to complete the final project.

"Insofar as using private capital to do the job, I do not know the answer to this. Private operation would cost more in water rates, since its rate of return would be greater than the cheaper

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Pussy Pattern Beats the Heat

By ALICE E. MORGAN

Trips to cool climes, air-conditioned homes and offices, are admittedly the nicest ways to beat the heat. Since many of us cannot have these advantages, we have to make the best of it.

These scorching summer days sap our strength, make every task seem twice as difficult and, in general, put a sharp strain on everybody's temper.

It's all because we do not relax as we should.

Take George, for example. The big black cat is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reibling, 374 Lakeside, and the possibilities of his suffering a heat stroke are remote indeed.

GEORGE RELAXES. He sprawls and cares not what people think about being dignified.

He finds a comfortable spot—one in the shade and quiet is best—and goes into a state of complete rest.

Doctors tell their patients they would be much better off if they would follow the example set by George and all of his kind.

The medical men know life and its tasks must go on, even if the thermometer does head for the stratosphere. They know, too, that those people who rush about and drive themselves beyond the point of reason are heading for trouble.

PHYSICIANS recommend a comfortable chair, or even the floor, in as cool a spot as the house provides, and several brief rest periods each day. It doesn't take long for these wonderful bodies of ours to snap back into shape if we but give them a chance.

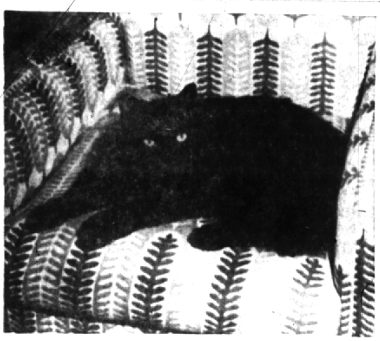
One doctor pointed out to us that there are two types of persons who are endangered during the hot weather—the one who insists on taking too much direct sun and the one who dashes here and there until he drops.

"Over-exertion," he said, "should be used to describe the latter, but we always say they were victims of the heat. The persons who die of heart attacks shoveling snow in the winter are not overcome by heat, so their personal disaster is given the correct name."

THROUGHOUT the country, doctors are making general statements on how to keep healthy though hot, and adequate rest is prominent in all of their reasoning.

The idea of the short rest periods during the day is fast becoming a standard recommendation, especially for housewives, children and elderly people.

It's a case of checking your dignity at the door, as George does, and letting every bit of your body relax.



IT'S ALL a question of relaxation if you would successfully combat the heat. Follow George's example and be happy. (Eccentric Photo)

Rec Board Committee To Plan Meeting Date

"Reorganization of the Recreation Board of Birmingham is in the offing."

This was the opinion of the Board itself as result of the letter from City Manager Donald Egbert to the School Board, proposing a plan for a full time Recreation Director.

Following in line with the proposal, the Recreation Board passed a resolution suggesting that a joint meeting date be held with the City Commission and the Board of Education.

TO PLAN the joint meeting, Mrs. William Jackson, Recreation Board chairman, appointed a three-man committee headed by Roland W. Reese along with William Spence and W. Coit Allee, to set up an agenda of discussion for the three-ply confab.

The committee will prepare a report to include all the problems which will come up in organizing a recreation authority.

ORIGINAL suggestion of Egbert called for a full-time Recreation Director, with an advisor, each to be appointed by the city and the school board.

In discussing the immediate situation, it was agreed that the addition of the Eton park skating rink to recreational activities would be an added burden for director Frank Whitney.

Whitney is the Athletic Director of the school district and responsible for guiding the winter activities which are numerous in the various schools. They include the football and basketball programs of the high school.

"THE PROGRAM is getting too big for one man," said Rollie Reese.

He further suggested that on a temporary basis until a new budget comes up, co-directors be had, to relieve Whitney of some of the duties such as the skating rink.

"Until such a time as the planned authority is established, co-directors would be more expedient, and cut Whitney's duties in half," Reese added.

To Acquire Land For Development Parking Lot 2

A resolution establishing the need and necessity for the development of off-street parking on the six north lots in the block bounded by Merrill, Townsend, Bates and Henrietta streets, was passed by the city commission Monday night.

When completed, it will provide spaces for 52 automobiles. The cost will be borne by the city and the area comprising benefitted businesses.

The city immediately will proceed to do the necessary research into engineering and financial phases of the project, which is expected to be ready for use within from 12 to 18 months, according to Richard Gaire, city engineer.

THIS OFF-STREET parking project, officially known as Parking Lot No. 2, is expected to benefit property owners in the area bounded by Chester, Townsend, Pierce, and alley to the north side of W. Maple.

Special hearings on the special assessments to be levied

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His Is a Kingdom of Trees, Trees, Trees

By BRUNO L. KEARNS

If Joyce Kilmer were alive today, an ideal spot for him to write his famous poem "Trees" would be amidst the aesthetic beauty of the Harlan estate on North Adams road.

On those 28 acres lives the C. A. Harlan family, which includes his wife Ivabell, five sons and two daughters and more than 30,000 trees.

After his wife and children, these trees are the closest things to his heart.

"WATCHING them grow, seeing them spread their limbs for the sun and rain brings a man closer to this beautiful earth of God's," said Harlan, "and it's just like watching a boy grow into manhood."

Harlan himself has been nurtured close to the good earth of the hills of Davy Crockett.

During his boyhood days in Columbia, Tennessee, as one of eight brothers in a family which traces its lineage back to Quaker ancestry who came to this country in 1068, he garnered his love for the woods and waters.

WHEN he came to Detroit in 1928 he took his place in an employment line of a Detroit plant.

What kind of a job could he seek? He was a man of nature and not the machine.

When the man in front of him in line suggested he apply for an electrician's classification, he did, and henceforth his life became one of "woods and wires."

Night after night he studied diligently in the wee hours of the public library, working on problems of electricity.

TODAY at the age of 48, he is the president of the Harlan Electric company and 10 affiliated companies, and a member of more organizations, charitable, civic, and educational, than can be put on a single typewritten sheet.

A man with great pep and vigor, Harlan is not afraid to admit his sentimentality.

In his work and in his personal life, giving everything the "family atmosphere" is the code by which he lives.

YOUTH has benefited and men have shared in his gains. He has given away nearly 1,000 scholarships regardless of race, color and creed, and his employees have gained proportionately as the company has gained.

"A man without fear of work and with ideas, is my type of man," says Harlan.

This he practices as well as he preaches. After rising with the sun and his full day at work, he takes to the field, carrying his hoe and wearing his beret.

EVERY specimen of tree found in the state of Michigan can be found on his kingdom of trees.

Carrying the memories of his barefoot days with him, Harlan has even built the interior of his home with the trees that were "his own" in Tennessee.

For seven years on North Adams road, the trees he started as seedlings have now become his pride and joy. True, but hard to believe, he can name every one of them by their Latin name.

LAST SPRING Harlan himself planted several thousand seedlings. He has worked them, fed them and transplanted them long after the evening shadows were drawn.

This is truly Joyce Kilmer's beauty of "Trees".

A tree that looks to God all day,
And lifts her leafy Arms to pray.

—Joyce Kilmer

THE HOE is C. A. Harlan's highly prized possession. He has done all of his own landscaping and dwells in his kingdom of trees on North Adams road. (Eccentric Photo)

OUT OF a seedling under his care grew this young tree, one of hundreds of species which Harlan himself has grown. (Eccentric photo)

Fallen Tree Causes Highway Hazard

A branch of a tree, fallen across two lanes of southbound Woodward avenue north of Long Lake road, created a traffic hazard Tuesday morning that required police protection for several hours. While the county road crew cut up the log, which had broken off for some unexplained reason, Bloomfield Hills police directed traffic for two hours.

All makes of inner spring mattresses repaired. One-day service. ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY, Dial "O" and ask for ENterprise 6210.

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STRICTLY FRESH

Carnival owner reported to Chicago, Ill., police that someone stole his Ferris wheel. We didn't know you could get THAT dizzy riding the things.

First child to be born in an auto on the New Jersey Garden State Parkway has "Parkway" for a middle name. Lucky kid. He wasn't born on the Soviets' Kirghiz - Tajik - Sinkiang - Tibet highway.

A 74-year-old woman in Oklahoma City, Okla., recently said that "a person is never too old

to learn to drive," upon receiving her driving license. In that case some of 'em are going to live forever, ma'am.

Weather report: The sizzling summer of 1955 will average about 25 degrees above weather bureau records when you tell your grandchildren about it.

Recording company in San Antonio, Texas, says it will use a fiddle once owned by Davy Crockett when recording a new ballad. They're squeaking by with everything they can possibly string along about the famed frontiersman.