BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

THINK IT was hot Tuesday? Well, most of us mortals sweltered along without outside assistance, but some people have to do things the hard way. At the office of a Birmingham real estate firm whose initials are SKB, things weren't quite right. Employees felt the heat was much more intense than it was Monday yet they were informed it was a few degrees cooler. They couldn't believe it as they wiped dripping brows. Finally it came out—a new heating system had been installed for that particular Woodward avenue building and was being tested to see if it worked. P. S. They tell this Wanderer it did.

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JUST AS RAINDROPS started pelting onlookers of "The Golden Blackbird" (being staged in Cranbrook's Greek theatre and the audience started to "melt away" towards dry cars, shelter of trees and the St. Dunstan's playhouse), one cast member's line seemed to fit the time. "Oh, stay a while," she said with a restraining gesture, "I have another plan."

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HOSTESS DUTIES in the rain were performed by Mrs. Donnell Matthews when she and other Kingswood Alumnae entertained garden club leaders at Cranbrook house last week. Mrs. Matthews ran umbrella trips to and from arriving cars in the courtyard, laughing as she told people that the damp couldn't take the curl from her new permanent. It didn't, but the event was attended by many with remarkably straight hair due to the down pour.

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BIRMINGHAM'S City Hall may witness some internal changes in the not-too-distant future. Now that the Fire Dept. is about to vacate its old location in that building, the Commission is confronted with the need for making more space for offices for city employees. Mayor Renfrew said this week that the Commission is considering fixing up the Fire Dept. ground floor for a larger Commission meeting room, turning the present second floor area over to offices. When repairs are being made, Mr. Mayor, why not make those two large oak entrance doors to the Martin St. side of the City Hall look more beautiful?

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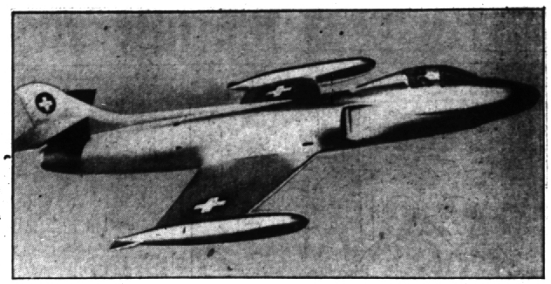
A LOCAL MOTHER parked her car on Woodward early Monday morning, and discovered that the parking meter still registered over 20 minutes of available time. She smiled as her little son, aware of the situation, called out: "Gee, Mom, isn't it nice to live where you don't always have to pay for parking?"

Birth

is the former Betty Charlier of Birmingham. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Felix Charlier of Washington street, Birmingham. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald A. HENDERSON of Berkley. He parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Henderson of Royal Oak.

A son, Robert James, was born July 23 to MR. AND MRS. PAUL HENDERSON of Berkley. He is their second son. Mrs. Henderson is the former Miss Charlier.

TROUBLE'S BRUIN—Wynne Shearme, left, 23, and Marjorie Kennedy, 22, are afraid of a nuzzle from the muzzle of "Susie," the performing bear. Susie, like too many human motorists, does her hibernating at the wheel as she drives a bump-car at a London, England, amusement concession.



MADE IN SWITZERLAND—But apparently inspired by U.S. design; that's the story of Switzerland's first home-designed and constructed jet pursuit plane, shown here in model form. The P-16, it features wing shape, air-intake placement and backbone ridge very similar to corresponding construction features of USAF's F-104 Starfire.

Obituary Notices

MRS. EDNA S. CHRISTENSEN, 61, of 17350 Cornell road, Southfield township, died Sunday at Highland Park General hospital after a long illness.

Mrs. Christensen was born Sept. 12, 1893, in Petoskey, Mich. She was a 1917 graduate of Hillsdale college.

She was active as an officer in the Magnolia Community club for many years and a member of the Optimum club.

Survivors include her husband, Emanuel, a daughter, Mrs. Richard Taylor, a son, Dr. W. L. Christensen, two brothers, Ralph Seger and Roderick Heilman; and a sister, Mrs. Carson Buster.

Services will be today at 11 a.m. in the Northwestern chapel of the William R. Hamilton company, 18900 James Couzens.

MRS. MAGDALENA M. KRUEGER, 86, died Sunday after a long illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gilbert L. Telfer, 780 Greenwood.

Mrs. Krueger was born in Germany on Sept. 7, 1868. She had been a Birmingham resident since 1937, coming here from Chicago.

Besides her daughter, she is survived by one son, Dr. William C. F. Krueger of Pleasant Ridge.

Funeral services were Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Manley Bailey Funeral home with burial in Acacia Park cemetery.

FRANK S. SMITH, 85, of W. Lincoln, died Sunday at St. Joseph Mercy hospital after a long illness.

Mr. Smith was born Oct. 17, 1869, at Sealens Grove, Pa. He was a Birmingham resident since 1941, coming here from Miami.

He retired in 1925 as general manager of Robert Hixon company of Toledo, Ohio.

He was a 32nd degree mason of Plum River lodge 554 in Stockton, Ill.

Survivors include his wife, Effie A., a daughter, Florence S. Adams of Birmingham, a son, Taylor Smith of Phoenix, Arizona, and two grandchildren.

Prayer service was Monday at 8 p.m. at the Bell chapel of the Wm. R. Hamilton company. Funeral services and burial were on Wednesday in Stockton, Ill.

FRANK BIRD LAMB, 91, died July 27, after a long illness at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Steele R. Sellers, 960 Arlington, Birmingham.

Mr. Lamb was born in Jackson, Pa., on Oct. 24, 1863. He was a graduate of the Afton academy in Afton, Pa.

A member of the First Presbyterian church of Birmingham, he had lived here since 1941, coming here from Westfield, N.Y.

He was the owner of a drug store in Westfield for over 40 years, retiring in 1923.

Mr. Lamb was a 32nd Degree Mason of Westfield lodge, a shriner at Jamestown, N.Y., and a life member of the New England Historical society. He was one of the founders of the Chatauqua Historical society and a Son of the American Revolution.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Steele R. Sellers, a grandson, Steele L. Sellers of Birmingham and three great-grandchildren.

Prayer service was July 27 at 8 p.m. at the Manley Bailey Funeral home. Funeral services were Saturday at the Barber Funeral home in Westfield with burial in Westfield cemetery.

Call Public Hearing On City's Lot Buying

A public hearing relative to the city's purchase of the north tier of lots just south of Shain Park, on Merrill street, will be held in the city commission room Monday night at eight o'clock.

These lots are being considered by the commission for off-street parking. At the same meeting further report on the proposed northeast, or Hamilton ave., off-street parking project will be given.

We Heard It Said By:

City Engineer **DICK GARE:** "We literally have hundreds of places in Birmingham where sidewalk repairs need to be made; but with a limited annual budget, we are compelled to make repairs where the loudest and most complaints come from. What else can we do?"

Household goods of every description are offered for sale in the Classified Columns of The Birmingham Eccentric.

Meet Your Michigan

Citizen's Committee Will Be Named to Study Assessments

Investigation of the methods used by city assessor Elmer W. Haack will be placed in the hands of a small committee of competent Birmingham citizens. This was decided Monday night when Mayor Charles Renfrew said that he will announce the committee within the next week or two.

The subject was recently brought before the commission by T. P. Gobeske, 1466 Birmingham Blvd., who claimed that local property assessing methods are not equitable.

Although the commission admits that Gobeske thus far has failed to produce definite proof of inequities, and has spoken largely in generalities, its members Monday night agreed to the investigation committee plan.

Reports $275 Loss

Thieves took a set of golf clubs, a caddy cart and the hub caps from a car owned by Burton Wright of Royal Oak, while he was visiting at the home of William M. Yeager, 1520 Southfield road last week. Police said the loss was estimated at $275.

Assessment Map

Hereafter, when citizens meet in the commission chambers to discuss special assessment projects, a large scale map of a given project area will be made available, with suitable explanations by officials relative to assessment methods involved.

'Crack Down' Announced By Moxley

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley today told Birmingham motorists a "crack down" policy was being adopted against those persons who interfere with the duties of the fire department.

"We are troubled again," Moxley said, "with motorists who follow too closely the fire trucks and park too near the scene of the fire.

"All our officers have been instructed to issue violations tickets to any and all motorists guilty of this action."

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MOXLEY SAID a city ordinance and state law is violated by any motorist who drives within 500 feet of a moving five vehicle or parks within 500 feet of a fire.

"These are the drivers we are after," he said. "Last week our fire department had difficulty in reaching the scene of a fire because of the number of cars already parked there.

"The resultant property damage or loss of life is too great a risk to take just to satisfy someone's curiosity."

Parents Reveal Wedding Plans

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce M. Tuttle of 1092 Ridgedale, Birmingham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Judith, to Murl H. Webster.

He is the son of Mrs. Murl R. Webster, 584 Pleasant, Birmingham.

Judith attended Miami university in Oxford, Ohio, where she affiliated with Delta Gamma social sorority. Her fiance attended the University of Michigan and Ohio State university where he affiliated with Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity. The couple will attend Ohio State university in the fall.

The wedding is planned for Sept. 10.

Mrs. McCallum Taking Trips

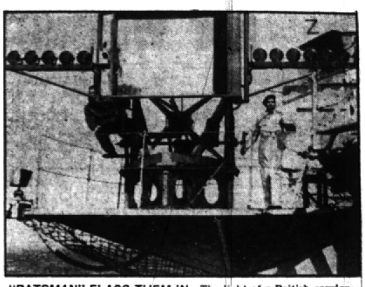
Mrs. William McCallum, 943 E. Maple, recently returned from Charlotte, N. Y., where she spent two weeks vacationing with friends on Lake Ontario.

July 27 Mrs. McCallum attended the state program planning conference of the Womens' National Farm and Garden Association at East Lansing. It was an all-day affair with luncheon served at Kellogg center.

Wednesday Mrs. McCallum is giving a luncheon at Carrie Lee's for out-of-town guests in honor of Lynn McCallum of Pontiac who is being married Saturday.

$25,953 for Parking

For the first six months of 1955 Birmingham's auto parking meters produced total revenues of $25,953.38. Expenses during the same period were $8,070.46, leaving a net profit of $17,882.92. These figures were submitted to the city commission on Monday night by J. H. Purkiss, Jr., director of finance.



"BATSMAN" FLAGS THEM IN—The light of a British carrier-based pilot's life is "Batsman," the collection of lights pictured above. If adopted for general use by Western powers, it could make the traditional signal officer with his illuminated paddles obsolete. The central, adjustable, mirror-like device has a spot of light projected on it from a source in the after part of the carrier. Incoming pilots keep the spot in apparent alignment with a row of horizontal, stationary lights on each side of the mirror. The optical illusion of alignment guides the pilot safely to the deck.

Local Sculptor's Art Challenged

Although local sculptor Marshall Fredericks has his works of art liberally sprinkled through Birmingham and Cranbrook, as well as in Europe and various parts of the United States, he had never heard a whisper of criticism levelled against any of them on the score of offensiveness.

Until last week, that is, when Probate Judge James H. Sexton objected sharply to the bronze relief Fredericks had fashioned for his courtroom in the new City County building in Detroit.

While the group of figures of a man, woman and child are clothed, Judge Sexton went on record as saying they gave an impression of nudity, something he does not want in his courtroom.

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WHEN APPROACHED by The Birmingham Eccentric, Fredericks said the whole thing is mystifying to him, in view of the fact that his works have always passed the scrutiny of officials in schools, hospitals and other public institutions. He is the creator of the war memorial at BHS, the Mark Jocelyn bronze, several pieces at Cranbrook, and the winner of countless national and international awards in the field of sculpture.

Charles Oakman, City-County building manager, says that removing the bronze relief will be a bit of a feat.

"Judge Sexton has made a verbal request to have it removed from his courtroom," Oakman said last Tuesday, "but today I wrote him asking him to make an official written request. I pointed out to him that the relief is set in marble, and it will be a costly and difficult operation to have it removed. In fact, his request will have to be approved by the Wayne county board of auditors, according to an agreement made long ago regarding changes from the original building plans."

On this basis, Oakman felt that a decision on the matter would be reached at an Aug. 12 meeting, provided Judge Sexton's written request is received by that time.

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OAKMAN SAID that several judges and a member of the clergy have viewed the bronze and found nothing offensive in it, and furthermore he has had a request from the head of the Ardmore hospital in Ferndale, asking to buy it, if it is finally removed. The hospital authorities say they would like to place it in the lobby.

"Mr. Fredericks himself told me," Oakman continued, "that in conceiving the group he had attempted to depict the scope of the probate court's work in protecting helpless children, orphans and widows, and to my mind he succeeded admirably."

Fredericks, who lives with his wife and five children at 875 Waddington road, came here from Cleveland to teach at Cranbrook in 1941, and has been a resident here ever since.

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The woolen skirt pleats thrice in front, thrice in back. And with it a classic gingham checked shirt with the influence of Italy at collar and cuffs. Over this is the perfectly tailored blazer, trim of line and dyed to match the others. The wool skirt, 9.95. The shirt, 3.95. The wool blazer jacket, 14.95.

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