

Robert McMaths' Trip to Eire For Astronomy in Travel Notes

An astronomical convention, at which Dr. Robert McMath of Lone Pine court will be among 56 nations' delegates, will be high point of a six-week trip to Europe for Dr. and Mrs. McMath.

The leave today for New York city, from where they'll sail on the "United States" to arrive in England on Aug. 10. On Aug. 14, he'll be met by their daughter, Madeleine, of Ann Arbor, for a two-week tour of England before the convention.

Madeleine, who is a research assistant in surgery at University hospital, will be flying both ways for her two week vacation.

THEN THE McMATHS will go to Dublin, where Dr. McMath will be among eight visiting delegates of the U.S. at the International Astronomical Union meeting.

Dr. McMath splits each week between directorship of the McMath-Hullbert solar observatory at Lake Angeles, just north of Pomona, and his business office in Detroit, where his activities include chairmanship of the Alvarado Metal Products corporation, is a national expert on solar astronomy.

The observatory in June celebrated its fifth year since Dr. McMath, his father, the late Francis McMath, and Judge Henry S. Hall.

Petitioners Wish to Keep Springdale Park Restricted

Birmingham city commissioners Monday received and read a petition from nine local citizens, requesting that Springdale Park continue to be restricted to Birmingham people.

The commission announced that it had no plans for opening the Park to outsiders, yet appreciated the sentiment set forth in the petition.

The Park's golf course, according to Capt. Holt Foster, has thus far in 1955 shown a small profit. He revealed that drinking fountains will be installed at the seventh and also between the first and third tees.

Award Parking Lot Surfacing Contract

Contract to asphalt the surface of the off-street parking lot bounded by Merrill, Pierce and Brown streets, Monday was given to Ben Wells, Inc., of Detroit, whose bid as low as among three, at \$42,400.65. Work on it is to start within a week.

When the hard surface is completed the city will have spent a total of \$320,493.79 on this joint city-business project.

No final decision, however, has been determined as to the cost against the city and benefited business properties; original discussions mentioned a 50-50 basis. Some sources reveal that, due to greater final costs, the city may assume more than 50 per cent of the investment.

Will 'Soften' Future Tax Communications

For years city officials have endeavored to prepare correct and tactful phrasing of communications notifying local taxpayers of their portion of the cost of some special assessment project. Lately, a few disgruntled taxpayers have revealed displeasure over some of the wording of these notices.

Monday night the subject was discussed before the commission and it was suggested that further efforts be made to "soften" the otherwise harshness of these notices.

We Heard It Said By:

CITY COMMISSIONER BILL ROBERTS: "Often people tell me that the golf course at Springdale Park never has been in better shape. Let's continue to restrict its use to Birmingham residents, who appear to patronize and appreciate it very well."

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Since their last stay there, the two weeks after July 4, they have been spending many days at Birmingham Country club, swimming and golfing.

Last Sunday they entertained the Dale Michels, there, with the Michaels' two children and the Wilsons, three swimming in the afternoon after dinner.

MICHAELS CAME here with his family from Texas recently and he and Wilson became acquainted when they were in the Detroit golf club invitational golf tourney at Birmingham club last Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

When the Wilsons head north next weekend, they'll be going with the Donald Volkels, of Titbury.

Others who will be official delegates of the United States to the ninth general assembly of the union will be the head of the Warner observatory in Cleveland and Dr. Ira S. Bowen, director of Mt. Wilson and Palomar observatories in California.

OF THE LAKE Angeles staff, two women are attending the conference. Dr. Helen Dobson and Ruth Hedeman will earlier attend a meeting at Cambridge, Mass. Hedeman will be with the Military Air Transport Service for over two weeks.

Also going is one of Dr. McMath's staff, an astronomer from U. of M., Dr. Leo Goldberger, accompanied with 37 others to the U.S. delegation, but without voting power.

Dr. McMath is immediate past president of the American Astronomical society, and is attending his first international meeting because of his post.

THE JULIAN B. Wilsons of Waddington, are looking forward to next weekend, when they return to Sage lake, between West Branch and Tawas, for more cool respite.

Amalia Buchway, 700 North Sage lake, between West Branch and Tawas, of Ferndale exchanged wedding vows on July 14 in Angola, Ind.

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They will stay there for about two weeks before returning to Birmingham.

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YEP, IT'S FOOTBALL TALK! Big Les Bringham, (center) former star of the Detroit Lions was the guest of the football kickoff Monday at Birmingham high school for the Little Football League of Birmingham. Coach of the "Little Tigers" Bill Guay (right) and general manager of league Dick Sauerbrun huddle with Les. See story Sports page Sec. 5, Page 6. (Economic Photo)

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We understand that George Averill has really seen a lot of wild life (animals, we mean) in the Lake Louise area. Our own modest contribution would be that we (in this case we mean "I") found ourselves (me) on a 1-foot wide mountain path along with an oversize black bear (mother) and an undersize cub (unable to ascertain the sex—wasn't interested either). It took only 20 minutes to make them realize we wanted to get back to the Chateau. As soon as we impressed that thought on her they both moved off the path and we ran leisurely past.

It appears that while we were away, many of you were hard at work doing nothing for the lawns and gardens. Don't feel badly. Our lawn which was near perfection last year and this Spring is now a horrible mess. However, we know that with proper attention, we will have a beautiful lawn again by the middle of September. Here is our planned procedure—

1. Fertilize right now (1 lb. chemical or 2 lbs. organic) per 100 sq. ft.
2. Two days before mowing we will spray patches of crab grass with POTASSIUM CYANATE and other weeds with 2-1D (a combination of the two is available—BUT NOT SPECIAL.) We found that individual crab grass plants or patches of 8 or 10 plants can easily and quickly be clipped off with MIRACLE GRASS SCISSORS and thus render the plant incapable of reproduction.
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A son, James R. was born to MR. AND MRS. JAMES R. PAUL, ARD of Houma, La.

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