



Tracing \$2,000,000 Mortgage in Builder's Firm

THIS and THAT
By G. R. A.
Log of a Western Trip

JASPER NATIONAL PARK, ALBERTA, CANADA—One hundred fifty miles south of here lies Lake Louise, and 42 miles below that is Banff. Jasper and Banff are some of those Canadian Rocky Mountains that provide a tourist with an beautiful and majestic scenery as anywhere on this earth.

At least that is what the Albertan, and Dominion, governments say in their literature on the subject. . . .

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Jasper National Park is one of the largest such parks on the North American continent, comprising no less than 4,200 square miles. . . .

Mirage? Well, Hardly!

Warm Golfers Find Unexpected Oasis

By MARGARET DAY

To the golfer on North Hills golf course over the weekend, the day was a hot one. The temperature was high, the sun glary, and only a true love of the game would keep anyone chasing that little white ball.

Effective Immediately and until further notice, there will be no sprinkling in Birmingham between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. ANY DAY OF THE WEEK, INCLUDING SUNDAYS, City Manager D. C. Egbert has ordered. The odd and even address restrictions still apply, too, Egbert said.

Dry Spell Heating Up Our Pumps

Sirens of the fire department may wail this weekend calling on Birmingham residents to cease sprinkling should the present consumption of water continue as it has for the past week.

PERHAPS even a hungry man, if fed well and often, will not put proper words of appreciation of food. . . .

Leaving Lake Louise, in Banff National Park, one travels over a fairly good gravel highway (the government is making it wider and, eventually, less bumpy) in a northwesterly direction for about 75 miles, where Banff and Jasper National Parks meet.

RICH AND I, having left Lake Louise before six o'clock the morning of June 21, arrived about 10:30 A.M. at Hazel Park. So we already had a 46-mile drive over the Athabasca "tongue" of ice before they arrived.

Sightseers are given a ride (for five dollars) over three miles of this glacier in what's called a "chaperone" (See THIS & THAT, Pg. 2, Sec. 1)

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GOLFERS PAUSE FOR REFRESHMENTS
Bette Lynn Joines, 11, and Jo Ann Longeye, 12, make hit with golfers Dr. Charles Benjamin and Sherell Gordon of Detroit. (Eccentric Photo)

'Gator Neighbor Causes No Alarm

Russell McBride, president of the Island association of the Island lake area, says that reports of an alligator lurking in the vicinity do not alarm his family, nor prevent their canoeing to Church on Sunday mornings.

The McBrides canoe to Kirk-in-the-Hills through the channel where the alligator was reported to have appeared to Mrs. William Singleton and her young son Danny about a week ago.

Their story led to invasion of the Bloomfield township area by a number of unsuccessful alligator hunters, including Tuffy Truesdell of Sarnia, self-styled alligator wrestler who brought along his "pet" gator, Agnes, in hopes of luring out the intruder.

AGNES' CHARMS failed, however, for to other gator appeared, Truesdell, prowling around the lake front, claimed to have found an indentation in the earth that looked as if an alligator had rested there.

Mrs. Singleton, whose home is on a strip of land between Island lake and Lower Long lake, said she and Danny saw the uninvited guest in the lagoon that forms part of the Singleton front yard.

Since then other people have reported catching sight of a 'gator in Island lake.

BELIEVERS in the alligator's presence point to the recent depletion of the baldpate population in Island lake to support their stand, but doubters say that they probably left because of the influx of curious people who have flocked to the area.

McBride says most of the area residents have dismissed the 'gator as a joke, and continue swimming and boating on the two lakes as if they had never heard the story.

"Most of the excitement seems to be caused by people from outside the locality," says McBride.

STRICTLY FRESH
In St. Louis, Mo., bathing beauties were perched atop buses to attract more riders. Looked like a good idea.

Putting your money away for a rainy day is fine, if doing so doesn't darken the sunny ones.

A woman appealed to New York officials to rid the air there of sulphuric acid fumes, saying such fumes disolve nylon clothing right of the wearer. And with today's women being almost completely clothed in nylon, that's the naked truth.

The guy with a lot of push is least likely to get shoved around.

Mr and Mrs. Amato Galli of Syracuse, Sicily, found animals had eaten their life's savings, which they kept in a trunk because they didn't trust banks. You just can't bank on animals any more.

Secretary Suspended By Firm

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

Officials of the G. Carl Elder and Son Builders, 1810 S. Woodward, are investigating the possibility that they may have been embezzled out of an amount in excess of \$20,000.

Discrepancies in the books showed last week when the company changed from a partnership to a corporation.

It is alleged that company checks have been forged in the name of Robert Elder over the past 15 months.

Officials of the Birmingham National Bank, where Elder's bank account is held, said Wednesday that any loss to the bank would be covered by insurance.

It was emphasized by bank officials, however, that they would not stand the complete loss. Forged checks processed by banks, other than the Birmingham National Bank, would have to recover any loss from their own insurance companies.

The girl, not yet accused, was an employee of the company for about two weeks. Her name is withholding her name until the auditing has been completed and any charges, if any, are filed.

ELDER'S officials, who indicated the checks on the books do not cover the losses, said it may take several days to complete an inspection of the company's books.

Certain that numerous forgeries have been committed, bank officials said they would undoubtedly prosecute any and all guilty parties. . . .

To Open Guidance Clinic

Birmingham will have a branch of the Pontiac Child Guidance clinic in operation by January 1956.

Information regarding this new service for children of the community was revealed this week by the Junior League of Birmingham, which will sponsor the clinic.

The clinic will serve emotionally disturbed children, and will be available to all children in the community needing its services.

The clinic will be established after the Pontiac Child Guidance clinic came after months of exploration, interviewing and planning members of the Junior League project-finding committee and final approval of League membership.

Extended services of the Pontiac Child Guidance clinic is one of the county's most urgent needs, League members believe, and the project offers great possibilities for growth as an instrument to ward a sound mental health program.

"THE PONTIAC clinic is badly overcrowded," Mrs. George Squibb, president of the Junior League of Birmingham, said in a recent waiting list. Many child guidance cases, of necessity, are referred to other agencies, principally to a trust, where services soon will be curtailed for children in this area. The situation has become critical.

Mrs. Winthrop B. Conrad of Pontiac, who heads the child guidance project for the Junior League, said she served as chairman of the project-finding committee. . . .

The branch clinic will be operated by the Junior League on an experimental basis for three years. After the League has demonstrated the need for this community project, there is evidence that some other private or public group or organization will assume responsibility. This is in line with League procedure.

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DANA WHITMAN, JR.



GERALD GODWIN

Assistant City Manager Hired; Reports Aug. 1

Birmingham's first assistant city manager will be a 32-year-old former administrative assistant to the city manager.

He is Dana T. Whitman, Jr., who spent 15 months here in City Manager D. C. Egbert's office before being recalled to military service in October, 1951.

Growth of the city, together with the integration of more and more municipal services into South Oakland county authorities, has necessitated a work load on the manager's office which has for some time required an assistant.

Whitman will report here Aug. 1 from Holden, Mass., where he has been town manager for the past 2 1/2 years.

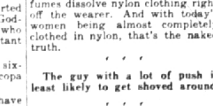
Expected to come under Whitman's immediate supervision are the city's civil defense program, and contacts with the several SOG municipal authorities of which Birmingham is a member.

Another new city aide reported for duty this week, Gerald Godwin, 29, of Philadelphia, Pa., who becomes administrative assistant to the city manager.

Godwin comes here from a six-months internship with Manacopa (Ariz.) county administration.

Both men are married, each have one small son, and both are looking for local quarters into which to move their families.

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City Recreation Program Draws Nat'l Attention

EDITH'S NOTE: This is the second of three specially prepared articles surveying the past, present and future of Birmingham's recreational program.

By RUTH ANNE SILBAR

Three recreational activities for Birmingham children have already received national acclaim, according to Frank Whitman, recreational director. They are the music, baseball and junior sports programs.

The music program is said to be one of the largest—if not the largest—per capita recreational music program in the country. The reason for its success, directors say, is parental support and the well-developed musical instruction program in the schools.

Arnold W. Berndt, Birmingham high school band director and Robert Katscher, grade school instrumental instructor, have charge of the recreation music program.

PERHAPS one of the features that makes our program unique is the fact that our summer program is aimed directly for recreation. . . .

"We take them a matter how well they play," Berndt said. "If they have ever tooted a horn or drawn the bow across the strings, we still take them. . . ."

Another achievement is the baseball program. Strictly speaking, the Little League and Babe Ruth League are not recreation board activities, as they are parent sponsored, but the recreation board provides the baseball diamonds on which these games are played and maintains them.

The Little League was organized in Birmingham five years ago. It has grown with a rapidity that re- bounds that it now has more participants than any city the size of Birmingham in the nation.

It keeps the recreation board jumping to build and maintain enough diamonds. Although they have added one new diamond each year for the past five years, making a total of 11, there is talk of more for next year.

PARENTS organize, coach and umpire the League games which are played in twilight hours each week day evening. Over 750 boys are in the Little League and about 80 in the Babe Ruth League.

The YMCA sponsors a soft ball league of five leagues which is composed primarily of young men. It has been estimated that spectators at the baseball program totals 23,800 a season.

The third outstanding program of the recreation board is the junior sports program at the high school in one of the most functional gyms in the state.

Under the direction of Kermit Ambrose and his two assistants, . . .

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