I can remember, as do millions of others, when one did not need to be concerned with the most deadly weapons of modern warfare; and when demagogues and quacks found it not so easy to "take over" a whole nation.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Log of a Western Trip

BANFF-LAKE LOUISE: ALBERTA, CANADA — For many years I have looked forward to a trip through the western tier of Canadian provinces, plus a visit to the states of Washington and Oregon. This hope is being fulfilled as, with Phil T. Rich, editor and publisher of the Midland (Mich.) Daily News, I am at this point of our "expedition" approximately 2,500 miles from Birmingham.

Rich, together with W. A. Butler, Holland (Mich.) publisher, left Michigan June 4 by car, and I started from home June 12, via the air, to join them in Calgary, about 125 miles south of where I am writing these lines.

(Butler left the party the day before I arrived in Calgary, having been called home on important business.)

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YOU MAY BE interested to know that Rich and I are continuing our trip westward in a brand new Nash Ambassador car, kindly provided for this trip by American Motors Corp., with arrangements made by Howard E. Hallas and Mike O'Connor, officials of that motor concern.

The car is equipped with seat backs that can be swung horizontally, thus turning the car's interior into a very comfortable outdoor "bedroom."

The air conditioner in the car has been a most comfortable accessory, too! We use it on hot days, or when we close the windows to keep out the dust from other motorists. It is both comfortable and economical to operate . . . ideal transportation for the kind of trip we are making.

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OUR FIRST objective was to attend the convention of the National Editorial Association, (where I accepted several awards for The Eccentric). We now are completing the editors' post-convention tour, which winds up Friday in Jasper National Park, 150 miles north of Lake Louise. From that point on, Rich and I plan to drive to Edmonton, down to Calgary, and westward to Vancouver, fishing and taking color movies and stills en route.

We also expect to visit Glacier National Park on our eastward return home. So much for these details. . . .

We "city folks" certainly never can obtain a real impression of the vastness of this wonderful North American continent unless we travel it some . . . and include in our itineraries those routes that lead us into prairies and mountains.

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FOR, IN THE great out-of-doors, we are able to gain a greater appreciation of the works of Mother Nature . . . impressions recorded from observing the bounty of Nature on big and little farms, the immensity of the titanic natural forces that caused great mountain ranges to rise; and liberally scattered through such areas countless little and big lakes and rivers.

As I flew from Winnipeg to Calgary I had my first view of the (See THIS & THAT, Pg. 2, Sec. 1)

B'ham to Have Little League Football Team

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Challenges B of E to Debate Him

Unsuccessful Birmingham board of education candidate John V. Nahabedian of Walnut Lake this week challenged any member of the board of education to debate those of his election platform planks it deemed were "misleading and with false implications."

He said he seriously doubts whether his offer will be accepted, but said he was issuing it publicly "in order to clear the air of any doubt" about the election stand he took.

Nahabedian's statement came following the disclosure last week that "some" members of the board of education and the citizens' committee, less than a week before the June 13 annual school election, unsuccessfully tried to get the League of Women Voters to withhold mailing of its election information leaflet.

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LWV OFFICERS struggled several days over this behind-the-scenes request, finally determined to send the leaflet out anyway.

Said League President Mrs. John Rumsey: "We make every effort to be sure that our questions are fair to all candidates. We always print the candidates' opinions and statements as he expresses them.

"Our position of complete impartiality in regard to candidates would naturally preclude any editing of their opinions.

"We feel that it is a service to the public to present a candidate's own statements. We cannot justify suppressing the freedom of speech of a candidate in our publications."

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IN EXPLAINING this situation to its members in a letter last week, the League did not identify the parts of Nahabedian's platform with which the unidentified board of education members disagreed.

But it is safely assumed that they centered around Nahabedian's position that the board of education should assume a greater and more important role in policy making, give better supervision to its building expansion program to prevent "inefficiencies", and expand use of school buildings for community projects, recreational activities and adult education.

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IN HIS statement to The Eccentric, Nahabedian declared:

"One of the reasons I consented to be a candidate for the Board of Education was because I was quite aware of this method and technique of building power and felt that this method of commanding obedience was not conducive to teaching at the highest level possible, nor would it be conducive to our children getting the best education possible.

"It is common knowledge to Americans, and especially educators, that one of the most cher- (See CHALLENGE, Page 3, Sec. 1)

Plan Vision Screening For County

If plans now being formulated by the Birmingham Junior League and local and state departments of health are worked out satisfactorily, all kindergarten children in all Oakland county schools will be screened in a vision-testing program.

This is a new phase of the vision screening clinics established in Birmingham and run by the Birmingham Junior League for the past three years. At the present time, Birmingham and Pontiac schools are screening their five-year-olds and it is the desire of the Junior League to bring vision screening on the kindergarten level to all public schools in the county.

The plan has the approval of both the Oakland County Medical society and the Board of Superintendents of Oakland county schools.

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THREE YEARS AGO, the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness asked the Junior League to demonstrate the need for vision testing of pre-school children. Since the Junior League works primarily through its own community needs, when such a need is indicated, the League sponsors and demonstrates to the public those needs.

In the short span of three years, this community need has been successfully demonstrated, the Junior League believes, and is now prepared for an expanding vision testing program.

Last fall, in a meeting with their professional advisory committee, the League decided it was more desirable to screen all five year olds, since they were not reaching as many in the four-year-old group as they had hoped.

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THE JUNIOR LEAGUE'S future role in the expanded vision testing project will be to aid in every way to see that a simple vision screening program can be developed and carried on by the classroom teacher.

"This is not the end of the vision screening clinics by the Junior League but is the beginning of a bigger and better program," Mrs. Edward Haskett, chairman of the Junior League vision screening project said.

Asks Action on Parking Payments

The longer the Birmingham city commission puts off determining the assessments against business for the Pierce-Merrill parking lot, the more difficult the problem becomes, believes Commissioner Dean G. Beier.

This week Beier urged the commission to act regarding the assessments, and found his colleagues pretty much agreeing with him.

The city manager and city engineer were ordered to prepare acquisition and engineering costs for a second parking lot in the north half of the two blocks between Henrietta and Chester, on the south side of Merrill.

Commissioners want this information to relate it to the possible Pierce-Merrill lot assessments, since both facilities would be charged against southwest quadrant businesses.

Water We Spraying for, Henry?

CELEBRATING THE 80TH BIRTHDAY of Carl Milles, Swedish sculptor, Henry S. Booth, director of the Cranbrook Foundation, after placing wreaths on one of Milles' statues, "Europa and the Bull", gave out with Milles' famous lament when building fountain statues—"Give me water, more water." And they did. Firemen soaked the statue and Booth with a firehose. (Eccentric Photo)

He Orders New Survey Of Route

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL

That billion-dollar roads construction program State Highway Commissioner Charles M. Ziegler announced last Thursday, does not include the proposed freeway through Bloomfield and Southfield townships.

In fact, he admitted to The Birmingham Eccentric in a telegram Friday that perhaps the freeway won't even go through Bloomfield township.

The only part of Southfield which would be affected, in this event, would be along Northwestern highway which might be widened into a freeway-type facility.

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ACCORDING to the highway commissioner, he has ordered a new survey of the proposed route from Northwestern highway north.

This is necessary, he said, because of the "terrific increase in important building in Bloomfield township during (the) last five years and since we completed (the) original study for this location."

Ziegler said the new location "will probably be on the easterly side of West Bloomfield township from Northwestern (highway) northerly."

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RELOCATION of the freeway much to the west will be heartily welcomed by residents who live in the four-mile wide area between Cranbrook and Inkster roads.

The proposed Rockwood-Saginaw turnpike, which now is on appeal to the state supreme court, has met violent objection from many residents in the two-mile section from Telegraph road west.

When Commissioner Ziegler, who is a turnpike authority member, subsequently announced his plan for a freeway almost parallelling the toll road, residents in the two-mile area from Telegraph east became alarmed—because that was where Ziegler said his road would undoubtedly go.

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FRIDAY'S announcement from the commissioner probably will give hope to both local groups.

Ziegler said the study would be "started soon" for the alternate US-10 through this area.

He said it would require very careful analysis because of the lake area which begins in West Bloomfield township.

Northwestern highway presently ends at Orchard Lake and 14 Mile roads. For many years, a number of local maps have carried a "proposed Northwestern Hwy. Extension" designation which goes northwest from Orchard Lake and 14 Mile into Commerce township, and over toward Milford.

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THE FREEWAY, he repeated Friday, would be constructed primarily with federal funds, which he keeps hoping Congress will boost to 75 per cent or better, with the state paying the remaining share.

(See SURVEY, Page 2, Sec. 1)

B'ham Girl Hurt In Auto Accident Near Fowlerville

Jane A. Gruber, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry N. Gruber of 884 Knox, is reported off the critical list and in good condition at Edward W. Sparrow hospital, Lansing, after an auto accident in which she suffered multiple facial and scalp lacerations, a fractured left hip and left collarbone.

The accident occurred at 5:10 p.m. Friday three miles west of Fowlerville on US-16 when Jane was returning home after taking her sister and two children to their home in Lansing.

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STATE POLICE at Brighton said Jane, riding alone, apparently lost control of the car on the wet pavement while going around a curve. Her car, traveling in the middle lane, crossed over into the third lane and struck the left front of a station wagon driven by Norman Reckling, 50.

The momentum caused the rear end of her car to strike a semi-trailer following Reckling, driven by George Malone, 28 of Wayland.

Reckling and his wife, Velma, 51, were treated for bruises and lacerations at McPherson hospital in Howell and released. Malone was not injured.

Ex-Mayor Settles Suit Out of Court

Former Birmingham mayor, businessman and civic leader Donald S. Bell has settled out of court for an undisclosed amount in a $400,000 damage suit filed against him in Phoenix, Ariz.

The suit was filed by the wife of the late Robert L. Lasswell of El Paso, Texas, who along with his two-year-old son, was killed in an auto accident last December 28 involving a car driven by Bell.

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MRS. LASSWELL entered a complaint in Federal court January 21 seeking $250,000 in compensatory and $150,000 in exemplary and punitive damages charging Bell with careless, negligent and reckless driving at the time of the accident.

The mishap occurred near Benson, Ariz., where Bell now lives. According to the report of the fatal accident, Bell applied his brakes and his car skidded into the oncoming Lasswell auto, completely demolishing both vehicles.

Bell suffered serious head injuries and the two members of the Lasswell family were killed in the crash. Mrs. Lasswell and a six-month-old son were slightly injured.

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A NATIVE of Birmingham, Bell first entered public life as Oakland county coroner in 1930. He owned the Bell funeral home, which he sold in 1951 in moving to Arizona.

Bell was elected to the city commission in 1947 and was active in numerous civic activities for the YMCA, USO, Red Cross, Community House and the Lions.

He operates a ranch in Benson, Ariz.

B'ham Y to Close For July 4 Weekend

The Birmingham YMCA will close Friday afternoon and give its employees a long week-end not opening until Tuesday morning, July 5.

It wishes to advise parents of boys in camps that this week end of July 4 is not visitors week end in camp. No arrangements for meals or visitations can be made and parents are asked to refrain from visiting their youngsters this week end. Special holiday programs will be in force at Camps Ohiyesa, Nissokone and Hayo-Went-Ha.

'Not Guilty' In Auto Death, Says Motorist

Hugh H. Rader, 60, of 2870 Pine Lake road, West Bloomfield township, pleaded not guilty to a manslaughter charge Monday and was released on $2,000 bond for examination before Springfield township Justice Emmett Leib July 15.

Rader, Detroit-area lumber dealer, is charged in the auto death Monday night of John C. Welch, 18, of Walled Lake, on Middlebelt just north of Lone Pine road.

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TWO passengers with Welch, Wallace Welch, 19, of Walled Lake, no relation, and Richard Fairfield, 20, of Northville, were thrown clear and another, Iris Richardson of Northville was pinned under the auto with Welch.

Witness told state police that Rader was driving erratically as he neared the Welch car.

Crash Injuries Fatal to Milford Resident Sunday

Stanley Stasin, 53, of Milford died early Sunday in Pontiac General Hospital of injuries received in a two-car collision at Telegraph and Northwestern Saturday night.

State police said James Johnson of Pontiac, driver of the car in which Stasin was riding, made a left turn onto Northwestern and collided with a car driven by Theodore Stokes of Flint.

Johnson was unhurt, but Stokes and a passenger, Robert L. Baker, also of Flint, were treated at Pontiac General hospital for minor injuries.

Two Terms Expire On Plan Board

Due to the expiration of the terms of two members of the City Planning board no committees were named at the board meeting this week.

The City Commission is expected to make appointments for the plan board next week. The terms of James Spencer and W. H. Brown expire July 1, and there was indication that Spencer may decline re-appointment.

The planning board also discussed the rezoning of the Walker Well site on East Maple in Troy township.

All makes of inner spring mattresses repaired. One-day service. ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY, Dial "O" and ask for ENterprise 6319.

STRICTLY FRESH

STATE Prison newspaper at Angola, La., now has a foreign correspondent. Inmate left the prison under guard to do a story on a prison farm, then departed for parts unknown. Guard has also been given his travel papers.

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City fathers of Shreveport, La., say their drunkometer needs overhauling. It's wandering from an accurate reading by as much as 133 per cent. Who shed you can't get druk by shmelling shomeonesh breath?

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Expert says that science may one day develop a device which will scan documents printed in Russian, translate them into Eng-

lish. Then all we'll need is another gadget to read some reason into the translation.

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Little boy in Columbus, Ohio, told teacher that the reason the old Troll wouldn't let the Three Billy Goats Gruff cross his bridge was because "you have to pay money to cross a Troll bridge." If the child survives pun-haters like the chap across the desk from us, he may live long enough to become a TV star.

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Akron, Ohio, detective bureau now boasts a dictating machine for use by the sleuths, because "the men were not hired as typists, they're detectives." A mighty sharp piece of deduction, we'd say.

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Two Lemonade Firms Merge, Give Their Profits to Polio

By BRUNO L. KEARNS

Fleurette Lourim, Diane Lerminey, Nancy Johnson, Marian Johnson (center booth), Clara Morris, Mara Johnson and Jackie Johnson do a hustling lemonade business on Lakeside. Money was donated to the polio fund. (Eccentric Photo)

The Foundation for Infantile Paralysis is five dollars wealthier this week as result of an enterprising lemonade business by some youngsters in the Lakeside neighborhood.

During the hot spell two Saturdays ago, Mara Johnson, 11, who resides at 660 Lakeside, and Diane Lerminey, 10, of 532 Lakeside, set up a cardtable stand on the Lerminey front lawn.

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WITH TWO AND FOUR-CENT glasses of lemonade as their product, the neighbor's children obliged the Johnson-Lerminey partnership by buying up four dollars worth of the cool juice liquid.

Little Marian Johnson, eight years old, was not to be outdone, however. She decided that the American heritage of free competition was needed.

Last Saturday a stand was up on the Johnson sidewalk with Marian as the proprietor. After six hours of transient trade, she found her profits reached $1.40 for the day, with fifty cents worth of credit she gave to friends and family.

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THE RIVALRY ON LAKESIDE now has ended. Both concerns have merged and in mutual agreement the polio fund of Oakland county has been donated the total net profit of more than five dollars.