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### THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

#### Relaxation Is A Good Philosophy

Sidney Montague, who, as a member of the Northwest Mounted Police Force, lived for a number of years with the Eskimos in the Arctic, found they had much to teach us about the art of living. The Eskimo philosophy can be expressed in one word: Relax!

It is their belief that when they go to sleep at night they die and when they awaken in the morning they have been born again. Each day is a separate lifetime; each morning is the beginning of a new life.

MONTAGUE taught the Eskimos to play bridge but they refused to take the game seriously. They seemed to have as much fun in losing as in winning.

Better To Give Than To Get

In his new book, "The Rediscovery of Man," Henry C. Link tells of a discussion in one of New York City's famous restaurants.

ONLY WHEN our youth adopt the philosophy of giving will they contribute to the progress of the world. Recipients are static. Givers are dynamic.

#### Make Contribution To House Roll Call

Under the chairmanship of Ralph Modato, city affairs leader of Birmingham chapter, Knights of Columbus, the recently formed group made a presentation of more than \$100 to the Birmingham Community House Roll Call.

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### New Plan Aids Fire Protection

Birmingham now has the best fire protection in its history, Chief Vern Griffith reported this week following establishment of a permanent two-company system of operations.

A COMPLETE crew will be available for any alarm in either of the two zones, the east and west.

IN CASE of major disaster by fire, he said, the recently-signed mutual aid agreement with several adjoining communities would provide added men and equipment.

Police Charge Mrs. Otto Kern In Traffic Death

Mrs. Otto Kern, 41, of East Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills, last week was charged with reckless driving in connection with the death of a young woman in Miami Beach, Fla.

#### City Honored for Fire Prevention

For the second consecutive year, Birmingham was honored by the National Fire Prevention Association as one of the nation's best cities for fire prevention activities.

#### Keeping It Clear

To facilitate left turn movements at both Lincoln and 14 Mile on Woodward, the state highway department has agreed to a delayed amber light so traffic can clear. Costs will be shared by the city and the state.

### Rep. Van Dusen Wants Reactions on Turnpike

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### Organize Protest On Moving Park

Clark Stevens, 1386 Lakeside, Tuesday night was named permanent chairman of a group of citizens whose aim it is to keep Birmingham "as we know it."

A COMMITTEE appointed to work on the project includes Mrs. Wilmer Johnson, secretary, Mrs. Norman Lyle, Mrs. Albert Rebling, Mrs. James Duran, Stoddard White, Eugene Hoek, L. A. Von Staden and Jack Warner.

live here want the city left as it is. This applies particularly to the proposed relocation of Shain Park.

RESUME WORK On Fire Hall Will Be Reached

Construction resumed this week on the city's new westside fire station at Maple and Chesterfield after city officials applied pressure on the contractor to get the job completed.

Feel Confident Roll Call Goal Will Be Reached

With Roll Call receipts at \$37,377, committeemen and Council members are confident that the goal of \$50,000 will be reached.

#### Two Quizzed In How Death Are Released

Two Detroiters, questioned here in connection with the Sept. 12 slaying of gas station attendant Douglas E. Brown, were released Tuesday when the Detroit police, according to Birmingham Det. Sgt. Robert Senaule.

#### Seek Injunction On Award of Bid

A March 21 hearing was set in Oakland county circuit court Wednesday concerning a restraining order which would prevent the Birmingham board of education from awarding an electrical contract to any company except the Willis Electric Co. of Detroit.

#### First to Meet New Parking Requirement

First application of the recently enacted ordinance requiring off-street parking on new or expanded Birmingham business buildings exceeding 1,000 square feet came this week.

#### Diamond Jailed Until April Term

Floyd Diamond, 16, confessed killer of Kathy McLaughlin, 9, of Farmington Township, stood in court Friday when he appeared before Oakland County Circuit Judge George B. Hartrock.

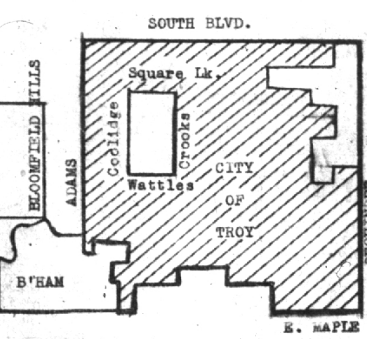
#### Birmingham Wins League Cage Title

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### To Restrict AMParking On Maple

Within the next 30 days, those who use the commuter train to Detroit will find it much easier to get to the train in the morning.

IF THE TROY INCORPORATION VOTE succeeds, it will result in this new city indicated by the shaded area. What would remain of Troy township would be the irregular area at the upper right, the "island" toward the left, and several very small parcels along Birmingham's eastern and southern boundaries.



Field of Twelve For Commission

It'll be an even dozen Birmingham city commission candidates on the April 4 ballot.

IN THE RUNNING for one of the three-year terms are Manly Bailey, Harry Denoyer, Jr., Donald K. Fill, Omar Hansen, Watts Wacker, Jr., and incumbent Vincent B. Watkins.

#### Search Continues For Youths Who Obstructed Tracks

Birmingham police and Grand Trunk Western railroad detectives continued the search this week for youths who obstructed a railroad passenger train.

#### Girl Hit By Car Reported In Good Condition Today

Kathy Fray, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Fray, 3120 E. Bartland, Southfield Township, is reported in good condition today at William Beaumont Hospital with injuries received when she darted into the path of a car Tuesday.

#### Six Candidates File For Hills Council

Six candidates already have filed for city commission in Bloomfield Hills, although the filing deadline is March 12.

#### Asks Improvement Of Arden Lane

Although a considerable part of the subdivision is now paved, it is Arden Lane, really not much of a street, says the resident.

#### Centralized Records To Aid Delinquents

Groundwork was laid last week for a "co-operative metropolitan police authority"—a clearing house for information on juvenile delinquents, when police from five surrounding Michigan counties met in Detroit at the request of Detroit Police Commissioner Edward S. Pigginis.

#### Mayor Appoints Board Member

Named to the building code board of appeals is T. Norville Hubbard, 1411 Dorothea, vice president of a residential building company with offices in Detroit.

### Petitions Filed Monday

Troy township Monday filed petitions seeking to incorporate as a home-rule city in an effort to block an earlier announced intention by Royal Oak to annex some 76 acres of township land.

Accelerated action by Troy residents started after Royal Oak to annex some 76 acres of township land.

BY FRIDAY a meeting had been called by about 100 leading Troy citizens who brought up to ship petition forms already on file, obtained 857 signatures by Saturday and were on hand at 6:30 a.m. Monday in Pontiac to place the petitions in the hands of Oakland County Clerk Lynn D. Allen.

ACTION IS taken on petitions in the order they are filed, which means the Oakland County Board of Supervisors must dispose of Troy's incorporation request before considering Royal Oak's annexation petition, which has not yet been filed.

THE PETITION scramble was the largest in area, Oakland County, and third in southeastern Michigan, only to Detroit and Livonia.

ANNEXXATION would call for a referendum of the two municipalities, and with Troy outnumbered by 10 to 1, the referendum annexation appeared to be just a matter of course—until Troy officials learned that the proposed annexation petition, which would be annexed as a part of the city in order that the proposed school building might have access to Royal Oak's sewage and water facilities.

ROY OFFICIALS estimated the loss of the 26-acre Vickers tract would mean a \$20,000 drop yearly in taxes to the township.

Figures in 1950 census showed population of 10,087 persons in the township, 10,000 in Royal Oak. (See PETITION, Page 8, Sec. 1)

STRICTLY FRESH

Judge ruled a slightly hazy news item in New Orleans could not be accused of drunk driving. He was piloting a twin-engine B-17 Bismarck when he was young, father apparently never heard of the piloting effect of "white man."

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SAFETY THE NEXT TRAIN!

Small boy at Atlantic City, N.J., called the police and his mother wasn't back from shopping, and he wanted his lunch. Officers found him a snack. Complete with cup-cakes, maybe?

MEMBERS OF Birmingham's Postmaster Club Tuesday night installed their slate of officers for 1955-56, with Bill Andrews named as president to succeed Pat Murphy.