

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

FOR ALL YOU who are tired of reading all the ins and outs of the Grace Kelly-Prince Ranier pageant to be staged next Wednesday and Thursday, this Wanderer would like to give your eyes a rest on the following white space:

And now on with the local news.

BIRMINGHAM'S MOST FAMOUS DENTIST, 87-year-old Dr. Edward Spalding will attend the Michigan State Dental Association centennial convention in Detroit April 15-19. The Association's oldest living past president (1907-08), Dr. Spalding was a pioneer in the treatment of pyorrhea. He was the group's "dentist of the year" in 1955. Dr. Spalding is still active in practice and research at his Maple avenue office.

EXTENSION OF OAK STREET from Woodward through to Hunter could be done this summer if state highway department officials approve plans the city sent in weeks ago, Birmingham City Engineer L. R. Gare said Monday. "We were supposed to have had a meeting six weeks ago to iron out the last few small wrinkles, but the state highway representative hasn't shown up yet," he explained to city commissioners. Other U.S.-10 projects the state still has to approve officially include the Hamilton crossover, several more access drives, and the revamping of the Lincoln intersection.

SIX RAILROAD CARLOADS of them, and not a penalty had to be meted out, when 230 Birmingham high school students traveled to Washington and New York last week. In previous years troublesome Washington trippers had to be penalized by orders to remain behind as the others left on sight-seeing tours. Students have even been set home early as the "extreme penalty." This year's group proved that good behavior doesn't mean you can't have fun. Seniors said they had a wonderful time, even on the 20-hour return trip which had to be made by way of Washington because of a change in railroad schedules.

Library Board Submits 1956-57 Budget Request

A \$10,116 increase in the city's contribution to its public library was asked this week by the Birmingham public library board. The \$89,516 budget request for 1956-57 was referred to City Manager D. C. Egbert for preliminary study. City contribution currently is \$60,000. The proposed figure is \$77,116. The remaining amount comes from fines, fees, memberships and a small amount of state aid.

Additional funds should be tagged for replacement of heating thermostats, and enlargement of the Chester street parking area, the budget notes.

Annexation Vote Set for June 5

A special election will be held June 5 in regarding annexation of two small Troy township parcels to Birmingham. Both Birmingham and Troy officials recommend the move, and the election was set Tuesday by the Oakland county board of supervisors at the petition of the property owners. One parcel at 14 Mile and Woodward contains a gas station and one residence. The other is a residence on Adams road, south of Villa road. This special election will mean no new voting registrations can be taken between May 2 and June 6, Birmingham City Clerk Irene Hanley emphasized.

\$1,000 Garage Fire

Birmingham firemen extinguished a garage fire Tuesday morning at the home of Raymond S. Stoll, 1607 South Bates. Cause of the fire was an incinerator placed too close to a lumber pile. Loss was estimated at \$750 for the building and \$250 on contents.

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BUG KILLER: Birmingham's new spray machine is in operation combating Dutch Elm disease in the city. All elm trees on city property and thoroughfares will be sprayed. Residents are urged by the city forestry department to have trees on their property sprayed by May 1st. Spray is shot out of the new machine (above) by a 100-mile-an-hour air force.

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Ceramics Classes To Be Taught at Y By Mrs. Kirbert

Enameling on copper is the subject of a six-week ceramics course to be conducted at the YMCA building by Helen P. Kirbert. Starting date is staggered to provide opening classes tonight and again next Thursday night for the 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. sessions. The group will make large and small ash trays, a bon bon dish, cuff links, pendants, and other jewelry items. Further details can be obtained by phoning the YMCA.

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