



It is not necessary that all persons know mathematics in order for some to use its laws. Neither is it necessary that all know the Christian religion in order for some to use and enjoy Divine protection. Each of us makes his own choice of God or man-made gods. — That's all.

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Broomfield to Face Election for Congress Seat

THIS and THAT

By George R. Averill
Auto Club Reaches 40th Anniversary

For forty years the Automobile Club of Michigan has ceaselessly developed and sold to Michigan motorists a series of motorizing services that has won for itself a membership of a half million men and women.

Said to be the largest organization of its kind in this, or any other country, the Club has wisely caused its operations to be dominated with the ideal of service... proving that such a commodity always achieves success for itself.

THE CLUB provides for its members a variety of practical and helpful services, among which are details of suggested best trip routes, up-to-date information of road conditions, free towing of your car to the nearest garage, in case you need it... all this, and more, given by its employees with plenty of helpful smiles tossed in for good measure.

Perhaps without deep enough thought on the subject, many people are inclined to praise some facet of a person, thing or organization when, basically, they dislike it.

For example, most bankers dislike and oppose the circulation of so many economic lives in the federal government—yet, when advertising their institutions, they pay homage to Big Government by saying... and... insured by an agency of the United States government.

Some dishonesty and crookedness make places in the administrations of former Presidents Grant and Harding. However, the scandals of those administrations are penny ante class when compared with what took place when Harry S. Truman was in the White House.

Want proof? Read the current book: "The Truman Scandals," by Jules Abel.

Tom Dewey became Governor of New York because he once had enough "guts" to prosecute criminals. But when he twice ran for President as a Republican he didn't have enough of this intangible fortitude to win.

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THERE'S JOY in music, which 3½-year-old Laura Gierach reveals here as she listens to a song about Robin Hood at Baldwin public library. Laura, who lives at 444 Pierce, Birmingham, visits the library regularly. She especially enjoys using the children's record player which was added to the library's facilities at Christmas.

Weather Report—Wet, Wetter, Wettest Yet!

Last weekend's weather led some Birmingham and Southfield residents to consider their homes as indoor pools.

Trees were blown down, wires felled, and basements flooded in the area when heavy wind and rainstorms hit Saturday.

Rainfall totalled 2.34 inches on the gauge at Birmingham's sewage disposal plant, according to Supt. Russell Grinnell.

Total rainfall for the area, he estimated, headed for a record high in 1956. Heaviest rain, Grinnell said, fell about two miles south of Birmingham.

FOUR POWER WIRES were downed by the wind in the Southfield township. Power was knocked out at Northland playhouse when a wire fell at Greenfield and 3 mile roads, necessitating cancellation of the tent playhouse's second show that night, according to Southfield Police Lt. Milton Sackett.

Other fallen wires were at 10½ and Lahser, 9½ and Lahser, and Shawcross and Van Buren.

Birmingham Parks and Forestry Supt. Charles Gale said seven or eight trees failed to withstand the high winds and had to be removed. Most of them were in the area near Henrietta and Merrill streets.

Chrysler Acquiring Troy Land

Acquisition of 1700 acres, almost three square miles, of farm land in neighboring Troy was announced this week by Chrysler corporation.

President L. L. Colbert said the site was being acquired for "possible future expansion of its engineering and research facilities, and that the corporation is not planning any building program at the present time."

The land on which the corporation is acquiring options consists of a square mile bounded by Long Lake, Crooks, Square Lake and Coolidge roads. Additional tracts just out from it west of Coolidge, east of Crooks, north of Square Lake and south of Long Lake.

THE LAND AREA is twice that of the General Motors Technical center in nearby Warren. About \$5 million in land costs are estimated to be involved, averaging approximately \$2900 per acre.

Troy Township Supervisor Leonard Sandale said about half the land is in the City of Troy, and half is in the township.

"We hope that our proposed annexation will go through in the fall," he added. "If it does, all of the Chrysler tract would then be in the city."

THE TOWNSHIP portion of the property was left out of the Troy incorporation last year because it was too thinly populated. Troy Mayor Frank Costello said that Chrysler will not seek annexation on its own.

Most of the land is now zoned agricultural, Sandale said, with only a small portion of it residential. Sandale estimated there were no more than 10 homes in the entire tract.

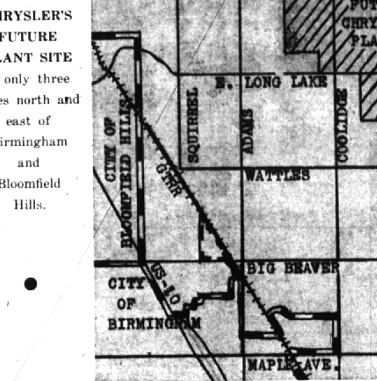
Several of the homes included in the acquisition are on the 600-acre farm being to C. E. Wilson, secretary of defense and former president of General Motors.

THE CHRYSLER announcement came as rumors circulated in the area that an unidentified organization was getting options on the land, with some speculation that it might be Chrysler corporation.

"Everything was pretty hush-hush," said City Manager Orlando C. Holway said.

In making the announcement, (See CHRYSLER, Page 8, Sec. 1)

Chrysler's Future Plant Site



is only three miles north and east of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills.

Bad Weather Blamed For Fatal Air Crash

After investigating the fatal crash of the airplane piloted by Frederick W. Wagner, 41, of 3184 Morningview Terrace, Birmingham, civil aeronautics administration and Michigan state police representatives Monday listed bad weather conditions as the probable cause of the tragedy.

A report filed at the investigating state police post at Bay City blamed heavy fog and thunder squalls existing in the area Friday night when the crash is believed to have occurred.

Investigators theorized that the inclement weather caused Wagner to lose control of his private single-engine Piper-Tracer just as it crashed into a field in Gladwin county, 25 miles northwest of Bay City.

HE WAS BORN March 9, 1915, in Detroit, and had lived in Birmingham since 1945.

He attended Detroit public schools, Christ military academy, and Xavier school in Asheville, N. C.

He attended Westminster Presbyterian church in Detroit, and was a member of the American Electroplaters' society, the Masonic lodge, Orchard Lake country club, and the Detroit Yacht club.

SURVIVING HIM are his wife, Bettie Shields Wagner, and two sons, Ripley S. and Frederic John. Also four daughters, Christie S., Helen R., Susan B., and Betsy.

Other survivors are his mother, Mrs. Alfred T. Wagner, of Detroit; a sister, Mrs. George L. Domino, Jr., of Grosse Pointe, and a brother, Joseph R. Wagner, of Birmingham.

Birmingham Sells Disposal Plant To N. Evergreen

Officials of the North Evergreen sewage disposal authority Tuesday signed the agreement to purchase the Birmingham sewage disposal plant at Cranbrook and 14 Mile roads.

The agreement will become binding on Jan. 1, 1957, unless the four authority members sign up earlier for the larger Evergreen interceptor through Southfield into Detroit.

Sale terms call for half the \$540,750 to be paid by Jan. 1, the remaining portion to be financed by revenue bonds payable to Birmingham over the next 20 years or so.

Besides Birmingham, authority members are Bloomfield township, Bloomfield Hills and city of Troy.

LOTS OF FAMILY cars are getting shined up in preparation for the trek to Eton park Saturday night, when Birmingham's first open-air dance for teenagers will be held from 9 to 12 p.m. Here Steve May (left) and Monte Pepprell apply some elbow grease to the task, while the distaff side, Lorna Moore (left) and Gloria White, look on.

Teen-Agers' 'Night Train' Steaming Into Eton Park Skating Rink Site

Birmingham teen-agers are going places this Saturday. They're boarding a "night train" which offers its passengers dancing under the stars, a top disc jockey, popular music, prizes and refreshments.

The "night train" they're taking is the first summer open-air dance for 15 to 19-year-old residents of the Birmingham school district. It leaves from the site of Eton park's spacious skating rink. The young dancers can travel in pairs or singles.

The 9 to 12 trip will be in a Casey Jones environment, with decorations based around a train station.

No Iron Horse For Pasturing Here, Says City

No retired locomotives for Birmingham, thank you. That was the city commission's official reply this week to the Exchange club and the Grand Truck Trucking company which had offered to get a retired iron horse for permanent pasturing in Eton park.

Five commissioners—with William Roberts and Monty Bailey dissenting—agreed with recreation department member W. Coit Allee that such a piece of retired machinery belongs in a museum, not a park and Birmingham has no museum.

Other recreation members in the American scene, and it would be nice if Birmingham had one to show to future generations here, summed up the opposition's feeling. "This leaves me pretty cold. I see no reason for it. We have Greenfield Village nearby, and understand one was just given there. That's not too far for anyone to travel."

Lodge vs. Elias for State Rep.

William S. Broomfield edged George N. Higgins with a 1,482-vote margin to win the Republican nomination for 18th District's representative in Congress in Tuesday's primary election.

In the Birmingham voting, Higgins came out on top with 1816 votes to incumbent Broomfield's 1742. County-wide totals gave Broomfield 19,906 votes to Higgins' 18,424.

Republican L. Harvey Lodge, who face Fred Elias, democrat, on the November ballot for State senator from the 12th district.

Elias, who received 1,479 votes, squeaked by Daniel J. Conolly with a 212-vote margin. Lodge, with 8,897 votes, was followed by Richard D. Kuhn, with 7,046.

WITH ALL State precincts reported, Albert E. Cobo won the Republican gubernatorial race by more than 2-1 majority from Donald S. Leonard. Cobo had 336,926 votes to Leonard's 149,496. Birmingham gave Cobo almost a 6 to 1 victory.

G. Mennen Williams, incumbent gubernatorial candidate, lost the Democratic party, and his running mate incumbent Lt. Gov. Philip A. Hart, unopposed on the primary ballot, received 402,636 and 326,206 votes.

Clarence A. Reid Sr., candidate for Lt. Governor on the Republican ballot had no competition in the primary and received 335,615.

IN THE 3rd district, Farrell E. Roberts, Republican candidate for state representative, defeated James C. Foster by 366 votes. Roberts will run against Democrat P. T. Smith Jr., who was unopposed.

THEODORE F. Hughes, with 4213 votes, beat Scott W. Cole, 3964 votes, for the 4th district Republican nomination. Hughes will face S. James Clarkson (Democrat) who won almost 2-1.

FRANK IRONTS (Republican) incumbent sheriff, will run against George D. Hicks, (Democrat). Odin H. Gaskins, unopposed on the primary, will vie for county clerk.

Also unopposed, Robert W. Stevens, (Democrat) and Charles A. Sparks, (Republican) are the candidates for county treasurer.

Registrar of Deeds incumbent Daniel T. Murphy, (Republican) winner, will face B. J. Habel, (Democrat) who won a narrow 278 victory over William O. Murphy.

Wallace A. Rice was elected Democratic candidate for drain commissioner over Daniel W. Barry, (Republican).

\$6,342 Recreation Surplus Surprises City Commission

How come Birmingham's recreation program wound up its fiscal year June 30th with a \$6,342.41 surplus?

That's the question the city commission has asked its recreation director Robert Girardin.

Girardin, who only started on this job in May, asked for a couple of weeks' delay while he investigated about it from the recreation board Aug. 16.

Commissioners last year appropriated \$14,500 for recreation activities. Now they wonder if they should trim this year's similar item by the amount of the surplus, or require that it be spent on capital improvements.

Wood Creek Farms Becomes a Village

WOOD CREEK FARMS—Voters here approved Wood Creek Farms village incorporation proposal by a majority, with 72 favoring the proposition and 46 voting "no."

The area is bounded by Inkster, Middlebelt, 13 Mile and 12 Mile roads.

New Equipment Taken from Library

Only a day after it was received, a collapsible plastic globe of the world was stolen recently from Baldwin public library auditorium.

Two on a Bike Nets 1st Ticket For 9-Year-Old

When Birmingham police sighted two boys riding on a bicycle Tuesday, the first police who were issued a citation was issued to nine-year-old Glenn Ball, 1688 Holland.

Officers Jack Kalbfleisch and Norman Probst told the young violator that riding two on a bike is a dangerous practice, and wrote out one of the unauthorized blue tickets.

STRICTLY FRESH

For bread-winning writers, the keys to success are on the typewriter.

Bopster's weather forecast: Cool tonight, man. Crazy tomorrow.

Next time I'm lands on you, consider it a good sign. They supposedly pick out only sweet things.

By the time you have what your neighbor had when you didn't, he's what you need to get to have what he'll be adding to.

Two is in company, three's a crowd, four a bridge game.