



## THIS and THAT

By George R. Averill

### A Dam Project Not Finished by Two Busy Beaver

A few weeks ago in this column I narrated a problem I have been having with a cabin near Manistee, Mich. These beaver tried to build a dam and cut off the narrow outlet of the private lake on our property.

Time after time I would destroy part or all of this dam project, only to have the beaver re-build the barrier during the next night.

It got pretty monotonous, this removal day after day of the miscellaneous assortment of branches, twigs, water-logged wood, rocks, perch grass, mud, etc., etc., that the dam-building beaver tried to prevent the easy flow of water toward the sea.

SEVERAL TIMES, when I was away from the cabin for periods of time, they would re-build the dam thing, raising the water as much as 20 inches.

Of course, at no time was the cabin ever in danger of representation either a Noah's Ark or a flood-ridden structure, but the trees and bushes along our lake's edge were in danger of being killed when the water level allowed to remain high.

You may recall that I finally enlisted the aid of the Michigan Dept. of Conservation to have the beaver. For about two months, officers Harold Bonnett and Duffy Laboug placed live-traps in the stream just ahead of the dam barrier—after tearing out part of the dam construction.

THE NEXT morning the traps would be sprung, but, instead of a beaver in each, nothing but branches were snared. The traps were gone, so far as I could find out, the beaver were gone.

Also, about a hundred feet from the former dam project, the aspen lay upon its long and slender side, having been gnawed in two by one or more of these inclined beaver.

Had they been allowed to remain on the property within a very few days, the officers informed me, they might have gnawed through a score of the nearby trees.

MUCH OF the great wild out-of-doors, including beaver, I just could not allow them to ravage their woody appetites, plus their damming proclivities, so had to resort to modern methods of their migration.

I do not know just who the Conservation officers managed to remove the large majority of the beaver are in some damaged beaver, are pursuing their damming ways, my promise to Michigan, I know not, either.

This summer, I have been in charge of newlyweds Michigan beaver. Wherever they are in their new environment, to succeed Bird Minor in every dam job they undertake—damned if I don't!

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## 12 More Used Stores Learn: Check All Checks

### Stranger Leaves Birmingham After \$260 Two-Day Visit

A bum check artist spent two days in Birmingham recently and left an even dozen merchants with souvenirs. They were in the form of \$260 worth of rubber-stamped checks marked "insufficient funds" returned from the bank last week.

And it was all because the man was able to say he had a Birmingham address.

It was the largest number of checks to be passed here by the stranger in one year, said Birmingham Detective Lt. Merlin Holmquist, who had some pointers to help merchants avoid a reputation of the case.

THE FAST-WORKING check passer took a room here on Thursday of the week before. He paid the room rent for two-thirds of a week.

Giving the local address to the supermarkets, drug stores, and other retail establishments where he made small purchases, he cashed large checks to pay for the merchandise.

He used the name of William H. O'Connor in each case.

By Saturday night William H. O'Connor was no longer at the local address. He had left sometime that day, without notifying his landlady he was going.

IN NONE of the cases was O'Connor asked for identification when he cashed his personal checks, police said.

Asked for tips by which merchants could protect themselves against any future check artists, Holmquist said the number one tip was to avoid cashing strangers' checks for more than the amount of the purchase.

"Get at least two pieces of identification" was another item he considered.

## Four Named To Top Posts At Chrysler

In a series of top echelon promotions at Chrysler corporation, four area residents have been named to key positions.

William C. Newberg, 45, of 976 Fairfax, Birmingham, president of the Dodge division and a corporation vice president, was assigned to the newly created post of group vice president-automotive.

R. S. Bright, 44, of Cranbrook court, Bloomfield Hills, corporation vice president who has been in charge of the engine and transmission group, was named to the new post of group vice president-body manufacturing.

William J. Bird, 46, vice president in charge of sales for Plymouth division since 1934, has been appointed by Newberg to his staff position at 1120 Lyonhurst.

John W. Minor, 35, of 1540 Dorchester, has been named vice president in charge of sales for the Plymouth division. Mr. Bird Minor has been general sales manager for Dodge passenger cars and trucks.

## NEWBERG WILL supervise all the corporation's vehicle divisions and the Motor division. He relinquishes his post as president of Dodge, which he had held since 1931.

In 1933 Newberg became a vice president of Chrysler Corp., and was named a director in 1934. Born in Seattle, Wash., Newberg received a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Washington. He joined Chrysler in 1930 as a graduate student in (See CHRYSLER, Page 2, Sec. 1)

WILLIAM C. NEWBERG

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## Drivers Are Smash Hits With Sergeants

By JULIE CANDLER

It's happened again! For the third time in three months a sleeping or intoxicated driver has careened his car into a patrol car driven by a Birmingham police sergeant.

It's carrying police protection pretty far when the sergeants shield local motorists from dangerous drivers by taking the blows themselves.

The mystery is, what strange impulse motivated the three drivers to crash their vehicles into the most embarrassing of all targets for a motorist, a police sergeant?

A local physician suggests it might be resentment over a previous ticket for speeding or running a stoplight. Without realizing it, says the doctor, the driver who took too many for the road may be airing his subconscious hostility when he veers toward a police car.

On the attraction a sudden light will present to a motorist who is "under the influence."

As a moth is drawn to a candle, so an intoxicated driver is impelled to any light that suddenly looms up before him, in this case the red brake light at the rear of his car, said Sgt. Jones.

As the local physician we checked with stated it in medical terms: "They only respond to grosser stimuli."

It could have been the same type of impulse that drew a sleepy motorist to smash his car against another Birmingham police car one night a few weeks earlier.

Or maybe it was that psychopathic aggression. As he fell asleep at the wheel, he might have dreamed he was getting even for that traffic ticket.

Whatever his motive, his victim was Sgt. Malcolm Ross. The sergeant was proceeding slowly along the side of a 14 mile road, looking for a house number when he became the target for a motorist who fell asleep at the wheel.

"The man hadn't had any sleep for 24 hours," said the magnetic Sgt. Ross.

After Ross's accident, Sgt. Richard Brown was warned he probably would be next.

Brown described an accident several years ago which occurred as he sped in pursuit of a fleeing law breaker.

"I've already had mine," Brown said.

But several weeks later, Brown's patrol car was hit by a driver who hadn't had any sleep for 30 hours, the victim reported.

The drowsy motorist had plenty of lights to lure him toward the sergeant's car that night. Brown had stopped a traffic violator, and had parked the patrol car parallel to the curb, directly behind the offender's automobile.

The big flasher light atop the patrol car was blinking its red beam, and an auxiliary policeman assisting Brown was waving his flashlight to direct motorists around the two cars.

How could this one miss? Brown reports he was standing beside the violator's car with the owner when he saw the car coming.

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## Death Follows Fall from Ladder For Father of 10

A Clawson painter, father of 10 children, died following a fall from a ladder in Birmingham, July 15.

The victim, Lyle Goodwin, 56, was painting the house of C. J. Schaefer, 1056 Pilgrim, Birmingham. Goodwin fell face down approximately 15 feet to the ground in the Schaefer front yard.

An autopsy showed a broken back, one broken shoulder, and six broken ribs. There was no evidence of a head attack as was first believed.

Mr. GOODWIN, who operated a painting and decorating service from his home, was dead on arrival at St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac.

An autopsy was held at Our Lady Angel church was said Monday morning. A burial was in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Mr. Goodwin, former Birmingham resident for 17 years, lived in Clawson for the past nine years. A native of Trenton, Ont., he was born Nov. 7, 1879.

## Thin Concrete Shell Tops New Swimming Pool

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## \$1073 Stolen From Gas Station

The discovery that \$1073 in cash was missing from a safe was made by Speedway 79 station owner George Landino after a stranger made several phone calls and left Saturday.

Landino told police that a man came into the station at 1531 S. Woodward, bought a package of cigarettes, and made three calls from a phone located near the open safe.

When he looked at the safe after the stranger left, Landino, of 668 Smith, found the money gone.

The owner told police that the man, a Negro, was 28 to 30 years old, approximately 5 ft. 9 in. tall, and 180 pounds in weight.

A witness said the man drove away in a '33 or '34 maroon Ford, with a cream-colored top.

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## One-way Streets Recommended by Police Chief

### Would Confuse Shoppers, C of C Spokesman Fears

Recommendations for reducing traffic congestion and improving traffic flow, backed by Chief of Police Ralph W. Moxley, were handed to the Birmingham city commissioners at their meeting Monday night.

The recommendations will go to the plan board for review. The list of improvements, drawn up by T. M. Vanderstempel, traffic engineer, includes:

Eliminating left turns from MacFarlane between Woodward and Chester. This would eliminate left turns onto Pierce, Henrietta and Bates. At present left turns are prohibited at Bates only.

ELIMINATION of parking on the south side of Maple between Southfield and Hunter from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. and on the north side from 4 to 6 p.m.

It was suggested that action on this proposal be delayed until City parking lots in the Hamilton street area are opened, compensating for the spaces lost.

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## Dr. Ned Kalder Is Weekend Traffic Victim

A local prominent physician was killed early Sunday when his car was struck by another motorist at 12 Mile and Evergreen roads just west of Lathrup, and was struck by another motorist.

Pronounced dead at the scene Sunday afternoon, Dr. Ned Kalder, 18270 Kirkshire, chief of staff at Mt. Carmel Mercy hospital, Detroit, was killed by James M. DeMara, 18, also of Berkeley, The two drivers were not charged with the charge "as is" came from Councilman Charles Renfrew, who pointed out that "there had been no complaints on the present charge, have there?"

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## Council Rejects Garbage Pick-Up Charge Decrease

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HERZBERG recommends new walks, removal of all but low shrubs at the corners, and a smaller center plaza slightly north of center.

Commissioners, by mutual consent, agreed only to remove the curbs around the park and raising some low spots in the sidewalk along the park's north side.

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## Re-Elects Officers

In the annual election Tuesday of the Bloomfield Hills board of education officers were retained for the 1936-37 year. They are Merrill Bates, president, Douglas L. Jocelyn, secretary and Robert L. Hoffman, treasurer.

## STRICTLY FRESH

GF's have long been known for their address in the guided whistles field.

If several fellows drink themselves under the table at one time, would that make it a suburban community?

Pro golfers know that the proof is in the putting. Those who don't win enough find their wives getting tee off.

Patience is the which those who drive need more of so that others who also drive won't end up in a broiling street.

Husbands are confident when broiling streets because they know wife won't give them a bum steer.

All makes of inner spring mattresses. For State Senator—Republican (19-20-21)

