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A 20-year-old Ferndale youth who pleaded guilty July 6 to charges of uttering and publishing was placed on three years' probation Monday by Judge Clark J. Adams in Oakland county circuit court. Judge Adams also ordered Richard Helinger to make restitution of \$120 in bad checks cashed in Birmingham and the surrounding area, and to pay \$100 costs.



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This & That

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I MADE a quick, personal investigation of the situation, then arranged for the Captain and myself to inspect every possible part of the steamer, to seek clues of the missing fireman's whereabouts. We found nothing except to learn that this man, as Hollander, had told a pal that he had severe pains in his stomach as we left Cuba on our way back.

We finally decided that the fireman, perhaps convinced with pain during the night, and no doubt temporarily deranged, had jumped overboard.

IT BECAME my responsibility, upon arrival in Yonkers, to report this situation to the American Consul, turning over to that office the few belongings and wages that belonged to the missing sailor. I also had to write his parents in Holland.

However, it's not very often that such a tragedy occurs at sea... and when it does, nearly always little proof of what actually did happen is available for the official record.

I have had more than average contact with politicians and with the operation of government, on all levels. While I still have faith in the eventual ability of informed and honest people to make self-government work fairly well, of this I am convinced: The higher up one looks into government, the dirtier it is.

For example, the operation of most local government is, by comparison with federal procedure, clean and wholesome. Why? Simply because the farther government is from local control, the less controllable it is—and when portions of human nature are left to their own devices... well, you know what happens.

Republican leaders are asking Mr. and Mrs. American Voter to send in ideas acceptable for inclusion into the forthcoming 1956 Republican platform.

Here's one that comes to mind: How about returning to the States their rights and privileges, their own responsibilities? How about cutting down on this increasing centralization of government in the nation's capital? How about...

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

WHAT'S BETTER THAN A PARADE to celebrate a company's first anniversary, especially when you've got something brand new to use it? That's what the AAA Cab Co. thought Saturday noon, so it staged a 10-minute parade throughout the Birmingham business section with its five brand new cabs. Many shoppers noted the "caravan," probably wondering who had placed a call for so many at one time. Owners Tom and Jo Thompson formed the company 12 months ago with 4 cabs, have 7 now.

HIS 10 1/2 YEARS as a Birmingham city employee retirement board member this week won retiring City Manager Donald C. Egbert a special resolution for the record from the other board members. "He's been instrumental in keeping our system modern and up-to-date," commented board secretary and City Treasurer Russell Berger. Egbert went on the board Jan. 1, 1946.

THERE'S A STRANGE new language being talked around Birmingham. We see signs of it in the Catalpa Amateur Radio society's bulletin issued by Howard P. Estes, of 4010 Beach road. The jargon runs like this: "Chuck K8AUC is expert on crystal grinding. Been working red hot DX on 40 with 93.75 watts. The 75 watts does the trick. George W8MGQ working the world on 20 CW with 25 watts with a new high 'beyond the wild blue yonder' antenna. This shows what you can do when the KW poops out." Which means: Chuck Melinski is expert on grinding crystals that are used to determine channel frequency. He has been working very hard to get stations at points outside the United States that are difficult to reach. His transmitter puts out 93.75 watts power. (That business about the 75 doing the trick is just kidding, for the extra 75 is insignificant.) George Goldstone is getting stations all over the world on 20 meters wave length frequency Morse code. His transmitter has 25 watts power and he uses an extra high antenna. Which shows what you can do when your regular unit (in this case, Goldstone's 1,000-watt transmitter), burns out."

BHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE President Arthur F. Hakeslee, on behalf of his organization, wrote the city this week expressing his group's appreciation of the work performed over the years by retiring City Manager D. C. Egbert. The letter included this comment: "We believe that more than any other person, Mr. Egbert deserves credit for the evolution of Birmingham from a country village into the splendid residential city it is today..."

LAST WEEK'S BITS OF BIRMINGHAM published a nice compliment to the Birmingham high school group traveling with E. A. Hubbard. This week we learned, as we might have known, that Bloomfield Hills high school students are also proving to be effective American goodwill ambassadors as they tour Europe with instructor Dean LaRue. Here's what Jean Siterlet, women's athletic director at the school who is along as an adviser, reported from the Israeli-owned S.S. Zion as the young people were enroute to Naples. "The students have made a tremendous impression upon everyone! They have been behaving like angels. They're so cute when they dress all up for dinner—the table stewards are just amazed! There are about 50 other students at college level aboard, but our kids get all the attention. Their manners and behavior are exceptional. They follow and respect the customs of the Jewish Sabbath very graciously... for this they are very much respected. The ship's crew and captain are very much impressed with our group. In fact, just the other evening he honored us by joining us for dinner."

Nunn to Speak At ADA Meeting

A change of speakers at a coming Americans for Democratic Action meeting has been necessitated by the delayed departure of Victor Reuther from Washington and S. L. A. Marshall for the McKeon Marine court martial. Notice of the change in speakers was received too late to correct the story on this issue's editorial page, which states that Reuther and Marshall will discuss foreign policy at the meeting.

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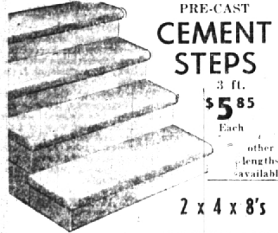
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Street Paving Will Proceed As City Planned

Park street will be paved, probably next summer, but the special assessment bills may be about 10 per cent smaller than originally established.

Birmingham commissioners Monday night declined to abandon the

project (between Oakland and Euclid) as a number of residents had requested.

Instead, commissioners agreed, the city hall will absorb certain sidewalk charges, and credit to the paving, the difference between cost of a light oil surface treatment, instead of the costlier oil mat and seal, originally proposed.

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