



ROOMMATES For a while at William Beaumont hospital, George L. Miller, (left), Birmingham high school instructor, and Benjamin C. Tousey, Jr., of 1309 Shippam, have become good friends. Miller is recovering from an automobile accident, while Tousey is under observation pending diagnosis of a jaw condition.

BHS Teacher Fighting To Save Injured Leg

By JULIE CANDLER

When Birmingham high school seniors went to Washington this year, their friend and civics instructor, George L. Miller, wasn't along, as he had been for several previous years.

Miller, 31, of Royal Oak, didn't plan on the Washington tour because he had been elected a delegate to an educational association meeting scheduled at the same time as the seniors' big event.

Instead, when the March 31st date rolled around, it found George Miller leaving a hospital in Albion, Michigan, where he had been recuperating from serious leg injuries incurred in an automobile accident last November.

FROM ALBION the civics and international relations teacher was moved to William Beaumont hospital in Royal Oak, where he faces a long and hard battle to save his left leg.

Mrs. Geraldine Rue, Adams school teacher riding beside Miller, suffered broken ribs.
Other driver involved was later convicted of negligent homicide, Miller said.
Physicians at Albion were faced with the alternatives of amputating the damaged leg, or "trying to put it back together with pegs and hoping that it would heal," as Miller put it.

PHYSICIANS NOW say that if the infection which later developed can be cleared up, chances are good that the leg can be saved.
Latest reports are that the threatening infection is clearing.
But it will be a long time before the popular young teacher gets back home to see his children, Lindsay, 2 and Laura, 4, who have been able to see their father only twice since the accident.
Meanwhile, their daddy has plenty of visits from Mrs. Miller, his teacher associates, and former students from the high school.

HE ALSO HAS a TV set on which he watches the ball games with his present convalescent roommate, Benjamin C. Tousey, Jr., 31, of 1309 Shippam, Birmingham.

When not watching TV, he catches up on the stack of reading beside his bed.
He is particularly pleased with a bit of reading labeled "Capital Round Souvenir Booklet." On an inside page, Birmingham high school students have dedicated the booklet to "George L. Miller, a teacher who has long set an example for students with his kindness and sincerity."
"Although Mr. Miller has met with an unfortunate accident," the students wrote, "hope is in some small way we can make him feel that he will always be a part of Birmingham high school."



SMILING AREA High school students pictured here will be honored at a banquet Tuesday night at Devon Gables, when the Michigan State university club of Oakland county presents them with one-year scholarships awarded by the university. With them at right are Richard Ernst, MSU club president, and Harry Winston, Jr. (standing). Scholarship winners are (from left) Sharon Lewis, 1600 Derby road; Carol Negri, 5550 Potnam; Mary Jo Allgire, 269 Southlawn, and Theodore Robinson, 18551 Saratoga, Southfield township.

Birmingham Man Is State's top Booster for 1956

Russel A. Swaney, a Birmingham resident and Detroit banker whose roots are deep in Michigan soil, has become the state's top booster of general chairman of the 1956 Michigan Week observance, May 29-26.

Swaney, who spent his boyhood on a farm in Newaygo county, refers to Michigan Week as a "grass roots" program.
The objective of Michigan Week, Swaney said, is to "awaken our people to the past, present and challenging future of our great state for the purpose of building a more greater Michigan."

SWANEY WAS born in Detroit on June 26, 1907. He was named after General Russel A. Alger of Detroit, governor of Michigan from 1885 to 1887, United States Senator and Secretary of War in President McKinley's cabinet.
Swaney's birthplace, at 48 Fremont street and John R., now is the site of the Rackham Memorial Building of the University of Michigan and the Engineering Society of Detroit.

When Swaney was eight years old, his father died, and his mother took Russel and his brother George to a farm near Broham, Michigan in Newaygo county. The brothers still own the farm.
Swaney recalls that when city boys were earning pocket money selling newspapers, he was picking beans for the Garber Food Cans company in nearby Fremont.
He now is vice president in charge of the Detroit branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. He lives at 805 Redding.

Long a civic leader, he has received five "oscar" awards for his work with the United Foundation Torch drive in Detroit.

A MEMBER of the war finance committee of the United States Treasury from 1942 to 1945, he was awarded a Dwight D. Eisenhower citation in recognition of his service.
"Michigan Week," Swaney said, "offers a new vehicle for publicizing Michigan. With a concerted effort to put our best foot forward during the week of May 29, we can arouse the people to a greater desire for better things for Michigan people."
"Our state seal carries a Latin inscription which, freely translated, says, 'If you would see a beautiful peninsula, look around you.' But if you would see the greatness that is really ours, look at yourself, and at your neighbor, for Michigan is first in its sons and daughters, its children with that forward look."
"One could compare the first year of Michigan Week (in 1954) to an architect's sketch of a build-



RUSSEL A. SWANEY

the Union Bank of Michigan in Grand Rapids in 1928. He became vice president and manager of the Detroit branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago in 1951.

He married Marion Theresa Chumik in 1930 and has five children, Shirley Mrs. Garvin, H. Madonoff, Russel, air force lieutenant; Sandra Mrs. Courtney A. Locklear; William, a student at Birmingham high school; and Richard, now in grammar school.

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