

It has been said by Bible authorities that one can understand the spiritual meaning of a book only by reading, reading and thinking. One cannot really understand its divine offerings through mere scientific study of the text. The human love is ecstatic. . . Divine understanding brings ecstasy to one's soul.

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This and That

by George R. Averill

The Birmingham area certainly has a gastronomic right to feel proud of the recent opening of Greenfield's Suburban one and a half million dollar restaurant. . . not only gastronomic, but artistically, as well. Jack Lawrence, who lives in Birmingham, president of Greenfield-Hills chain of restaurants, has a real deserved right to view the local establishment as a marvelous contribution to the nation's public eating traditions. Located on Hunter Blvd., Suburban may be considered as another jewel in the architectural diadem that has become a traditional landmark in this delightful residential bit of American Suburbia.

Hats off to Lieut. Henry Timm. For the past 29 years a member of Birmingham's police force, Timm, now a young man of late years specialized in work with the younger generation. He and the other members of the juvenile division, has given illustrated talks on traffic before and after the holidays. Hundreds of youngsters came to view him as a wise and sympathetic friend. Timm has his wife plan to move to Bradenton, Fla.

Few of us are able, or called upon, to perform those heroisms that make great stories, epics. But all of us are given opportunities to perform many lesser kindnesses. . . and, unless we do, the route of our lives is bounded by the narrow path of selfishness, self-centeredness. . . whose walls prevent us from seeing the lovely gardens that flourish on the earth's breast.

"Texas mother to her tot: careful going school today. kids—we had another oil strike last night & it's slippery out." —(Holly-wood Reporter.)

Inability of Uncle Sam's military services, aided by scientists, to launch the proposed Dec. 4 satellite on Dec. 4, suggests that our citizens have a right to be concerned with this failure. It certainly is an admission that Russia is ahead of us on the development and use of atomic energy in launching techniques. What has happened to the vaunted military genius of General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower?

Whenever the top brass of a state-supported institution of higher learning begin to reveal evidence of a fast rate to expand too rapidly, such top brass should be talked to by a state's law-makers. . . especially those law-makers who levy taxes and make appropriations to public education. Top education brass will perform a better public service if they place more emphasis on education itself rather than on education in the service of a value that is aid in meeting the needs of man (not factored) of human beings.

Recent suggestion by a prominent AFMCO building trades leader led that labor refuse to demand higher wages during 1958. This too had to be inflation, and was spurred by most other labor leaders. It is quite understandable why the idea has been rejected since most labor leaders are ignorant of the economic processes involved in the production and distribution of man-made wealth. Too, it is difficult for most people to realize economic truth with the natural desires of humanity for more with less effort.

Winston Churchill once gave this advice to speakers: "Don't be nervous. Do just as I do. Whenever I get up to speak I always make it a point to take a good look around the audience. Then I say to myself: 'What a lot of silly folk.' And then I always feel better."

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JAMES E. GOODMAN

His Indiana Hometown Honors James Goodman

James E. Goodman, 451 Goodhue road, Bloomfield Hills, was honored by nearly 200 Union City, Ind., citizens Tuesday night at a testimonial dinner. Goodman, a native of Union City, is a General Motors Corp. vice president and general manager of the auto firm's Fisher Body division.

Goodman returned to his hometown earlier Tuesday to announce the establishment of the Marsha Goodman scholarship fund in memory of his mother. He revealed the \$4,000 annual grant in a speech before an assembly program at the Union City high school, where he had once was a student.

GOODMAN EXPLAINED that the scholarship will go each year, for the next 10 years, to the outstanding male graduate of the school. The winner may choose his own course of study and his own accredited college.

The GM vice president told the student body that scholarship alone is not enough to create leaders in the world of the future, that the modern successful student must learn to recognize and accept responsibility early in life.

Later at the testimonial dinner, Union City civic and business leaders paid tribute to the native son who started his career in the automotive industry as a metal polisher.

In his evening address, Goodman said, "The basic element of progress is that we look ahead, not backward, and that we constantly strive to find new and better ways of doing things."



JOHN K. ORMOND

Though gloomy and overcast, Sunday was a happy day in Birmingham, as Dr. John K. Ormond (left) and Edwin L. Kirbert, YMCA executive secretary, indicate. Kirbert and the declaration at groundbreaking ceremonies for the first permanent unit of the Birmingham YMCA at Lincoln and Edgewood streets. Dr. Ormond broke ground as a representative of the adults. Among other participants in the ceremony attended by about 100 were Joseph R. Dalley, groundbreaking committee chairman; Rev. Robert A. Graham, First Presbyterian church; Ralph Hileman, general secretary of the Metropolitan Detroit YMCA; Colonel Leslie Fletcher, chairman of the YMCA committee of management, and the Rev. Allen E. Witttrup, First Methodist church.

Longer Postal Hours Start

Yuletide Mailings Will Benefit

Special Christmas postal hours went into effect at the Birmingham post office Monday as the yuletide mailing peak neared.

Today and Saturday, Dec. 21, the local office will be open from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m. Hours will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Dec. 16 through Dec. 20. The postoffice also will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Sundays remaining before Christmas. Hours on Dec. 23 and 24 at 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ROLAND W. REESE, postmaster, reports that all service windows handling stamps and parcel post will be open during the listed hours. Money order, register and special services will remain at regular schedules.

Patrons are again requested to cooperate in clearly addressing all parcels and mails, securely wrapping and tying all parcels and mailing as early as possible. Labels indicating local and out-of-town mail are available in the lobby post office and will assist in speeding handling of mail.

Play Yule Music For B'ham Shoppers

If you're not yet in the Christmas mood, music may help. Birmingham police, in cooperation with the local Chamber of Commerce, are piping Christmas music over loudspeakers downtown for Christmas shoppers afternoon and evenings.

Police officers make safety announcements from their vantage point over LaBelle's gift shop on Maple avenue. Lt. Henry Timm is in charge of the program this year.

The program will begin at 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Thursdays in the Harlan multi-purpose room. Noble feels this plan facilitates the child's need for vigorous leisure time activity, skills and free play. He hopes to extend the time later on to include more afternoons in the week.

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Take the Cake
Getting ready for their club's first public sale, Harry Cook (left) and W. Lyle Bones of Birmingham's High Twelve club upload 27-pound boxes, each containing nine fruit cakes, near the Woodward-Hamilton branch of Detroit Bank and trust company, where the sale will be held today and tomorrow. Profits from sale of the Georgia-made fruit cakes at the bank will benefit the club's Wolcott scholarships and other youth activities. Through the scholarship fund the club finances the education at George Washington university of students preparing for diplomatic careers. Funds given by Hi-12 to Camp Oakland for boys financed last year's construction of a new infirmary at the camp.

'Extra Class Sports' Planned for Harlan

NORTH ADAMS—A new after school program is being formed by Bruce Noble, physical educational teacher at Harlan school, to begin soon after the first of the year.

The program will be known as "extra class sports" and will begin after school from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Thursdays in the Harlan multi-purpose room. Noble feels this plan facilitates the child's need for vigorous leisure time activity, skills and free play. He hopes to extend the time later on to include more afternoons in the week.

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Hills Considers Sewer Costs, Ups US-10 Speed

Roads and sewers were the primary concern of Bloomfield Hills city commission Tuesday night.

City Manager Elmer Kephart reported that a rough estimate of the Hills' share for trunk sewers in the new green system will be about \$1,950,000. This includes, he said, legal and engineering fees and \$204,000 in extensions of original sewer plans, which eliminates the need for some anticipated laterals.

N'Western Extension Postponed Five Years

Oakland-Hastings X-Way Comes First

FENTON—The on-again, off-again Northwestern highway extension is off again. More than 200 persons appeared at the Fenton community center Tuesday night to hear State Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie report that a plan to extend Northwestern to connect with the Fenton-Clio expressway has been shelved for at least five years.

Mackie said the plan was laid aside because the Hastings-Oakland expressway will "serve three times the traffic and is entitled to 90 per cent federal aid."

HE SAID the Northwestern highway extension does not qualify under the federal interstate highway system and does not qualify under the priority system.

MACKIE HAS BEEN accused by some, including Congressman William S. Broomfield (R-Oakland county), of dropping the Northwestern extension in order to build a toll road.

AT THE Tuesday night meeting, Mackie said he planned to use \$25,000,000 already set aside to extend Northwestern to improve the highways to expressway standards from the present termini of the Lodge expressway to Telegraph and a connection with the Farmington-Brighton expressway.

He light in the southbound lane only on Woodward above Long Lake road to aid traffic flow from Opdyke road.

KEPHART WAS instructed to have an ordinance ready for approval in January which would control weight loads on city roads. A set of rules and regulations for Woodward avenue taken over by Robert J. Stadler, director of public safety, was adopted.

Quarton Skating Wins OK From City

Rek Board Bows To Public Demand

After turning a deaf ear for several years, Birmingham's recreation board has bowed to public opinion and will back ice skating activities at Quarton lake this winter. The city will inspect this winter.

While there will be no direct supervision of Quarton skating activities, the forestry and parks department will maintain the skating area and will inspect the ice daily.

SKATING AREAS at the lake will be scraped and resurfaced by machinery from Eton artificial rink as often as necessary. Plans call for circular tracks to be cleared for good skating. General practice hockey rinks also will be cleared, as well as additional areas for skating alone.

Gale reports studies were made last summer to determine, through drilling and current checks, the safest areas of the lake. He adds that by maintaining the skating areas, the department hopes to pull skaters away from unsafe areas.

Name Carl Kindl Crusade Leader For Second Year
Carl H. Kindl, General Motors vice president who lives at 1340 Pembroke, Bloomfield Hills, has again been named as the leader of the Crusade for Freedom, the private organization which supports the cause of Radio Free Europe.

Commenting upon his appointment for the second year, Kindl announced that during a recent trip to Europe he visited the headquarters of Radio Free Europe in Munich, Germany.

Men's Night Big Success
Monday's Men's night Christmas shopping program was the most successful in the history of the chamber of commerce sponsored event. Aaron Kerschbaum, chairman of the affair, reports. Kerschbaum states that it was a lot bigger than last year and that men shoppers reported satisfaction with the program.

Plan Board Drops Changes Slated For New Zone Map

Revised Zoning Map

All zoning changes have been dropped from the revised map to be incorporated in Birmingham's proposed new zone law, in accordance with a decision Monday night by the city planning board.

At another meeting last week, a suggestion that building heights be permitted to reach six stories evoked criticism from some of the planners.

Other members made the change in the proposed zone map to facilitate speedy adoption of the new law. City Planner Herbert Herzberg said. The new map will include revised zoning of the single family residence district into three zones. It will also contain two distinct multiple family residence zones in place of the one now established.

THE MINOR CHANGES in zoning the board felt should be incorporated in the new map have led to property owners' objections during informal hearings held in recent weeks.

Other persons seeking changes in zoning demanded that their requests also be incorporated in the new map.

"The board doesn't want to put the city commission in the position (See PLAN BOARD, Page 8-A)

Modern Medicine Man
What is it? Why, it's just Donald Tompkins, building superintendent at Cranbrook institute of science, wearing an ancient bark mask from New Guinea and holding Javanese drums to illustrate the Charles Addams cartoon, "Now for a change of tempo." The current institute exhibition titled "Addams and Anthropology," features blow-ups of cartoons by Addams, along with artifacts from the institute's collection similar to those in the cartoons. The exhibit will run through January.

Patterson Elected Bureau President

W. Calvin Patterson

W. Calvin Patterson was elected president of the Detroit Convention and Tourist Bureau, by the board of directors, Tuesday. He is vice president of Michigan Bell Telephone Co.

Two new bureau directors were also named: Frank Colombo is of Southfield township vice president of the J. L. Hudson Co. and James M. Rood is of Bloomfield Hills, general manager of the Cadillac motor car division and vice president of General Motors Corp.

STRICTLY FRESH
A Christmas ham is the fellow who made the annual Yuletide office party.

All we want on Christmas is a "paid" stamp on each of last year's holiday bills.

The gift of gracious giving can't be bought in a store.

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