

And too often people must lose a thing they enjoy as a matter-of-fact, before they value it. History is filled with the records of nations who lost their personal freedoms on the altar of selfishness, wantonness, cowardly, all of which entered into inhumanity. None's great loss to reflect his divine origin.

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SECTION A

Serving the Citizens of Michigan's Finest Suburban Residential Area



Proceeds of Design Its New Building Here

Excellence Award for Eccentric

At the Michigan Press association's annual convention in Lansing Saturday night, The Birmingham Eccentric was certified as the top general excellence winner among the state's sub-urban, weekly newspapers, traditionally the weekly field's pacesetter.

This will be the second year in a row that this first place honor has come to The Eccentric, and the third time in four years.

At the Saturday night dinner, Editor George R. Averill will be presented with the MPA's certificate of recognition for this latest honor.

"HOW TO KEEP husband's health"

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Spared by Snow, Tot's Condition Called Critical

While a seeming miracle spared the life of 2-year-old Carol Todd Sunday, a Beaumont hospital spokesman said Wednesday afternoon that the tot was still in critical condition. She is being given oxygen and intravenous feeding.

Hospital attendants were hoping another miracle would heal the severe internal injuries Carol suffered when she was run over by a rear wheel of her father's car.

1st Unit Expected By 1958

Plans for Birmingham's new YMCA building took a big step forward this week as architects were hired to design the building, with the first \$100,000 unit expected to be ready in 1958.

Del Ingram, Birmingham Y committee of management chairman, and William E. Roberts, permanent building committee chairman, made the disclosure this week.

The first unit, they said, will be financed from money allocated from the Metropolitan Detroit Building Fund (MDBF).

NEW SHRINE LEADER has many close ties in Birmingham. Charles L. Wilson, newly-elected Potentiate of 15,000 Moslem Shrine, being congratulated by his public relations chairman, Ralph W. Moore, has two sons and a son-in-law, all Shriners, living in Birmingham. Left to right: Charles L. Wilson,

This and That

by George R. Averill

Take Option On Hills Jr. High Site

Bloomfield Hills board of education signed a 60-day option with Bert G. Forman this week for 25 acres fronting on Quarton and Wing Lake roads for a junior high school site.

SUPERINTENDENT Eugene L. Johnson said negotiations for the property were expected to be completed by mid-February at \$4,000 an acre.

Expected to cost \$1.4 million, it would accommodate 600 pupils and be ready for fall 1958 classes.

Troy Hires New Manager

TROY-C. R. Lukens, 38, city manager Monday night by city commissioners to replace Orlando G. Holway as Troy's city manager.

Lukens, employed at Fairborn six years, is married and the father of four children. He was assistant city manager of Extonah for two years before going to Fairborn.

Harold Burrows Is Elected New UCS President

Harold W. H. Burrows, 255 Manor, Bloomfield township, was elected president of United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit, it was announced Monday by the organization's board of directors.

Burrows is a director, vice-president and controller of Parke, Davis & Co.

Bouquets Offered To Mrs. Gillette

There were no artificial flowers among the verbal bouquets presented to Mrs. Anice Gillette, of 815 S. Gilbert, Township Director, at last week's "Flowers to the Living" program.

Mrs. Gilbert Schrock, of 1744 Webster, who directed the program for the sponsoring Kiwanians, presented the award to Mrs. Gillette at the dinner meeting spontaneously stood up and had something to say about Ayres.

UF Consolidates S. Oakland Areas With Office Here

New northern territorial divisions for the United Federation of Bricklayers Building in Birmingham were announced today.

All Turner, former northern territory director, will head the new territory under the direction of Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin region. Turner also will be campaign director for the region.

Hills PTO Asks Improvement of School Bus Laws

Bloomfield Hills parent-teachers organization this week lined up being efforts to have the Michigan legislature improve highway safety conditions involving loading and unloading of children from school buses.

Last September, a Bloomfield township six-year-old boy lost a leg as a result of being hit by a car. He was crossing the road when the bus and was not seen by the driver of the car coming in the opposite direction.

A New Daughter For Commissioner And Mrs. Roberts

Birmingham City Commissioner William Roberts walked into the county drug store Saturday and asked for a large economy-size box of cigars.

Roberts just came from Beaumont hospital where Mrs. Roberts had given birth to her fourth child and second daughter, who has been named Heidi.

Fire Regulations Get Commission's Study Saturday

Several proposed minor revisions in rules and regulations governing Birmingham fire department operation will be reviewed by city commissioners at a committee session Saturday morning.

Suggestions include slight modification of present fire truck, week work definition, method of handling fire alarm calls, use of sick time and leave days, and re-evaluation of required membership in the two firemen's associations.

Catholics Acquire 10-Acre Troy Site

The sale of 10 acres of vacant land in Troy township to the Catholic Diocese of Detroit was announced this week by Edward A. O'Donnell, of the Detroit real estate firm handling the sale.

The property, east of Adams road between Wattles and E. Long Lake, fronts on Beech road. It will be used for establishment of a new parish and school, O'Donnell said.

Jr., 212 Argyle; Moore, 340 Puritan; Wilson, Sr.; Ira Wilson II, 869 Fox Run, and Victor A. Brain, 1044 N. Glenhurst. M o s l e m Temple's membership, which spreads over 11 southern Michigan counties, includes Shriners in Ann Arbor, Jackson, Hillsdale, Port Huron, Mt. Clemens, Coldwater and Pontiac.

Holway, who is in California, sent his approval to the board by air mail. A long-time resident of the area, he served as a member of the Wing Lake school board of education prior to his affiliation with the Bloomfield Hills school district. The school site is part of a larger section of Forman property.

Condemnation proceedings for an elementary school site at Quarton and Wing Lake are scheduled for court hearing Jan. 29.

B'ham Rotary's New President Is Dick Fischer

Auto dealer Richard A. Fischer is Birmingham Rotary club's new president. He was elected Tuesday at a meeting of the new board of directors: Jack Hall, Ed Albert, Herbert Hengst, Leon de St. Nicholas, Matthew Cammareri, and Fischer.

Howard Cousins, this year's president, becomes vice president. Forbes Hall takes over as secretary from Paul Grant, who has held this position for many years. James Moore will be treasurer, and James Schmidt assistant secretary.

To Review Tax Roll

P. G. Burnett, 563 Hanna, and Shoshanna Meadows, 1724 Dexter, were appointed this week to Birmingham's board of tax review together with City Assessor Clark Hagstrom, who will hold their first meeting March 5 on the city's 1957 tax assessment roll.

1st of School Reports In Committee's Hands

Completion of the school personnel planning study by the citizens committee on education is expected by Feb. 15, chairman Louis A. Bauer, 3140 Broadway, announced this week.

The first of the school committee reports dealing with existing conditions, what is needed and how to finance any suggested improvements is in the hands of the 15-member steering committee and is being studied. It deals with present practices in teacher recruitment, training, classification, qualifications, salaries, fringe benefits, organization and other areas of personnel administration.

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PRINCIPAL objective of the committee is to make comprehensive studies and recommendations in three broad areas—the physical plant (such as classrooms, playgrounds and gymnasiums), personnel policies and curriculum.

"Study in these fields does not imply that present conditions are inadequate or faulty," Bauer said. "Rather, it is an effort to augment the school board's studies of important areas by drawing on the large pool of talent available in the school system."

The first major study undertaken by the committee, in 1955, was on the need for additional classrooms. It resulted in recommendations that voters approve a study of possible additional classrooms, modernizing several elementary schools and completion of swimming pools at Birmingham high school and Deerpark junior high school.

THE REMAINING

two studies will be completed soon and the committee will review and correlate the three reports into a final report to be presented to the PTA council and the board of education. The board is the only body legally empowered to act on the committee's recommendations. It may accept or reject all or part of the suggestions for improving the school district's personnel program, which already has an excellent reputation.

The study of curriculum—third phase of the committee's activities—will get under way soon. A sub-committee has been appointed to study specific areas of investigation and will make its recommendations to the steering committee at an early date.

The citizens committee on education is an independent fact-finding body of interested citizens who live in the Birmingham school district, but which has no official connection with the school system. It was organized by the PTA council in 1954.

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STRICTLY FRESH

The main difference between a four-year-old and a five-year-old is about \$200 worth of clothing.

Girls pretty enough to pose for calendars never have to worry about a shortage of dates.

A basketball referee is the only person who can speak foul language simply by blowing a whistle.

Blonde hair on the shoulder are more troublesome than gray hairs on the head, especially if you're married to a brunette.

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