It is unfortunate that most people come to accept the good phases of their living as matters-of-fact, normal conditions. Ceasing, then, to be grateful daily for these blessings, one easily can get into the habit of being critical about many situations, (mostly little ones, too) and when this critical attitude fastens itself one is very unhappy.

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This and That

by George R. Averill

'Yes, It Surely Does!'

Seated in their sedan on the outskirts of a great city, two business men were quietly absorbed in the spectacle of a sunset spreading its vivid backdrop behind the magnificence of a great city. For many minutes neither said a word. The scene spoke for itself. Finally, the younger of the two broke the silence.

"Seventeen stories up," he said, "in that tower over there is where you and I have our offices. Impressive offices; very busy—where we feel we are handling very important transactions. Affairs of more consequence, in fact, than any going elsewhere. When we're up there, the world sort of revolves around us—or so we assume.

"But; somehow, over here, the whole concept of personal and business importance starts losing dimensions. Look at those tremendous structures crowded all around our little offices! Notice the puny finger it points into that limitless sea of light which has very nearly swallowed up the whole city! A view like this changes a man's perspective, doesn't it?"

But there was no response. Eventually a switch clicked; the purring monotone of the motor awoke. Slowly their headlights coasted around to the homeward course. Not till they were well into the surge of the city was conversation resumed. It was the older man who spoke. "Yes, it surely does," he said. —CHEER MAGAZINE

Better development of a State highway program can be accomplished more satisfactorily if the head of that department is removed from the "practical evils of politics." Every Highway Commissioner Michigan has had, found himself gee-ed and haw-ed this-away and that-a-way by pressure groups . . . groups not only in the Legislature itself, but those representing every area of Michigan. I suggest the creation of a State Highway Commission, of perhaps five men, with staggered terms, appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate; this commission to hire competent engineers to handle the State's highway requirements. Pay the engineers good salaries, protect them and retain them if they are doing good jobs. Highway engineers should not have to become practical politicians.

Recent announcement by U. S. movie producers that they intend to "loosen up" on the plots of future pictures . . . they will not, of course! . . . portray the most depraved and sadistic phases of mankind's evil doings. Here, then, is further opportunity for television producers to gain more viewers.

Exports report that Chesapeake Bay's traditional oyster beds are not producing a normal quantity of this sea food, due to too much commercial raiding. Since this is the chief source of American pearls, and since more pearls are desired by American women, let's hope suitable protection for these edible water bivalves is forthcoming. Also lots of folks like oysters raw and in soup . . . by all means, Congressmen, save the oyster!

ROY BLASIOLA, JR.

Hills Ends Year With Auto Death

Roy Dominic Blasiola, who died Friday following an accident on Woodward avenue, was Bloomfield Hills' first traffic fatality for 1956. His death was one of two which marred Oakland county's perfect non-fatality record for the 1956 holiday season.

The accident occurred shortly after midnight last Thursday when Blasiola, who was driving south on Woodward, turned left at Trowbridge road. He apparently failed to see a car coming north driven by Lawrence B. Jerome, 20, of 5245 Adams road, Rochester. Blasiola's car was struck in the right rear.

BLASIOLA, a 16-year-old Bloomfield Hills high school student, lived on Trowbridge road, Bloomfield Hills. He died at 4:50 a.m. Friday in St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac.

He was the son of Roy Blasiola, manager of Chrysler Corp.'s Nine Mile road press plant.

Jerome, a student home for the Christmas holidays, was released after making a statement to the prosecuting attorney. After being treated at St. Joseph Mercy hospital for knee and lip cuts and possible head injuries, he entered Ford hospital for further observation.

According to the testimony of a police witness, Blasiola made the left turn without stopping before proceeding across the northbound lane on Woodward.

Hills Police Chief Stanley Kevern pointed out that, while the accident marred the department's no-fatality record for the year, the record still was an improvement over the 1955 total of three fatalities.

Besides his father, Roy is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Don Loranger of Flint, Mrs. William Prokopy of Birmingham and Mrs. Ronald Duval and Judy of Bloomfield Hills, and two brothers, William P. and Edward J., at home. He also leaves his grandmother, Mrs. Marie Blasiola of Detroit.

Rev. Howard G. Allwardt officiated at services Monday from Virgo E. Kinsey funeral home in Royal Oak and Our Shepherd Lutheran church, Birmingham. Burial was in White Chapel cemetery.

Wilson Plans Cabinet Stay

Secretary of Defense, Charles E. Wilson, last week indicated he will remain in his job at least until July, when congressional action on the military budget usually is completed.

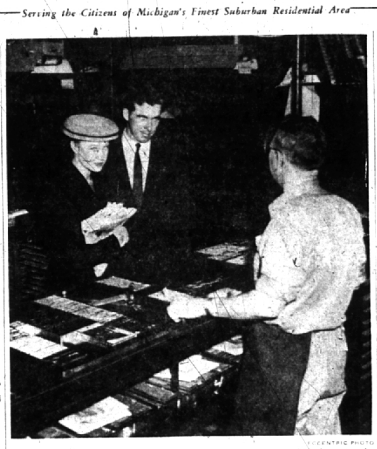
Back in Washington after a holiday vacation at his home on Long Lake road, in Bloomfield township, Wilson said he intends to see the budget through.

"But I might change my mind, of course," Wilson said. "A man never knows what is going to happen to him these days."

New, Easier System for Page Numbers

For the greater convenience of The Birmingham Eccentric's readers, this week we introduce a new page-numbering system. Each page will now contain the section designation, as well as the page number. This will make it unnecessary to turn back to the front page of each section to determine what part of The Eccentric you are reading.

Instead of numbers, sections now will be designated by letter . . . so page designations will read "2-B", or "7-D", "5-E", and so on.



ECCENTRIC PHOTO

ELIZABETH BROWN, a 19-year-old cadet journalist for the Sydney (Australia) Daily Mirror, sees how a prize-winning American weekly newspaper is put together. With her in The Birmingham Eccentric's composing room is her Birmingham host, U. S. Navy Lt. (jg) Tim Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Adams of Puritan road. A cadet journalist on The Mirror receives four years of on-the-spot training from staff reporters. Miss Brown handles some of the society and feature news for the women's pages of The Mirror, the youngest, but highest circulation, of Sydney's four daily papers.

Stork Has Dual Role In Contest

The stork began the new year with service above and beyond the call of duty, thereby playing a trick on Birmingham merchants who have offered prizes to the area's first 1957 baby.

For heading the list of eligibles as The Eccentric's first baby comes down the home stretch are Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Zuehlsdorff, who became parents of twins early Jan. 1.

Their baby boy arrived at 2:31 a.m. at St. Joseph Mercy hospital in Pontiac. Then the unpredictable stork paid a return visit with extra service, and a baby girl was born at 2:36 a.m.

THE ZUEHLSDORFFS, whose address is 7500 Cornwall court, West Bloomfield township, Birmingham, meet the contest's requirements for a Bloomfield, Birmingham or Franklin mailing address. They have one other child, a 15-year-old daughter.

Unless some other area couple reports an earlier visit from the stork to The Eccentric office before 9 p.m. Tuesday, Zuehlsdorffs will be proclaimed the winners—twice.

Among the contest prizes which Birmingham merchants offered in last week's Eccentric are a number of items such as clothing for both mother and father, and a host of gifts for the new baby(ies).

Other firsts of the year include the first call to Birmingham police, a report at 12:18 a.m. from Edward Jones, of 429 Croft, that someone was shooting a gun at Croft and Sheffield roads. When police arrived on the scene, the gun-toters had vanished.

THE FIRST RECKLESS driver of the year was reported at 1:31 a.m., when Thomas L. Draper, Jr., of 111 Abbey, told police the erratic motorist nearly struck the car he was driving near the intersection of Lincoln and Cranbrook roads. A police search failed to locate the offender.

A Centerline man made news as the first arrest of the year, when Birmingham police booked him on charges of driving under the influence of liquor at 4:15 a.m. Arrested after police noticed him driving erratically on Maple avenue, he was released on $100 bond.

Woman Treated For Dog Bites

Treated by a plastic surgeon for severe lacerations about the lip, Mrs. Florence Hockert, 48, of 2280 Yorkshire, was later released from William Beaumont hospital late Monday.

Police said Mrs. Hockert was bitten severely by a dachshund dog owned by Donald Blow, 2541 E. Dorchester. The dog was the mother of week old pups.

July-Dec. News Highlights Here

The second half of 1956 opened on a dismal note with word of the death of three local men involved in history's worst air disaster.

In the Grand Canyon mid-air crash of two airliners which claimed all 128 passengers and crew members were: Carl J. Snyder, Bloomfield Hills; Ted M. Kubiniec, Bloomfield township; and John J. Muldoon, Southfield.

And Bloomfield Township Supervisor David E. Anderson died during the first week in July. His successor is Arno L. Hulet, former township treasurer.

THE LAST six months was a trying period in Lathrup Village where resignation of Justice Leonard V. Pylkas touched off allegations that still reverberate in Lathrup.

During July it was announced that a syndicate headed by Fred Knorr of Bloomfield Hills, purchased the Detroit Tigers. Many of the new owners are local residents.

Threat of a super highway through the middle of mostly residential property in Southfield and Bloomfield townships was made known. This caused a counter-movement by local residents to organize against the freeway's proposed location culminating in a mass meeting of more than 3,000 local citizens with State highway officials in the Southfield high school gym. It was announced a few weeks later that the highway would be located further to the west.

BIRMINGHAM-AREA voters showed little or no apathy Nov. 6 when between 83 and 91 per cent of the qualified citizens of various communities turned out for the general election in which President Eisenhower was returned to office by a landslide.

City of Southfield's proposed second charter went down to defeat by only 43 votes. Had 533 voters not forgotten to pull a lever either for or against the charter, it probably would have carried because most of these votes were in the south end where incorporation was favored three to one.

Other happenings during the last six months of 1956 taken from The Eccentric's files are noted below.

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Three Birmingham area men were among the 128 killed in history's worst commercial airlines crash over Grand Canyon. The three were Carl J. Synder, 59, of Pembroke, Bloomfield Hills, Chrysler Corp. director and vice president; Ted M. Kubiniec, 37, of 388 N. Glengary, Bloomfield township, Ford Motor attorney, and John J. Muldoon, 57, of 21468 Stahelin, Southfield township, Cogsdill Twist Drill company sales engineer.

Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills men supporting Bill Veeck in his bid for the Detroit Tigers were William H. Breech, Fred W. Freeman, Ernst F. Kern, William G. Lenhan, Jr., Edward H. Lincoln, Richard C. VanDusen and Edward E. Wilson.

LATHRUP—Justice Leonard V. Pylkas tendered his resignation at a meeting of the Lathrup council. At the same

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Special Pickup Of Yule Trees

A special pickup of used Christmas trees will be made by the Birmingham department of public works on regular collection days starting this week.

The city's wood chipper will make the rounds the first week, while regular disposal crews will pick up the tree stragglers.

B'ham Merchant, Companion Killed

Suspect Murder, Suicide

A Birmingham businessman was shot to death late Monday or early Tuesday by a woman employee who then took her own life, apparently as their auto sped along Woodward in Royal Oak, according to Royal Oak police.

Bodies of Jack D. Robinson, 39, vice president and general manager of Beck Cleaners, 832 North Woodward and Mrs. Marie Y. Sayers, 35, of 3016 N. Woodward, Royal Oak, were found Tuesday morning by James F. Todd, 3955 Quarton, Birmingham.

Each was shot once, said police. Two persons living near where the auto was found said they heard what might have been shots about 9:30 or 10 p.m. Monday.

THE CAR CRASHED through a fence behind the Capri motel at 3016 N. Woodward and into a garage near the studio of "Snuffy" McGill, a photographer, of 3117 Woodslee, Royal Oak.

Police said Mrs. Sayers purchased the gun used in the shooting Monday night in Ferndale. She was fingerprinted in Birmingham Dec. 4 so she could obtain a permit for a revolver she said she needed to protect herself after, earlier this month, she reported finding a man hiding in the rear seat of her auto.

Robinson's wife told police that Mrs. Sayers had threatened Robinson's life two weeks ago. While not separated from his wife, Robinson had been staying at a Royal Oak hotel in an effort to calm his nerves, Mrs. Robinson told police.

ROBINSON, of 19925 Prairie, Detroit, had called his wife Monday evening to say he was leaving his office for home, police said.

The Robinsons have three children—two sons, 18 and 7—and a daughter, four months old.

Mrs. Sayers, manager of a branch of Beck Cleaners at 2927 W. Woodward, across the street from where the bodies were found, was separated from her husband.

Arrangements for both funerals are incomplete.

—Photo by Gunnar George

JACK D. ROBINSON

Detroit Jeweler Richard Garlick Dies at Store

Richard E. Garlick, 42, of 6085 Wing Lake road, Bloomfield township, was found dead Tuesday morning in his Detroit jewelry store.

Detroit police said Garlick apparently drank a mixture of sodium cyanide, used at the store for cleaning jewelry.

Garlick, ill for some time, was reported missing at 9:40 a.m. Tuesday morning, by his wife Helen, who told Bloomfield township police that Garlick left home, after threatening to kill himself. Bloomfield police notified Detroit police. Garlick was despondent over a pending ear operation his wife said.

GARLICK'S BODY was found by two patrolmen who answered an automatic alarm at the jewelry store on Washington Blvd. For 40 minutes, attempts were made to revive him.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday from Christ church Cranbrook, with burial in Woodlawn cemetery.

Surviving in addition to his wife are three children, Ralph, 20, Richard E. Jr., 13, and Dolly, 9; his parents, James H. and Elizabeth Garlick, his brother James H. Jr., and two sisters, Mrs. Kathleen Nixon and Mrs. Marion Huff.

Garlick and his brother have operated the jewelry business since the elder Garlick retired.

A graduate of Albion college, Garlick moved to Wing Lake six years ago from Detroit. He was a member of Detroit Consistory, Union lodge 3 F. & A.M., Moslem Temple Shrine and Sigma Chi fraternity.

Earl Bramblett To Direct GM's Labor Relations

Appointment of Earl R. Bramblett, 161 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills, as director of labor relations for General Motors was announced Monday by Louis G. Seaton, vice president in charge of the personnel staff.

A member of the General Motors personnel staff in Detroit since 1936, Bramblett first joined General Motors in 1926 and was a hourly rate worker with the Chevrolet Motor Division in Flint.

After working in the motor plant and on the assembly line for four years, he was promoted to the personnel department at Chevrolet in Flint where he handled various phases of plant personnel work.

IN DETROIT, he was assigned to personnel service section and in 1941 was made its director.

Three years later he was assigned to the labor relations section where he represented GM in arbitration proceedings before the impartial umpires and in recent years he has actively participated in the negotiations and daily administration of contracts between General Motors and the unions representing General Motors employes.

Bond Set at $200

Charged with larceny from a building, James Williamson, 17, of Dorchester road, waived examination when arraigned in Birmingham municipal court Friday. He was bound over to Oakland county circuit court, with bond, which was not furnished, set at $200.

Michigan Bell Promotes Four Birmingham Men

J. L. Conroy, general commercial manager for the Michigan Bell Telephone Co., today announced a high level realignment of personnel involving four Birmingham residents.

Charles K. Esler, 1617 Penistone, is placed on special assignment until Feb. 1, when he will replace Henry C. Kulling as general directory manager for the company.

Merle W. Slack, 2493 Buckingham, becomes assistant general commercial manager, replacing Esler.

James S. Richards, 384 Chesterfield, general commercial personnel supervisor, assumes the duties of division commercial superintendent in the company's Woodward division.

Donald E. McGaw, 1343 N. Woodward, general commercial supervisor, becomes personnel relations assistant.

A GRADUATE of the University of Michigan, Esler began his telephone career with the Western Electric Co. in 1941 and joined Michigan Bell a year later. He rose through a succession of commercial department assignments and attended the Northwestern University "Institute for Management" course in 1955.

With Michigan Bell since 1934, Slack began in the sales department at Flint following attendance at Michigan State university. In later assignments he was commercial manager at Bay City, Detroit and Grand Rapids.

He filled the posts of division commercial superintendent, general commercial supervisor and general sales manager, the position he held at the time of his current appointment.

VanDusen Still Uninterested in GOP Chairmanship

Richard C. VanDusen of Birmingham is not a candidate for the state Republican chairman's job, he repeated again this week.

Several daily newspaper stories this week continued to mention VanDusen as a possibility for the GOP state chairmanship. The job will be filled Feb. 9 at the state Republican convention in Detroit.

He told The Birmingham Eccentric he has not changed his mind since he announced several weeks ago he was not available for the spot.

VanDusen was the GOP candidate for attorney general last fall.

Injuries Result From Accidents

Three accidents last week resulted in personal injuries to occupants of cars involved, and a 14-year-old Birmingham boy who ran his bike into the open door of a parked car.

David Black, of 1901 Hazel, was discharged after treatment at Beaumont hospital for a sprained wrist and abrasions of the knee after the bike accident in front of 1000 S. Woodward Friday.

The same day Mrs. Marjorie E. Rainey, 58, of 1047 Henrietta, Birmingham, received facial injuries in an accident at Northlawn and Bates. Mrs. Rainey was a passenger in a car driven by Mrs. Mary Ann Rosborough, 26, of 762 Graefield, Birmingham.

Driver of a second car involved was Claire Twining, 30, of 459 S. Adams, Birmingham.

On Thursday of last week a two-car collision at N. Glenhurst and Pine involved cars driven by Peter Ritchie, 18, of 1234 Covington, and Dr. John S. Lambie, 74, of 280 Aspen.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Riley, passengers in Dr. Lambie's car, received minor injuries. Ritchie was ticketed for failure to yield the right of way.

ARCHITECTS THIS WEEK released the above photograph of a model of Birmingham's new Harlan elementary school, now under construction on N. Adams between Big Beaver and Wattles roads.

New Harlan School Plans Are Revealed

Next fall N. Adams area youngsters will start classes in the new, modern Harlan school for which footings are being poured this week as construction gets under way.

The one-level, expandable structure, with cluster-plan buildings grouped around several courts, will be located on N. Adams between Big Beaver and Wattles roads.

Costing $675,453 with furnishings, the school's 12 classrooms will house 420 children. It was designed by architect Linn Smith of Smith, Hinchman & Grylls Associates, MacMahon, Inc., of Birmingham, to be expanded ultimately to an 18-classroom school.

THE SCHOOL will contain two kindergartens, art-music, health room, library, conference room, multi-purpose room and staff rooms. Exterior will be of earth-grey brick, with generous glass areas for an "indoor-outdoor feeling."

C. Allen Harlan, for whom the school is named, made the school site available at much less than actual land value. He is commissioning Marshall Fredericks to prepare a sculpture for the lobby, is assuming the cost of landscaping, and is responsible for a 24' x 6' mural by Marvin Beerbohm which will grace the main lobby.

Each classroom will have immediate access to outside play areas, a variety of movable furniture and work surfaces, individual drinking water, sink and toilet facilities.

The entire plan, according to architect Smith, gives special consideration to "functional design, beauty and ease of maintenance", as requested by the Birmingham board of education. Smith said the structure incorporates "the latest and best methods of school house planning."

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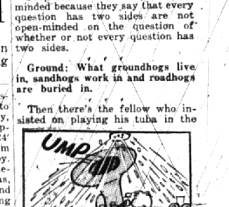
People who think they're open-minded because they say that every question has two sides are not open-minded on the question of whether or not every question has two sides.

Ground: What groundhogs live in, sandhogs work in and roadhogs are buried in.

Then there's the fellow who insisted on playing his tuba in the



shower, and drowned in the middle of the C.

Rule of thumb: Housewife with a push-button kitchen.

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