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SECTION A

Montana has learned to watch, albeit with friendly suspicion, those who visit with friendly suspicion. Whether it be King, dictator, or some form of presumed self-government, mankind is required to be alert so that he will not be shackled with the chains forged by his irresponsibility.

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## Tris and That

by George R. Averill

### Western Lakes, Rivers Beckon to Cast Our Flies in Pursuit of Gamey Trout

"Let's take a fishing trip out to Montana, Idaho, and maybe Wyoming," I suggested last spring to an old friend, Dudley M. Carson, of Huntington Woods. I've been reading about the fabulous trout waters in those areas, and, anyway, there's a lot of wonderful scenery to look at, too.

Dud, who in his more youthful days lived in Idaho's northern section, and for three years was aide to a top Idaho lumberman, quickly agreed.

"Why sure, let's go... I certainly would like to renew old friendships out there, and visit scenes of my lumbering days along the St. Joe river and some of its tributaries," he said.

But exactly where we'd put in all of our time we hadn't decided... until I happened to contact two local men, West H. Gallegly, 3500 Woodale Ct., and Paul S. Gerhardt, 1000 Pine Road, headmaster of the Brookside School in Bloomfield Hills.

### THESE MEN ARE PARTNERS

in the Lost Trail Camp, located in beautiful mountainous country in western Montana, a mile high; they invited Dud and myself to be guests at their camp for a few days, prior to its formal opening July 1. This camp, by the way, is a thrilling experience to the 40-plus boys, 10 to 13, who each have a tent and a cot at the camp.

Most of the boys come from local and nearby families, and enjoy camping trips, horseback rides, hiking, fishing, various handicraft courses, and swimming in a natural hot spring water that enters the pool and remains at about 85 degrees.

Gerhardt, who personally directs the camp for six weeks each summer, also agreed to get a native trout for me to take home as a memento of the week—one of his counselors who would be able to show us where fishing is good. His name is James C. Chamer, of Butte, Montana, a teacher in Butte's schools.

### OUR DATE OF DEPARTURE

from Birmingham was set for June 20, when we'd fly to Missoula, Montana, where we'd get into a brand new fleet Rambler station wagon, made available through Buick American Motors.

Dud and I willingly attest to the comfort of the new car, which economically carried us nearly 2,000 miles in 15 days, when we finally returned in Billings, Mont.

To begin with, let me say that Montana is, indeed, a scenic state, next to Texas and California in area, though its less than 875,000 population is about 1/10 that of the population of our own local Oakland county.

ITS WESTERN half is touched by the Rocky mountain range, with the normal foothills in the northwest corner and Yellowstone National Park overlapping its southwestern corner. Its eastern half is called "the Great Plains," with cattle and agriculture producing its wealth.

The western mountainous part, you may recall, shows in vast areas of timber, and in the Grand Canyon and Lodge Pole Pine, plus an abundance of spruce. Add to this considerable mining resources of gold, silver and even much gold, and you have an inventory of Montana's natural resources.

Perhaps, though, I should bring the resources list up to date and mention "tourists," scores of thousands of whom visit "The Treasure State" every summer. There are plenty of good roads, pretty good hotels and motels, and the far-off open spaces and interesting scenes.

TOO, WHERE DUD and I contacted Montana, Idaho and Wyoming, you may be sure we encountered no hostile and bustle of big cities, traffic jams, and the daily coughing of horns that worried and harassed city folk.

Out in those western U. S. areas people seem to have a more relaxed, right worries; they live easier, more casual, and appear like substantial citizens of a land they have come to enjoy... and they enjoy it robotically!

A most interesting historical fact connected with southwest Montana is that Lewis and Clark, back in 1805-06, went through this area while exploring a route to the Pacific ocean... a route since known as the Oregon Trail.

NUMEROUS MONTANA towns and rivers were named by Lewis and Clark; some of them for the virtues of the then President Thomas Jefferson, such as Wisdom; a large river also bears his name, another river that's famous is the Madison.

These two rivers, joined by the Gallatin at Three Forks, Mont., are the source of the mighty Missouri, whose waters finally mingle with Old Man River and eventually empty into the Gulf of Mexico at New Orleans.

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### A HUNDRED AND FIFTY

years ago many Indians lived in Montana and its nearby states, Flatheads, Shoshones, and the famous Nez Perce roamed the northwestern plains. Chief Joseph, perhaps wisest and fairest in his dealings with the white man, was a Nez Perce. More than once he out-fought his white enemies... when he learned that the white man's word too often was worth less. Today, most of the Indians live in the northern parts of the state.

Lost Trail Camp is located among the Bitterroot Mountains, close to the Bitterroot River, only seven miles away is the Montana-Idaho border, near which flows the famed Salmon River, and excellent catches are made by fly fishing.

We didn't fish it... didn't even have time to visit it. We were told that at certain times of the year, the Salmon teams with fish, and excellent catches are made by fly fishing.

Most of Montana's forests are federal owned, but private companies are allowed to bid for the right to cut timber, on a "harvest pattern," which is to say that they may cut only as much timber as is left standing to re-seed new crops.

### MONTANA BOASTS OF 1,500

big and little fish-fish lakes, plus 32,000 miles of fishing streams. Game fish include Rainbow, Brook Trout, Cutthroat, White Salar, trout, Grayling, Walleye, Varden, and the usual members of the rainbow family.

Montana's name by the way, is derived from the Latin and means "mountainous region." It was back in 1876 that Gen. George Custer and his regiment lost their lives in a battle near the Little Bighorn River to Sioux Indians.

Back in those days, Montana's prairies supported the largest herd of Buffalo in the land. Today they are almost extinct, insofar as roaming wild. You may see a small herd of them in Yellowstone National Park.

Dud and I made a half day visit to Virginia City, Montana's first settlement and original Capital. It is maintained as a tourist spot, much of the original buildings and atmosphere of a "gold rush" town remaining. It's about 90 miles north of West Yellowstone.

### PAUL GERHARDT GAVE US

some topographical definitions. In ratio of size, the smallest valley-like earth depression is called a gully; next is the gull, then comes the draw. (Remember that, President Ike, when you're a-read in them there westerns!)

Ranches, on the average are far apart. Irrigation some of it comes from the great Fort Peck reservoir and some of it natural fall from nearby mountain streams, is used in some Montana regions.

One could go on several more columns, just describing the great western state of Montana... but enough for this week except... (See THIS & THAT, Page 2-A)

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## Ad Man Has A Whirl

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## Higher Business Use for Frontage On 14 Mile Road

North side of 14 Mile road for three blocks east of Woodward was zoned to business C (office-professional) this week by the Birmingham city commission.

This frontage is vacant or presently used as business C. It was zoned to business A.

Two gas stations will be non-conforming uses.

City plan board recommended the change to conform more with the adjoining Birmingham residential neighborhood to the north, and to the residential uses in Royal Oak to the south.

## Keep on Swimming And Fees May Dive

If you go swimming, you may help to reduce prices.

For if attendance continues at two Birmingham swimming pools at the rate of the city program's first eight days, entry fees to the pools could probably be cut, Birmingham Recreation Director Robert Girardin implied this week.

However, he said the high rate of attendance at the pools during the first eight days, when 4507 individual swimmers were tallied and \$1709 was collected, has dropped since that time.

"The participation rate is coming down as it usually does when families start vacation trips," Girardin said. "But it's not coming down as rapidly as in previous years."

GIRARDIN SAID the number of swimmers increased since recent articles in The Birmingham Eccentric told of 273 parents petitioning for a reduction in the entry fee.

A charge of 35 cents for children and 75 cents for adults is made at present at Derby junior high and Birmingham high school pools. Girardin and the recreation board had anticipated that the charges would pay about one-third of the city's \$13,450 cost of the eight week summer swimming program.

Anticipated revenue was figured on the basis of a survey, plus a waiting list, many personal contacts with groups, and previous years' use of the pools, Girardin said.

Last year 12,500 swimmers were taken at the older and smaller

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## Protest 14-Year-Old Motorbike Operators

### City May Lead Bid For Ban

By JULIE CANDLER

Birmingham may take the lead in seeking revocation of a state law permitting 14-year-olds to obtain licenses to operate motor scooters.

City officials Monday night discussed the complaints of residents that the motor bikes not only were endangering young people, but creating a noise nuisance as well.

City Commissioner Florence Willett said, "It would be best to sound out other communities about getting the League to sponsor that legislation."

Mrs. Willett said a number of parents had contacted her about the increased use of the motor scooters by Birmingham youngsters, expressing concern about the danger involved.

Mrs. Willett said there was no doubt in her mind that the scooters were "really more hazardous than a car."

## REV. KENNETH H. GASS

### \$300,000 Suit Filed in Loss Of Leg by Boy

Greyhound bus lines, has been named co-defendant with Marvin R. Scott and his son David G. in suits totaling \$300,000 being brought by Bruce Wright and his son, Bruce Jr., 1524 Tabor court, Bloomfield township, for injuries suffered when Bruce Jr., was struck by a Greyhound chartered school bus last Sept. 4.

Bruce's right leg was amputated the following day. A student at Vaughan school, he was discharged from the bus going south on Franklin road at Sodon drive on the first day of school.

Bruce was reported to have waited for two cars and a truck to pass and then ran into the path of an oncoming car being driven by David G. Scott, of Franklin. When 10-year-old Melvin Gilmore, driver of the bus, had proceeded on, unaware of the accident.

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## St. James Calls New Rector

A native Detroit, the Rev. Kenneth H. Gass, has accepted the call to become rector of St. James Episcopal church, Birmingham, effective Sept. 15.

He replaces the Rev. Harold E. Towne, rector at St. James for the past 11 years, who has left to become the rector of Fox Chapel Community Episcopal church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. Gass comes to Birmingham from St. Paul, Minn., where for the past three years he has been rector of Christ church. While in the diocese of Minnesota, he has served as secretary of the standing committee, member of the Bishop's council, member of the board of examining chaplains, special member of the department of missions, Dean of the St. Paul Deanery and chaplain to St. Luke's hospital.

MR. GASS WAS born in Highland Park, Michigan. He is the son of Mrs. Truman Gass, formerly of Christ church, and the late Mr. Gass. After graduation from Highland Park high school, he was graduated from Kenyon college and Beley theological seminary at Gambier, O.

He began his ministry on the staff of St. John's church, Detroit, and moved to St. Joseph, Detroit, where he was assistant rector. In 1943, he served to the diocese of Ohio where he was at St. John's in Youngstown and Christ Church in Kent. He then was rector of St. Timothy's, Massillon, O., for seven years before moving to St. Paul, Minn.

During the summer of 1953, Mr. Gass was invited to preach to Queen Elizabeth and the royal family at the private chapel in Windsor Great Park while he was resident preacher at St. John the Baptist church in Windsor, England.

ACCORDING TO E. Dean Alexander, Cholete, Buchanan, Perkins and Conklin, the Wright family feels that an improper stop was made by the bus; the bus company disputes this. In question is the state school bus ordinance passed last year requiring bus drivers to have 500 feet visibility.

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IN 1956, He was chaplain to the late Hugh Keeler at an historic consecration of a bishop in the Spanish Reformed church in Madrid, Spain.

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## STRICTLY FRESH

Sign at a highway pedestrian crossing reads "Watch out for the bars."

A franksiter is any 18-cent dog that sells for more than two bits.

The urge to write in freshly laid cement is concrete evidence that you're just a youngster at heart.

There's an aerodynamic principle hitherto unexplored by airplane designers in evidence in our office. The boss is up in the air most of the time without any visible means of support.

Scientists say that it's not possible to believe a perfect bet but that isn't the way the sweeper salesman tall the story.

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Written by local people this is a new regular weekly feature The Eccentric has introduced to readers

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## Her Number Is Up

ENGRAVED hub caps are the latest thing in Birmingham, and for a very practical reason. Here Mrs. Robert Green, 1624 Witherbee, Birmingham, holds her registration card for Bob Adams service station employee Larry Milford, 735 Hazelwood, Birmingham, as he etches the serial number of her car motor on its hub caps with an electric needle, Birmingham Police Juvenile Officer Sgt. Robert Schaut (right) says the program to mark hub caps has cut auto accessory thefts 75 to 80 per cent in some cities. Schaut said Birmingham is probably the first Midwest city to start the program. About 22 local stations are ordering the electric needles, and expect to begin the engraving free of charge some time next week. Schaut said the engraving process is simple and fast and doesn't mar the beauty of the hub caps. Once they're engraved, he emphasized, thieves won't steal, and receivers won't buy the hub caps. Even if numbers are ground off, they can be restored with acids.

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