

Birmingham's Beauty Spot

Few people manage to go through life without an occasional outburst of temper or anger. When this happens, it is the result of personal intelligence, when men do not apologize, but expressions of regret and apology. Such outbursts are rare, but controlling one's emotions requires much self-discipline.

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SECTION A

Seek Cut In Troy Tax Limit

Referendum Asks New 15-Mill Top

TROY—Petitioners in Troy have asked that a referendum be called for the purpose of reducing the city's 20-mill tax limitation to 15 mills. According to City Clerk J. Lawson Lockhart, petitions with 2,150 signatures have called for a vote within 150 days. If successful the election would mean that the present 15 mills collectable for capital improvements and another five mills for government operation would be dropped to five mills for capital improvements and 10 mills for operations.

A SECOND PETITION asked that primaries be held whenever nominating petitions equal or exceed twice the number of vacancies.

In other words, if two council seats are open and four or more people file, a primary election would be required. Present charter provides for three times as many petitions before a primary is necessary.

Lockhart said the petitions came in four days too late to qualify the referendum elections for the spring elections.

IF, ACCORDING to the city charter, petitions are submitted 15 days or more before the next regular election, a special election must be called.

To space the elections, the commission will probably call for the special elections as requested in the petitions within the next three to five months, Lockhart added.



Recovers from Ordeal

Marvin L. Mallis of Walnut Lake is shown in Rogers City hospital recovering from a four-day ordeal on a floundering sailboat drift in Lake Huron. Mallis, released recently from the hospital, was the lone survivor of the boating mishap that claimed the lives of two Walnut Lake men. He was rescued Sept. 6. The coast guard, cottage owners and sheriff's deputies still are searching for the bodies of the two missing men. (Photo courtesy Presque Isle County Advance).

Child, Woman Burned In Separate Mishaps

A 3-year-old Birmingham boy and a local woman were burned Friday morning in two home accidents that occurred with two hours of each other.

The child, Robert Jerome, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jerce, 2806 Prombroke, suffered second and third degree burns over 25 percent of his body when gasoline he was playing with ignited in a flash fire.

Birmingham firemen, who investigated said flames from the gas-fueled fire were fired by an incinerator. There was no damage.

SHE WAS treated by firemen and later went to her doctor for additional treatment.

Firemen reported about \$300 damage to the Raginsky house, mostly from smoke.

THE BOY was burned on the face, chest, arms and legs. He is reported in fair condition at William Beaumont hospital.

Broomfield's Mobile Office Here Oct. 8

The new mobile Congressional office of Congressman William S. Broomfield (R-Oakland County) will visit Birmingham for the first time on Tuesday, Oct. 8.

The 40-foot house trailer will be in Birmingham from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Broomfield predicts as much success in Birmingham as in the first week of his two-month tour of the 18th congressional district.

So far, he has faced problems ranging from sewers to social security in his novel "mobile" office designed by being Washington close to Oakland county residents.

"The response has been gratifying," said Broomfield. "More than 150 people visited the trailer during the first two days."

THE TRAILER serves a two-way purpose to the residents of the county and the 35-year-old Congressman.

"First, it gives those who have problems concerning the federal government an opportunity to discuss those problems with me to see what can be done about them."

Others wanted to know about federal job opportunities, some of them in foreign lands.

Still others want to receive federal government publications, such as the Congressional Record, a digest of activities in Congress while it is in session.

Slate Patterson, Smith as Speakers

At the first two programs in the Friends of the Baldwin public library series, Carleton Smith and Tom Patterson will be featured speakers.

Smith opens the series Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 8 p.m. in the library auditorium. Known around the world by outstanding leaders of thought, he counts such men as Albert Schweitzer and Arnold Toynbee among his numerous friends.

Patterson, November program speaker, is founder and director of planning of the world famous Shakespearean festival in Stratford, Ontario.

Programs for the remaining two months will be announced soon. Tickets for the lecture series are available to members of the Friends of the Baldwin public library. Friends may contact Sylvia Parker through the library or at 763 N. Woodward.

CARLETON SMITH

To Form Children's Theatre Here

Auditions Set For Saturday

Formation of the Hardy-Gurdy players, a children's theatre group for young people interested in both sides of the footlights, has been announced this week by Martha Hurd Productions, Inc.

Mrs. Martha V. Hurd, executive producer of the newly created organization, said eventual plans are to move the young people's activity into the Detroit area.

The Hardy-Gurdy Players will hold tryouts Saturday at the Birmingham YMCA, 400 E. Lincoln, from 9:30 to 5:30 p.m., for interested young people from the ages of eight to 18.

BIRMINGHAM, Sept. 25 (AP)—MRS. HURD, of 2129 E. Maple, Birmingham, said this week that the new group was being organized because of the belief that "theatre for children, in which the young people act, costume, work on scenery and other phases of such live, creative art, has been announced this week by Martha Hurd Productions, Inc."

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She emphasized that the group was for high school as well as elementary young people, and that many adult roles in the plays required ten actors.

She said the group planned to present its first production, Nov. 23. It will produce such children's favorites as "Beauty and the Beast" and "Rumpelstiltskin."

PLAYS WILL BE directed by Gene Scripps, children's theatre director from the Detroit public school system. Gil Oden, curator of theatre arts from the Detroit Institute of Art, will direct one of the plays.

Mrs. Hurd said two-hour rehearsals will begin in Birmingham August, 1956. Mrs. Hurd organized for 13 years was producer of the "Parsifal" play by the Birmingham theatre group in St. Louis, Mo.

MRS. HURD HAS three daughters, Lynn 17, Gail 14 and Gina 9. Education in the Detroit area and Mrs. Hurd Productions is Dr. Lee S. Dreyfus, of the Wayne university television department. Hope G. Scott, 19905 Beverly, Southfield township, long interested in children's activities, will act as advisory consultant.

B'ham Wins 4th Safety Honor

Its fourth safety award this year has been presented to Birmingham.

The American Automobile Association this week cited Birmingham for its no-death pedestrian record in 1956.

School and police officials were praised for their promotion of methods and activities which greatly improved the city in setting this latest record.

Earlier this year, Birmingham won three national safety council honors for traffic safety.

Child Injured

Seven-year-old Margaret Martens, 600 Pierce, was treated at William Beaumont hospital Friday for a bump and cut on her forehead. The child was injured in an incident involving an automobile as she rode on her bike on Frank street near Pierce. Driver of the car was Ruth Fraser, 44, of Lake Orion.

Strictly Fresh

Fellow we know says he was whined and dined the other night. He went to dinner with friends who have a cranky three-year-old.

The only thing more colorful than the leaves of autumn is the language of the handy man who has to rake them from the lawn.

A bowl weevil is an insect that liners out his grubs when you're waiting for an open alley.

We don't know how many tons of rawped polio is floating around these days but it's something to sneeze at.

There's a building sports car outside this might get its upside-down. Nothing wrong with the owner parks it that way to keep the rain out of the thing.

To make a real beauty spot out of Shain park in downtown Birmingham, plans are underway for new landscaping and a central mall containing a pool. Birmingham's prominent sculptor, Marshall Fredericks, is preparing a fountain sculpture. Preliminary drawings of the proposed central mall by Birmingham City Planner Herbert Herzberg show the spot enclosing the 30-foot pool. Proposed pool would be located near Merrill street, and the Fredericks sculptured gress would seem to soar northward, directed toward the city's new Christmas tree planted in honor of former City Manager Donald Egbert, New side-

walks, for which the city commission will appropriate funds, would cross from the park's four corners toward the recessed pool, around which 44 persons could be seated on built-in benches. The move to beautify Shain park was spearheaded by the Birmingham branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden club. City Commissioner Florence Willett heads the committee which is studying the plans. Landscaping to be placed around Fredericks' central design has been planned by City Forestry and Parks Director Charles Gale.

This and That

George R. Averill

In the death of Detroit's late Mayor, Albert Cobo, the Motor City has lost a highly valued and respected public official. He made many friends, and even his political enemies were not unaware of his high moral character, his absolute honesty in official conduct. Cobo's contribution to the processes of good, efficient municipal government has become an example for other cities. He truly exemplified the non-partisan theme that so long has governed Detroit's municipal affairs.

It is estimated that, each day, there is an increase of births over deaths amounting to a gain of 110,000 human beings or 40,000,000 annually. Depending upon the location and environment of so many potentially dependent, the society of human beings will improve, remain where it is, or regress. These potentialities, of course offer the greatest of all challenges to those who crusade for the development of mankind's mental, spiritual and moral growth.

Victor Borje, the clever Danish raconteur, told a banker, "A man you really should finance is my uncle, who was determined to invent a new soft drink. He worked on a formula for a whole year, and came up with something he called '4 Up.' It was a failure, but my uncle was not discouraged. He worked another year, and produced a new concoction which he named '5 Up.' Again it failed to sell, but my uncle persevered. He took all the rest of his money, secluded himself for two years this time, and turned up with still another soft drink that he called '6 Up.' Alas, it failed like the others, and

Six Injured Tuesday In Township Crashes

BLOOMFIELD—Three Bloomfield township traffic accidents Tuesday afternoon and night resulted in injuries to six persons. Two were hospitalized with spinal injuries. The two more serious accidents were both rear-end collisions.

An accident about 4:40 p.m. on Telegraph north of Bataan resulted in injuries to Mrs. Beatrice Hess, 38, Keweenaw Harbor, Brighton, 20, and Donald E. Glaspie, 24, of Pontiac.

Mrs. Hess was reported in a satisfactory condition Wednesday morning at St. Joseph's Mercy hospital in Pontiac. Brenda Hess and Glaspie were treated and released.

THE CAR driven by Mrs. Hess, according to township police, stopped to make a turn and the car driven by Glaspie struck it in the rear.

One of the vehicles caught fire and the township fire department was called. The mishap resulted in a traffic tie-up on Telegraph.

The second rear-end collision, which occurred at 11:15 p.m. on Woodward near Hickory Grove, sent two men to St. Joseph's hospital.

Your School District Outlines Its Annual Status

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She's 'Shook Up' As Firemen Shake Off Her Signals

What would you do if your house was on fire, you called the fire department and then saw a fire truck drive unconcernedly past your home?

If you're like Mrs. R. J. Farrell, 1554 W. Lincoln, you're likely to become a bit shaken up.

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Farrell found smoke in her home and called the fire department.

While waiting outside her home she saw a fire truck approaching from the east. She frantically waved her arms but the truck went right by.

THEN FROM the west came a fire truck, siren blowing. The two trucks just waving at the firemen and incidentally, were just as surprised to see the second truck as Mrs. Farrell was to see the first truck pass her by.

Truck No. 2 took care of the trouble—a smoking clothes dryer.

Youth Questioned In Armed Robbery

Royal Oak police are questioning a 19-year-old Birmingham youth in connection with the holdup Wednesday, Oct. 2, in which an armed robber took \$173 from the 14 Mile Inn, 4715 N. Woodward.

Royal Oak police Sgt. Virgil Scott said the local youth fitted the description given by occupants of the tavern. Witnesses said the robber threatened them with a .22 rifle. He wore khaki pants, a T-shirt, an extra-long coat and a hat. He left on foot after taking approximately \$100 from a cash register and the remaining money from three customers.

Shepherd Lawyer Granted Trial Postponement

Originally slated to begin Tuesday, the trial of James D. Shepherd, 36, on charges of first degree murder, has been postponed to Wednesday, Oct. 2.

Oakland county Prosecutor Fred Ziem said the postponement was allowed after a motion filed by Shepherd's attorney, David Pence, during the last 30 days certain medical facts and circumstances have come to our attention." He requested additional time for investigation of the effects of taking intoxicants together with tranquilizing pills.

SHEPHERD, CHARGED with the fatal stabbing of his wife, Betty Hutton Shepherd, at their home on Pierce street, Birmingham, told police he had been drinking and has taken several tranquilizing pills during the hours prior to the stabbing.

The trial is slated to begin at 9:30 a.m. before Circuit Judge Clark J. Adams.

Boats-Motors-Supplies

1265 S. Woodward, L.H. 7-1313 (1317)

Mayor's Move Comes Tomorrow

Birmingham Mayor William E. Roberts will make an important move this weekend.

Tomorrow he and his family will transport their belongings to 745 Abbey, their new residence. It is about six blocks to the west from their present home at 1957 Derby.

Fire Damages Hills Residence

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Fire, believed caused by material too close to a furnace, caused an estimated \$2,000 damage Tuesday to the home of Albert Braun, 709 Seago.

The fire occurred about 9:20 p.m. Hills firemen confined damage to the basement.

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TOM PATTERSON