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If you and I make only one person happy
each day, just realize that this will
result in 365 happier days, or parts of
days, for those who cross our paths.
Put the money in the bank, kindly work
and let for others are destined to return
interest to the generous person who
forms them. This is proving your own
bounty.

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This and That

by George R. Averill

One hundred and forty years ago the American flag was first hoisted on Mackinac Island. In those days Michigan was still a virgin wilderness, with Indians more plentifully populating undeveloped areas. The other day those people were torn down thus removing another historic landmark from a location that once was of greatest importance to the white man's development of America. How rapid is physical change in an environment of literacy and technological progress! Yet how slowly does mankind change its basic instincts. It seems to me that we are enjoying culture, but hunger for spiritual growth and its assurances of security — an emergence from the wilderness of primitive physical environment to reach, in less than a century and a half, the more dangerous wilderness of an atomic age. Is this newest and-greatest of physical menaces capable of driving mankind over the threshold and into the larger Auditorium of World Peace? So tantalizing is the prospect of... and worked for!

This sign was affixed on a truck on the way to Philadelphia: "This truck stops for all crossroads, railroads, blonder hair brunettes. For redheads it will back up 50 feet."

Our congratulations to proffer Wally Burkemo, pro at Franklin Hills, who for the third time has won the Michigan Golf Championship. A few years ago, you may recall, he won the national championship. Wally had great following, not only in his home state, but in others, too. He is a splendid type of sportsman. May his curly head continue to wear beneath those locks a smiling countenance!

Police officers in this area more and more are confronted with problems of misdemeanors and felonies. One type is that of burglary. In a recent case, a burglar was caught on a justice. Increasingly, too, offenses by minors is no small part of their job.

In last week's editorial on the subject of transferring funds for funds for such purpose must be acquired by the Supervisors. It is the limitation of present laws, or they will have... to persuade the Legislature to amend the Constitution, granting the power to do what Judge Deane has just declared there is no right in the Constitution, alone, cannot amend the Constitution. It can, however, vote to place such an amendment on the ballot at a general election; or the voters, themselves, through petitions, can initiate such an amendment to be placed before them to vote on.

If there is any single public problem with which all taxpayers need to wrestle, it is that of financing needed for the maintenance of public schools. Considerable widespread criticism is being leveled at some school boards who are reported to be extravagant in school construction. In a number of cases boards allow their architects to have freedom in including non-essential and glamorous ideas in school buildings. The result is that such cost per classroom, and per pupil.

To maintain an open mind is admittedly a wise habit to acquire and nourish; it is equally, perhaps more, important, though, to be very careful what gets through its entrance.

Shepherd Murder Trial Date Set

Oakland county circuit court Tuesday set Sept. 24 as the date for the trial of James D. Shepherd, 38, charged with first degree murder after the slaying of his wife last May 27. The trial opens at 9:30 a.m. before Judge Clark J. Adams. Shepherd has been held without bond in Oakland county jail since the knife slaying of Bessy Hutton Shepherd at their home at 1509 Pierce, Birmingham.

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Calling All 'Hams'

Holding the microphone through which he talks to ham radio operators all over the world, F. Dean Burnett tunes in the South Pole. Behind him at right is box-shaped apparatus which enables Burnett to telephone persons, then connect them with friends or relatives contacted by his shortwave radio.

South Pole Calls Via B'ham Home

By JULIE CANDLER

"Hello, South Pole! How's the weather down there?" That's what this reporter heard herself saying on a warm evening recently. It might as well have been a spirit at a seance replying to our question. It seemed that incredible, there in the cozy den of a Birmingham area home.

But the man behind that voice was as real as the dials polka-dotted the panels of shortwave equipment before us. He was an American soldier named Good, a member of the military's Operation Deepfreeze in Antarctica.

GOOD WAS TALKING to F. Dean Burnett, of 3156 Weather-vane lane, Troy. Before the evening was over "Goodie" and Burnett had hooked up a network that enabled one soldier to talk to his sweetheart back home in Flint and put another in touch with his sister in Flint.

"I'm not sure that we can make contact," Burnett explained as he fingered the controls, "but I talked to this fellow last night about this time, and he set up a date for some Michigan boys standing by tonight." He was going to have some Michigan boys standing by tonight. It was shortly before midnight when Burnett turned a switch to SOUTH. Outside in the darkness, a small motor roared, revolving in a 35-foot antenna tower, until it stopped, aimed toward the South Pole.

BURNETT BEGAN a lingo that only a ham radio operator could understand. He was placed under a single antenna, headed by Nance, in an advanced 1926 model introduction. Ben D. Mills, 2518 Pine, Bloomfield township, continues as a vice-president and has been appointed assistant general manager of the new Lincoln and Mercury Division while the all-new 1938 Lincoln was under development, and while the Lincoln division was built and placed in production.

F. C. REITH, Lone Pine road, Bloomfield Hills, formerly general manager of the new Lincoln and Mercury division, is being appointed to another executive position in the company. The completion of the Lincoln and Mercury division as a unified organization with full responsibility for highly competitive entries in both the medium-price and luxury car markets, Ford said in announcing the combination.

"THE DECISION to make this move, and the public introduction of the Edsel next year, are key elements of our program to advance the position of Ford Motor Company and its dealers in the important market above the low-price field," he stated.

All makes of new sport motorcars are being placed under a single name—Ford's new ROYAL MATT—Dial "R" and ask for Enterprises 6212.

Burglar Entered Unlocked Doors

'Cat Burglar' Describes Method

By JULIE CANDLER

You may be more careful to check the locks before retiring after you read this.

For the Detroit area's "cat burglar" who fell unconscious in a Birmingham home last week, has told police that he never broke into a home. He always entered an unlocked door.

Ernest J. Morris, 46, of Detroit, has made admissions that cleared police records on burglaries in six Birmingham homes during the past year and a half, two in Bloomfield village and one in Bloomfield Hills.

MORRIS TOLD Birmingham Patrolman Howard Hatt, working in the detective bureau, that he would "go for" any burglary that fit his method of operation. He then described his system to Hatt. Working between midnight and daylight, Morris said he went from house to house until he found an unlocked door he could enter. He never went through a window, he said, because he liked to avoid the "quick exit" available.

The three-term former Jackson prison inmate said he never took anything but money. He was unaware of the names of house numbers of families he burglarized.

BESIDES THE attempted burglary at the H. R. Steing house, 930 Larchton, where his rash for a quick exit was unsuccessful, police attribute to Morris several River burglaries. All have occurred since Morris's parole from Jackson prison in November, 1935.

They are at the homes of Carl F. Fischer, 1235 Lyhurst; A. L. Hopkins, 540 Beryny; Walter R. Grogan, 729 Colonial court; Noel Mudd, 899 Selkirk court, and Maurice Wey, 563 Wellesley.

OTHERS ARE THE Bloomfield Village residences of Richard A. Fischer, 2147 Yarmouth, and A. V. Wibick, 480 N. Cranbrook, and the Bloomfield Hills residence of Dr. Luther R. Leader on Cranbrook.

Birmingham police said about \$350 each was taken from the Richard Fischer and Leader residences, while lesser amounts were found missing from the other homes. No money was found missing at the Carl Fischer home.

After examination in Birmingham municipal court Friday, Morris was bound over to Oakland county circuit court, where he will be arraigned Tuesday. Bond continues at \$5,000.

Judge Injured

In William Beaumont hospital suffering from a fractured jaw resulting from a fall at his home at 651 Frank, Birmingham, Birmingham municipal Judge John J. Tylor was reported in fair condition Tuesday.



BYRON FARWELL

Busy Executive Authors Biography

By ROBIN R. BAHR

(See "Books and Reviews" for a review of "The Man Who Presumed.")
Byron Farwell almost stumbled onto the subject of his new book, "The Man Who Presumed." While browsing through a Detroit book store in 1949, Farwell spotted a big thick book entitled "The Dark Continent." The author, Henry Stanley, was known to Farwell, as to most people, only by his famous line, "Dr. Livingstone, I presume!"

Little did Farwell know then that one day he would be writing a book on this man.

As we sat in the pine-paneled library of Farwell's big comfortable home at 80 Manor road, Birmingham, he discussed writing the biography. I couldn't help but wonder how a busy executive—manager of community relations for Chrysler Corporation—found spare time to write.

ACCORDING TO Farwell, it's not easy. He bought his house in hopes that its big library, filled with hundreds of books on his subject, would afford him the privacy to devote to his hobby. But between his job, three children, a cat, three kittens and a dog, the library is a constant beehive of activity. Nevertheless, Farwell manages to write several hours each night after the children and animals are in bed.

It is convinced he could not have written the book without the help of his wife, Ruth. She not only sacrificed nights out to provide free time for writing, but helped in the collection of research. She shares Farwell's fascination with Henry Stanley, and is as well versed on the subject as her husband.

Even 5-year-old By participated in the project. Finding a piece of paper in a cardboard box, he proudly presented it to his father as a "book-like Daddy" code to write a book.

FAREWELL'S interest in his subject is apparent throughout the book for his character comes very much alive. You can see the famed explorer on his fantastic adventures through unexplored areas of deepest Africa. And you see the emotional, subjective makeup of Stanley the man.

The best news of all is that Farwell is already at work on a new novel.

City Finds It Hadn't Plugged Beer Barrels

For nearly 25 years, Birmingham has been living under the impression that beer and wine cannot be sold by the glass within the city.

It can, City Clerk Irene Hanley reported to city commissioners this week, unless the city's policy against it is put into a specific resolution which is filed with the state liquor control commission.

Stunned commissioners immediately ordered City Attorney Richard Adams to draw up an appropriate resolution, which is expected to be passed next Monday night.

ACCORDING TO Miss Hanley, the resolution must be filed with the state liquor control commission, which since 1933 has clung to a policy of not issuing tavern licenses without specific local municipal approval.

Miss Hanley said that in 1933, the city commission passed a resolution which said the city would not approve of such sales unless they were made by "specially designated merchants," and which are "packaged" sales.

The new resolution will specifically recommend against tavern licensing here.

THE STATE says Birmingham would be entitled to 10 taverns. Sale of liquor by the glass must be approved by local vote, according to state law.

Area Schools Open To 21,000 Pupils

B'ham Police Chief Lists Child Safety Precautions

Opening up their books this week will be more than 21,000 school children in the Birmingham area, which includes Bloomfield Hills, Southfield and parochial schools.

While school officials concentrate on the youngsters' education, police expressed concern over their safety.

Village Woman Critically Hurt Near Saginaw

SAGINAW — A 44-year-old Bloomfield Village woman, critically injured last Wednesday in a two-car collision that claimed the lives of three persons, was reported "improving" at St. Mary's hospital in Saginaw Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Oda Hitchcock, 3300 Burning Bush, had at first not been expected to live. She suffered 26 fractures, an ankle fracture and possible internal injuries. She was taken to a critical stage, however, hospital authorities report.

Her husband, Harold Hitchcock, 48, was reported in good condition at St. Luke's hospital in Saginaw with a nose fracture, a knee fracture and multiple cuts on her entire body. His condition had first been listed as fair.

THE DEAD were all from Saginaw. They included the stepson of a prominent Saginaw CIO labor leader.

Killed instantly was Lorys Patterson, 23, Harry W. Fields, 22, son of CIO leader Harry W. Brown, died two hours after the collision. His wife, May Frances, 20, died Thursday morning.

The mishap occurred on the Dixie road just west of Saginaw, about five miles south of Saginaw.

ACCORDING TO Saginaw State Police, the car driven by Hitchcock was traveling south and the Fields was traveling north.

The Hitchcocks were returning from a three-day vacation at a cottage in the Thumb area. Hitchcock is a salesman. The family moved to Bloomfield Village from Berkley just over a year ago.

MOXLEY ALSO advised parents to advise their children of the danger of accepting rides, money, or candy from a stranger, or permitting a stranger to enter the car. He said children should be cautioned not to play alone in alleys, deserted buildings or isolated places, or go alone to playgrounds, movies and stores.

If a child sees a suspicious car, he should report the license number immediately so he won't forget it, and have someone call police.

3 Fires Report Breck-Ins

Break-ins hit three Birmingham businesses this week.

An unknown amount of cash was stolen from cigarette and candy stores after a break-in at Jax Kar wash, 300 S. Hunter, reported Thursday.

The following day several cases of beer were listed as stolen after culprits broke into a storage room at Ritter's beer store, 251 E. East Maple.

Nothing was found missing after a third forced entry, reported Saturday by Uptown service, 264 N. Woodward.

It's Becoming A Habit... Club Rifled Again

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Stonycroft golf club here was broken into for the second time in two days Thursday night or Friday morning. Hills police believe juveniles are responsible.

According to officers, golf balls, cigarettes and candy were taken. The intruders broke the same window they smashed to enter the club's pro shop Thursday, Aug. 15.

High Life by Tom Manhard

STRICTLY FRESH
No matter what the weather, for hitehikers it's always thumbletime.

To the majority of city children today, frost on the pumpkin is a sure sign that there are some packaged pies in the home freezer.

Your firm stand on an issue is the other fellow's intolerant attitude.

What we want more than a good, five-cent cigar is a good, five-cent Giddy girl we know says that what she's looking for is a man with lots of presents.

"And I ask you, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, does this man look the part of a hardened criminal?"

Pembroke Puts On Project, Profits for Polio

"They ought to be making money, they're spending enough!" said Mrs. Edward J. Roddy, Jr., 2304 Derby, of the more than 100 children who attended a neighborhood carnival at Pembroke park Friday. When it was Suzanne Chamberland's turn to "guess the beans" in a jar, she spontaneously reached in to grab them. Three-year-old Suzanne lives at 1812 Graefield, Mike Wilkinson (at right), a polio victim himself, was a heavy contributor to the \$41.11 in profits which went to the March of Dimes. Mike, 11, of 2063, Windemere, turns his money over to 12-year-

old Sam Orlando, 2488 Yorkshire, at the baked goods booth. A busy mother of six, Mrs. Harold F. Greenwood, 2209 Windemere, directed the 20 Pembroke school area youngsters who made pointers, manded games and booths. The annual project began five years ago, originally an outlet for area youngsters' restlessness just before school began. When Friday's two-hour event ended, the tired youngsters were ready to go back to school for a rest. But already they're thinking of an even bigger and better carnival for next year.



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