

This and That

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For those who seem to need the season of a New Year to resolve to change and improve themselves, every January 1 may be an excellent day. But Ralph Waldo Emerson, great early American philosopher thought otherwise, for he wrote: "One of the illusions of life is that the present hour is not the best day of the year. Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year. He only owns the day who allows it to be invaded with worry, fret and anxiety. Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could."

In Gary, Ind., it's against a local ordinance to get on a street car within four hours after eating garlic. No wonder the street cars have given in so easily to motor cars.

In a land that boasts of freedom, it is a fact contrary to freedom's guarantees that so many of the federal government's official documents are labelled "secret". It is estimated that a million of Uncle Sam's employees have rubber stamps which imprint the word "SECRET" on various papers. (It's such a nice, convenient way to keep the public's business away from the public.)

Among the personal possessions of many men and women who have minds of their own is the further fact that no due process of law can dispossess them of such minds.

A well dressed lady stepped on the elevator in an office building and told the operator she wished to be taken to the ninth floor. When she got up to see on that floor?" asked the operator, courteously. "I'm here," she replied. "What business is that of yours?" "None, Madam," he replied, "but there only eight floors in this building."

"Stop crying," Vice-President Nixon recently told which millions can people. To which millions answer: "Quit underestimating our national danger!"

Some day colleges and universities will be able to boast more of the academic stature they have achieved, of the intelligent contribution they have made toward human society. In that day huge athletic stadia will occupy a lesser prominence in the educational list of assets.

One of every 20 employed Americans today holds a second job, reports the Federal Census Bureau. Why? Because many people do not like to much idleness, and also are attracted by the extra income forthcoming.

Republicans Plan To Be 'Moonstruck' At Meeting Here

Sure to become "moonstruck" at their meeting next Thursday are members of the North Woodward Republican club. They will view a Vanguard earth satellite and hear a speech by James S. Kirkpatrick, vice president, Brooke & Perkins, Inc., developers and manufacturers of the baby "moon" satellite.

The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at Republican headquarters, 351 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

Gov. Scharf, newly elected president of the club said, "Surely no subject has received more publicity or has been more widely discussed in recent weeks than our satellite and missile programs. Mr. Kirkpatrick will present facts on America's development in this field which should be of interest to every citizen in our country."

Scharf expressed hope that non-club members as well as club members should take advantage of the opportunity to hear Kirkpatrick.

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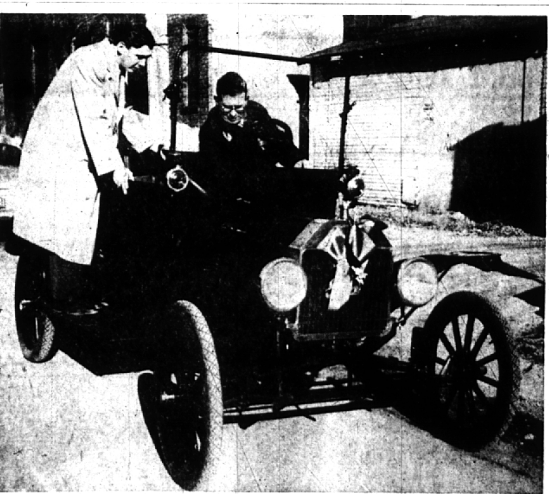
The Bunny Got Away

Susie, mongrel owned by the Frank H. Boyers, 7440 W. Greenwich, lit out after a rabbit Saturday afternoon and wound up stuck in the middle of a drain tile under the driveway of a neighbor. The rabbit escaped but it took rescuers, mostly neighborhood youngsters, two hours to free the dog from the drain, filled more than halfway with dirt. In the top photo, Susie, another dog owned by the Boyers, watches the rescue operations. In the lower picture, a rescuer hauls a bestraggled and mud-covered Susie from the drain.



Lights Reveal Holiday Spirit

Indicative of the holiday spirit displayed in the Birmingham area was the myriad of gay Christmas decorations which brightened residential areas at night. Topped is the lawn in front of the Nick Broth residence, 5165 Brookdale drive near Big Beaver road. Three large trees were trimmed with colored lights, and spots flooded light on the figures of Santa and his reindeer, led by Rudolph, whose red nose blinks on and off.



Quite a Christmas Gift

Probably the most unusual Christmas gift in the area this year was the one given Thomas R. Branson, 3083 Oakhills, Troy, by his father, Roy T. Branson, formerly of Bloomfield Hills and now a resident of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The gift was this 1915 Model T Ford. The younger Branson (left) gets some operating instructions

from Don Thorsen, service manager at Harold Turner, Inc., in Birmingham. The gift was a complete surprise to Branson, who was presented the car at the local Ford agency Dec. 24. The auto was purchased on an Illinois collector and sent here several days before Christmas.

Sidewalk Snow Sweeping Sours Some, Sweetens Most

Some city citizens see certain satisfactions in sweeping snow from sidewalks, so they say to city servants, and therefore seek to be spared from sidewalk snow-sweeping services.

City officials, sympathetic but unswerving, said sidewalk-sweeping spared more citizens sore shins than the comparatively small cure of strengthened citizens.

So Monday night Birmingham city commissioners called on City Attorney James Howlett to change the city's traffic ordinance to permit tractors on city sidewalks for snow sweeping purposes.

THIS WILL PERMIT private contractors legally to continue this sweeping service for certain sections of the city. The ordinance modification also will acknowledge the same tractor-broom sweeping the city has been doing for some years near city properties, particularly around parks and public buildings.

City Manager L. R. Gare reported that a few complaints had been received from residents who resent the snow sweeping in residential areas.

He defined these as the Pembroke, Sheffield Estates, and Quarton Lake areas.

He said, "Most residents seem to accept this private service, although we've had a couple of complaints from people who want to shovel their own walks for the exercise, or who say the sweeping has damaged the lawn along the sidewalk."

The private contractors, Gare explained, seem to come here on speculation and on the hope enough residents will pay a nominal sum for the sweeping. Cost is figured on the front-

age, usually 10 cents a foot, for the entire winter season.

IN OTHER ACTION, the commission:

- Passed a resolution, similar to one sponsored by Ferndale, which supports the county drainage board's intended vigorous action against Madison Heights if it tries to withdraw from the 12 Towns relief sewer, now in litigation to keep Troy and Southfield from withdrawing sizeable portions of their areas.

- Learned that the county road commission objects to widening county roads only to find municipalities are permitting parking on the greater width. This objection stems from practices along recently widened 11 Mile, where Huntington Woods prohibits parking on the south, but Berkley allows parking on the north side. Birmingham permits parking in areas recently widened 11 Mile, where Huntington Woods prohibits parking on the south, but Berkley allows parking on the north side. Birmingham permits parking in areas recently widened 11 Mile, where Huntington Woods prohibits parking on the south, but Berkley allows parking on the north side.
- Agreed to sell an old billing machine to the county DPW, and do the first quarter's billing of Farmington township water customers.
- Authorized the city attorney to draw up a weed ordinance change to permit control by spraying instead of cutting. If this experiment is successful, costs will be reduced about 80 per cent. City Forester Charles Gale estimates.
- Executed a revised contract with the South Oakland garbage and rubbish authority. The contract specifically prohibits refuse collections from exposure to rain or snow. Birmingham had objected to the allowance to first offer which Birmingham felt was too much delegation of local powers on the method of collection.

Clarkston Youth Arrested in Theft Of Car From Here

Picked up Monday last week by Michigan state police near the Ohio-Michigan border line, a Clarkston youth is held today in the theft of a car Saturday, Dec. 21, from the Harold Turner agency's car lot at 464 S. Woodward.

David Chatfield, 19, waived examination in Birmingham municipal court before Judge John J. Gaffill. He was bound over to Oakland county circuit court, with bond set at \$5000.

The stolen vehicle was owned by William S. Chaffey, 1431 Fairway drive, Birmingham.

Police said Chatfield was captured Saturday at a station, then sped away without paying for the gas.

Hutchins To View Education in Talk

"Where Is Education Going?" will be the topic of the Birmingham Education Forum, Thursday and Friday, Jan. 9 and 10. The speaker will be Dr. Hutchins, former director of the "Fund for the Republic". Dr. Hutchins is the former president of Chicago university.

No tickets are available for the sold-out lecture series.

Couple Injured

An Indiana couple were taken to William Beaumont hospital for treatment of minor injuries after an accident last Thursday at 14 Mile and Pierce streets. The car driven by Harold Bibby, 40, of Auburn, Indiana, collided with a school bus driven by John C. Kouch, 21, of Royal Oak. Bibby and his wife, Marion, were injured.

Party Planned At Etou Ice Rink

Among the many activities slated at Etou ice rink this week is a special high school party, slated Saturday from 10 to 12 p.m.

Recreation Director Robert Girardin said the rink's beginning skating classes have been filled, except for one session from 6 to 7 p.m. Saturdays in which a few openings remain.

U of M Professor Plans Address Here

Dr. Preston Slosson, professor of history at the University of Michigan, will speak Monday night at Birmingham Community House.

His topic will be "Territorial System of Government." The talk is scheduled for 8 p.m. He is sponsored by the Oakland county chapter of the American Association for the United Nations, Inc.

He Must Be Here—But Who Is Area's First 1958 Baby?

Since 1958 began, the stork has probably paid a visit to several Birmingham area families, but no word has yet been received on entries in the 1958 baby contest.

The first area family to be called on by the stork after midnight Tuesday will be the winner of an array of gifts. They are offered by Birmingham merchants in the contest sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce.

Entries in the stork derby must be submitted to the Birmingham Eccentric display advertising offices not later than noon Tuesday, Jan. 7.

The baby can be born in any hospital, but his parents must have a Bloomfield, Franklin or Birmingham mailing address.

July Thru December 1957: Local News Highlights In Review

The second half of 1957 was marked by a number of top news events in the Birmingham area.

Among the big stories during this period were the death and resignation of top public officials, a series of violent thunderstorms, capture of the "phantom" alligator and the awarding of Birmingham's first medal for valor.

News highlights included the securing of an \$18,000 fire truck by the Franklin volunteer fire department.

A RAGING chondrostorm the morning of July 8 downed wires and trees, flooded basements and caused numerous traffic tie-ups in the Birmingham, Bloomfield and Southfield areas.

Harold K. Schone, resigned as Birmingham city manager and L. Richard Gary was named to replace him. Harry Allen, Birmingham's first mayor, died.

POLICE CAPTURED "cat burglar" Ernest J. Morris of Detroit as he tried to flee a Birmingham home, and Birmingham Police Sgt. Richard Brown was given the city's first medal of honor for slaying a gunman in a Birmingham home after being seriously wounded.

As thousands of children returned to school after the long summer vacation, Southfield township held a big election in September in which the voters of Southfield and Westwood Village and the City of Southfield, voted to accept home-rule incorporation.

Here are the highlights for the second half of 1957 in monthly capsule form:

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Birmingham city commissioners gave the nod to almost all of the new zoning principles established in the draft of the city ordinance for the city.

The appointments of Victor L. Peck and Eugene J. Barney to the Birmingham city plan board were officially approved by the city commission.

About two dozen five-gallon bottles of distilled water were repaid Friday.

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B'h'm Man Wins Post as Tenor With New Chorus

The National Chorus of America announced last week that Earl Sayer, Jr., of Birmingham, had won the post as tenor with the 56-voice choral ensemble. The new organization, a full-time professional operatory group, is sponsored by the United States brewers foundation.

Sayer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sayer, of 2640 Heathfield drive, Birmingham. He was born in England and studied early academic and music studies in Detroit, and was graduated with honors from the University of Michigan, where he majored in playwriting.

Going to New York, Sayer continued his musical studies while paying the freight by "cracking" the legitimate theater. He has appeared in the national company of "Tiger At The Gates."

B'h'm Begins Tree Pick-Up

You can put your used Christmas tree at the curb today and tomorrow, or anytime next Monday through Friday, and the Birmingham department of forestry and parks will pick it up.

Harvey Ratch, chief of the department, asked that residents remove any nails or metal clips from the trees before discarding them.

"It may interest residents to know," Ratch said, "that we run them through our chipper which sells the forestry and parks department brush pickup list, which will be handled Jan. 14, 21 and 28."

TRES WITH NAILS OR SCREWS driven into them cannot be used, he said, as the metal damages the chipping machine.

After next week, anyone wishing to have a tree picked up should call the forestry and parks department for listing on a special Tuesday brush pickup list, which will be handled Jan. 14, 21 and 28.

All kinds of bear spray, ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY, Dist. "O" of Enterprise, Ala.