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No Trouble Foreseen In Postage Rate Hike

Postmaster Roland Reese of Birmingham said he expects plenty of stamps and postcards to be on hand for sale August 1, to meet new postage rates which become effective then.

Reese explained the Post Office department has been issuing new stamps, stamped envelopes and postal cards to post offices for several weeks in anticipation of the new rate changes.

Large additional supplies of the regular 4¢ stamp, bearing the likeness of Abraham Lincoln, are being received here to meet the new first-class letter rate of 4¢ an ounce. In addition, issues of special stamps and commemorative stamps will be available at the local post office in 4¢ denominations.

A NEW "Champion of Liberty" stamp, honoring Simon Bolivar, the late great South American liberator, will be on sale at the local post office on July 25 in 4¢ and 8¢ denominations.

The 8¢ stamp is used in international mail. Adequate supplies also are expected in other stamps, cards and envelopes, including new 7¢ air mail stamps, replacing the 6¢ air mail stamps; 3¢ postal cards replacing the 2¢ cards; 6¢ air mail postal cards replacing the 4¢ air mail postal cards; and 4¢ and 8¢ denominations.

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BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham city employees' retirement board has a new member. He's Capt. Alvin Larsen, the fire department's representative. He succeeds last Asst. Chief Stan Pepper, who's been on the board for the past five or six years. Larsen's three-year term starts with a July board meeting tonight.

A collie belonging to Fred A. Knorr, Vaughan road, was mighty happy to see Hills police captain Walt Sluiter trudging through the marsh Wednesday morning. The dog, missing two days, was caught by his broken chain in heavy brush 500 feet behind the Knorr home. The animal was unable to lie down and had been without food or water during the two days. Sluiter was investigating a complaint of a barking dog.

An unusual invitation came to this Wanderer Tuesday. Birmingham police issued it as they were preparing to attend a briefing on the use of the intoxicimeter. Dr. Clarence E. Muehlberger, state toxicologist with the Michigan department of health, conducted the

Motorbike Hits Car, Two Hurt

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—A motorcycle-car collision here Friday afternoon at Woodward and Love Pine injured two 15-year-old Berkeley youths.

Frederick J. Taylor, driver of the bike, suffered a broken leg and multiple cuts and bruises. His passenger, William L. Stafford, had minor cuts and bruises over most of his body. Both were sent to William Beaumont hospital.

THE DRIVER of the car, Glen H. Wolfe, 39, Centerville, said the boys made a left turn into the side of his auto. Both he and the youths were northbound on Woodward.

Schools Pass Final Budget, OK Tax Spread
 A \$460,000 carry-over from last year's budget "I believe might see us through the year," School Superintendent Dwight B. Ireland said at the Birmingham school board meeting Tuesday night.

The board formally approved a 1958-59 budget of \$4,896,937.66. The same move approved a tax spread for the operating budget of 7.95 mills within the 15 mill limitation, and 6.0 mills voted by the people (total, 13.95 mills). Another resolution adopted a debt service budget of \$1,582,174.50, to be financed by a tax spread of 8.5 mills, with the millage to be spread over five bond issues.

4 Arrested In 2 Nights At Drive-in

Charged with violating the city nuisance ordinance two Birmingham youths were arrested Monday night by Birmingham police at a drive-in restaurant at Woodward and Bennaville.

The arrests came just a day after a Bloomfield Hills and a Birmingham youth, both 17, were arrested at the same drive-in on the same charge.

Police were called to the drive-in at 1:02 a.m. Sunday, on a report that a fight was in progress. They arrested two youths and placed them in jail cells, releasing them later on \$25 bond. They will appear in Birmingham municipal court Friday.

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Richard Sprung doesn't even try to deny his boys' claims about seeing an unidentified flying object that might have been anything from a customized helicopter to a flying purple people eater. He says it, too.

Sprung, of 1650 W. Lincoln, Birmingham, doesn't want to start a flying saucer scare—don't get him wrong. But the airborne apparatus which he, his two sons and three other youngsters saw Saturday night certainly defies description by normal standards.

Eleven-year-old Dave Sprung and his 12-year-old brother, Tim, and neighbors John Ward, Tom Hinken and Steve Yoemans were sitting on the Sprung's front porch watching the moon and telling appropriate space stories around 9:30 p.m. when a mystery vehicle put in its first appearance.

"IT WAS round and had a strong red light that kept changing from bright to dim," Tim said. "It seemed to be flying awfully high, but we could see it well in the light."

Called into the ensuing confab, the elder Sprung observed the disc's flight.

"It kept circling around—maybe over a 50-mile course—but we could see it all the time, it was so high. After about 20 minutes the light became a bright yellow."

It moved in its orbit at an irregular rate of speed, jumping ahead in spurts then seemingly coasting, the amateur spacewatchers said. It never made a sound.

"AFTER AWHILE it stopped moving ahead and just sat still and rotated," Tim said. "Then we saw two prongs sticking out of the bottom like an upside down television antenna." A few minutes later it started up again and went away."

Meanwhile, Detroit area observers by the score speculate on the identity of an abnormal flying machine which, unfortunately, did not hover downtown as long as it did in the Birmingham area.

Most Detroit viewers reported seeing it for no more than five-minute periods between 9:30 and 9:45 p.m. General consensus characterized the object as flashing a red light and traveling in a straight line at a high rate of speed.

WHETHER the hot-headed suburban missile is related or identical to the downtown version is unknown.

"I'm not saying what it was," the senior Sprung admitted, "but I'd sure like to know if anyone finds out."

Derby Filmed
 Pictures of Birmingham's Derby junior high school have been included in a motion picture on American design, filmed by Jam Handy co. Jam Handy officials expect completion of the picture in the near future.

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