



School Dedication Draws the Famous

On a terrace overlooking the beautiful lawns of the C. Allen Harlan home, former U. S. defense secretary and Mrs. C. E. Wilson (right) of Bloomfield Hills, were among the distinguished guests who gathered to meet Justice John Marshall Harlan Tuesday. Here they chat with Birmingham School Superintendent Dwight B. Ireland and Harlan school Principal Edwin W. Crandell (left). A buffet dinner at the Harlan home honored the Justice, a cousin of the local Harlan, who came from Washington to be speaker at the Harlan school dedication.

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LEND AN EAR 'South Pacific: A Gilded Lily'

The Todd-A-O version of "South Pacific" now at the United Artists theater is proof, if any is needed, that good theater and effective movie-making are worlds apart. The picture is entertaining. The acting is more than adequate. The settings, mostly provided by Hawaii, are breathtakingly lovely. The color is literally a feast for the eye. But it still isn't the enchanting "South Pacific" of Broadway fame. BLOWN UP and projected onto the widest of today's wide screens, "South Pacific" has gained space but lost charm. It teeters precariously between phantasy and realism. Even the music, in this reporter's opinion the best ever written for Broadway, loses the zing and pep that characterized it when it burst like a meteor on our musical horizon. The lyrics seem less in the writer's mind than in the background of the great Pacific ocean and the enormity of the Todd-A-O screen. The characters are almost too real for typical musical-comedy effectiveness, and somehow not real enough for full dramatic dimension. "South Pacific" apparently doesn't need Todd-A-O. It seems to lose its charm in this king-size presentation. ON THE CREDIT side, however, the movie version will bring wonderful musical score of Rodgers and Hammerstein to additional millions of popular prices. The music abounds in lush, singable melody and unforgettable lyrics. Compared to the maudlin, monolithic music now offered by the rock'n'roll juke boxes and some less fortunate Broadway musicals, the tunes from "South Pacific" are as welcome as rain in the desert.

Random Notes About Town
THEATER
The Lydia Mendelsohn theater in Ann Arbor presents A View from the Bridge by Arthur Miller starring Lydia Adler.
MOVIES
BIRMINGHAM: May 14-20—Paths of Glory, with Adolph Menjou and Kirk Douglas—interesting war-study; also Fort Dobbs with Clint Walker and Virginia Mayo.
BIRMINGHAM: May 14-20—The Sandlot Run Deep with Clark Gable and Burt Lancaster; also Man from God's Country with George Montgomery.
CLAYTON PLAYHOUSE: The Golden Demon (Japanese); also Martine Carol and Roy Vallone in Riviera; Saturday only, The Bicycle Thief, May 21-23—La Strada with Anthony Quinn and Giulietta Masina.
SURF AND CORONET has La Strada; also Maud in Paris.
WORLD AND STUDIO has Gates of Paris by Rene Clair.
TELEVISION
CLIMAX presents Mona Freeman, Ray Dayton and Elaine Stritch in drama Thursday, 8:30 channel 2.
THE SCHLITZ PLAYHOUSE presents Edmond O'Brien in drama; Friday, 9:30, channel 2.
PERSON has Edward R. Murrow interviewing Peter Ustinov and Huntington Hartford; Friday, 10:30, channel 9.
AN AMERICAN GIRL—a film on anti-defamation, Sunday, 3:30 channel 2.
THE NEXT TEN YEARS an examination of the State of Israel with Cher Hunter; Sunday, 4 channel 4.
THE GREAT CHALLENGE that Makes an effective Foreign Policy? Sunday, 5, channel 2.
AIR POWER, an exciting program dealing with history and development of flight and its impact on this century; Sunday 6:30, channel 2.
ED SULLIVAN SHOW has Maurice Chevalier, Sophie Tucker and Carl Lawrence; Sunday, 8 channel 2.
KRAET THEATER presents Part II of All The King's Men adapted by Don Mankiewicz from novel of Robert Penn Warren, Wednesday, 9, channel 4.

To Discuss UN Role in Foreign Policy at Meet
"The Place of the United Nations in American Foreign Policy" will be the topic of Dr. Iris L. Claude, Jr., when he speaks at Monday's meeting of the Oakland county chapter of the American Council on Education. The meeting is slated for 8 p.m. at Birmingham Community House. Dr. Claude is a senior professor of political science at University of Michigan. He is the author of several books on international problems. Robert W. Feden, 1462 Pierce, southeast, who speaks at Monday's meeting of the Oakland county chapter of the American Council on Education. The meeting is slated for 8 p.m. at Birmingham Community House. Dr. Claude is a senior professor of political science at University of Michigan. He is the author of several books on international problems.

Gets 1 to 5 Years In Local Tire Theft
Charged with grand larceny in the theft of \$200 in new tires from a car at Brown and States, a Royal Oak man was recently sentenced to one to five years in Jackson prison. Oakland county circuit Judge George B. Hartwick pronounced the sentence after the defendant, 29, pleaded guilty. Also arrested in the case, Robert E. Felk, 25, of 1079 E. 14 Mile, Birmingham, was placed on three years' probation earlier. Necessity for paving Commerce street, from Cole to Lincoln, was discussed at a May 26 public hearing. That same night Birmingham city commissioners have scheduled hearings on sewer and pavement extension for Cole street. The Birmingham post office annex is to be constructed at the southeast corner of Commerce and Cole.

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM
WEIGHING THE ISSUE with the wisdom of their many years' experience, Birmingham's senior men's club members voted last week on whether Ike should attend the summit conference. The vote followed a debate, participated in by 20 non-card playing members. Each Friday this group holds a discussion when the club meets at the Community House, while their cohorts play cards. They turned last week's discussion into a debate. G. A. Ziegler took the affirmative, Charles Staples the negative. Nine voted in favor of and 11 voted against Ike's attending the meet.

Grant Easement In Private Lane
With residents' granting of an easement along Valley View lane, a private street in Birmingham, city commissioners set a June 9 public hearing on construction of a sewer mainline as a relief to drainage problems. Birmingham's mayor each year appoints quite a few citizens to various boards and committees. But his appointments always require city commission concurrence. All but one appointment, that is, this exception is for appointments to the police trial board. Monday night Mayor Carl F. Ingraham named to the board for the ensuing year Commissioners William Hutchinson and William Roberts. Both accepted their additional jobs with great pleasure. No wonder. In the past seven years, there has arisen no situation that would require a session of the trial board.

Larceny from Car Brings \$75 Fines
Arrested by Birmingham police May 3 when a resident at 1430 Southfield phoned police that men were going through a car in front of his home, two men were fined \$75 and \$5 costs in Birmingham municipal court Friday. Leroy A. Volberding, 20, of Clarkston, and Arthur H. Scott, 21, of Birmingham, pleaded guilty to charges of larceny from an auto. Judge John C. Emery placed them both on one year's probation.

'Sky Party' Tonight
They call it a "sky party", and members of the Pontiac-Northwest Detroit astronomer's association say visitors are welcome to their session tonight at Cranbrook Institute of Science at 8 p.m. The amateur astronomer will set up portable telescopes on the grounds to observe Jupiter and Saturn.

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Police End Ride
A motorcycle roared through a red light in Birmingham last Friday night, and Patrolman Edmund Long stopped the 16-year-old Detroit boy and girl riding it. When the boy could produce no vehicle registration, a check with Detroit police revealed the cycle was stolen. The juveniles were turned over to Detroit police.

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