

Recreation
Tennis Tourney

... to start soon. Page 8-E.

Precipitation
Consideration

... or just plain water talks
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This
and
That

by George R. Averill

Once upon a grand and glorious
time in human history this declara-
tion meant something strong and
mighty: "I am a Roman citizen!"
To be able to claim that identity
was a precious guarantee of liberty
itself. Do you think that this docu-
ment statement means as much to
us today as that Roman one did
centuries ago? "I am an American
citizen" Observe that both state-
ments declare each a citizen—
yet to be a real citizen implies
personal requirements upon one's
requirements that demand compli-
ance with duty and responsibility
of citizenship. Do enough of this
measure up to these requirements
today in the United States of
America?

"Democracy is a word of
Greek origin, and means "the
rule of the people" (Bancroft
please take notice!)

At least ten nations use the
circle as the symbol of
supremacy. (Looks as though
some of the others managed to
get in a few claws into the one
used by the U.S.A.)

The very nature of the environ-
ment in human beings requires
that be leaders and those
who are led. If people want to
improve their conditions in India,
they must be certain that they
select honest and competent lead-
ers. Failure to know how to make
such selections, or knowing how,
but failing to use such knowledge,
in masses will be led into condi-
tions of economic, political and
social distress. No man ever re-
mains free for long unless he dedicates
himself to learn how to keep
himself free.

Mankind is moved by over-
powering, irresistible motiva-
tions to maintain its life. The
instinct of self-reproduction is
instinct as strong as that of
self-preservation. For proof,
witness human beings in India,
China, in many other pov-
erty-stricken countries. Indeed,
right here in America it is in
evidence.

"It is our aim, to do all that
we can, as a nation, to help others
achieve security and we don't
want anybody to spoil that aim,
exclaim our national leaders. So
all we need is a means of deter-
mining the exact size, nature, na-
ture and whereabouts of the tar-
get."

Lance Minor Sworn
In As Commissioner

Birmingham's new city commis-
sioner, Lance C. Minor, was sworn
in at the Birmingham City Hall
last night by City Clerk Irene Hanley.
Minor was a city commissioner from
1951-54. He will serve until
April 4, 1960. Then voters will
elect a commissioner to serve the
unexpired one-year portion of the
term of John S. Gorman, Jr.,
who resigned to move to Tucson,
Ariz.

Within most people there are untapped,
inherent powers that can lift one to great
heights... great heights in the world-of-
everyday-affairs, or that more woodwork
realm where one's inspired thinking elevates
him. Nobody can give you a detailed chart
for such guidance—each of us must
righteously, prayerfully strive, work to
find the way."

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The Eccentric's Top
Suburban Weekly
TEN CENTS

Heat Wave Helps
B'ham Set New
Water Use Record
Crowds Jam Highways
To Reach Area Parks

It was hot in the Birmingham area over the weekend, but
not as hot as several weeks ago if you look at the water
reports.
Water consumption over the weekend was just above normal,
according to Fire Chief Park Smith, who keeps track of
the water pumped into Birmingham homes.

B'ham CC
Annexation
Predicted

Concerted efforts will be
made in the next 12 months
to have the 170-acre Birming-
ham country club annexed to
the city of Birmingham, it
was promised this week by a
club spokesman.
Lucas S. Miel, chairman of the
club's legal committee, Monday
warned city commissioners he
feared future Bloomfield township
incorporations might leave the club
an isolated township island.

THE CLUB, on 14 Mile west of
Southfield road, is bounded on three
sides by Birmingham, on the south
by Beverly Hills.
Specific reason for Miel's com-
missioner appearance was to win an
additional year's extension of the
club's fire protection contract with
Birmingham.

MIEL'S PROMISE that annexa-
tion proceedings would be pushed
urgently was won the second year
extension. The contract was to
have expired Tuesday night, June
30, but would have been granted ter-
rible fire insurance problems for
the club had the contract been ter-
minated.

Miel said annexation might take
as long as a year to accomplish.
To convince 350 club members
of the advantages of this move will
be quite some doing, he predicted.
The club has 958 members and
city an easement for a trunk sewer.
Birmingham reciprocated by
granting the club a 10-year extension
of several hundred dollars annual-
ly. The club never has had to call
the fire department.

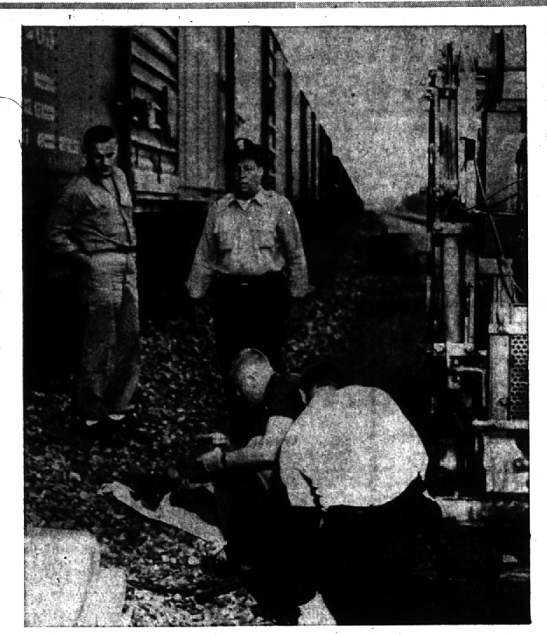
METHOD OF annexation would
differ, depending on the area de-
fined in the petition.
Under Michigan statute, the club
(See ANNEXATION, Page 2-A)

Learns Relatives Hurt
In Norway Hotel Fire

William H. Burlingame, 3891 Oakhill, Bloomfield township,
has received word that his sister and brother-in-law were
injured in the Stalheim, Norway hotel fire but would recover.

'Pop, Crack'—
July 4's Back

Independence Day, 1959, Bir-
mingham, will be met with the
usual pops, cracks, roars, fizzes
and flashes.
The Birmingham Chamber of
Commerce is planning its soon-
to-be-traditional July 4 fireworks
display at the Birmingham high
school football field.
The pyrotechnics, slated to
start at dark, will feature more
aerial bursts than ever — to
please the "ear-lings" who watch
the show from their automobiles.
The two-hour show is spon-
sored by the Birmingham CC
and local merchants.



Death Halts This Southbound Freight

The Grand Trunk freight was south-
bound, rolling fast on the downhill
grade, in the late afternoon last week
Wednesday. The train rolled through
Birmingham, was almost at the 14 Mile
road viaduct. Harvey Longchamp, 64,
of 646 Michigan, Detroit, had been work-
ing on the track with a rail-grinding
crew. He stepped from behind the
grinder (right) and into the side of the
diesel engine. Engineer William J. Em-
mons, also of Detroit, halted his train
as soon as he could. The Birmingham
Eccentric's photographer, Phil Webb,
was at the scene as the ambulance crew
placed the unconscious Longchamp on
the stretcher. He died en route to Wil-
liam Beaumont hospital.

'Suburbia Today' Tells Cranbrook Story

Cranbrook's art center wins a featured position in July's
issue of SUBURBIA TODAY, which you'll get with your next
week's Birmingham Eccentric.
So familiar to those of us in the
Birmingham-Bloomfield area, the
millions of readers of this national-
ly distributed monthly supplement
now get a look at Cranbrook's famo-
us grouping of schools, church,
gardens, art galleries and science
museum.
providing both mooring and serv-
icing facilities for boats and a
myriad of other services for the
boat owners, including laundry,
baby sitters, secretaries, and inter-
ior decorators.
From the East Coast comes the
hilarious lament of Mr. Jerome
Weidman, author of such best-sell-
ers as "Enemy Camp" and "What's
SUBURBIA TODAY'S July issue,
we cast off and tour the country's
waterways, dropping anchor here
and there at some of our marinas
— those dock-side marvels that are
virtually suburbs — on — their own.

BOATING IS FAST becoming
America's number one sport. It
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The 'Inevitable' Is on Its Way!

Birmingham City Treasurer Russell T.
Berger gets in the last lick before his
deputy, Miss Alice Upward, takes these
\$1,263,000 worth of city tax statements to
the post office. This amount is now due and
payable, as of yesterday, from the thou-
sands of Birmingham taxpayers. The re-

Free Six Hills
Youths Charged
With Beating
Seventh Found Guilty,
Gets Jail Term, Fine

Charges against six of the seven Bloomfield high school
teenagers accused in the beating of a Clawson truck driver
last March were dismissed Thursday in the Bloomfield Hills
court.
Huntington Woods Judge James Renfrew, sitting in for
Bloomfield Hills Judge A. J. Richardson, dismissed the
charges against six of the youths on the motion of an at-
torney.

The seventh youth, Tim David,
18, of 891 Woodway, Bloomfield
township, was found guilty to the
reduced charge of assault with bat-
tery and sentenced to 10 days in
the Oakland county jail.
David will begin serving the 10-
day sentence next Monday. He was
released pending a possible appeal.

Teen Gang
'Mop Up'
Finished

Final steps were taken this week
in the clean-up of a gang of eight
youths whose accumulation total
of crime went back more than two
years.
The last three members of the
gang were sentenced Monday by
Judge Adams in the Oakland county
circuit court.

TWINS CARL and Clark Mays,
17, of 311 E. Muir, Hazel Park,
and Gregory M. Bosak, 657 Ruff-
ner, Birmingham, were sentenced
on convictions of night-time break-
ing and entering and safe robbery.

Bosak, who was already serving
90 days in the Oakland county jail
for unarmed robbery, was sen-
tenced to one to 15 years in the
state prison at Jackson.
The twins were put on three
years probation and fined \$150
court costs.

THE BEATING took place
March 12 when Putebaugh, who
was driving a truck on Long Lake
road, and David, who was driving
a car full of teen-age youths, be-
came involved in a dispute.
David was driving his car too
slow, Putebaugh said, and wouldn't
allow him to pass. David said the
truck driver cut him off when he
went by.

When the truck and car reached
Woodward and Long Lake road
the youths jumped out of the car
and threw a bottle at the truck.
The truck driver said. The fight
took place when Putebaugh
jumped out of the truck.
Putebaugh was hospitalized.

BOSAK and the Mays twins
were part of the gang that broke
into the home of Elmer Kapke,
at 1263 Brookwood, Birmingham,
March 31. The gang took a port-
able television set, radio, photo-
graph and bottles of liquor from
the Kapke home.

Larry McFarland, 19, 1220 E.
Meyers, Hazel Park, who had ear-
lier pleaded guilty on a car theft
charge, received a two and one-
half to 15-year sentence.
Richard Hundlo, 18, 158 West
George, Hazel Park, and Richard
A. Stevenson, 1330 Cambourne,
Ferndale who also pleaded guilty
to a charge of unauthorized taking
and use of an automobile earlier
in Hazel Park, were sentenced to
one and one-half to 15 years in
state prison.

One of the juveniles—a first of-
fender—was put on probation.
The other was sent to the Oak-
land County Children's home. Both
are from Birmingham.

Age Is No Barrier
To Right of Petition

"As the saying goes, a funny thing happened to me on the
way to this meeting," Birmingham City Commissioner Carl
F. Ingraham told his colleagues Monday night.
"A 10-year-old boy handed me this petition, which I shall
read."

"So here is that boy's petition."
COMMISSIONER Florence Will-
ette, who as a legislator knows the
wisdom of answering a child's plea,
emphasized:
"This receives a serious an-
swer."
Mayor Harry M. Doney allowed
to have "it probably" was his re-
sponsibility to reply to the peti-
tioners.
THE CIRCULATOR of the petition
was a boy who lives a half
block from the lake.
His name Douglas Ingraham.
His Dad is a city commissioner.