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## This and That

By George R. Averill

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## Maple Open Again For Thru Traffic

W. Maple road was reopened again for traffic Tuesday afternoon from Westchesterway to Cranbrook roads.

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## Commissioners Monday Accepted Bid

City Engineer Grover Serenetz awarded motorist to the cleanup crew who for some days will be working along edges of the new pavement.

## September Start For Sunday Sweep

Birmingham's merchants like the idea of a special Sunday street cleanup and are stepping outside the gates. Surveying the country before him, he walked along and stepping to cry, "I'm free! I'm free!"

Merchants will be asked to sweep their sidewalks late Saturday afternoon. The city's mechanized sweeper will come by the next day.

## Recreation Board Holds Interviews

The Birmingham recreation board will interview five finalists who have been selected from the city's youth center for the recreation director's post Saturday.

## Mouw Tied for Lead In JC Golf Tourney

Young Gary Mouw, of Birmingham, was tied for first place yesterday in the first-round play of the annual Michigan Jay-Cee junior golf tournament at the Lenawee country club in Adrian.

He is tied with Denny MacDannel, of Kalamazoo. Both shot a two-over par 72 after Mouw missed a two-foot putt on the final hole.

Mouw BLEW an earlier opportunity on the 14th hole when his tee shot struck a tree. His second shot struck that same tree a few minutes later.

A young Birmingham entry, Chuck West, was tied for sixth place with eight other players with a 78.

The low four players will qualify for the National Jay-Cee junior tourney August 20-29, at Portsmouth, Va.



## When He Got There, Cupboard Was Burned

Teamster Agent Charles O'Brien (with flashlight) peers into a kitchen cupboard as he and State Police Arson Investigator Sgt. Ormel O'Farrell hastily inspect the charred interior of the Bloomfield township home destroyed deliberately last Thursday night by unknown persons. O'Brien spent about five minutes looking over the house's interior. He used more than half that time around this particular spot in the kitchen.

## Berlin's War Years Described to Julie

By JULIE CANDLER  
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ROME—I arrived here late last night and I refuse to leave my hotel until I get this report on its way, so all I can tell you about Rome is: it's hot. Europe's heat wave is making headlines, like the one I saw coming off the presses in Berlin: "33 Grad!" According to my fielding guide, that's between 90 and 95 degrees Fahrenheit—hardly worth mentioning in Michigan.

The newspapers I saw coming off the presses were at Ullstein house, Berlin's largest publishing firm, which prints paperback books and magazines as well as two newspapers.

THAT NIGHT I had a conversation I shall never forget, with Fraulein Lilo Thiem, public relations director for the big publishing house. She is charming, refined, and speaks English beautifully. We had dinner together at the magnificent new Berlin Hilton hotel. Over the creamed mushrooms and paty shells, Lilo told me about living in Berlin through the war years. Like me, she got to the marrying age just as World War II began. Lovely Lilo is still single, perhaps because so many of Germany's young men were killed.

More than that, about 350,000 other Berlin residents who went through the Berlin siege with Lilo were killed.

LILO WAS WORKING for the "New" British Broadcasting company in those days. She was using her good English to translate Nazi-originated newscasts to Great Britain.

"What we broadcast was the truth," said Lilo (she sincerely believes it was "that it was blasted to make the city did not feel uneasy." Like everyone else in Berlin in the war's last 18 months, Lilo would not have been allowed to leave the city if she had wanted to. She stayed on, jarred out of bed and down to an apartment house cellar almost every night by the sirens.

There she sat and listened to the sounds of a city being destroyed by bombs, the sound of explosion nearby, of people shouting and screaming and dying. Daytimes she emerged from the cellar refuge and tried to work, with practically no sleep and so little food that she was always hungry.

ONE NIGHT while she and the other apartment residents huddled in the cellar, an official came and told them their building was burning upstairs. He made them work the rest of the night to put out the fire.

Lilo, finally fed, 10 days before the Russians took Berlin. She loves the city and did not want to leave, despite the terror. But she had heard stories about terrible things Russian soldiers did to German women.

On April 30, 1945, she heard the guns to the east of Berlin, and knew the Russians were nearing. Next day she took the last train north out of the city.

IT'S EASY to believe her when Lilo says she still has terrible nightmares and insomnia. I learned from Lilo and others about this, and about their situation today, when their city is imprisoned by a Soviet wall of terror and harassment.

## National Safety Council Evaluates B'ham's Past Year

The City of Birmingham is slated to get an outside evaluation of its traffic safety activities next week.

It expects some praise and some constructive criticism. The national safety council will present its annual inventory of traffic safety activities to Birmingham, Wednesday, July 29.

The lengthy, detailed report, complete with recommendations for improvements, will be handed the city by Sgt. Michael Sibbel, safety and traffic bureau officer of the Michigan state police.

The report compares methods and programs of Birmingham with those in other cities of the same size and with similar problems.

THE REPORT incorporates findings and viewpoints of leading national authorities, such as the American bar association, international association of chiefs of police, institute of traffic engineers, national safety council, and committees of educators and safety council executives.

Birmingham, according to Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley, expects high ratings in its death and injury record and traffic engineering classifications.

The city's no-death 1958 record helped in this category, he said.

THE REPORT concerns itself mainly with records and safety measures, Motley said.

There were 212 cities in Birmingham's population group surveyed this year.

Miss Chapin heads the small band. Her father, Wells Chapin, 342 Arden lane, Birmingham, helped the teen-agers draw up the petition.

The board of education named Birmingham high school after the former board member and school builder, Ernest W. Seaborn, July 15. They named the new high school after Wylie C. Groves, recently-deceased board member.

The undersigned, students of Birmingham high school and parents, hereby petition the Board of

# Teastem Agent Also Missed Hot Senate Session

## Investigators Still Seeking Key to Fire At O'Brien's Home

A second neighbor told police Wednesday afternoon that she noticed a tan or cream car drive by her as she walked her dog about 8:30 p.m. on Manor road behind the O'Brien home. O'Brien's mother and her neighbors reported seeing a car of the same description pull away from the back of the home about 8:20 as they left for a meeting.

When 23-year-old Teastem business agent Charles O'Brien took his wife and two small children to Kansas City to visit his mother-in-law, then went on to Wyoming for a few days personal vacation, he escaped a frying pan but got into a fire.

The frying pan was a U.S. senate labor-management racket committee hearing in Birmingham June 13-14, before which his friend and boss, James R. Hoffa, again was testifying.

The fire was at the home of his mother, 205 Harrowe circle, Bloomfield township, a block north of Birmingham's city limits.

The \$30,000 damage included the personal and family possessions of the O'Brien family and Mrs. Sylvia Paris, O'Brien's widowed mother.

State police arson specialists yesterday were no farther ahead in their search for the unidentified person who set the blaze than last Thursday evening at 9:15 when the blaze was discovered.

IN WASHINGTON, the McClellan investigating committee spokesman said a Birmingham Eccentric reporter that a telegram had been sent O'Brien asking him to be in Washington at the time Hoffa again was being questioned by chief counsel Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and committee members.

"We received word from Mrs. Paris that her son was unavailable at the time," the spokesman said. He said the committee might have wanted to work for Hoffa at the latter's summer camp.

"As a times turned out, O'Brien's appearance was not necessary," the spokesman said.

He said O'Brien still is under subpoena. O'Brien returned here early Friday evening from a seven-day vacation with friends at Jackson's Hole, Wyo.

NEWEST LEAD for Sgt. Ormel O'Farrell, head of the arson squad at Reford state police post, in conducting the investigation, was supplied by Birmingham Eccentric reporters and others seen in the area shortly before the fire was started.

Another car—a light tan or cream color—also is being sought. It was seen by Mrs. Paris and her neighbors as they drove to a Bloomfield township meeting on lateral sewers.

WAS THE BLAZE, which gutted the \$40,000 home, set by persons who had been threatening the



MRS. SYLVIA PARIS glares at photographer

## New Water Use Mark Set - Again

Until scattered showers relieved the situation over the weekend, Birmingham residents just kept setting new records in the use of water during the long dry spell.

For the third time in less than six weeks, Birmingham residents used water at a record rate again, this time pulling 7,728,000 gallons through the pumps last Wednesday.

On July 10, they set a new mark of 7,012,422 gallons and used 6,940,000 gallons on June 9. The June 9 mark broke the old record of 6,971,000 set in August of last year.

The long-range forecast calls for little rain and even more water is expected to be used in the future.

There is no water shortage in Birmingham, city officials emphasized. The water authority can supply all the water the city needs.

## Old Hands to Set Plan Board Course

Two veteran members took the helm of the Birmingham plan board last week.

Roberts W. Page, 2468 Manchester, Birmingham, was elected chairman of the board; Elliot F. Robinson, 576 Linden road, was named vice chairman.

PAGE, WHO is a budget administrator with the Ford Motor company, has been on the plan board since 1958.

Robinson, an architect, has his offices at 818 E. Maple. He has been a plan board member since 1956.

## Planners Take Firm Stand on Corner

The Southfield-Townsend corner will remain a residential area, the Birmingham Plan board decided last week.

It turned down a request by defunct Archie L. McNaughton to have the corner rezoned for business.

Several non-conforming buildings are in the area.

All makes of inner spring mattresses meeting the requirements of the Federal Mattress Company, Dial Co and ask for Eccentric 5212.