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This and That

by George R. Averill

When England's Queen Elizabeth together with President Eisenhower, was dedicating the new St. Lawrence Seaway recently, her Majesty's Prince Philip offered his arm to Mrs. Eisenhower as they boarded Elizabeth's Britannia, while the Queen did not receive similar courtesy from Ike. Her Majesty, according to protocol, isn't supposed to accept such escort and I presume it is because England's Sovereign is supposed to have and be backed by sufficient "strength" to allow him or her "to stand upon his own feet." But, on another occasion, during the ceremonies, Ike did assist Elizabeth from the automobile - which she wasn't supposed to do. Which reminds me of a remark made some years ago by the Grandmother of today's Queen. Seems that she was escorting one of her granddaughters (perhaps Elizabeth) when the child said in reply to a question of what she wanted to be when she grew up: "I want to be a lady." Whereupon her Grandmother quickly and wisely interjected: "Better hope you'll grow up to be a woman!"

Reappointed

Mrs. Clyde C. Bennett Jr., 89, Suffield, Birmingham, again has been named Torch Drive chairman for the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin region. Mrs. Bennett, in addition to serving as regional chairman last year, was chairman of the recent "Informants" for Torch Drive workers.

Hills Police Fills Two Staff Positions

BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Two patrolmen were added to the Bloomfield Hills police department to fill recent vacancies last week. The new officers are Robert L. Snell, 25, of 1311 Whitcomb, Royal Oak, and Henry T. Jantunen, 28, of 286 Chippewa, Clawson. Snell, who graduated from Birmingham high school, is an Army veteran, married, has one child and was formerly employed by the Birmingham office of education.

US-10, 16 Mile Intersection Gets B'ham Study

Traffic volumes and movements at 10 Mile and US-10 are going to get Birmingham's preliminary study, City Manager L. R. Garo said last week. He advised the city commission that such efforts should precede Birmingham's talks with the state highway department about installing traffic signals at that intersection. The city's interest was spurred this week by a letter from Colin Clark of the 655 Leas, Birmingham. He said so much traffic wants to cross at this point that an unpermitted crossing is especially hazardous.



At the Nairobi (Kenya, East Africa) airport, Miss Shirley B. Smith (left) questions House Beautiful Editor Elizabeth Gordon about design ideas based on African themes.

Her Goal: Closer Ties for U.S., African Women

A former Baldwin high school graduate has been named to a key position in African affairs as director of the Women's African committee of the African-American institute of New York. She is Miss Shirley B. Smith, popular and pretty niece of Dr. and Mrs. Duane B. Lurkins, 25301 Franklin road, Franklin Village. Miss Smith is an African affairs specialist who has spent five years on that continent. She has worked for the United States information agency on assignments in Tangier, Morocco; Nairobi, Kenya; and Leopoldville, Belgian Congo. SHE IS THE new director of the Women's African committee, which will concentrate on projects which will bring the women of Africa and the United States into closer relationship. This new group was sponsored by the African American institute, and will work closely with it. Miss Smith lived with her aunt and Miss Smith in Detroit while her Detroit mother, Mrs. Charles Cripps, was in Washington with the civil defense administration during World War II. MISS SMITH was graduated from Baldwin high school in 1946, and was active in school clubs and sports. Her mother now is Kalamazoo school system's head counselor for junior high schools. Miss Smith, according to her aunt, will spend a few days the end of July in the Franklin-Birmingham area before going on to Kalamazoo. Then Miss Smith will return to Nairobi and Africa on her new assignment.

Monsignor to Officiate At Cornerstone Laying

The Rt. Rev. Monsignor Eugene E. Paddock, pastor of the Holy Name parish and dean of the Northwestern deanery, will officiate at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at the cornerstone laying of Rice high school for boys, at Lahser and Lincoln. Assisting at the ceremony will be the Rev. Lucien Hebert, pastor of the Holy Name parish, and the Rev. James J. Ryan, pastor of St. Bede's, St. Columbian and St. Hugo of the Hills also will attend. Construction plans call for the building to open in September 1960 for the ninth grade and add a grade each year until the four year curriculum is complete. The school is located on the southeast corner of a tract of land on Lahser that includes the Marjorie high school for girls and St. Regis elementary school, now under construction.

Officers Are In, Drain Bids Out At Board of Education

The Birmingham Board of Education rejected a whole series of bids on drainage of the new high school site, broke with tradition, and returned several incumbents to board offices at Monday's meeting. The board rejected all bids - ranging from \$100,000 to \$184,700 - labeling them "too high." It will recheck job requirements and re-advertise. A FIRST for Birmingham, Mrs. Alberta Beer, a non-board member, was elected to the post of treasurer. She is employed in the accounting department of the board and has served as secretary to the board. Mrs. Kathryn Loomis and William Spence were returned to their presidential and vice presidential chairs respectively. Bennett Book was elected to fill the secretary's spot, vacated by the retiring Amos E. Gregory.

Hold Chrysler Expressway Hearing Today

A hearing to determine the economic effect of the proposed Chrysler Expressway on area businesses and homes will be held this afternoon in the Royal Oak Dondoro high school at 2:00. The hearing will be held by the Michigan state highway department. The school is located at 709 N. Washington. It will cost an estimated \$50,000,000 to build the 21-mile stretch of the highway in southern Oakland county that will start in downtown Detroit. It will be the first step in the Detroit-Sault Ste. Marie expressway. The route in Oakland county will start at Eight mile and follow the Stephenson highway to 1 1/2 mile where a new plan will be put in effect. At 1 1/2 mile, the expressway will go east of Stephenson through Troy and to a connection with Perry street and M-24 (Opdyke road) to the northeast section of Pontiac.

Eton Widening Payments Ok'd

Eton road's widening and resurfacing definitely will go in this summer, Birmingham City Manager L. R. Garo promised. City commissioners Monday night approved special assessments to raise \$20,400, and \$23,296.20 will be paid by private property in three equal installments. The street, now an 18-foot slab pavement most of the way from Yosemite to Holland, will be widened to 41 feet. Considerable of the present surface will be retopped with asphalt. All makes of lower spring passenger cars are eligible for the ETON-MASTRESS COMPANY. Dial 9-2484 and ask for Director's Office.

B'ham May Move into New Quad with Municipal Lots

All Agree: 'It Was a Real Ball' In Stockholm Sightseeing

By AL SANDNER
Staff Writer

The floors in the Bloomfield Hills junior high gym have been swept, the dishes washed and put away, empty soft-drink bottles returned, and sleep—lost at the June 18 all-night graduation party—caught up on. More than memories of the experimental party remain, however. A FEELING of real satisfaction and plans and ideas for the future are growing even as the memories fade. A slightly different "twist"—parents, teachers and administrators seen even at least as pleased if not more so at the party's success than the students for whom the shindig was staged. The party was planned and put on by parents of the seniors as an experiment in supervised post-grad celebrations. It was designed to give the students a chance and a place in which to celebrate safely and sanely.

AND it worked. Superintendent of schools Eugene Johnson commended parents for doing a "marvelous job." "Their unique idea was a success in every way," he said. "I stayed until the wee hours, myself."

"THE SCHOOL board," Johnson went on, "cannot sponsor such a party, but it would be happy to continue lending whatever support it can to such a program."

"We enjoyed ourselves immensely," said Howard Kutchnick, president of the senior class. "The party was designed to keep seniors off the streets. It succeeded. There was a really good turnout."

"THE PARTY made a memorable closing to the school year," said class corresponding secretary Shirley Smith. "It brought all the seniors together for their victory celebration she said. This is something that would be impossible under (See PARTY, Page 6-A)

By JULIE CANDLER
Vacationing Staff-Writer

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, July 3—This is your foreign correspondent for The Birmingham Eccentric reporting in. There's only one trouble with Europe—the days are too short over here. I can't begin to see and do all the things I would like in each city. But I did get a chance to call former Birmingham high student Marit Maaren while I was in Oslo. We couldn't make connections because Marit lives more than a two-hour train ride from Oslo. Marit's invitation to visit her and her family in Sandefjord if there had been time.

MARIT SAID to tell her American "parents," the Hollister Mahlevs, of Birmingham, that she and all her family are fine and that she misses the family she lived with during her year as an American Field Service exchange student. She hopes the Mahlevs will be coming to Norway soon. Here in Stockholm I'm looking forward to a visit today with the Douglas A. Browns, formerly of Birmingham, now of Stockholm. While Doug is at the office managing the sale of Ford cars in Sweden, Wynne and I are going to do some sightseeing today. She hasn't had much time to sightsee yet, though they've been here since the first of the year. "Every time I go out it's to the grocery store or the shoe store and that's about as far as I get," claims Wynne.

LOOKING BACK on my trip across the ocean, I can't get over: 1) The long line-up of planes waiting at New York to take off from International airport. The plane ahead of us was barely off take-off. About two minutes later we were airborne, with a dozen planes waiting to take off behind us. 2) The male stewards (stewards, I mean) on the plane. 3) The way they slammed 75 passengers aboard the DCB (tourist class). 4) The narrow seats they gave me—it's a good thing I went on a diet before I left. 5) How much the Philadelphian

in the seat across from me looked like Councilman Leo J. Linsemyer of Beverly Hills. (Lucky me.)

Then there was the woman social from me on the plane. She had brought her own bottle and was mixing it with soda served by the steward. When the captain announced we were over Nantucket at 19,000 feet, she looked out at the clouds below and said, "Oh, that sweet little Nantucket, I wish we could see it!"

THE DELICIOUS, attractive sandwiches Scandinavian Airlines Systems served. (I did not get my trip free for saying that.)

Additional Block Of Angle Parking On N. Woodward

That six-months' test of angle parking on N. Woodward's east side will also include the block between Euclid and Ravine, Birmingham city commissioners agreed on recommendation of Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley. The test had been ordered from Ravine north as a temporary parking relief to the medical and professional offices in the Reid building. It has been parallel parking from Euclid north. Meanwhile, the city is proceeding on studies for permanent off-street municipal parking for the N. Woodward business area.

NEARLY SEVEN years ago, as Jacobson-Wabeek was accumulating property for its parking lots, Rosefield and Wabeek president William R. Yaw attempted to interest the city in taking them over. They said long-term purchases could be arranged, with a 3 per cent interest rate. The city declined, saying it could not afford a municipal parking program in that area for some years, that other areas would have to come first. Jacobson's interests completed their land acquisition, and built lots that cost more than \$500,000 in the Willet-Bates street area.

ALSO BEING EYED for possible city parking programs are at least three other areas: somewhere around the Birmingham Community House, in the Webster-Worth street area, and on N. Woodward in the Reid building vicinity.

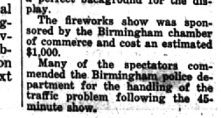
Over 10,000 Jam Area For Fireworks

More than 10,000 Birmingham area residents jammed the Birmingham high school athletic field Saturday to witness the annual fireworks display to commemorate the Fourth of July. Many at the display called it "the biggest and the best" and took every parking space within a mile of school. THERE WERE 200 cars in the school parking lot and hundreds of spectators walked to avoid the traffic. Perfect weather was partly responsible for the jammed parking lot. A clear, warm night gave a perfect background for the display. The fireworks show was sponsored by the Birmingham chamber of commerce and cost an estimated \$1,000. Many of the spectators commended the Birmingham police department for the handling of the traffic problem following the 45-minute show.

Full Pool at Birmingham Athletic Club

It was a hot crowd which came by the hundreds Sunday afternoon for the dedication of this cool pool at the Birmingham Athletic Club. Official water testers are (from left) BAC President Fred C. Mattanel, Jr., member and Birmingham Mayor John C. Emery, Jr., and program master-of-ceremonies Richard C. Van Dusen.

This long-awaited opening of recreational facilities at a club for younger Birmingham-Bloomfield families was noted by diving and tennis exhibitions. A \$175,000 clubhouse is expected to go under construction this fall, with completion hoped by next year.



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