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This and That

by George R. Averill

"To Err, Or Not To Err . . ." This A Judge's Dilemma

Do you believe that a federal or state Supreme Court Justice should ever be criticized? Do you presume that those who occupy these high offices are free from their personal life-acquired ideas and experiences, or that their status as top practitioners of jurisprudence has exalted them into infallible beings, incapable of erring in some of the decisions and opinions they make? If you answer "Yes" to these questions, then let me set you right on the subject . . . and for my first witness I present Eugene F. Black, an Associate Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, a better-than-average student of the law, and currently a "stormy petrel" in the arena of Michigan law enforcement procedures.

IT IS JUSTICE Black's considered opinion that no human being ever sat upon a high Court bench and, upon donning his robes, immediately shed himself of his every prejudice, partiality, conviction, philosophy, and attitude. Black speaks, of course, from his own experience, as well as from his other contacts bearing upon the subject. That high Courts err has been proved by later developments and decisions. That honest differences of opinion can be held within the membership of a single appellate Court are revealed every time such a Court fails to unite unanimously on decisions, opinions. The right of dissent is fundamental to the American system of jurisprudence, and it is never better exemplified in the cause of freedom than when jurists differ.

JUSTICE BLACK likes to illustrate the frequent razor-like edge of difference of opinion that can exist when a case is being adjudicated, by reference to a baseball game.

"Just imagine two very able, very partisan teams playing a championship game, where every pitch is of utmost importance," explains the Justice. "The enthusiastic fans in the stands are yelling in support of one or the other particular team. Maybe some of them have wagered on the game's outcome. The ball park is a veritable bedlam. (Which of them will win?) is on the mind of all."

"The pitchers are superb, their every throw is right where they want it to go. Frequently, the difference is in the split second."

Humor's value as a personal asset can have no monetary price placed upon it. It is a quality which most persons aspire to gain. Its possession and use not only affords pleasure to others, and offers more than mere pleasure—but it equally provides buoyancy of spirit and ability to ride out monetary discouragement to the humorist. Chuckle until you laugh!

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Evergreen Getting Underway Diggers to Start Next Month

By JULIE CANDLER
Staff Writer

"After about seven years, it looks like we're about to get started," said Harold K. Schone this week. He was speaking of the big Evergreen interceptor sewer project which will mean more homes and more people in the Birmingham area. It will eventually mean better living conditions for many already existing households.

Schone, former Birmingham city manager, is director of the Oakland county department of public works, which is building the huge sewer. This week Schone said that actual work should get underway by the end of April. It will necessitate a partial halt to traffic on Evergreen road, along which the big sewer lines will head south toward Detroit for many miles.

SCHONE SAID the DPW would also like to install the lines crossing Birmingham country club this spring. "It would be better for the golf course if we could do the work this spring instead of in winter," Schone said, adding that "in spring weather we could do a good cleanup job as we moved along."

He estimated work at the golf

course would take about 30 days, and could be done in stages to avoid tying up the entire course. Estimates are that the entire project will cost \$6,919,000, less a quarter-million dollar federal grant on the project's north portion.

Originally the project was expected to cost a little over \$5 million, but the addition of arms in Bloomfield township and the City of Southfield increased the cost. With the growth expected in the two communities, Schone said it was felt advisable to provide the additional arms with original construction. The cost is an approximate 12 per cent increase in construction bids, Schone said. Most municipalities participat-

ing in the Evergreen should be able to pay their share of the costs by charging fees to homes and businesses connecting up to the new sewer, Schone hopes. On new homes, he said, the connection fee would be part of the original purchase price.

BLOOMFIELD township recently raised sewer connection fees from \$200 to \$300 to pay its share of the interceptor cost. Participating in the big project are Southfield city, Troy, Bloomfield township, Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Lathrup and Pontiac township. The big sewer extends from Pontiac township on the north to 8 Mile and Evergreen roads on the south. There it will connect with the Detroit sewer system. Contracts have been negotiated with Detroit for treatment.

Detroit originally held up the project by refusal to agree to treat any Oakland wastewater until the city was ready to construct a huge drain needed at Eight Mile road. BECAUSE of the protests of several hundred Southfield property owners about their assessments

for the Eight Mile drain, that matter is now bottled-necked in Lansing. The state municipal finance commission has taken no action on the matter, but is currently investigating the "fairness" of the Southfield owners' assessments.

Schone said Tuesday that the matter "may still wind up in court," but in the meantime Detroit has removed the barrier as far as the Eight Mile drain is concerned. Also holding up the Evergreen project was a case now before the state Supreme court to test the county DPW's constitutional right to issue bonds and negotiate contracts. However, Schone said that on March 10 the state finance commission authorized the DPW to go ahead with the sale of bonds.

"All I can say," Schone said, "is that bond attorney Claude Stevens and our financial consultant have advised us to prepare for the bond sale April 21."

On that date, Schone predicted, contracts will be ready for signature and can be executed immediately. Unless road weight restrictions hamper movement of heavy equipment onto the job site, Schone predicted the work would get underway within a few days after the bond sale.

Retired industrialist, Mr. Scott was known as the father of the automobile home industry with four wheel hydraulic brakes for cars.

HE SERVED Bendix in 1935 as president. Mr. Scott was head of the Lockheed Brake Firm until 1954. He was founder of the Lockheed Hydraulic Co. of Detroit and organizer of Bendix Home Appliance Corp. at South Bend, Ind.

Survivors are his wife, Ann; a son, Reed Buchanan of Encino, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. Warren Gill of Lebanon, Ore.; and four grandchildren.

Services and burial were Tuesday in Glendale, Calif.

Stores to Close On Good Friday

Most Birmingham businesses will close from 12 noon to 3 p.m. tomorrow, Good Friday, according to Chamber of Commerce Manager Charles Mortensen.

Union services will be held at the First Methodist Church, Maple and Pleasant, from noon till 3 p.m. this year, Mortensen said.

This Lioness Was a 'Lamb'

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Donnel left their home at 771 Wallace, Birmingham, for Chicago and a typical Chicago-land vacation—but they wound up in Lion Country. At their hotel was a guest from Graham, Tex., who had brought a "friend" to (see the Chicago stockyards?). The Texas twosome was

Charles Hipp and "Blondie," a 6-year-old pet lioness. Mr. and Mrs. Donnel were asked to "lion-sit" Blondie while her owner went on a few errands. After an hour or so, you get brave enough to move in real close for a picture, as Mrs. Donnel did above.

City Approves Contract With Ambulance Firm

Birmingham area residents have been guaranteed emergency service by the Birmingham Ambulance Service for at least another year.

City commissioners Monday night unanimously accepted a bid of \$450 per month for a one-year period made by the company.

This will not mean that residents will get free ambulance service. The city is subsidizing the company in order to have it located in town.

Residents will still have to pay the regular ambulance bill even though the city subsidizes an ambulance for them, but the city will not have to underwrite the ambulance company for uncollected bills as it has in the past.

A REQUEST for bids was sent to approximately 25 companies, but the Birmingham firm was the only one to reply.

The companies were asked to submit bids on the basis of both one-year and three-year contracts, which were to include the use of deluxe type equipment and a minimum of two ambulances.

The Birmingham Ambulance Service will furnish three vehicles. CITY MANAGER L. R. Gare recommended that the city accept the company's bid on a three-year contract, but commissioners felt a one-year contract would be more suitable for the first year.

The city decided to subsidize a private company after Birmingham Ambulance Service owner Mike O'Hara, told The Birmingham Eccentric last November that

Hearing Set \$5,000 in Cash, In Beating Of Driver Property Taken

More than \$5,000 in cash and personal property was taken from two Birmingham homes and a gas station over the weekend.

Burglars ransacked the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bell, 1586 Redding, and took over \$4,000 in loot. Two \$1,000 milk cans, jewelry, perfume, a movie camera and \$375 in cash were taken.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell were visiting in Canada for the weekend. The burglary was discovered by their daughter, Mrs. Thomas Richy, 4819 Haddington, who stopped by to pick up a suitcase her parents left for her.

Patrolman Douglas Marble said entry was gained by breaking a pane of glass on a rear porch. He said the whole house had been gone through including a desk in the den and closets in the bedrooms.

AT THE CHARLES L. Watkins home, 1489 E. Maple, \$500 in men's and women's jewelry and a \$100 camera were taken Saturday night. Police said the thieves entered a rear porch and broke a window to get at a door lock. The master bedroom was searched and two leather boxes containing cufflinks and the clasp sets were taken from a dresser drawer.

Two other boxes containing women's jewelry for many years and a camera with flash attachment were also taken.

MORE THAN \$400 worth of tools and an undetermined amount of change from vending machines were taken from Jim & Reds Services.

ALL OF the thieves admitted drinking, Captain Slater said. Paterburg, who gave his statement to Taylor Monday, told the press that the youths apparently became angry when he heaped his horn because they did not move away from a traffic light fast enough.

He said they drove very slowly and kept cutting him off when he tried to pass his car. He had to cut them off when he finally

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STRICTLY FRESH

A man who says he never makes a mistake is untruthful, usually, about other things, too.

The fellow who is first to arrive at the office and last to leave at night probably has very poor bus service to his neck of the woods.

The best way to eat garlic is sparingly.

If you like walking, get a reputation for not tipping cab drivers.

Nothing is all bad, but the late, late show on TV usually comes pretty close to perfection.

All makes of inner spring mattresses repaired. One-day service. ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY. Dial "90" and ask for Enterprise 6319.

B'ham Community House Meets Lack of Support

Severe curtailment of the services provided to the area's residents by the Birmingham Community House is in prospect, unless additional financial support can be obtained, according to Ralph E. Hunt, general chairman of the House's finance drive.

Of this year's \$60,000 goal, only \$24,619 has been subscribed—58 per cent of the amount needed to continue the House's program for the year, Hunt said.

Support for this unique Birmingham institution has been lagging from individuals, business and industry, and the service clubs, and other organizations which have their meetings at the Community House.

Of 18,400 families, businesses and organizations which have a stake in the continued operation of the House, only 5,111 have pledged financial aid for the House's recreational, social and educational programs," he said.

"THE PROBLEM, we believe, are two-fold. First, the services rendered are being taken too much for granted by many people who use them. And second, these services are not well enough known to many residents of the area."

He would like to ask Birmingham-area residents to consider what the loss of the Community House would mean in terms of meeting places for activities in which they are interested, and how the loss of the services such as free loan of sick-room supplies and the House's employment

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Suburbia Today Has 'Two Faces of April'

April's issue of Suburbia Today—coming with NEXT WEEK'S issue of The Eccentric—fearlessly enters the field of controversy with an active debate on—"What Is This Thing Called April?"

Lewis Nichols, a distinguished New York TIMES man, and a confirmed pessimist who has delighted writers for many years by taking the dim view of everything from the habits of teenage students to bird watching, states the case for the task-burdened "suburbia in the spring" and says that April is a rain-ridden, roof-mending, rock-moving, rest-resistant month.

NOT SO, sir, pipe up "The Poets." April is joy and love, and growth, and renewal, and the promise of the blazing beauty of the time ahead.

The poets sigh, and smile. Mr. Nichols sighs, and scowls. Are their viewpoints irreconcilable? We can't personally think so, but we do think you will enjoy reading about and seeing "The Two Faces of April."

Also featured this month is a look at the Famous Artists Schools, which teaches art seriously and successfully by correspondence.

The Famous Artists faculties, including such artists as Norman Rockwell, Ben Shahn and Mil Canfor, have brought a new understanding and appreciation of art to thousands.

Features on taxes, a mother's trials with an active two-year-old son, a system of good social behavior for teenagers worked out by a group of teens also highlight this issue of Suburbia Today.



Early Ticket Buyers

These little girls bought their tickets to the Birmingham Uniformed Firemen's Association annual "Theater Party" early so they wouldn't miss out. The girls, from left, Patty Douglas, 4, 215 Fairfax; Kath Lanti, 5, 315 Fairfax; and Nancy DeClas, 6, purchase their tickets from Fireman Early Mudge. There will be two performances on April 2 at the Birmingham Theater; one at 10 a.m. and the other at 2 p.m. Besides the feature film, "Broken Lance," there will be one hour of cartoons. Tickets can be obtained from your firemen or at the box office of the theater.