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All or part of the virtues of an individual, or even a nation, may be lost in a short time. Once lost, troubles, even disasters befall the individual or the nation, and remain until these lost virtues are restored. Human history records these gains and losses of virtue... but, of course, since the days of the cave and the cliff environment, humans have tended toward virtue.

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Separate Tragedies Touch 2 Teen-Agers

Boy, 17, Girl, 18, Involved

The long arm of tragedy reached out during the past week and touched the lives of two Birmingham area teenagers. One it touched lightly—Mrs. Sharon H. Wells, 18, who had a first brush with the police. Toward the other, Richard John Bielby, 17, it reached further. He hanged himself Friday night in the Birmingham city jail.

Mrs. Wells waived examination Wednesday morning before Judge John Emery, Jr., in Birmingham Municipal court. She has been bound over to Oakland County Circuit court for arraignment Monday, Sept. 14. A \$2,500 bond has been set.

THE YOUTH, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth J. Bielby, 2969 Westmoor, Bloomfield township, was being held for investigation of attempted theft when he made a nose from his nylon shirt and hanged himself in the cell-block.

The body was recovered at about 8:10 p.m. by patrolman Douglas Marble, who was handling the case. Marble had put the youth in the cell block alone about 6:10 p.m., and then finished processing another case.

BIELBY had tried, earlier that afternoon, to break out of a cash box at Tillary's gas station, Adams and Maple, police report. The youth hid the subject in a box from the front of the station to the wash-room where he had tried unsuccessfully to open it.

HE LATER spotted Bielby in a super market on E. Maple west of Adams, the subject was arrested and taken to the police station.

After a brief questioning, in which the subject admitted the theft, claiming he wanted the money for his father who is in Beaumont hospital for treatment of cancer, Bielby was put in the cell block until Marble could finish the routine investigation of another case.

"The boy's parents had not yet been notified," he went on.

"We notify the parents immediately following the apprehension when the subject is in the jail," said Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley. "We then work closely with the parents in solving the child's problem," he went on.

A PERSON OF 17 is considered an adult, he pointed out, and the case is handled differently. The person apprehended and charged as plaintiff give their versions of the story. Evidence is secured and identified.

"Then there must be a determination of the charge, if any, that is to be placed against the subject," the chief explained.

"If after investigation is completed it appears that all the elements to support the charge are present, the subject is held and the parents notified if he is a minor.

"IN THIS case the officer had not completed the preliminary functions when this tragic incident occurred.

"In behalf of the entire police department," Moxley went on, "I wish to commend the officers of the Birmingham police who have undergone such much sorrow in connection with this extremely tragic affair."

Bielby, who was personable and well-liked by his fellow students, was recognized by school authorities as having emotional problems.

RICHARD is survived by his parents, a sister, Martha Ellen, and a brother, Justin.

Services at the William Vasa funeral home Tuesday were crowded with Seelbach high school students. His father was released from the hospital long enough to attend the funeral.

Richard was to have started his senior year at Seelbach this year.

B'ham Dems to Meet
The Birmingham Democratic club will hold its first meeting for the fall at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Birmingham Community House. All people interested in meeting Birmingham Democrats are invited, according to club President Mrs. John H. McVay, 1673 Yosemite.

Reject Bids For Library Addition

Bids which ran nearly 25 per cent over the estimated \$151,800 proposed addition to Baldwin public library were rejected Tuesday night by the city commission.

On advice of City Attorney Dean G. Beier, the city turned down the general contracting bid of \$172,500 submitted a week earlier by the Lockwood-McCutcheon, Inc., of Detroit.

Equipment bid of \$11,638.60 from Art Metal Con. Co. will be held until it is decided what to do about the addition's construction.

ARCHITECT Linn Smith this week talked with the low bidder, who agreed to substitute other materials and delete minor details and reduce costs by \$20,570.

However, Beier said he felt this "materially changed" the nature of the job, and there might then be criticism that the city was not awarding bids on advertised specifications.

Meanwhile, the public library board will meet tonight to consider this crisis.

BOARD PRESIDENT Charles Kass admitted that if the city cannot spend more than the planned \$151,800, it probably will require the addition to be re-designed.

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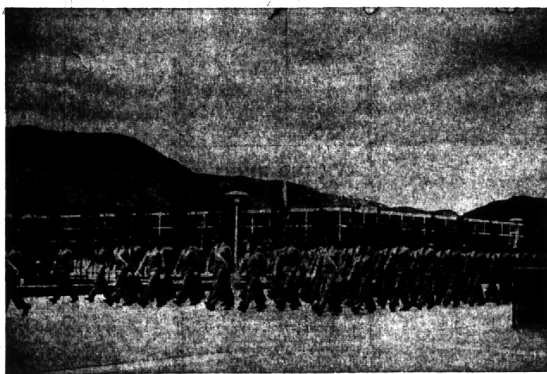
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Being conducted from the Oakland county jail to Birmingham municipal court for arraignment Wednesday morning, Mrs. Sharon H. Wells ducks away from the Birmingham Eccentric camera's view. Escorting her are Birmingham Detective Richard Chambers (front) and Patrolman Douglas Marble.



On their way to their noon meal are these U.S. Air Academy fourth classmen (freshmen). Their modern dormitories are in the middle background, and the steep, imposing Rampart range of the Rockies in the distance.

There Are No Gates To Your Air Academy

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL
Managing Editor

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—Present and future air defense of the North American continent is as sound and secure as man and machine can make it today.

While protecting the present with the latest in airpower and firepower, your Air Force leadership is working long hours here probing the continental defense probabilities and then fabricating machines and formulating plans which will make it most unwise for any aggressor to strike by air at your home or mine.

ALONG WITH 30 Rochester and South Oakland former fighter and bomber pilots and businessmen, this reporter was conducted on a detailed tour of the U. S. Air Force Academy and NORAD, upon special invitation of these two military installations.

What we found in each made us confident that our air force military leaders have done all they can to turn back any enemy if he would dare penetrate the North American air defense screen.

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'Sniper' Sent Back to Ionis For Treatment

Circuit Court Judge Frank L. Doty, disapproving recommendations from three psychiatrists, returned Gary A. Taylor, the "sniper sniper" to the Ionis State hospital for the criminally insane Friday.

Although the psychiatrists said that Taylor could be paroled if he continued to receive treatment, Judge Doty ruled the youth should be completely cured before release.

TAYLOR terrorized women with his rifle in 1957 and shot at a car during the spree. He wounded two of them.

All of the psychiatrists agreed the Taylor sniper should be paroled, but only under "very strict" supervision.

SOUTHFIELD MAIL Address Changes
With the inauguration of postal delivery service from the City of Southfield's first post office today, that city's residents will have a new mailing address.

Formerly listed under Birmingham, Detroit, and Royal Oak post offices, the entire city will now be addressed at Southfield, Michigan.

According to late word from Congressman William S. Broomfield, two major Southfield areas originally planned for retention in Detroit post office delivery district are being included under Southfield. They are Northland and a commercial strip along Eight Mile road.

Senior Men Slate Movie Featuring Red Cross, Police
A Red Cross film of Oakland county Red Cross and police work with LaMar Gilchrist of the police department as commentator will be the entertainment feature Friday at the Senior Men's club of Birmingham meeting.

The discussion group headed by G. A. Ziegler will discuss the topic "Unions and Strikes." Meetings are held at 10 a.m. every Tuesday and Friday.

Men who have reached retirement age are active within an school district of the city of Birmingham are welcome. Tuesdays are devoted to card playing and the shuffleboard tournament that begins at 2 p.m. A business meeting and entertainment takes place on Friday.

CITY OFFICIALS approve the idea, but want the city attorney and plan board to review the situation. To see that all city ordinances are complied with, course.

According to Simpson, the neighbors would form a non-profit swimming pool association. The pool would be landscaped, probably have a lifeguard, and serve 50 to 75 people.

Neighborhood Ruffled—But Mildly—by Crime

By ELEANORE VINALL
Special Writer

Sunday morning on S. Bates street was pretty much as usual.

It was a pleasant day, already hot by 9:30. Kids on tricycles watched a couple of dads wash cars. Families finished breakfast and got ready for church. A dog barked frantically at a cat beyond a fence.

We'd just gotten through our first cup of coffee and into our morning paper when words of a conversation next door began to penetrate our still sleepy brain.

"Cab driver. Knife. Holdup!" The voices rose in intensity, and we moved fast.

THERE'S SOMETHING a little odd about newspaper people. When we smell a story, nothing else matters. We jolted the little knot of bed-clad people on the lawn next door, still in our pink coffee coats and slippers and without benefit of lipstick.

When the first scout car wheeled around the corner and pulled to a stop across the street, it took us about 30 seconds to switch to a shirt and postal pushers.

THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD Ronnie Rowe, a student at Barnum junior high school, saw a girl leaning over the seat behind the driver of the cab. Seconds later, Sue Rowe, 19, saw the girl get out of the cab and run down Southlawn and across Bates.

Next door, at 1680 S. Bates, Mrs. Ed Groh, clearing away breakfast dishes in the dining ell of her home, saw the girl run across the street and into the side door of a house across the street.

About two minutes later, call it a minute, Mrs. Groh saw a revolver slung around his hips.

What more economical way to get a backyard swimming pool than for the neighborhood to chip in for a community one?

That's what 15 Birmingham neighbors in the Henley-Oxford area have in mind.

Through spokesman P. K. Simpson, 292 Henley (on whose vacant lot the pool would be built opposite his home), the group has asked the city for permission to construct the pool.

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This and That

by George R. Averill
Cerinpa Siderswiper is contemplating moving from her four-story bungalow to a more modern ranch type home. "I've always wanted to live on the level," she tells us. "Up and down ... up and down ... that's what's happened to me all my life."

True poetry consists of presenting, with colorfully descriptive words, fitted to a rhythmic pattern of unrhymed, in various ways, or they may be undulatingly rhythmic in verse. (Now, folks, ain't this a pretty good definition, or description, or something?)

Be sure you're sure that you're right before you go ahead. First, of course, learn how to be sure.

Oh, look an' see the clouds up high... There's up an'... no longer high... I like clouds 'til I see the rain... Ah, clouds, keep sailing... soar... an' pour... Four on our earth an' fill our streams... On rainy days we see sweet dreams... Ah, clouds, warm sunshiners, clear mist... May ever thou by sky be kissed... An' winds transport them up there... Our thanks for thee be in our prayer!—(GRA)

Actually, democracy consists of millions of people who are given freedom to think and choose how they want to live. They are allowed to work where they want, elect whom they want to public office. They dream many dreams, some of them only worth forgetting... others dream to improve their lot in life. Democracy provides freedom to do many things—not excluding the misfortune to lose it!

We sort of like what that chap said when he referred to "women's tears as the most precious and efficient water power on earth."

Most real statesmen are, fundamentally, humble. Their humility is their real source of wisdom and strength. Average politicians, on the other hand, are generally loud, ravenous and boastful. Being without humility, they mistake sound for sense, promises for performance. Most politicians know how short is the memory of most voters.

Here's a nugget of wisdom I read recently: "No one has a better command of language than the man who keeps his mouth shut."

Seaholm HI Parking Now City Problem

For faster and more efficient enforcement of Birmingham Seaholm high school's parking lot now comes under direct jurisdiction of the police department.

An ordinance amendment was approved this week by the city commission at the school board's request. In past years, school officials have experienced considerable difficulty in trying to police the parking lot with school students and employees.

Stamp Club Starts 22nd Year Monday

The Birmingham Stamp club will begin its 22nd year Monday night with its first meeting of the season.

Officers for this year are Richard Covles, president; Tom Nauhaus, vice president; and Mrs. Beulah Clark, secretary-treasurer. Monthly auctions will begin at the club's second meeting Sept. 28. A series of educational programs on stamps is planned for later in the season.

Academy Site Plan, Air View

TOP: Site plan of your U.S. Air Force Academy. Its 17,800 acres cover an area approximately seven miles north to south, four miles east to west. BOTTOM: an aerial view of the heart of the academy—the cadet living, eating, study and athletic facilities.