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# This and That

By George R. Averill

Here's one that ought to make Henry Wallace sit up and take notice: Not to overlook Agnes Benson. From the mystic East has come a new way to make corn stalks grow faster. This said Indian flute music charms plants the same music to cornstalks that they play to cobs, causing the stalks to grow faster. A "cornstalk audience" was given flute music a half hour daily for 30 days, and another group left silent. The musically treated stalks grew 25 to 50 per cent faster. Wonder what would happen if beatnik sounds were used instead.

"If a sandhill crane squawks within 100 yards of you, you just about jump out of your skin," says Professor George Hunt, of the University of Michigan's wildlife management. Moral—don't get that close to sand hill cranes—for their loud and deep voices can be heard a mile away.

The little old lady was surprised when her husband's obituary appeared in the local paper as follows: "Mr. Smith has gone to heaven to rest."

She called the editor and pointed out the mistake. He promised a correction. The following issue of the paper said that "Mr. Smith has gone to heaven to rest."

Once again the patient little old lady pointed out the mistake. She gave up, however, when her husband's obituary appeared for the third time: "Mr. Smith has gone to heaven to rest."

The very best way to be top procrastinator is to put off for tomorrow those things you put off yesterday to do today. In this manner you will be able to refrain from doing anything except carry (See THIS & THAT, Page 5-A)

### B'ham Man Assists In Capsule Recovery

A Birmingham man participated in the history-making first recovery of a Discoverer satellite capsule in the Pacific.

He is Lt. Paul A. Phillips, son of Paul Phillips, 1208 Bird.

Lt. Phillips is a member of the 652nd Airborne Early Warning and Control wing's recovery team force unit which was responsible for locating the exact spot where the Discoverer capsule hit in the Pacific. The unit is stationed at McClellan Air Force base, Sacramento, Calif.

He is director in charge of the radar operator, 968d ABW&O Sq.

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SECTION A

## Price Minor Quits Commission Post

### Dr. Dickey Sniffs Smell Of Success

"You smell like a rose," a pleased mother told Superintendent Dr. Otis M. Dickey Tuesday at the board of education meeting.

After the revised schedule for the daily opening and closing times for Birmingham schools, Mrs. A. H. Bell of 1301 Washington, commended the administration for its response to parents' request for an earlier starting time for elementary students.

Mrs. Bell is the wife of the man who circulated petitions in the Pierce school area to back the new schedule that was adopted Tuesday by the board.

### THE REVISED SCHEDULE

calls for a starting time of 8:55 a.m. and a dismissal time of 3:10 p.m. for Adams, Baldwin, Bloomfield Village, Midvale, Pembroke, Pierce, Quackenbush and Torrey elementary schools.

The lunch hour will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The lunch recesses are:

4-5  
6-7  
8-9  
10-11  
12-13  
14-15  
16-17  
18-19  
20-21  
22-23  
24-25  
26-27  
28-29  
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### Robinson Plan Board Chairman

Elliot Robinson, newly elected chairman of the city's planning board, took the gavel in hand last week and directed a discussion on the use of some sewage treatment plant property, a proposed swimming pool ordinance and the neighborhood standards plan.

The board, with former chairman Robert Page now acting vice chairman, met jointly last Thursday with the recreation board on the sewage treatment property on Cranbrook road, south of Scenic high school.

### City To Peruse Report On Youth Protection

That report from United Community Services recommending Birmingham's participation in a county-wide coordinated youth protection program will be scrutinized by the city manager's office.

Accepting the report Monday night from a special UCS committee, city commissioners decided to refer the matter to the city manager's office for further study.

They also extended a vote of thanks to the UCS group.

Said mayor pro-tem William E. Roberts:

"This is the most complete and comprehensive report I've seen on this subject."

### COMMISSIONER CARL F. Ingraham, pointing out that this was the first instance in which the city had relied on services of UCS, suggested the vote of thanks. In short, the committee recommended that Birmingham take part in a county-wide coordinated youth protection and assistance program. Appearing at the commission meeting Monday night to answer any questions concerning the report were Charles B. Kass, chairman of the North Oakland planning division of UCS; Mrs. Harvey B. Greene, chairman of the South Oakland division of the North Oakland unit.

### PIERROT TRAVEL SERIES

For the first time in its 27-year history, the World Adventure Series headed by George F. Pierrot will open a branch office in Birmingham.

The series, featuring some of the country's top travel lecturers and their color films, will be in addition to the World Adventure Series programs presented regularly on Sunday afternoons in the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Eugene J. Barney, president of the Community Home, said he is delighted and flattered that the World Adventure Series has accepted our invitation to extend its extremely popular series of travel films and lectures to Birmingham.

### Birmingham's First Club Pool Opens

While workmen added finishing touches to the new Forest Hills swim club pool adjoins Eton park, the pool's four lifeguards are there and ready to go on duty this week.

From left, Tom Westrate, 1585 Buckingham; Larry Severy, 21725 Eastlady, Beverly Hills; Gary Smith, of Clarkston, and Fred Anderson, 1051 Riveoak. Martin Foley is manager of the first jointly owned private pool in Birmingham, which opened to its 257 member families Tuesday. The work was completed.



### B of E Promotes Ten, Three to Central Office

In a brief hour and seven minutes, Birmingham board of education members Tuesday approved administrative promotions, a salary schedule and accepted bids on tax anticipation notes.

Of the ten promotions and appointments, three were made in the central office staff.

Kenneth F. Nagley was elevated from principal at Groves high school to director of personnel.

Lloyd Van Buskirk, Jr., business manager at L'Anse Creuse public schools, was named director of finance.

Walter J. Piel, former principal of Pierce elementary school, was given the job of administrative assistant to the superintendent.

### PROMOTED TO PRINCIPALS

and other instructional positions were James A. Burchett, from principal of Derby junior high school to principal at Groves; Robert K. Ford was transferred from principal at Barnum junior high to principal at Derby junior high; Roy E. Vanette, assistant principal at Barnum, was named Betteville, counselor at Eastern Junior high school; Pontiac, will be the new assistant principal at Barnum.

### School Bus Schedule for Fall

Bus schedules for the new school year have been released by Norman Wolfe, assistant superintendent of schools.

Buses will begin picking up students who attend Scenic high school and Derby junior high at 7:25 a.m. to arrive at school at 7:55 a.m. Buses will leave these schools at 3:20 p.m.

PICK-UP FOR Groves high school and Barnum junior high school will begin at 7:55 a.m. The last buses will leave at 3:20 p.m. and begin the return trip at 3:50 p.m.

The first bus will run for the elementary schools will commence at 8:25 a.m. and will be completed at 8:55 a.m. The afternoon bus will leave at 2:50 p.m. from Beverly, Greenfield, Franklin, Harlan, Valley Woods, and Walnut Lake schools; at 3:30 p.m. from Baldwin, Bloomfield Village and Midvale schools.

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"THE MAIN objective of the Community Home is to serve the people of Oakland county in as many constructive ways as possible and the World Adventure Series will be an important part of the broad program of activities we are planning for 1960-61."

Pierrot, internationally known author, lecturer and television producer, explained:

"The World Adventure Series decided to branch out for the first time since 1933 in order to better serve our thousands of friends in Birmingham and other communities. We are looking forward to seeing them more often at this new series in the Community Home."

The new series will start at 8 p.m. on each of the eight Saturdays.

ERIC PAVEL WILL open the series with "Amazing Argentina."

On Nov. 19, Brian Brujan, who has visited Russia 10 times, will present his new color film, "What I Saw in Soviet Russia."

Thayer Soule, formerly associated with Burton Holmes, will narrate his new color film, "Our Fourth State," Dec. 10.

"Mato Grosko Jungle Adventure" will be the subject of a presentation by Sasha/Sienel Jan. 21.

On Feb. 4, Lisa Chickerin will present "Austria in a Carte."

Dan Cooper, born and reared in the logging camps of Western Montana, will present his documentary, "March 4."

Stan Midgley, described as "The Man From the Camera," will be the star of the program March 15, when he will present his new color film, "Yellowstone-Grand Tetons Glacier."

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### Gives No Reason For Resignation

Birmingham City Commissioner Lance C. Minor has resigned. The Birmingham Eccentric learned today.

Minor submitted his resignation to the mayor in a two-sentence letter which read:

"I find it impossible to serve for the remainder of my elected term as city commissioner. Please accept this as my resignation, effectively immediately."

Asked by this writer for a reason for his action, Minor replied, "No comment."

### Halt Plans For Bank Unit Here

DETROIT BANK and Trust company's plans for a new branch bank in Birmingham were halted Tuesday when the Ingham county circuit court issued a temporary restraining order against its opening.

A hearing is slated for Sept. 2.

The office, located in temporary quarters at Woodlawn high school, just north of the new Democracy site, opened Monday.

Jerome J. Zielski, newly appointed state banking commissioner, who said the Detroit Bank and Trust company now has three branches in Birmingham and a fourth would lead to complete monopoly.

### DPW Negotiations Still Unchanged In Evergreen Rift

DETROIT-Oakland county DPW negotiations over Detroit's refusal to accept flow from the Evergreen and Birmingham interchanges, have remained relatively unchanged during the past few days.

Donald W. Ringer, deputy director of the department's approval unit and vod.

RAYMOND FERRING, president of the bank, said Wednesday that the temporary office would be located in accordance with the court order. He said the Detroit Bank and Trust will seek to have the June 15 deadline for the proposed contract abandoned due to residential stages. During its brief opening, the branch was housed at a residence building on the property.

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