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Skate Along,**
... merrily they skate along.
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Police Expect License Problem

Must Keep Tabs On New Car Tags

By AL SANDNER
Staff Writer

A Birmingham citizen, used to the theft of a full-sized license plate, turned his 1960 license tags, figured by the Eccentric and posed his question:

"How is the state going to prevent the theft of new tags from being stolen and then used by another who hasn't paid for it?"

THE STATE apparently can't prevent the theft of tags, any more than it can prevent the loss of about 15,000 plates yearly, according to one statistician in the Detroit branch of the secretary of state's office.

Birmingham Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley foresees some "definite enforcement" problems, and the Birmingham patrolman can look forward to an extra step in checking out the plates and registration of a car.

In the past a patrolman with good eyes could spot a stolen plate nearly a block away.

NOW a close-quarter inspection of the serial number stamped on the tag is necessary to determine its legitimacy.

1960 vehicle registrations will carry the serial number along with last year's license number. An around-the-end-of-the-car trip has now been added in matching the numbers.

The usual check with the secretary of state's office is done via telephone interview with Michigan. It is one of the last in the line of checks of ownership of car, plates and motor.

Michigan tried to save metal or money by issuing small tags once before World War II.

No one seems to remember what it was like, however. Moxley, then Detroit's chief of police, said when they went back to (full-sized) plates.

SECRETARY of State James Hare told The Eccentric in a telephone interview that Michigan expects no unusual problems with the miniature tags.

Based on the words of other states that have used the tags for several years, Michigan should have no real problems with theft or loss.

A teletype to the Washington office of the Automobile Club of America brought back practically the same reply.

THEORETICALLY, the secretary of state officials should be able to identify license tag owners who have not purchased their tags.

But, he said, that must be done on a local police district. A patrolman, armed with a list of names, would have to check on any plate he was honestly tagged.

This plan, however, is scheduled to remain theory.

"WE AREN'T planning to use this," Hare said. "I don't think it would be necessary, he added.

No one expects an exceptional amount of thefts, innocent honesty of the Michiganian? Maybe.

The Birmingham police chief just felt he said that most potential thieves would be afraid to run the risk of being stopped and found with the stolen plates.

MICHIGAN'S secretary of state is basing his judgment on the record of other states.

There did have one piece of advice, however.

"I would suggest that the motorist use some sort of unremovable bolt when he fastens the tag to his license plate," he said.



'Yes Dear... Yes Dear... Yes Dear!'

"Now stop reading that confounded paper and listen to me," Shelagh Sullivan tells her pal, Jimmy Thompson. "We have work to do." The tidying up that followed was in preparation for the First Methodist church's nursery school open house from 8 to 10 p.m. Jan. 21. Mrs. William Korecky, director and teacher at the school, has planned the program to acquaint parents and residents with the new facilities that the church offers in its nursery school. Exhibits showing special activities and the children's creative work will be on display. Members of the school's governing board will assist in tours for the visitors.

2nd Traffic Safety Group Is Suggested

Reactivation of a traffic safety committee for Birmingham is under consideration by city officials. Mayor Harry M. Denyes, Jr., and Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley agreed to present the city commission with a list of possible committee members.

Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham, who served on the defunct committee, said "strong leadership and specific problems" are needed if the new committee is to perform adequately.

COMMISSIONERS also heard Moxley endorse the amount of record-keeping on traffic accidents. He said there really is very little which can be eliminated.

Ingraham some weeks ago questioned the need to keep such detailed records.

Moxley explained most of it is for the state police, as required by law.

Ingraham said, "We city officials continue with things without regular review. My purpose was served by this report—and I'm satisfied we should keep on compiling the statistics."

business and professional men will make the final selection. Many outstanding men have received this award in past years, among them Harold Kahlbach, Richard Wilson, James Outens, Jack Roberts, William Roberts, just to name a few.

THE JAYCEES will present the key award to the Birmingham Jaycee who has given untruly of time and effort to promote a more efficient junior chamber of commerce organization.

The banquet is being held during Jaycee week (Jan. 17-21), proclaimed by Birmingham's Mayor or Harry M. Denyes.

4 Special Issues Placed on B'ham's April 4 Ballot

At its April 4 municipal election, Birmingham will vote on four special propositions, three of them charter changes.

The fourth issue will concern the sale of six city lots owned by the board of trustees of the Westminster Presbyterian church in Birmingham.

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Also being considered are future classes for citizens to learn how to be medical aides, Kennen said.

Further information about the Feb. 18 classes can be obtained by calling him through the city's switchboard in the Municipal building.

UNDER THE second amendment, the constable's job was to review the following subjects were suggested: structure of state government; the cost and finance of state government; and the services rendered by state governments.

The "Citizens for Michigan" program is being organized by American Motors President and Bloomfield Hills resident George W. Romney.

Construction Rises Again in Birmingham

The recent upswing in construction in Birmingham pushed the total above last year's, in a year-end report by the Building Inspector Andrew P. Butt.

There were 25 more permits issued in 1959 as compared to 1958 with a total of 324,781 more being spent on construction last year.

Total monies spent on new building, and alterations last year was \$4,185,468 compared to \$3,890,623 in 1958.

IT WAS DURING the last two months of the year that Birmingham picked up some of the slack felt in the first 10 months, Butt reported.

Up to the month of October, Birmingham was \$157,224 behind the pace set in 1958, but \$608,880 was spent on construction in November last year compared to \$329,190 in 1958.

In December, \$270,200 was scheduled for new buildings and alterations as compared to \$167,975 in 1958.

Most of the December total was the \$200,000 scheduled for the new Birmingham Eccentric - Averill Press plant on Bowers.

B'ham Restaurant Robbed; Police Hold Suspect in Detroit

Name Beukema President at Oliver Mining

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 14.—(Christie) Beukema, 441 N. Glenhurst, Birmingham, has been appointed president of Oliver Iron Mining Corporation, United States Steel Corporation, with headquarters in Duluth, Minn.

For the past five years, Beukema has been president of United States Steel's Michigan Limestone division, whose main offices are in Detroit.

IN HIS NEW post, Beukema succeeds the late Rudolph T. Elstad who served as Oliver's president from 1946-1959.

A native of Grand Haven, Michigan, Beukema began his career with United States Steel in maintenance and construction engineering at the Calceit plant of Michigan Limestone, Rogers City, Mich.

In 1941, Beukema entered the U. S. Armed Forces and served overseas with the Sixth Army group headquarters and with headquarters, U. S. Forces, European theater. He attained the rank of major before returning to Michigan Limestone in 1945 as construction engineer.

In July 1946, Beukema was transferred to Birmingham, Pa., as general vice president—raw materials, and was made director of planning in the raw materials division in 1951.

HE RETURNED to Michigan Limestone in 1953 as general manager of operations.

Beukema was appointed vice president of Michigan Limestone on March 1, 1954, and president on January 1, 1955.

Member of the American Iron and Steel Institute, the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, and the Eastern States Blast Furnace and Coke Oven association, Beukema is also active in Detroit civic and social organizations.

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Emergency Field Training Classes For B'ham Nurses

An 18-week course in the operation of an emergency field hospital will be available to women who have had nurse's training, according to Birmingham Civil Defense Director Robert S. Kennen.

Classes will start Feb. 18 in Hazel Park.

Also being considered are future classes for citizens to learn how to be medical aides, Kennen said.

Further information about the Feb. 18 classes can be obtained by calling him through the city's switchboard in the Municipal building.

Will Students Find The Door Closing?

Seaholm high school might be missing a student next year—exchange student—unless Birmingham family offers to provide room for a high school boy who would be coming from some still-undetermined country.

Families of high school students who might be interested in boarding a student from August, 1960 had 1961 have been asked to contact Carol Darling, dean of students at Seaholm high school.

More Machines

This year's elections will require two additional voting machines in Birmingham, City Clerk Irene Hanley says. Thirty-six now are in use. Miss Hanley was authorized to get bids on two machines, with options to buy three more.

Each will cost more than \$1000.

All makes of inner spring machines being considered. Bids may be sent to Enterprise 6316.

Took \$636 At Knife, Gunpoint

Birmingham police today are questioning a suspect in the armed robbery of Greenfield's restaurant, 725 S. Hunter.

They are also checking the serial number of bills found on the man apprehended by the Detroit police Tuesday.

A masked, armed robber stepped from between two parked cars at about 10:40 p.m. Monday as manager William Gass was looking up the restaurant.

"Don't turn around," the thug said. He told Gass to re-open the restaurant and go in. He claimed he had a knife and a gun. Gass caught a glimpse of what he thought was a knife blade.

"The ROBBER who wore a dark blue or black hood (described by Birmingham police as possibly being a navy foul-weather headgear) forced Gass to take him to a basement office and open an office he took \$635.20 in bills and a change.

Gass tried to lock the manager in a walk-in cooler, but was unsuccessful, and put Gass in a storage room.

THE CULPRIT made his getaway in a 1958 light-colored Pontiac. The thief, Gass, was about five feet seven inches tall and weighed about 150 pounds.

The suspect was picked up by the Detroit police department on the request of Birmingham authorities. Detroit police are also questioning the man on offenses he is suspected of committing there.

Finished Up Well, But 1959 Was a Bad Traffic Year

December's traffic record in Birmingham—with one outstanding exception—was better than the city's record for the same month the previous year, while things worsened on Birmingham streets from 1958 to 1959.

This exception was the Christmas morning accident that took the life of Timothy N. Bearden, a Seaholm high school student.

TOTAL accidents for the month numbered 72 (vs. 88 in December, 1958); twelve persons were injured (10 in 1958).

The year's record was much worse, however, Birmingham police Chief Ralph W. Moxley said.

The Birmingham police department investigated 709 accidents as compared with 614 in 1958. One hundred seventy persons were injured in 114 injury accidents last year, while 137 were injured in 104 injury accidents the year before.

Property damage jumped to \$165,000, an increase of \$23,458 over 1958.

At Your Door Next Week

The 1st of 8 specially-written articles about the municipal and justice courts in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area.

The Birmingham Eccentric's staff writers have visited and interviewed 11 local court officials. Their stories are presented in a series entitled:

"YOUR COURT REPORT"

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Two B'ham Men Named Republican Campaign Heads

S. F. Leahy and Jack Gibbs of Birmingham and Arthur Elliot, Jr. of Pleasant Ridge have been named Oakland county chairman of the Republican state department.

Leahy, of Birmingham, was asked to enlist the services of volunteer workers for the 1960 election campaign.

First state-wide meeting of county co-chairmen will be held at Lansing, Jan. 20, and Michigan Governor of Bloomfield Hills, state chairman of "Recruit for '60," Richard Root of Wayne as vice chairman of the committee, and Mrs. E. W. Mayo, of Kalamazoo, secretary-treasurer, will assist with the meeting.

CLAUDE JASPER of Wisconsin, national chairman of the program, will address the meeting.

Which will follow a Republican state central committee session and a statewide meeting in honor of Vernon J. Bryson, election statesman of the Michigan Republican party.

"Recruit for '60" is a national program aimed at enrolling three new GOP volunteers in every voting precinct.

The coming election is an extremely important one and we expect to enlist 10,000 new volunteers in Michigan to work for a Republican victory, G. G. Gostager said.

The response has been excellent with a greater interest in political activity shown by the people this year than ever before."

Store Clerk Beaten, Robbed of \$180

TROY — A 19-year-old clerk at a Troy party store was beaten and robbed Monday by two men who hit him with a beer bottle.

Dennis Kirvens of East Detroit was beaten and robbed of \$180 for beer for his business. He was found gagged and tied in the rear of the party store, 1907 East Maple.

Two New Alleys In Business Area

Two new alleys to serve future Birmingham business developments now are under negotiation.

City commissioners Monday night approved City Planner Herbert Herzberg's recommendation for alleys in the blocks of Brown and Washington streets.

Right-of-way would be obtained soon, Herzberg said in anticipation of future business development.

This and That

by George R. Averill

Freedom Is Lost When Citizens Are Gov't Dependents

If a rich philanthropist decided to start a "school" for a poor, struggling, hard-working young man, and thus provide complete security for him...

Of course this young man would—and in so doing he would be complying with what is almost a universal human law: "One seeks the most with the least amount of effort."

When a whole nation suffers its people for government to provide for them, together with the efforts of labor organizations, and the various vocational needs, history proves that whole masses of people tend to emerge into a dependent population.

ALL OF WHICH, of course, adds up to one inevitable end: such a nation will lose its freedom—it will have come to lean upon what began as a "benevolent official," which inexorably is destined to end up as a bureaucratic system; perhaps at first "benevolent," then "compulsive, coercive."

This transition is in the pattern of a decadent human behaviorism. Already America is entering such an environment.

Comparatively few agencies of society are making any attempt at intelligent effort to combat this drift. Certainly not the average home, or even the educational system, are doing much about solving the problem.

Speaker Sam Rayburn, stern ruler of the U.S. House of Representatives, recently celebrated his 75th birthday anniversary. He received hundreds of congratulations, most of them from past and present politicians. Mr. Sam has never married...

Nobody ever will know... but we wonder that now and then (hard way into the past, too) he probably lamented his failure to marry and contribute to the world a few more future citizens who can be taxed to help pay up some of the debts encouraged by the Speaker himself.

(Or did the tax picture help to discourage him from venturing into matrimony?)

Two Youths Remain in Hospitals

Two Birmingham youths, involved in serious accidents last year, are still in hospitals with one in "very serious" condition.

Gregory W. Osborn, 22, of 125 Martell, Bloomfield Hills, remains in serious condition at Mt. Carmel Mercy hospital, Detroit.

James P. O'Leary, 15, of 2583 DeWitt, W. Bloomfield township, is showing improvement at the police hospital's rehabilitation center, Detroit.

OSBORN WAS critically injured in an accident on the John Lodge expressway on December 22 when he lost control of his car, went up the embankment, rolled over several times and struck a utility pole.

O'Leary was accidentally shot by Birmingham police officers 19 when officers were trying to shoot out the tires in the stolen car.

The shooting climaxed a five minute chase at high speeds.

O'Leary's leg and arm were badly shattered and he will probably suffer some paralysis throughout his life, according to the doctors.

JC Week Features Banquet, Award

The Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce is slated to present two awards at the Distinguished Service Award banquet, Jan. 14, at the Hotel Gable.

The Distinguished Service award and the Key award will be presented at the combination "Bosses Night" U.S.A. banquet. Local Jaycees will entertain their bosses and explain JC goals and projects.

JOHN GOULSON will be master of ceremonies. American Motors president William McCaughey will present the distinguished service award. This honor is bestowed upon a Birmingham man who has given willingly of his time to promote civic, business, church, school and youth groups.

An impartial group of prominent