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There is no time in a normal person's life when he or she cannot first resolve to improve in some character respect, then by putting the resolution to action, make some progress toward its achievement. Progress may be rapid for some, but for most of us it will be slow—and let us hope SURE. One ought never to allow himself that outside circumstances can remain an insurmountable barrier to improvement.

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SECTION A

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Birmingham to Display Its New Stars
The first day that our 50-star flags become official—on July 4—will be 120 of them flying from sidewalk standards in downtown Birmingham. The new flags are the gift to the city from the Birmingham Rotary Club. In ceremonies Monday noon, outgoing club president Charles Mortenson presented the first of the flags to Mayor Florence Willett. Incoming club president Clarence Kraft (left) helps display the national emblem to club members.

The Boat on Sewers Causes Officials to Re-evaluate

New Bank Gets State Charter

Approval for a new locally-organized bank here was granted Friday by the Michigan banking department. It will be called the Birmingham-Bloomfield Bank. When it opens its doors in September in the Harlan building on Martin, it will re-establish two banking services in Birmingham.

SEVERAL YEARS ago, two local banks were merged with a Detroit bank to become the Detroit Bank & Trust Co., which maintains three branches in Birmingham.

The new Birmingham-Bloomfield Bank has been organized by five prominent area residents.

C. Allen Harlan, president of Harlan Electric Company, and widely known for his philanthropic, civic, and other business interests.

Merritt D. Hill, vice president of Ford Motor Company and general manager of the tractor and implement division.

W. Calvin Patterson, vice president of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, and president of the Detroit Convention and Tourist Bureau.

Donald H. Parsons, of the Birmingham and Detroit law firm of Emery, Parsons & Bahr.

Charles D. White, vice president and cashier of the City Bank, Detroit. White will be president of the bank.

Where'd She Go? Aboard What'd She Do? Nothing, Protest

Mrs. Charles Watson of Birmingham will probably go down in history as one of a very small minority of people who spent four days on a boat—and got absolutely nowhere.

Mrs. Watson was one of 347 passengers who were on the three-deck S.S. North American, a Chicago-Montreal cruise ship which ran aground on a St. Lawrence river sandbar last Friday.

The Georgian Bay Line, operator of the ship, made arrangements for the passengers to leave the ship as it continued efforts to free the vessel floundering.

But most of the passengers decided to stay on the stranded ship and take advantage of the misfortune.

THE SHIP PROVIDED hand music, movies, and other entertainment.

Mrs. Watson said, "We're not bored. We love it. It's good aboard."

BUT ALAS, all good things must come to an end. Passengers packed Tuesday and prepared to head for home by their means.

And as they left, no doubt, they thought of how nice it was for four days to get out of the hustle and bustle of everyday life, and watch the rest of the world steam by.

Attorney To Make Protest

Birmingham doesn't want any part of Detroit's current attempt to ram the Evergreen pipeline down Southfield's throat.

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night instructed City Attorney James Howlett to construct the South-Oak relief drain along 8 Mile. This drain would take away water which often floods the roadway and streets and homes in Detroit to the south.

DETROIT DPW Commissioner Glenn C. Richards wants Southfield to construct the South-Oak relief drain along 8 Mile. This drain would take away water which often floods the roadway and streets and homes in Detroit to the south.

MEANWHILE, the Evergreen from Troy to the 8 Mile road is practically ready for construction. But Richards is refusing to let the Evergreen be tied into the Detroit system until Southfield gives in.

IN NEGOTIATIONS last Thursday, Richards asked for 60 days in which to assess the impact of the Evergreen drain on the Detroit sewer system.

Birmingham officials believe this is an unrealistic demand. Detroit already has spent millions of dollars to install capacity to accept the Evergreen flow.

From what Birmingham officials could learn this week, apparently the Oakland county DPW does not plan to pressure Detroit during this period.

The Oakland DPW holds that its officials believe it is a valid contract with Detroit to accept the Evergreen flow and treat it.

IN LANSING, the state water resources commission's executive secretary, Milton P. Adams, told the Birmingham Eccentric Tuesday afternoon:

"We're not completely informed on this problem between Detroit and Southfield. However, we will welcome a Birmingham's action, which will bring the matter before the commission."

He said the next meeting of the resources commission is July 28. He said he is unaware of any court cases, mentioning that three parcels of property needed for the city's proposed parking lot on N. Woodward.

He said Wednesday he has reached an agreement with three other owners.

His efforts to obtain options on the property for a 150-lot behind the Red Building he hopes to be able to report to city commissioners next Tuesday night.

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Doctor Helps Pilot SS Hope on Mission

Local Family Flying Today To Future Home in Indonesia

By JULIE CANDLER
Staff Writer

What makes a young suburban physician give up his practice, pack up his family and head for a malaria-ridden, disease-infested country like Indonesia?

You could sum it up in one word: HOPE. Because of it, Dr. Mark S. Beaubien and his family are flying westward from San Francisco tomorrow.

The tall, tweed-clad specialist in internal medicine told me about it shortly before the family left their home at 460 S. Glenhurst, Birmingham.

DR. BEAUBIEN, hope has several meanings. Besides his hopes for the success of the mission on which he starts tomorrow, the word covers the name of the project itself: HOPE.

The project's president and the 38-year-old Dr. Beaubien met about a year ago through mutual friends. The noted Dr. William B. Walsh, Washington internal and heart specialist, and Dr. Beaubien were at a party. They started talking about the important project Dr. Walsh heads.

And soon Dr. Beaubien knew he wanted to help man the good ship as a potential candidate for the White House; who probably has put in more than a third of a hundred thousand hours on his official job and on appearances before thousands of group gatherings—a man whose scholastic experience graduated him Phi Beta Kappa... yet he hears his departure from office he may be entering a world of vanishing memory. Or at least entering an environment far removed from the voter-selected, high levels of public service. He refers, of course, to G. Mennen Williams, of Michigan. He soon will inherit the legacy of "the world of has (See THIS & THAT, Page 2-A)

The July 4th Holiday

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B'ham Driver To Be Tried In Royal Oak

A 22-year-old Birmingham man is awaiting trial today in Royal Oak municipal court on charges of reckless driving and driving on an expired license.

Out on \$100 bond is Wayne D. Geggie, 610 Chester, Birmingham.

ROYAL OAK police officers had chased Geggie at speeds up to 90 mph on northbound Woodward through Royal Oak early Sunday.

The chase ended in flames when the gas tank on truck, struck by the car Geggie was driving, exploded, spilling gasoline across Woodward at Nakota, four blocks south of 14 Mile road.

Officers Harold Fraser and John Majack spotted Geggie near 13 Mile road "driving erratically," they said. Geggie sped off when they tried to stop him.

THEY RADIOED ahead for a roadblock. Geggie struck a car stopped by the roadblock in the right-hand lane. Driver of the car, Thomas S. Maxwell, 18, of 897 M. Hogan, Birmingham, was not hurt.

Geggie came out into a delivery truck. The truck's gas tank then exploded, and traffic was backed up for a mile-by the burning gasoline in the street.

Drucker driver James A. Krause, 30, of Warren, escaped unhurt.

Nikola C. Miceli, 22, of Ferndale, owner of the car Geggie was driving and a passenger, were charged for slight head injuries at a Birmingham hospital, Royal Oak.

Geggie stood mute when arraigned in Royal Oak municipal court Monday. A plea of "not guilty" was entered for him. No drinking charge was filed.

Geggie's trial has been scheduled for Aug. 3.

'Spike' Briggs Released From Vermont Hospital

Walter O. (Spike) Briggs, prominent Bloomfield Hills resident and sports personality, was discharged from a Vermont hospital Tuesday after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage June 4.

Doctors say Briggs still must stay in bed most of the day, but he is recuperating slowly.

Mrs. Briggs has taken a house in Manchester, Vt., and she and her husband will stay there the remainder of the summer.

Downtown Walk Repair Clearing Final Hurdles

A \$20,000 repair program for downtown Birmingham sidewalks has only a few hurdles to clear before it is placed under construction.

At Monday night's commission meeting, City Manager L. R. Gare was handed a few last-minute details to check. He is to report on them next Tuesday night.

Gare is checking two main points: (1) exactly how much work involves repair of old walk and how much concerns new grades, and (2) can a sidewalk or curb step be eliminated by increasing sidewalk grades?

Major improvements are due for R. Cure (west side) and E. Maple (north and south sides).

Fischers Buy Sumner Buick

Carl and Richard Fischer of Suburban Richards, 565 S. Woodward, Oldsmobile dealers in Birmingham for 12 years, will take over Sumner Motor Sales, Inc., 808 S. Woodward, July 1.

The Sumner Buick dealership, one of the oldest in the country, will become Fischer Buick under the management of Carl F. Fischer, Carl's brother, Richard, will continue operating Suburban Motors at its present location.

Warren S. Sumner is selling his business for personal reasons.

Reunion Was a Happy One; But It Has 3,000 Miles And One-Quarter to Go

By AL SANDNER
Staff Writer

A 38-year-old wife and mother waited and wondered last Sunday afternoon at an Air Force Base in Northern Maine near the New Brunswick border.

She wondered about three-quarters of a family reunion several thousand miles away in Los Angeles. Her three brothers—two of them a Birmingham teacher—attended a 31-year separation, that afternoon.

She will have to wait until the Army stations her husband closer to the rest of the family before she can meet the brothers she has not seen since 1929.

Wagoner, 36, has industrial arts teacher at Derby junior high school, and his brothers Richard J. Horick, 41, and Charles W. Horick, 42, both of Long Beach, Calif., ended a separation that started in 1929.

WAGONER, president-elect of the Birmingham education association is attending the National education association convention there, along with Mrs. Ada C. Brown, past president.

Wagoner took his wife, Andrea, and their two children with him to Los Angeles.

All make-up of lower spring mattresses was made by the Birmingham-based TESS COMPANY, Dial "O" and ask for 615-1331.

Los Angeles. Three thousand miles disappeared Monday when The Birmingham Eccentric made telephone contact with Wagoner in California and later on.

The display will start around dark and should last between 45 minutes to an hour, according to a member of Commerce spokesman.

The 1000 fireworks display is expected to exceed last year's display of 10,000. Contributions to defray the expense of the program are being solicited from the Chamber of Commerce, 124 S. Woodward.

The show will be held the following evening in case of rain.

with a fourth family member, Charlotte, 38, at Loring Air Force base in Maine.

SHE IS the wife of Army Major Robert B. McDaniel.

"We looked at each other, shook hands and clasped each other on the back—it was all we could do to keep from bawling," the teacher said, after the meeting at the home of Richard Horick in Long Beach.

The last time Dick and Choo-choo Alan was a dark day in December, 1929.

Charlotte and Alan—then Frederick—Raymond Horick, Jr.—were being adopted. They were living at the Methodist orphanage in Farmington. The two older brothers were being sent to the Methodist Children's Village, a Detroit orphanage.

"WHEN WE met, we were all pretty happy," Alan said. "We had been building up to this for several months."

The orphanage called Wagoner, who is president-elect of the Birmingham education association, in February to tell him that a man who claimed to be his brother was looking for him.

THE SEARCH had been on for several years. It had been hampered by the orphanage's strict record-keeping.

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3 Still Disagree On Selling Lots For City Parking

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