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Most men and women, at some time in their lives, fall in love. Perhaps one's teens, this experience may be called "puppy love" or just "falling in love with someone." The latter journey into the realm of "the divine calorific" is only giving expression to the normal pattern within man and women, merely evidence that Providence intended man and woman to become a unit. Being in wholesome love is being with God.

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With Black Ties, Evening Gowns

Movie Premieres Here

It's 'Huck Finn' In Person, On Film

By AL SANDNER, Staff Writer

Birmingham "goes hollywood" Tuesday night—really Hollywood for the first time in our history. The 1,000 candle-power searchlights, arcing across the sky over Birmingham, the jeweled glittering under the theater marquee, the black ties, accompanying the glittering jewelry, the TV camera focusing on the jewelry and black ties, the very real red carpet unrolled on Woodward avenue—all this will be bits of Hollywood transplanted to Woodward and Maple for the city's first—and perhaps its only special preview world premiere.

die Hodges, and light heavyweight boxing champion Archie Moore. The screenplay is by ex-theater James Lee. One of the focal points out in front of the Birmingham theater that night will be a freckle-faced,

red-haired 13-year-old boy—Eddie Hodges.

EDDIE, who sang and liped his way to fame on Broadway in Meredith Willson's "Music Man," plays Huckberry Finn.

What started out to be the biggest project to date for Camp Oakland, home for underprivileged children, has turned into one of the biggest things yet to hit Birmingham.

Mrs. Hen D. Mills of the Women's Committee of Camp Oakland, Inc., said something like "let's have the world premiere of something." Her suggestion was overruled by Robert W. Chambers, now with the Ford Motor company, but formerly of the movie industry.

CHAMBERS and friends at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer came across Huckleberry Finn, a "natural," waiting to be released.

The money used will be used to erect a building recently destroyed by fire on the 320-acre camp, in operation since 1953; now houses 20 boys and 16 girls. Summer camps and winter camps take care of several hundred others.

IT IS supported by county and

private funds.

The young movie star will be a dinner guest of the teen-agers at the camp Monday. After his tour of the Ford Rouge plant—where he will meet Benson Ford and a possible tour of Greenfield Village.

Eddie will be accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hodges, and his teen-aged sister, Diane.

WHILE THEY'RE coming all the way out here, Birmingham is going out to its visitors and the premiere. The lobby of the Birmingham theater gets a fresh coat of paint. Three florists are donating the potted palms that are indigenous to primers.

The sponsors include the Henry Booths, the Alfred G. Wilsons, the Irving A. Duffys, the Merrit D. Hills, the Neil McMaths, the James O. Wrights, the Robert Wardrops, the James Nunneleys, the Louis C. Goods, the David Walker Lewis.

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Looking up to the Results

Mrs. Ben D. Mills and Robert W. Chambers stand by as the results of their efforts to have the movie premiere of the Birmingham Eccentric are developed. They brought a special preview world premiere of M-G-M's "Ad-

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L. L. COLBERT



WILLIAM C. NEWBERG

Colbert, Newberg Get Higher Posts

The Chrysler Corporation board of directors shifted the top management within the corporation when it elevated the president L. L. (Tex.) Colbert to chairman of the board and elected William C. Newberg as president and chief executive.

The board of directors took action in New York City April 28. Both top executives are Bloomfield Hills residents. Colbert, 49, Marlow and Newberg, 44, Kirkwood.

THE CHRYSLER corporation reported that in the first quarter this year it was operating at a considerable profit. Chrysler last year earned \$5 million less.

Colbert succeeds K. T. Keller as head chairman, a position that has been vacant since Keller retired in April, 1956.

Newberg, 49, succeeds Colbert as president and chief executive and has been associated with Colbert since World War II when they both worked for the Chrysler Corp. He had worked in the Dodge division aircraft engine plant in Chicago.

NEWBERG STARTED with the corporation in 1934 as a test driver and later became a vice president in 1953.

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Colbert was the general manager and Newberg was the chief engineer of the aircraft plant where 18,000 engines were turned out for B-29 Superfortresses.

Colbert, 54, was named president of Chrysler in November, 1950, when K. T. Keller succeeded to the board chairmanship.

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THE MEETING, at 8 a. m. in the community house Friday had, termed a "brainstorming session"—designed to determine what can be done to or for the people of Birmingham "who are lagging in their own cause," Hunt said.

Another batch of letters went out this week, he went on, to various civic and service groups asking them to urge their members to greater support of the community facility.

These groups and their members are the most frequent users of the facilities provided.

School Bus Costs Cut \$32,000

The taxpayers' demand for economy still ringing in its ears, the Birmingham board of education this week sliced \$32,000 annually off its budget, and decided that students should pay 70 per cent of parking costs at Seaholm high school.

Board members approved a triple-run schedule for school buses in 1960, which will eliminate the salary of eight bus drivers—\$32,000.

THE 1959-60 double-run plan required 36 buses. The plan for 1960-61 requires 31 buses to haul students.

Due to increased student loads, the board would require 39 buses in 1960-61.

The first run of the buses, according to the plan of assistant School Supt. Norman A. Wolfe, would bring in Seaholm and Derby students, with the second will carry Groves high school students. The third will handle elementary school children.

BECAUSE OF increased loads at Groves, it would take 45 buses to bring in all secondary students at the same time, Wolfe said.

"There will be some inconveniences," Wolfe added, "because of the lateness in taking home the elementary children in the afternoon, and also the tight schedule we will have to maintain."

Seaholm and Derby students will be brought in at 6:45 a. m. and turned home at 3 p. m. Groves students will be 8:30 a. m. and 9:30 p. m. The elementary students will arrive at school at 9:30 a. m. and depart at 4 p. m.

THE SCHOOL district will still have to purchase from four to six new buses. With next year's plan it would need 11 new ones.

The plan was worked out by a transportation committee made up of Wolfe, James Burchette, Larned Goodrich, Al Schumm and Duane Phillips.

This year, Wolfe pointed out, 36 buses did the job of 42 under the double run schedule.

SEAHOLM parking costs for students should be paid by students, the board agreed unanimously. Teachers use 77 of the 278 parking spaces, 28 per cent. This percentage of attendance Malcolm "Scotty" Ross' salary \$5,300 the board will pay the rest of his salary, the students will have to pay. A method of payment has not been worked out.

The board also approved the 1.9 millage increase to be placed on June 13 regular election ballot, and accepted officially the resignation of School Supt. Dr. Dwight B. Ireland.

Van Wagoner Named State 'War Boss'

Former governor Murray D. Van Wagoner, 8590 Oakdale drive, Bloomfield township, was named first emergency interim successor to Governor Williams in the event that he and other top State officials were killed in an enemy attack.

Van Wagoner, an engineering consultant, was named by the governor under a 1959 amendment to the State Constitution and implementing legislation.

WILLIAMS ALSO named Ernest C. Brooks, chairman of the State Correctional Commission as his second choice and Joseph M. Donnelly, probate judge from Houghton, as his third choice.

All other members of the State Administration named five potential successors.

Bus Strike

Great Lakes Transit company and union negotiators reached an agreement at 3 p. m. Wednesday to end a three-day mechanics strike. Company officials said that regular service will be resumed at 4:27 a. m. Thursday.

Federal and State mediators have entered into the three-day strike by mechanics of the Great Lakes Transit Corp. in an effort to end the strike that has dented local commuters normal bus transportation.

Union and company negotiators worked Wednesday morning at the Henroe hotel as the Eccentric was going to press.

Biophas Keeler, bishop of Minnesota, has refused to cross the mechanics picket lines at St. Luke's terminal since midnight Saturday when 69 mechanics struck over wages.

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PAUL N. AVERILL

Publisher Is 1960's 'Volunteer'

It was actually a record built up over many years that won Paul N. Averill the "Volunteer of the Year" award Thursday night.

The vice president of the Birmingham Eccentric, and president of the Averill Press, he received the award from the Oakland county chapter of the National Association of social workers.

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We're In, Now to Get Settled Down

Roughly paralleling Time-Life's recent move to new headquarters, the Birmingham Eccentric is now in its modern plant-office building.

A few painters are still painting, a few plasterers still plastering and a few carpenters are still . . . Anyway, some details are still to be completed.

THOSE WHO have come to see the new building like it; those who are working there with The Eccentric or Averill Press haven't had a chance to look up yet this week.

An open house is in the offing, however. Watch for the date.

Here's our new building's location: 1925 Bowers, three streets south of Maple, and east of Adams road. We're across the street (north) from the new A&P store. Another landmark is the Adams fire station, which is in the block south of Bowers street.

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Necessity Hearing May 31

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL Managing Editor

A year of behind-the-scenes negotiating is expected to terminate May 31 when Birmingham city commissioners publicly debate the necessity for a 400-car parking lot north of Willets and west of Woodward.

City Manager L. R. Gare said he will have a "complete report" on his negotiations for the commission next Monday evening.

THE PROPOSED facility, which would be the city's fifth municipal lot, would cost "about \$500,000," Gare indicated. He said appraisals have been made, and will form the basis for any negotiated settlements or condemnation proceedings that may be necessary.

"If we can acquire this new lot at the costs we feel proper, its expense will average a bit less than we have put into our existing lots," the city manager emphasized.

According to City Finance Director James Parkins, the city has about \$200,000 in cash which can be applied to the financing of this new lot.

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This and That

by George R. Averill

An old Indian was standing on top of a hill with his son, looking over the beautiful valley below. Said the Indian: "Someday, my son, all the land will belong to the Indians. Paleface all go to the moon."

When you gather together all the wisdom of the sages of the past; all the inspired teachings and exhortations of the prophets . . . one great fact stands out: the best, the only enduring strength and support that a person, or a nation possesses to withstand evil is its own faith. That faith in God, that faith in all its brotherhood, its sacrifice, its dedication to all that's good. Indeed, his own faith in the Biblical image relationship to God except by exemplifying in humble thoughts and acts the goodness of God?

Nikita Khrushchev has as many sides as a chameleon. He bellows and he blusters, wherever he goes. His latest description of the United States is that it is a tired, old, worn-out horse. Maybe it's too bad that K isn't a whole horse, himself.

As one reviews the problems and troubles that are presented to human beings, one again is reminded of the ancient statement made by a wise Frenchman: "This is an age of terms, understandings and feeble solutions."

It's absolutely impossible to check government spending when so many people want government checks.

A local young man, after being married six months, was heard to be asking an older married man: "What I can't understand is why my wife doesn't think along the same practical lines that I do."

Paul M. Butler, chairman of the National Democratic party, recently said that "none of the people in public office should feel that they are above criticism." Fine, Paul . . . but doesn't that also include you?

It has been said many times that one's enemies can be more friendly than those pointing out one's faults; one can correct himself and thus become better. If this be so, then let an enemy become a friend, and if an enemy is a friend, then there is a friendly enemy?

Where there's a will there's often a group of expectant far and near relatives.

US-10 Awaits Set for June Public Hearings

June 6 is the date for necessity hearings on an advanced US-10, business properties between Lincoln and 14 Mile roads, Birmingham. These hearings have been a discussion for 10 years, but only a few sections have been constructed.

Funds and Time Short For Community House

The fund drive committee of the Birmingham community house meets Friday night as concern begins to grow over the fact that contributions aren't coming in, while time is running out.

The community house's "roll call" (its annual fund drive) was still \$16,468 short of its \$51,500 goal for operating expenses during the coming year, as the drive ended its 26th day.

THE \$32,032 so far raised is made up from only 2,410 contributors.

Drive chairman Ralph Hunt reported \$250,000 figures with this year's. At the end of the 26th day of last year's drive, \$30,700 had been realized, but it had come from 5,342 contributors.

At this point last year, his figures showed, more than 5,000 individuals had contributed; in 1960 only about 2,900 private citizens

B of E Candidates Now Number Five

The field for the two seats on the Birmingham board of education now includes five candidates.

Newest arrival in the lineup is Garvin Bowden, Jr., 977 Gordon later. He joins E. Ross Hanson and Albert C. Scott who recently filed their petitions to be included on the June 13 ballot.

BOTH INCUMBENTS, William Spence and Mrs. Dean Boier, have announced that they intend to seek reelection.

Bowden, 34, attended public schools in Wellesley, Mass., is a graduate of Dartmouth college, and Boston Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

"EDUCATION" interest and a willingness to work," Bowden said, qualify him for membership on the Birmingham board of education.

The five areas in which he would (See CANDIDATES, Page 2-A)

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