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## This and That

by George R. Averill

After quite a spell of seeking, American divers have located the lost cities of Sodom and Gomorrah on the bottom of the Dead Sea. This Biblical civilization flourished some 4,000 years ago, legend has it that both were destroyed by earthquake and fire because their inhabitants did very sinful, leototee: there are many other ways in which cities, towns and villages can be destroyed without depending on an earthquake or fire.

Sometimes the wisdom of their elders, can go down to defeat and oblivion. One of these ways is the "Hurry and Insecter" route of "Welfare" or dependency upon "the State". If ever a more potentially disastrous and cunning pattern of achieving the "equality of servitude" has been developed than "governmentally guaranteed security", we have yet to learn about it.

The little old lady pulled the string on the right leg and said, "Happy Birthday." Then she pulled the string on the left leg and the parrot said, "Pleased to meet you."

"I wonder what would happen if I pulled both strings at once," she thought. "I'd fall off my perch, you stupid idiot," said the parrot.

Take this chap Dick Clark, heralded as the nation's top appeal to youngsters who listen to songs via radio—he has been accused of "payola" by a U. S. Senate committee. Yet 31-year-old Clark denies he's a payolaist! ... though he admitted receiving gifts and some money outside his regular vocation. Take this chap Dick Clark ... you take him, if you wish, we don't want him.

Now cometh Don Leonard, former State Police Commissioner and Detroit Police Commissioner; also a defeated Republican candidate for Governor several years ago. Don has recently announced himself a Republican candidate for the U. S. Senate, opposing Democrat Senator McNamara. Leonard must, of course, first win over Congressman Alvin Bentley, Oxonoss Republican who also wants McNamara's job. If Don wants to win, he'll have to put up a mighty vigorous campaign!

### NW Parking Lot Report Submitted By City Manager

Birmingham City Manager L. Gare Monday night formally recommended to the city commission that a 400-car, \$500,000 parking lot be built in the northwest quadrant of the business section.

Gare had the week previously publicly disclosed the main features of his report.

The area would be north of Willets street, west of Woodward. It would require acquisition of properties from five owners.

**LARGEST ONES** are Wabcock Corp. and Jacobson's, Inc., who have indicated to Gare they will cooperate in the city's project.

Commissioners are set to meet May 31 at a hearing date on necessity of the lot, which would be the city's fifth. The city attorney was ordered to prepare condemnation more properties cannot be obtained through negotiation.



As it turns out, "Huck Finn" has a family (left to right) Eddie Hodges (second from right) the 13-year-old star with the flaming red hair, quick wit and effervescent personality ar-

rived with his 14-year-old sister DIANE (left) and his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Hodges, for Tuesday night's world premiere of "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," at the theater. (See other picture on page 3-A.)

## Hills Mayor to Sit Out Monday's Exchange Day

Despite the fact that Bloomfield Hills Mayor Henry L. Woolfenden will remain here during the seventh annual Villages Exchange Day next Monday, Bloomfield Hills Mayor Florence Willett will journey to Caronsville for the day's celebration.

Woolfenden was to exchange with the Muskegon Heights mayor but due to personal circumstances, the Heights mayor is unable to make the trip here.

Mrs. Willett, her son Gordon, and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Gordon, managing editor of the Birmingham Eccentric, will arrive in Caronsville about 10 a.m.

THEY WILL be greeted by various village officials and then conducted on a tour of a new elementary high school. Weather permitting, the Birmingham party will be taken for a boat trip on Lake Huron, followed by a visit to several dairy farms.

Mrs. Willett's counterpart in Birmingham that day will be Caronsville's President, Stewart Backus, 40, recently re-elected and president of the village for the past eight years. He will be accompanied by the Caronsville Fire Chief Harvey Jewell.

THE VISITORS will be conducted on a tour of the municipal building and then taken to lunch by city department heads. During the early afternoon, Backus and party will tour the schools and also sight-see through the business and residential sections.

A man of various interests, Backus has two main hobbies, pho-

tography and flying, the latter frequently used in his work as sheriff of the features of the seventh annual Michigan Week celebration.

He is a member of the Lions club and also serves as a volunteer on the village fire department, which serves the 500 Caronsville population and the surrounding areas.

The village is located some six miles from Lake Huron on highway M16.

### THE EXCHANGE OF MAYORS AND VILLAGE PRESIDENTS

OF MICHIGAN CITIES AND VILLAGES IS ONE OF THE FEATURES OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL MICHIGAN WEEK CELEBRATION. THE PURPOSE OF THE EXCHANGE IS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CITY AND VILLAGE LEADERS TO LEARN FIRST-HAND THE PROBLEMS AND EXPERIENCES OF OTHER AREAS.

From this information many of our cities and villages have gained a greater insight on existing conditions in other communities and have been able to administer more efficiently at home.

## Parents, Students Hear, Discuss Parenteen Survey

An estimated 500 persons, mostly parents, went to Seaholm high school Tuesday night to hear the results of and comments on the Parenteen committee's recent questionnaire that probed into the behavior patterns of Birmingham area youth.

The panel discussion, predominantly manned by students, was geared to the findings of the committee.

Parents and teens recently answered questionnaire queries on drinking, driving, parties, smoking, hours and parents' responsibilities.

On the subject of drinking, five points were summarized in guide form: "It is not right to bring alcoholic beverages to a home where you are a guest; you do not have to take a drink to be accepted; you should not ride in a car with a driver you know has been drinking; girls should feel free to ask their dates to leave if they are at a party where there happens to be drinking; a person is more respected when he or she does not drink." (See SURVEY, Page 2-A.)



### A Wreck in the Rec Room

"There's a Thunderbird in our recreation room, Dear," Mrs. Geraldine Quart told her half-sleeping husband, Leonard one morning last week.

The rest of the Quart family was awoken when what "sounded like a dump truck," according to Mrs. Quart hit the front of their white brick ranch-type home at 1200 Pilgrim at about 6 a.m. May 5.

Ernest F. Kern, 46, 923 Ridgewood, Bloomfield Hills, had lost control of the car he was driving, while northbound on Pilgrim. He told police he thought he had fallen asleep. His car ran off the west side of the street south of Raynole, tore up several front lawns, crossed the street and hit the front end of the house.

The motor was still racing, and Kern, obviously dazed, was trying to back the car out, when she came out on the front lawn, Mrs. Quart said.

A neighbor, Edward G. Wallace, 1093 Pilgrim, and Steve Quart, 13, helped remove Kern from the car. He was taken to Beauport hospital with cuts on the face and head. He was released Monday. Kern was ticketed for failure to have his car under control.

## Just Like Hollywood

# Bank-Wrapped Audience Turns Out for Premiere

## 'Huck Finn' Benefits Arts Festival Area Youth Events Center On Shain Park

By AL SANDLER and DENI SCANLON Staff Writers

Popcorn sales were nil at the Birmingham Theatre Tuesday night.

But Camp Oakland benefit fund bulged and the appetite of movie-goers was satisfied. The world premiere of "Huckleberry Finn" took care of that.

Sparked by the appearance of Eddie Hodges, five-haired protégé who starred in Mark Twain's immortal classic, "Huck", captured the hearts under many a nink with the antics in his tattered ensemble.

The panorama under the marquee was almost as bright as the color of the mighty Mississippi. The steady stream of notables included Mr. and Mrs. William H. Baldwin, Mrs. M. M. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Demison (she's the daughter of Judge Arthur E. Moore who is one of Camp Oakland's founders), Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Eber and Harold A. Fitzgerald.

Arriving on the arm of her son, Eddie substituted for his out-of-town dad, Birmingham's lovely Mayor Florence "Frank" Hodges. She and her husband, a Birmingham resident in an Avenue Beauty satin ensemble with matching cloche.

THE VARIEGATED spectacle continued with the appearance of the Frederick T. Gagnery, Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Nadi, Mr. and Mrs. Farburg Schmidt, the John K. Stevens and the Mac T. White.

Beverly Hills Council President Marvin Cline and the Clifford Wrights also joined the throng.

RUD GUEST "came on in and welcomed everybody" including Suzy Sales, Mary Morgan and Toby David.

Young heads bobbed and the gangs were audible when Emcee (Guest pointed to Ed Sullivan fashion to Doc Holiday of Wyatt Earp fame. Many of the young heads belonged to junior celebrities for Camp Oakland.

WALTER GEHRKE, president of the executive committee of the camp, extended an official welcome and thanked those attending. Then the 13-year-old star of the night said his hellos to Birmingham, exchanged a few words with the emcee and told of his start in show business.

"A talent scout from 'Nape That Tune' stopped me on Fifth Avenue when I was walking, with my father and grandfather."

"She asked him where he got his vibrant red hair, Eddie explained. "It came with the head" was his retort. He's been performing ever since.

A VETERAN of "Music Man" and "Hole in the Head", the pit-stopped professional casually pointed to the screen when asked to introduce the film, and said, "Welcome to the Birmingham Eccentric."

WITH THE curtain up, theatre manager Keith Musser stood on the red carpet surveying the settled audience as the show went on. When the curtain came down on Birmingham's first world premiere, the applause obviously indicated the whole event was the most successful popcornless movie night ever recorded here!

### B'ham Eccentric Managing Editor Heads Press Club

New president of the Wayne State University press club is William Averill, managing editor of The Birmingham Eccentric. He succeeds Wesley Willett of the Wayne (Mich.) Associated Newspapers.

Other officers, elected at an annual meeting and workshop Friday, were 1st vice president Joseph N. McCall, publisher of the Holy Herald; 2nd vice president, John Prescott, business manager of the South Macomb News; and secretary-treasurer, W. Sprague Holton, chairman of the U.S. Journalism department.

Averill spoke on effectiveness of editorial pages during an afternoon workshop panel session.

Most of the third annual Birmingham Art Festival events will occupy a center platform this year—literally.

It will be in Shain park, Martin and Henrietta streets, on a specially constructed stage. At the corners of the park will be tents in which exhibits and demonstrations will be operating on a continuous schedule.

These important festival highlights were outlined Monday night by artist Robert Thom in winning city approval for use of the park.

THOM IS chairman of the Shain Park events committee. He said the June 11-19 event would include:

Use of Shain Park as a major activity area;

Outdoor, French-type sidewalk cafes on the parking lot behind Kresge's, and in front of Kay Baum store on E. Maple;

Closing of a block of Henrietta, from Maple to Martin, to provide grand entrance to the Shain park area. (There will be a special decorative arch on Maple at this point loaned by Ford Tractor division.)

AN INFORMATION kiosk at the southwest corner of Maple and Woodward;

Decorated light poles on Maple and Woodward.

Commissioners approved all these features.

The festival, which is achieving growing importance in Midwest cultural circles, begins with a Saturday night "Arts Festival Ball" at Bloomfield Hills country club.

The week will be climaxed nine days later by a special evening concert appearance of world-famous writer-poet-philosopher Carl Sandburg in the Cranbrook athletic stadium.

## Oakland Census Nearly Doubles In Last Decade

A preliminary announcement by the County census director, William C. Hintz, states that the census count for Birmingham is 25,881, taken as of April 1, 1960.

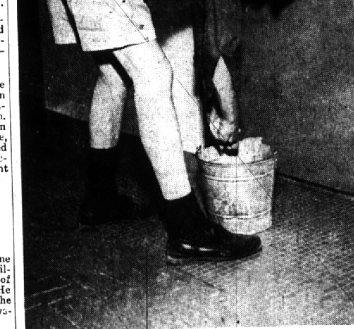
The new figure is an increase of 10,014 over the 1950 census count in which Birmingham was credited with a population of 15,867.

AS A WHOLE, Oakland County's population has doubled in the past decade, with the new 1960 census figured at close to 700,000. Ten years ago Oakland County's population was figured at 390,000. Although the released figures

are believed to be substantially correct they are subject to revision after returns from non resident areas credited to their proper localities.

IT IS FELT by the local census office that only minor revisions will be required after a more careful examination of the returns is made. The official census announcement will be made by President Eisenhower December 1.

The census showed that Oakland County had the greatest rate of growth, increasing by 595 per cent in the 10-year period since 1950. From a population of 5,267, it has soared to 39,000.



### The Finishing Touch

Getting the new Birmingham Groves high school ready for Dedication Week, students and teachers organized a student Work Day on Friday during the last two class periods. Tom Martin rinses out his sponge after completing his cleaning task. For more details see the Dedication story on page 2-A.

## Deadlines Near for June Vote

A field of five candidates has lined up for the two vacancies on the Birmingham Board of Education.

Voters will decide June 13 as to who will fill the four-year posts of Mrs. Dean Beier and William Spence.

Also up to the voters is the passage of a 19 mill increase in school taxes, the revenue to be used to bring Birmingham salaries up to area standards. The registration deadline for voters is 5 p.m. June 3.

CANDIDATES have until 4 p.m. May 14, to file 50 to 75-signature nominating petitions. The petitions must be signed by qualified, registered school district voters.

Incumbent William Spence, president of the board is running Royce Oak, a 30523 Greenfield, again. Spence, of 30523 Greenfield, has been a board of education member since 1948. A customer's representative with Detroit Edison, he is also chairman of the Birmingham recreation board.

Also running again is Mrs. Mary Heier, 1809 Dorchester, wife of former mayor and city commissioner, Dean G. Heier, who was appointed in January, 1959, to fill a vacancy on the board of Women voters.

Among the new candidates are: E. Ross Hanson, 696 N. Glenhurst, a Ford Motor co. executive, and six-year Birmingham resident. His two daughters attend Quorton school.

GARVIN BAWDEN JR., 977 Gordon lane, a manufacturers agent, lives at 977 Gordon lane. He has two children at Baldwin school.

Albert C. Scott, 1961 Birmingham boulevard, also a Ford executive, and a seven-year Birmingham resident. He has two children attending Birmingham schools.

## Mr. DeWitt Suffragan Bishop

The Rev. Robert L. DeWitt, rector of Christ Church, Cranbrook, was elected the second suffragan bishop of the Michigan Episcopal Diocese last week. Nine ballots were taken in the day-long session, developing into a close race between Mr. DeWitt and the Ven. John M. Burgess, archdeacon of the diocese of Massachusetts and a native of Grand Rapids.

Overwhelmed by the honor, Mr. DeWitt said he would take a day or two to confer with his family and the Rt. Rev. Richard S. Emery, bishop of the diocese, before accepting. He found his position "a flattering stumbling block" and said "it will be most difficult to leave here—it is an exciting parish."

His duties will be assigned him by Bishop Emery, who said "he is a very fine priest and one of the most outstanding men in the diocese."

THE ONLY SUFFRAGAN of the Michigan diocese before Friday's election was the Rt. Rev. Archie H. Crowley, former rector of St. James church in Grose Ille, Episcopal leaders would like to see a third suffragan with each of three geographical districts in the diocese under the direction of a suffragan. Such a change would require sanction by the national body.

MR. DEWITT has held many positions of responsibility for the diocese in addition to his pastorate. He is chairman of the diocesan planning committee and a member of the executive council.

He was born in Jamaica Plain, Mass., and received his BA in 1937 from Amherst college. In 1940, he received his divinity from Harvard. (See BISHOP, Page 2-A.)

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