

Architectural Firm Leading Birmingham

By DENI SCANLON
Staff Writer

The new home of Eero Saarinen and associates will transfer a large neo-Tudor German-type castle on a landscaped peninsula jutting out into Lake Whitney, Hamden, Conn.

The architectural firm now located at 1300 N. Woodward, Birmingham, will move its headquarters late next summer. Eero Saarinen and Eero Saarinen learned this.

Saarinen has purchased the Frederick D. Gray estate, "Luders", at 20 Davis Street, Hamden, near New Haven, Conn.

The noted architect, designer of the General Motors technical center, will transfer approximately 80 employees, 62 of them architects.

MRS. SAARINEN STATED that her husband did not like being in the middle of a city. Hamden is not a metropolitan center. They ruled out the New York area because it would be "economically difficult" for young draftsmen and engineers.

Mrs. Saarinen said she and her husband hoped all the employees would make the transfer. "We think we will lose very few," she added.

SHE EMPHASIZED that the firm is not leaving because of dislike for the Birmingham-Bloomfield area. "We have all been very happy here," she said. The Saarinen family moved to the new home in 1945. She said that the move should have been made ten years ago, but "everyone was too content here."

The new headquarters will be available in April, 1961. Saarinen plans to double the size of the building. The castle-like structure was chosen for its "personality," desirable setting and spaciousness.

"MY HUSBAND AND his staff

spend much time in airplanes traveling to the east on company business," Mrs. Saarinen said. "They would like to stay here but they are travel-weary."

Saarinen presently occupies a two-story, six-unit duplex in the Woodmont section of the city. The duplex is a Pontiac Cadillac and uses facilities of a nearby small home which she rents. The duplex is in a building on West Long Lake road, which the firm owns, has been up for sale.

BORN IN KIRK KUNUMMI, Finland, in 1910, Saarinen is from a family of noted architects and interior decorators. He came to the United States as a child and attended Baldwin high school, graduating in 1929.

His father, Eiler Saarinen, designed the buildings at Cranbrook academy of art. The same year he graduated from Baldwin, Saarinen designed furniture for Kingswood school, Cranbrook.

After graduation in 1934 from the Yale school of architecture, he was awarded the Charles Metchum fellowship for a year's study abroad.

A PRIZE WINNER numerous times, Saarinen has designed the General Motors technical center, buildings at Antioch college, Drake university and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is presently working on the Dulles airport, outside Washington, D. C., and other facilities for Yale. MIT and the University of Pennsylvania in addition to many other projects.

When the Saarinen firm leaves the Birmingham-Bloomfield area, it will leave 27 other architectural organizations within the limits of the two cities.

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Most quadrennial Presidential elections are carried on in an "atmosphere" as wide as the whole gamut of human emotions. ... the processes of fundamental intelligence. But perhaps the saving grace of the whole self-governing proceeding is the quick acceptance by the losers of the victory by the winners. America is America!

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A Boy and a Piano Make an Hour Fly

By JULIE CANDLER
Staff Writer

A dark-eyed boy with hair like black satin bowed to the Birmingham Town Hall audience last Thursday and Friday. Then he turned to a grand piano and adjusted the bench, took a long look at his audience, and dropped his hands on the piano keys.

What followed was as exciting as an hour of the Birmingham Hall audience ever spent. Tony Il Han, 19-year-old Korean pianist, fingered his childlike, delicate hands over the keys. And his silent audience radiated the same enthusiasm and sheer joy for the piano's beautiful tones that Il Han himself revealed as he played.

Musicians and critics praised his technical perfection, his singing tones, his tremendous range, his phrasing and exciting interpretations of the seven difficult selections he performed.

SAID ONE of his critical listeners, "The life he has led shows in the feeling he puts into his music. He has lived through experiences that give him the depth of a much older person."

He has known tragedy, like many other children of his age, as his American friends call him, and with his parents from north Korea when the invaders stormed down upon their nation.

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BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN SECTION A

Serving the Citizens of Michigan's Finest Suburban Residential Area

Some relief is in sight for sewer-plagued residents in the Peniston-Torry-Taunton area in southeast Birmingham.

City commissioners Monday night authorized the engineering department to prepare preliminary drawings for relief sewers in the area and to make whatever adjustments that may be possible to the present system to alleviate the flooding situation.

City Engineer W. T. Killen and City Manager L. R. Gare pointed out after their permits can be obtained from the state health department.

HOWEVER, they pointed out that sewer connections cannot be started until a ruling is rendered by the state Supreme court on the 12-Towns drain.

Gare told commissioners he expects a decision before the first of the year.

Preliminary studies were started by the engineering department after a petition was submitted to the city commission July 5 asking that the sewer system be replaced with one large enough to handle the overflow from the 12-Towns drain.

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All SEWERS in the area, he explained, are combined sanitary and storm sewers. They also carry household sewage further down the 12-Towns drain.

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HE ALSO CITED sewer problems in the area southwest of the city, bounded by Woodward on the west and 14 Mile road on the south, and the area east of Eton and south of Lincoln.

"The sewer problems in these areas," said Killen, "are not related except that they all are tributary to the 14 Mile road sewer."

"The 14 Mile sewer is inadequate but will be relieved by the 12-Towns drain."

Restrict opening of drainage structures; 2) Disconnect downspouts at homes along the sewer. All drainage structure openings in the area were restricted. He said, he related, and some downspouts have been disconnected. He urged that other residents do as soon as possible.

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Michigan Bell Telephone Company announced this week that telephone numbers will be switched to all numbers whenever a customer's service request requires a change in the telephone directory within the next five years.

This would happen, for example, when a customer begins the first time, when his present number is changed for some reason, or when a customer moves to a new location.

Michigan Bell estimates that 20 per cent of the program, approximately five years after the start of the program, any numbers that have not been switched will be changed to ANC on a simultaneous basis.

This and That
by George R. Averill

Citizens Accept Government by Rule of Majority

There is no doubt about the average American being disposed to "hand a shoulder to keep the wheels of State rolling along." This may be observed after practically every election, from that of a president right down to a simple local office.

Especially is this true in affairs touching the Presidency. Already you have observed, from reading and via radio and television, the acceptance by even the most ardent, prejudiced political opponents of President-elect John F. Kennedy of his victory over Richard M. Nixon.

When the heat of partisanship is turned off, it is then traditional that Americans, abide by the will of the majority. This generally has been true regardless of whether Democrats or Republicans are the political victors.

FOR SIX years Tony had studied here, practicing four and five hours a day. During that time he has performed with symphony orchestras from Hawaii to Quebec.

When he finished his performance last Friday, he asked for a few minutes' rest before meeting the press. And well he might need it.

Though his fine-looking face is immobile as he sits erectly at the keyboard, his intense when he reaches the tumultuous, technically difficult passages of a selection like Liszt's "Mephisto Waltz," a little frown appears on his face. The muscles around his jaw clench, he is so intensely within the music, he has lived through experiences that give him the depth of a much older person.

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Before the Performance

Tong Il Han relaxes backstage at the Birmingham theatre with Kent McDonald, organist at St. James Episcopal church who introduced him, and Mrs. Arthur D. Chantler, of Birmingham Town Hall.

Area Torch Campaign Reaches 99.2% of Goal

The Detroit area tri-county United Foundation last Thursday reported \$18,716,741 raised for its 12th annual Torch Drive. The annual was 10.1% per cent of its \$17,900,000 goal. The Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin area collected \$1,058,989 or 99.2 per cent of its \$1,067,500 goal.

More than half of the amount raised for the 1961 budgets of 195 health and community services by 100,000 volunteers working among a population of 5,600,000 was contributed by automobile manufacturers and their suppliers and employees in the Metropolitan area.

Look at the Numerals In Your Phone Number

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ESPECIALLY in these tremendously sensitive days of international frictions, is this policy more acceptable than usual ... for it is wise and very necessary that the United States always be by statement and example that there is common, universal unanimity of purpose by our whole citizenry when it comes to standing up to a foreign danger.

HE DID NOT smile afterwards, as he met with his backstage. He said he had seen his parents only once since coming to America alone to study six years ago. He had home two years ago for a visit.

But he wasn't too lonely, he said to his fellow-competitor, which was their most important hold item. Tony's father was a doctor, his mother a pianist and orchestra. His mother was a piano teacher. Tony himself began playing at four.

By the time he was ten, he had acquired a rare musical skill, though he had lived through the privations of war. He had found one of the few pianos remaining in Korea to play, in the American Air Force base in Seoul. The ten-year-old was sitting at that piano one day, playing one of Beethoven's most difficult sonatas, when Thomas S. Cuthaw heard him.

Final Reports on the drive, which started Oct. 18, were made

We'll Name Those Two Swans Yet

More names were suggested this week for the white swans on Quorton lake in Birmingham.

In a letter to Mayor Florence Willitt, Mrs. Harry Buchanan, 812 Colonial Court, stated:

"I have read that swans name for life, so I think it is fitting that our swans be named after legendary lovers. I suggest two sets of names. They are: 'Triston and Isobell,' 'Or Heloise and Abelard.' The names Snowdell and Frosty were suggested by Mrs. Lawrence O. Heidrich, 7425 Parkstone Lane, Birmingham."

"I thought a bell could be put around the neck of one of them to tell them apart," she said in a letter to The Birmingham Economic.

If you have a suggestion for naming the swans, you can send it to Mrs. Willitt at city hall or to The Economic.

Birmingham B of E Hires Attorney, Purchasing Agent

The hiring of an attorney, a purchasing agent and two teachers approved Tuesday night by the Birmingham Board of Education meeting.

Thorburn will receive \$100 per month as a retainer plus other considerations. The fee will include telephone calls and conferences with the administration and employees, written opinions that do not require research and conferences at the administrative level.

WILLIAM PITTMAN, 34, was hired by the board as purchasing agent. Pitman has purchased supplies in smaller school districts since 1945. Prior to that time he spent four years in shipping and receiving for Huck Manufacturing Company.

Pitman will receive an annual salary of \$6,750.

Chief reason why Russia's Khrushchev wants to check the western nations out of West Berlin is that he wants to bring both East and West Berlin under one control—the Soviet one of course. Why? Because West Berlin's citizens live in an environment of freedom; their standard of living is so much higher than East Berlin that it each day proves to the Berliners that living outside the shackles of Communism guarantees one a better life. In a way, you can't blame K for feeling as he does—his curiosity and his dependence upon a "police state" to keep his "slaves" in line ... so he opposes freedom wherever he finds it. That's why he wants to "take over" all of Berlin.

Business District Development Group To Meet Tuesday

Birmingham's central business district development committee will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday at city hall to consider a recommendation to award Henry J. Cuthaw a mail during the Christmas holidays.

The suggestion was formulated as a test to aid in the development of concepts for the city's future development.

Free Chest X-Ray Available Next Week

A free chest x-ray will be available to all adult citizens of age and older, in Birmingham, next week.

A specially equipped x-ray bus will be parked at the rear of the city hall, 151 Martin street.

The schedule will be: Monday from 2 to 8 p.m.; Tuesday from noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesday from 9 to 5 p.m.

The procedure for an x-ray is quick and simple. There is no need to undress. The whole procedure takes less than two minutes.

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Our Thanksgiving Issue Will Be Out Wed., Nov. 23; Please Get Your Copy in Early; Final Deadline: Monday, Nov. 21.

By IRMA N. DAVIS
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"'Twas the night before Christmas in local split level ... And mothers and fathers were being bedeviled ... To list all the presents they thought they might buy ... While outrageous requests were voiced by small fry ... The loot from last season lay round in a clutter, causing mothers to grumble And fathers to mutter."

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A Wall-to-Wall Carol (Or See Our Toy Section in This Issue)

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When out by the mailbox, Deliveries come round. 'Twas the Christmas's toy issue So jolly and round.

Father opened the paper And said, "This makes sense. At minimum expense."

They thought of the playthings That would stay in one piece, And leave their billfolds All fat and uncrushed.

And mothers knew shopping Would be nothing to do. As visions of time-saving Danced round in their heads.

The children grabbed papers And hustled inside, Then took a look at the pictures To help them decide.

Just what they would ask for From toys by the score, That would all be for sale In Birmingham stores.

In the time before Christmas, In our area suburban, The boon of this issue Has become quite proverbial.

So head for the places And things listed here. For a Merry Christmas to all And a season of cheer.

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