

Birmingham Teachers Answer a Big Question

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All I did was ask a question! "What do Birmingham instructors do in addition to their regular teaching responsibilities?"

The answer? It's enough for a doctoral thesis!

Birmingham teachers and administrators are active participants in the National, Michigan and Birmingham Education associations. They take part in organizations from art to zoology—many in leadership roles.

AND IT doesn't stop there. They teach in colleges, universities, extensions and in service programs. On both the state and national level, they are involved in

workshop activities, continuing committee activities, professional meetings. They are authors, give lectures, study in foreign lands and win scholarships.

Some are exchange teachers or cooperate in critic teacher activities and a few even guide foreign tours.

Many are engaged in community activities and a good number find

time to seek other professional experiences.

SOME of the state and national professional affiliations include the Michigan Intercollegiate Press Association, Oakland county Speech and Hearing, Oakland Art Education, National Society for Creative Children, American Library, Welfare Problems, Professional Problems, Retirement Law, French and Music associations.

Birmingham teachers have taught and lectured at the university level in English, speech, economics, art, design, therapy, Western civilization, library administration, Polish, counseling, psychology, reading curriculum, clothing and textiles, French and sociology.

Subjects of their lectures are interesting too. They range from "High School Advertising" to "Promoting Reading and Stimulating in Personal Reading" to "Pillars of Economic Geography."

THEY SPEND a good deal of time studying. American education institutions that Birmingham teachers attend during summer days on an absolute are in many states besides Michigan including Illinois, Ohio, Oklahoma, Iowa, Colorado, Minnesota, Florida, Kansas, Wisconsin and South Dakota.

It doesn't stop there. They've "hit the books" in France, Germany, Italy, England,

Russia, Poland, Spain, Cuba and Mexico.

One teacher commented, "I recently taught at a private school on a 40,000-acre cattle ranch in Arizona. It was like being an exchange teacher in its states."

WHAT EXPERIENCES have given them satisfaction? A music instructor remembers his participation in the Vienna Freedom Day celebration with English, French, Russian and American representatives. "It was a historical moment," he recalled.

Another was pleased with results obtained from a study on professional ethics and personnel policies on a state-wide level.

Others enjoy building a school library, sponsoring the student newspaper and yearbook, pursuing advanced degrees, working with the community, counseling, traveling, research—and, of course, teaching.

SURVEYING scholarship aid and award winners, Birmingham schools can boast of many. Aid and recognition have come from French-American Cultural Services, Asian Institute, National Science Foundation, Cleveland Institute of Art, General Electric, American Association of University Women, Far Eastern Women and All-College American Legion.

Many local educators have been assisted by scholarships from the University of Michigan, Wayne State, Michigan State, Eastern Western, Central, Albion and other out-state colleges and universities.

ACTIVE in the community? Yes. There's the PTA, scouts, church work, alumni groups, fraternal, societies, politics, recreation, student groups and social clubs for the most part a vital group.

A glance at their histories tells what Birmingham teachers are, for the most part a vital group.

ANYTHING ELSE? Of course. Birmingham teachers have families, homes, those that need repairs, groceries to buy, laundry and "spare time" to occupy.

Auto Extra

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Lodge to peek at 'Live Wire' with Old-Time Power



Old Mill Stream Gets New Dress

Old and new, Early American and Swiss, are skillfully blended in this charming building, part of a two-structure cinder mill at Goodison, about three miles east of Rochester. Erected on the site of an old cinder mill beside Old Point Creek, the two buildings will be joined by a bridge. The club building above will be replaced to serve as a dining room; its twin is used for the manufacture of cider. The mill wheel, 15 feet in diameter, will be used with an old turbine and generator to produce power to light the outside of the club building. The project is being developed by Dale Miller, Sr., of Birmingham.

Property Speakers Dedicate Baldwin Library

By GEORGE R. AVERILL
Editor

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Dedication of the recently completed Baldwin Public Library was held last Sunday afternoon when more than 250 local and nearby men and women gathered to inspect the physical portions of the building, including its interior furnishings, and to listen to a program fitting the occasion.

James B. Tobin, president of the library's board of trustees, presided. Briefly he thanked all who, in any way, made possible the new addition to our history," began Dr. Dickey.

"Today, as never before, we as a nation face problems that are unparalleled in our history," began Dr. Dickey.

"Never has it been so important that our people be informed and that it is no wonder that the public staff."

(See LIBRARY, 2-A)

County GOP Candidates Convene Here

Oakland county GOP candidates came to Birmingham last week to express their views on the issues and the outcome of the Nov. 8 election.

They gathered Thursday in a press conference at The Showcase, 136 Brownell.

County GOP chairman Arthur G. Elliott, Jr., told reporters, "We're now going to use the radio before election to carry the Republican story to the people of Oakland county in a forceful and dramatic terms."

Elliott said he based his optimism on "an excellent Republican record on the national and county levels."

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"SO WHY TRADE good times for promises?" he asked. Congressman William S. Broomfield (See CANDIDATES, 2-A)

Motorcade May Pass Thru City

By KEN WEAVER
News Editor

Vice presidential candidate John C. Lodge is coming to a south Oakland rally, and may pass through Birmingham. The Eccentric learned Tuesday.

Lodge will address a rally in the south end of the county Monday, Oct. 24, and may attend a dinner in Pontiac. If the latter is arranged, he is expected to travel in a motorcade through Birmingham and the area.

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This and That

By George R. Averill

Honestly, Mr. and Mrs. Voter, if the Federal law regarding the claims for various medications, cosmetic aids, pills and potions for a variety of ailments allowed these items to be as loosely balloted as in the case of candidates' utterances during political campaigns... well, there wouldn't be any regretting at all. For the lengths to which candidates go in promising and claiming their non-use of all kinds of economic and social ills is so filled with half-truths, impossible declarations, and often downright falsehood that tolerance of this make-believe by the public is no credit to our national IQ. At times it sounds like a bark at a carnival side-show who yells: "Step this way, ladies and gentlemen, let me tell you about this potion I hold in my hands—it can cure your rheumatism, colds, chills, blains, the baby's croup, your mother-in-law's irritable disposition, your wife's extravagance, falling hair, and even aid in cleaning wallpaper, keep the leather on your horse's harness from cracking... Yes, sir... step right this way and get a bottle of this." (See THIS & THAT, 2-A)

Halloween Party, Parade Set Oct. 31 For B'ham Children

Birmingham's little monsters—robins or clowns—will parade through town again this year.

Now in its 23rd year, the Halloween parade-party will be held Monday, Oct. 31.

HAROLD M. KALBFLEISCH is general chairman for the event sponsored by Birmingham area clubs and service groups. It is being co-ordinated by the chamber of commerce.

Some 6,000 youngsters are expected to take part in the festivities. The parade will start at the Hill building at Chester and Martin. Children will march on Center, Maple, and Woodward to Woodward and south on Woodward to the food lines.

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Modern-Day 'Live Wire' Uses Old-Time Power

By IRMA N. DAVIS
Staff Writer

Wanta saddle your horse, podner, and head for Point Creek?

There's some mighty good cider waiting to be corralled in the little village of Goodison, where Birmingham resident Dale Miller, Sr., is combining a lot of Early America with a bit of Swiss chalet and coming up with a double-barreled cinder mill.

Miller is completing construction of two buildings. The 1900-structure club building, about 1900 square feet in size, will probably be leased to provide dining and club areas; the other structure, about 3200 square feet, is used to manufacture the cider.

OVER 1,000 people visited the mill on Orion road on a recent Sunday to buy cider and doughnuts and enjoy the novel project set in the hills near Rochester. Before they left, many of them had satisfied not only their palates but their appetite for the old and unusual.

Miller, who believes in maintaining tradition and feels his surname reflects a craft he is proud to be a part of (even though a bit late to the game), is also owner of Rochester Gear, incorporated, across the road.

Both projects developed rapidly. His plant grew from a small, 2200-square-foot building to its present 35,900 size in slightly more than a decade.

The first of the two "cider buildings" was built a year ago, the second has been erected almost to completion in the last 60 days—a fact which has the architect grinning. Miller takes it quite for granted, an attitude not surprising in a man who has made a success out of several businesses during his lifetime.

John C. Guenther Takes Minor's Chrysler Post

Chrysler corporation vice president.

GUENTHER was with the sales organization of the Plymouth-Dodge-DeSoto-Valliant division serving as executive assistant to the general manager from April, 1958, until his appointment to Boggs's staff last year.

Guenther attended Ohio State university and later received a scholarship for study at Eberhard-Karl's university in Tuebingen, Germany.

While in Germany, he joined the foreign service of the United States and was assigned to the American Consulate General in Stuttgart.

BEFORE JOINING Chrysler, Guenther was a reporter and editorial writer for the Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch and wrote a weekly automobile column.

Guenther is a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers, the Engineering Society of Detroit, the Detroit Athletic club and the Birmingham Athletic club.

He is married and has four children.

FROM THE gigantic water wheel, 15 feet in diameter, to the modern steel fittings used to manufacture the cider, the whole project is a study in contrasts. The dining room in the north building is wired with knob and tile exposed fixtures with old carbon filament bulbs and emerald green shades in the old manner.

A scarlet-red piano in one corner recalls listeners with "Wilhelmina," complete with mandolin effects. It is housed in the "club" building, lit by power from the old water wheel, an old turbine and generator.

(See POWER, 2-A)

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Community House Names Board Member

William H. McGaughey, vice president in charge of communications for American Motors corporation, has been elected a member of the board of directors of the Community House, Birmingham. He will serve a three-year term.

A resident of Bloomfield Hills, McGaughey joins 18 other directors in revitalizing and strengthening the broad services of the Community house to Birmingham.

Other directors are Frederick G. Bahr, Eugene J. Barney, Mrs. C. L. Bouchard, Francis M. Fisher, Mrs. Raymond F. Giffels, Ralph E. Hunt, Mrs. Alvin H. Knorr, Mrs. Robert J. Mason, Mrs. Ralph O. Moore, Mrs. Raymond M. Reid, Mrs. William L. Scherer, Mrs. George R. Squibb, Mrs. Eleanor Vinal, Mrs. H. Wiant, and Charles W. Wiggins.

McGaughey, a professional career covers more than 20 years in the communications field, joined American Motors corporation, a company, Nash-Kelvinator, in 1952 as assistant to George Romney, then vice president.

McGaughey was named director of communications and management development in 1954. He is a member of American Motors' policy board and its communications committee.

He resides at 131 Guilford.

SHE EMPHASIZED the general financial support made by the Baldwin Junior League, the late Mary Lambie's estate, for funds received from the citizen's committee headed by H. G. Gardner, local banker, and from the local service clubs.

James L. Cameron, Jr., president of the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library, pledged continued support of the organization in furnishing Baldwin library with furnishings, as it has in the past.

Introduced by Truette and local school curriculum director Dr. A. Nesbitt, Dr. Otis Dickey, new superintendent of the Birmingham schools, gave the high lighted ceremony with an inspiring and scholarly talk.

HE LAUDED the Baldwin Public Library.

Schools' Homemaking Views Vary

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second in a series on the Birmingham seventh, eighth and ninth grades of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Southfield schools, how and why they are taught.

By JULIE CANDLER
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How much good grooming, stitching and cooking is a girl required to study in Birmingham area schools?

A few years ago in the Birmingham area, it was to schedule for three years. But there was pressure from parents with college-bound daughters who needed to cram their schedules with academic subjects. Then ninth grade homemaking was made an elective.

After September, 1961, it will be required in the eighth grade, and there are those parents, including this writer, who would prefer to have it instructional for seventh graders as well.

In the Birmingham schools, the homemaking course was set lower in outline form in June, 1954. Mrs. Roma Stark, a homemaking teacher at Derby junior high school, was chairman of the committee which prepared the outline.

It is a summary of its high lights could provide parents a picture of the training their seventh graders will receive.

In Bloomfield Hills schools, seventh grade girls are required to spend a year in the homemaking

THAT'S THE WAY it is in the Southfield schools. There, a girl can stay out of the kitchen and sewing rooms, if she chooses.

About 80 per cent of the system's feminine pupils elect homemaking as a first or second course in the eighth grade.

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THE GIRLS spend two weeks, for example, on a food unit the teachers call "use and care of equipment."

The chapter on "use and care, use and care" includes six live student exercises, according to the curriculum outline teachers use:

(1) Demonstrate how to use stoves and give students opportunity to practice adjusting heat, lighting, timing.

(2) Demonstrate how to store foods in the refrigerator and how to defrost it and give students opportunity to look refrigerator over more closely.

(3) Discuss equipment in unit kitchen, its use and care—give students time to become acquainted with their own unit, then have a game quiz on location of various articles in such unit kitchen.

(4) Demonstrate how to use the laundromat and have several girls push a load of laundry.

(5) Demonstrate how to use dishes or exhibit dishwashing set-up and discuss rinsing, stacking.

(See VIEWS, 2-A)

THIS WILL BE part of a school project called "operation initiative," a long-range plan designed to stimulate interest among students in politics.

All schools are being asked to get into operation in forceful and dramatic terms.

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THREE WINNERS, one from each category, will be selected. Tentative plans call for Lodge to present them with autographed biographies of Nixon.

at it—five days a week, for 30 of the 40 weeks in the school year. At Derby junior high school, they have split the seventh-grade curriculum into units; each with a recommended length of time to be devoted to it.