

Behind Our Front Page

They Went Oriental

... see page 1-C for Bloomfield Village evening in Hong Kong.

Water, Water

... everywhere at Forest Hills and do the children love it. See picture page on 1-D.

Judge Okays Athletic Club

... in Beverly Hills. See page 1-E.

Archers Pull Strings

... to get deer. See page 8-E.

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This and That

by George R. Averill

WHAT IS A TROUT WORTH?

What is the value of the trout? What is the value of the smile of the sun? What is the value of a foaming stream deep in the gorge where the first and spruce trees grow? What is the value of the long, trail, away from town and away from the crowd? ... away from the busy and unquieting toward the blessed peace of the strong mountains? ... the blue of the heavens and the gold of a summer morning. Tell me to cash in bravery and sheer loveliness. Tell me how to transmute the thrill of the out-of-doors on a cash register ... and then I'll tell you the value of a trout.

—Anon.

Can you adults remember the thrill you received when, graduating from grade school or university, you grasped the diploma of the moment? Perhaps few persons achieve the later life surpass the inner glow of this circumstance. Especially is this true when you walk forth from the grade school environment (which for the most part may be a period of "captivity") with the feeling that in some manner, you will be "liberated" from a sort of involuntary "imprisonment," created by "that strange world outside," and, alas, are greeted and greeted by your very own parents. Boy! if only one could better capture and retain in memory this consciousness of real achievement!

In the dark of night two safe-breakers entered a bank. One of them, a woman, took down the floor, took off her shoes and socks, and started to turn the dial of the safe with her hair. "What's the matter?" asked his pal, "it's open this thing and get out of here." "Now, I'll only take a minute longer and we'll drive them finger-print experts nuts."

One person "silence is golden" may be because it often keeps quiet an otherwise gossiping silver tongue.

A current wit agrees that the old-fashioned parent is one who believes that "eternal" discipline means exactly what it says.

Everybody, almost, has been taught that it took many years of time for mankind to learn to walk in an upright position. What they haven't been taught (See THIS & THAT, Page 2-A)

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It is justifiably argued that little children are not born with hatred toward anybody or anything; they learn this negative characteristic from the parents and examples of their elders ... which is indeed a sad commentary on the ability of adults to achieve and retain the status of brotherhood. Little children may cry from pain or hunger, which is easily overcome. But hatred ... that's beastly.

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Sewer Suit Hearing Tuesday

Detroit and Oakland county will appear before Circuit Court Judge Stanton Dondoro Tuesday to show reason why sewage has not started to flow through the completed \$7 million Evergreen interceptor.

Five South Oakland communities filed suit last week asking the court to issue a writ of mandamus. Plaintiffs are Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield township, Southfield and Troy.

The suit is an attempt to secure use of the sanitary interceptor and charges Detroit with ignoring two 1950 contracts with Oakland county to transmit and treat sewerage from the Evergreen area.

Detroit has blocked use of both the Evergreen and the Farmington interceptors since their completion in July. Detroit claims Oakland officials agreed to build a storm drain along Eight Mile to ease basement flooding in northwest Detroit.

The storm drain project was dropped recently when Southfield residents claimed the assessments were too high.

Southfield city council decided Monday to resume negotiations with Detroit in an effort to build the Eight Mile drain that is stalling operation of the interceptors.

IN A LETTER to the council, Mayor Donald L. Swanson stated, "Southfield may be put in the position of being forced to build the Eight Mile drain or having it built for the city. The action of the state health department. Further, the state highway department has already agreed to build the drain at its own expense. Therefore," he cautioned, "time is of the essence."

"I would urgently recommend once again," Swanson continued, "that the council held every effort to hold whatever meetings are necessary and to create whatever conditions are necessary for the building of the Eight Mile drain at the earliest possible date."

BOTH THE Farmington and Evergreen interceptors are designed to ease flooding and pollution problems. The Evergreen also is to serve Lathrup, Beverly Hills and Pontiac. Most of West Bloomfield township, part of Southfield, Keego Harbor and Farmington township will be served by the Farmington.

The county has been brought in to court with Detroit because its department of public works has contracts with the communities to pay for the interceptors.

REV. G. B. O'GRADY, JR.

Christ Church Calls New Rector From Switzerland

The Rev. Gerald B. O'Grady, Jr., has accepted a call to become rector of Christ Church, Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. He succeeds the Rev. Robert L. DeWitt who has recently elected suffragan bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Michigan.

Mr. O'Grady is a graduate of Williams college and the Episcopal Theological school in Cambridge, Mass.

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'Roses Are Red...'

When a bouquet of roses arrived at the Birmingham board of education office following last week's meeting, Dr. Otis Dickey was caught by surprise. The unknown admirer expressed fragrant thanks for earlier starting time for students, a compromise reached after parents petitioned the board.

"While I was most pleased to receive the bouquet," the new superintendent commented, "I have not thought of it as any sort of a personal tribute. To me, the bouquet is a symbol of an attitude and a spirit of cooperation and understanding on the part of our staff, the board of education and citizens of the school community."

"This is what we need if we are to experience continued improvement in the education program for children and young people," he continued. "All may feel assured that our staff will try to merit such cooperation and understanding in the future."

Extra Hours Set For Registration

Registration time is here again.

And to give everyone a chance to register for the November election, the city clerk's office in Birmingham will be open extra hours beginning Sept. 17.

City clerk Irene E. Hanley today announced a schedule of hours for her office during the registration rush period. This schedule was city commission approval Monday night.

Miss Hanley urged that students not returning to college or who will be returning soon and who will be 21 before the election register before leaving.

SHE EMPHASIZED that they can register now. They needn't wait until their birthdays.

"It will be simpler for them and for us," said Miss Hanley, "if they will please come in now to register and to obtain absentee ballots if they do not wish to return from campus to vote."

On Saturdays, Sept. 17 and 24, her office will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Saturdays, Oct. 1, the hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Monday, Oct. 3, through Friday, Oct. 7, the hours for registration will be 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

ON SATURDAY, Oct. 8, the clerk's office will again be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. On the last day of registration Monday, Oct. 10, Miss Hanley's staff will accept registrations from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

GTRR Strike Looms; 3 Local Commuters Affected

By DON PEMBER Staff Writer

About 300 Birmingham-Detroit commuters using the Grand Trunk Western railroad will be looking for "a ride home from work" this afternoon unless a threatened strike by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen fails to materialize.

The union's action to GTRW vice president and general manager Francis A. Gaffney, has issued an ultimatum that unless all issues in the current negotiations were settled by Sept. 1 (today) a strike would be called. Last Friday would be reinstated.

The strike, threatened for 11 a.m. today, would mean the discontinuance of both freight and passenger service between Detroit, Chicago and eastern Canadian points, as well as the shut-off of commuter trains between Pontiac and Detroit.

THE UNION, which represents 1,000 switchmen, brakemen, switch-tenders and baggage-men, said the disagreement with the railroad is over more than 20 work rules and that pay was not an issue in the dispute.

The strike was originally called for last Sunday. Thomas W. Fletcher, chairman of the union's grievance committee, blamed the walk-out at that time on "our inability to get the Grand Trunk to negotiate through the national mediation board."

The Grand Trunk said the union refused to submit the dispute to arbitration under the Railway Labor act or to a one-man fact-finding panel. The company said it had agreed to both and that the arbitration route had been recommended by the National Mediation board.

THE STRIKE was postponed last Friday and new talks got underway immediately. At that time Fletcher warned that the strike might be reinstated if the talks fail.

A statement by Gaffney implied the talks hadn't failed.

"We have settled some of the differences since the first strike call was issued and then withdrawn last week, and conferences are continuing," he said.

Union officials were unavailable for comment at the time of this writing.

This would be the first strike against the railroad in four decades according to Gaffney.

"And we have made every effort to avert it by trying to reach an agreement on the disputed working rules which would be economically feasible for the company and satisfactory to the workers," he added.

THE STRIKE involves only 14 percent of the railroad's employees, but a strike will force suspension of the entire operation according to Gaffney.

At last report the negotiations, now in their ninth month, were continuing and would continue right up until the 11 a.m. deadline.

"But we won't know if there will be a strike until 10:55 a.m. Thursday," said A. A. Morgan of public relations department of the Canadian National Grand Trunk Railway system.

And so many commuters and labor sit around the big table trying to reach a settlement, 300 Birmingham area commuters working in Detroit are going to get home tonight.

Seaholm Student Gains Reputation As Man of Letters

By DENI SCANLON Staff Writer

Letters that arrive at the Burkhardt home at 984 Oakland, Birmingham, tell a most unusual story. Some contain information about bananas and banana boats. Others are from the office of the naval research. And, the most recent epistles?—they concern war against gooney birds of Midway Island.

Each is addressed to the congenial 16-year-old Seaholm high school student who can often be found moping a typewriter in the den of the comfortable home.

"I just like to write letters," Mike says. So, while he reads or hears about something of interest, it comes the portable, in goes the paper and off goes a letter.

IN SEPTEMBER of 1958, Mike and his pal, Don Johnston of Birmingham, began a project of designing submarines.

"It looked like this," Mike said as he sketched a bubble-shaped ship with a propeller and intricate wiring. The pair compiled several drawings and sent them off to Rear Admiral Albert G. Munma.

THE RETURN letter stated, "It is regretted that a careful evaluation of the design material submitted has failed to reveal any promising features. It has been noted that your main thought is to apply the water thrust principle to effect jet propulsion."

The Navy's tests of various types of water jet propulsion systems have not shown them to be as efficient as modern propellers (See STUDENT, Page 2-A)

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City Accepts Resignation Of L. Minor

Birmingham city commissioners on Monday accepted the resignation of Commissioner L. Minor.

A letter of resignation was read at Monday night's meeting. He has given no reasons for leaving.

With two commissioners—Mayor Florence Willett and Carl F. Ingraham—on the commission, the commission did not act on an appointment to complete Minor's one-year term.

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COMMISSIONER CHARLES W. Renfrew said Monday night that he greeted "with sorrow" Minor's resignation.

Stating that he had served with Minor on the commission on two occasions Renfrew said he had been "very sensitive to the tremendous considerations" he had.

Renfrew said further that he was impressed by Minor's constant desire for accuracy and truth.

He also said he had never found Minor "motivated by anything other than interest in the welfare of Birmingham."

RENFREW moved that the commission accept Minor's resignation "with regrets," and the motion carried unanimously.

He also suggested that a letter expressing the commission's feelings be sent to Minor, and Mayor pro-tem William E. Roberts replied that he would write such a letter.

Commissioners are paid \$5 per regular meeting attended; they are not paid for special meetings. Regular meetings are held every Monday night.

Minor was appointed by the commission in June, 1959, to complete a vacancy created when another commissioner moved out of the city. He then won election for one year in April of this year.

In 1951 he was elected to a three-year term.

Suburbia Today

Thurber's-Eye View Feature in Magazine

A Thurber's-eye view of life from "rosy-fingered dawn" to "beddy-bye" (with clues as to how to keep your breakfast down, where to put the morning mail, and how to handle the "trip before dinner" situation.) Only the first issue you could turn to in the September issue of SUBURBIA TODAY. The Birmingham Eccentric magazine supplement, which will come to you on Sept. 8.

The other treats, all calculated to soften that post-vacation lull, down, start off with a story by author Vincent Price, who spends two months each year lecturing in clubwoman and who is madly in love with all 400,000 of the ladies he's addressed over the past 50 years.

THEN THERE'S a story for all mothers who have baby-sitting teen-agers/daughters. It seems, according to author Jennifer L. Barrett, that the sister's mother is often more jittery than the mother of the children she takes care of.

Author Fitzhugh Turner tells about the history of the Middleburg, Va., Community Center, which replaced the town dump from which new houses everything from church services to water carnivals.

The garden pages this month will remind you that window boxes make excellent greenhouses that can provide much fun—and beauty—from September till next spring.

The food pages, on the other hand, are full of year-round fun with Apple Ambrosia, Schnecken, Fresh, Purple-Plum Ice Cream, and many other kitchen-tested dishes that could be the specialty of any house.

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