



How often, when one says or does something unkind, unlovely, he may say: "Paradise is my true self at all." Does not this admission suggest that, basically, each of us... created in the image and likeness of God, thus admits his divinity? Does it not remind us that saying, doing wrong, isn't God's plan?

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City Schools for B'ham Special School Election

Hills Student Tour Causes Court Suit; Agent Flees Scene

Nineteen Bloomfield Hills High School students plus a teacher and his wife went on a tour of Europe from June 25 to July 26.

According to the teacher, Clarence Luchtmann, "the trip was wonderful... everything was perfect."

Since that time, the \$10,600 which the students paid for the trip has disappeared, along with the Northville travel agent, John Tackett, who had the money.

This and That

by George R. Averill

John B. Taylor, of 25 Harden Rd., Bloomfield Hills, experienced an unusual circumstance one day last week, while a guest at the northern Michigan cabin of this reporter. Walking down a wooded nearby lane, he came upon a covey of partridges, whereupon they immediately took off on their accustomed fast flight. A moment later Jack, returning, he detoured over to another cabin, the direction of which was in line with the flight. To his almost incredible surprise he came upon three young "pats," lying within a few feet of this other cabin, their necks broken. Inspection revealed that the birds had flown straight into a window screen, thrusting it into the window glass, breaking the glass.

Usually, when birds strike windows, another window is in line with the first one, thus giving the appearance of uninterrupted open space. Yet the window the birds shattered was not in line with a distant one—making one wonder how so smart a bird as a partridge could make so fatal a mistake.

Five union pressmen on strike against the *Miami Herald* formed a picket line recently in front of the Detroit Free Press, resulting in a five-day suspension of the Free Press operations, because P.P. pressmen wouldn't cross the *Miami* picket line. If the courts upheld the right of such secondary boycotting, then U.S. industry is in for another serious setback.

India's Prime Minister Nehru too often says words that are harmful to the cause of the Western Allies' objectives. Recently that mystic announced that Russia had a right to close East Berlin... then, after our U.S. India Ambassador Galbraith talked to Nehru, the latter offered to deny the Indians... holding that East Berlin should be kept open, Nehru. (See THIS & THAT, 3-A)

15 Retailers Compete For New C of C Board

Fifteen Birmingham retail merchants will compete in the near future for new seats on the board of directors of the Retail Merchants Division of Birmingham Chamber of Commerce.

A nominating committee of Foster Toothaker, Harvey Keske and Donald Cummings, appointed Chamber President Henry Johnson, has completed a list of 15 nominees.

According to Chamber Executive Secretary Charles Mortenson, election ballots will be mailed to about 150 retailers within the next few days.

Report Coming On Oakland Child Clinic

The special committee set up earlier this year to study the needs and operations of Oakland Child Guidance Clinic is expected to file a preliminary report this week to the Ways and Means Committee of the county board of supervisors.

David Levinson, Birmingham supervisor and chairman of the ways and means committee, said the special committee will probably need another two or three months to complete its report.

In the meantime, Levinson is proposing a tentative appropriation of \$125,000 for the clinic. That's the same as the county appropriated this year.

Clawson Woman Has Tale to Tell In Suburbia Today

Mrs. Fred H. Baker, Clawson housewife, tells a story of a European couple who became naturalized Americans in the "Getting Around" column in the September issue of *Suburbia Today*.

The September edition of this magazine supplement will appear with your Sept. 8 Birmingham Eccentric.

Also in next month's issue is the story of how adequate authority Amy Vanderbilt learned to do some things on how to improve your own performance.

B'ham Masons Plan \$250,000 Temple

The lobby, designed and furnished in Italian Provincial-Modern, will contain a bronze plaque inscribed with the names of contributors to the building fund.

FULFILLING a community need by providing additional meeting facilities for public use, the Temple will be available for rental by special groups when not being used by Masonic affiliated organizations.

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Birmingham Masonic Association's Proposed Temple

Logge No. 44 was granted June 11, 1950. Still running the aches of settling the former swamp land, the religious-minded pioneers knew nothing of the thousand-and-one luxuries and conveniences of the present. It was at that time cooking was done outdoors by log fire, wild thorns compensated for the frequent scarcity of the common household pin and a single damning needle often did the mending for an entire neighborhood.

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Total Tax Rate in B'ham Up 10 Cents

The total rate that Birmingham taxpayers will pay in 1961 is 10 cents higher than the 1960 rate, according to a report to the city commission from Assessor Clark H. Hagstrom.

Hagstrom pointed out that the total city-county-school rate for 1961 is \$5.20, as compared to \$5.10 last year.

The county rate, \$7.45, is down 15 cents from last year. There's a 10-cent savings and embolism due to education, from 55 cents in 1960 to 70 cents for this year.

There But for the Grace Of God Go—We Americans

Wondering as she wrote whether her letter would reach her parents, 22-year-old Birmingham resident Jan Mitchell had this to say about Russia:

"All you have to do is take one look inside the Iron Curtain and you are ready to go home. The longer you stay the happier you are that you live inside the U.S.A."

Her letter, dated Aug. 20, was written shortly after Jan and another girl, Sandi Clune of Traverse City, arrived in Leningrad.

THEY WERE only interested in our money and didn't even open our suitcases, she wrote.

Benito Sings

Residents Marriage-Minded
Birmingham Athletic Club
Con-Con Candidates
Phenomenon of Nature
Chuck West Tells

B of E, Citizens Formulating Plans To Meet Needs

What kind of education Birmingham wants will be decided by the taxpayers in a special November school election.

What kind of education Birmingham needs is being studied by local citizens and educators.

Equipped with reports, studies, surveys and an interest in the community's educational development, the board of education and a newly formed citizens advisory committee are attempting to shape Birmingham's complex educational problems into concise ballot proposals.

Statements from Your Six Con-Con Candidates On Page 1-D

THE SCHOOL system's detailed planning stage is rapidly reaching its climax. The three-year Citizens Curriculum Committee reports, the newly formed April Planning Office and the eight-month Ohio State Building Needs Study are recorded and evaluated.

A time for action draws near. These various concentrated efforts, the school board believes, affords a series of tentative proposals for the 30-member citizens advisory committee's reactions.

Ammunition, Oil Spur Home Fire In Bloomfield Twp.

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Exploding ammunition and 200 gallons of flaming fuel oil plagued township fire fighters Wednesday morning as they fought a blaze in a home at 188 Birmingham Road.

The owner of the home, Gilbert Brown, told fire officials that his hobby is gun collecting and shooting and that he usually reloaded his own shells at home.

The exploding ammunition and the flaming fuel oil that spurred Brown's water heater and furnace made the fire a difficult one to fight, officials said.

It's Back to School Time For 32,000 Next Week

THE NEW TEACHERS, improvements in the curriculum and higher operating costs have increased Birmingham's school budget this year to \$6,568,310.97—over last year's figure of \$5,658,310.97—\$910,000 more.

Bloomfield Hills School System noted a \$800,000 increase from \$1,650,000 to \$2,450,000 to finance the year's improved program, facilities and higher expenses.

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