



One important personal goal ought to be achievement of a satisfactory way to communicate thoughts and feelings. To speak clearly, using words that fit the subject, and to speak distinctly, to be heard so that the message is understood. It is not so much to have little emphasis given to it by educators. Many a person has lost more than they know because he utters sound so un-speakably!

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Ballerina Looks At Life Behind The Iron Curtain

By IRMA N. DAVIS
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"Behind the scenes, we saw Russia in its own way," said Sarah Reed, who recently returned from a tour through Europe and the Soviet Union with the American Ballet Theatre. "The exciting-looking young ballerina is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reed, 923 Winthrop Dr., Birmingham, and a former pupil of Mrs. Eugenia Stepanova, Russian ballet teacher at the Community House.

Miss Reed's career with the ballet company began in 1950, topping more than 10 years of study. Her first tour outside of the country took her to Cuba last year. "It was so exciting to go to a grim nine weeks behind the Iron Curtain, six of them in Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev and Tbilisi. With the exception of Leningrad, which 'frankly with Paris as one of the most beautiful cities in the world,'" Miss Reed found Russia a grim and forbidding country. "We just wanted to 'forget' for the first few weeks after we returned to the United States," she said.

In her quarters in Leningrad, she and her fellow dancers were "luxurious, but one was likely to find that no water came out of the faucets."

THE FORMER "CITY OF THE CAESARS," with its palaces and its beautiful gardens throughout Russia, were among the few bright aspects of the tour.

Elsewhere, Russia was drab. Miss Reed said the troupe saw a site of Russia that she had never seen before. Notwithstanding, the few periods between rehearsals and performances were common to all visitors to collective farms, factories and Communist Party-line sight-seeing.

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THE AMERICAN dancers learned to avoid attempts to communicate with Russians, because we would hear of their male dancers being arrested, perhaps beaten, just for talking to us in the theater."

Her expressive eyes were said by Miss Reed to be the key to her success. "I apparently is to accept everything." Troupe members were never able to detect the strangely familiar faces in the street, "those of agents assigned to follow us."

The ballet company's performances were enthusiastically received, although Russian audiences saw no humor in "Fancy Free." Its light-hearted portrayal of American sailors "beyond the seas" beyond the imagination of people accustomed to regarding dancing as strictly military measures of society.

THE TROUPE'S four prima ballerinas were then accorded cries of "Bis," meaning "do it again." Miss Reed said she was surprised to see that the troupe was so bad that most of the troupe was ill, or tired.

Thanks to the American Embassy, they were able to get cartons of cleaning tissues to take them to the U. S. One of the highest positions in Russia is that of the artist. Miss Reed said she was surprised to see that the troupe was so bad that most of the troupe was ill, or tired.

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"The best part is being free, free-free with no strangers watching your every move."



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Appreciates Free Press

Just before picking up a copy of The Birmingham Post-Herald in the newspaper lobby, ballet dancer Sarah Reed remarked that she appreciated, as never before, the chance to read news in the free press. Miss Reed recently returned from a European tour that included an extended visit behind the Iron Curtain.

4 Area Residents Win State Job Nominations

Four Birmingham area residents were among those nominated for a variety of offices by some 3,000 delegates during the weekend state convention.

Contending for posts in the April 3 election will be James C. Zedler, 1040 Orchard Ridge Road, Bloomfield Hills; Justice Harry F. Kelly, 413 N. Eton, Birmingham; Thomas B. Adams, 1845 Witsham, Lathrup Village; and C. Allen Harlan, 3835 N. Adams, Bloomfield Township.

Harlan, president of the Michigan Memorial Phoenix project, was nominated for a spot on the U. S. House of Representatives. The 60-year-old Chrysler retiree will be seeking one of two positions vacated by retiring Republicans.

JUSTICE KELLY will be running as an incumbent for a seat in the state Supreme Court. The 62-year-old justice formerly served two terms as Michigan governor, from 1942-46; secretary of state, 1939-42; and assistant prosecuting attorney of Wayne County, 1930-35.

He has been a member of the Supreme Court since 1953. Adams, president of Campbell Ewald Co., won a nomination for the board as a reward for political activity and not necessarily because they were interested in the university.

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On Ballot Proposition City Learns No Change Needed in Its Charter

There will be no charter amendment for Birmingham voters to consider in the April 3 election, City Manager L. B. Gore pointed out after all.

City commissioners learned Monday night that the money-saving purpose they had in mind could not be accomplished without changing the city charter.

They had been considering a plan that would permit ordinances either to be published in a newspaper or to be posted in a public place following publication of notice of their passage in a newspaper.

AS COMMISSIONER William H. Burgum pointed out, the intent was to avoid a possible high cost of publishing the codification of city ordinances. (Codification is a systematic arrangement of laws giving their title and a brief description.)

Two developments occurred that make unnecessary any change in the charter or a ballot proposition. Legal adviser James L. Howell informed the commission that a state law gives it the power to codify ordinances without publishing the code in its entirety.

All that is required is publishing of the code in a newspaper, as well as any subsequent measure that would repeal, amend, or add to it.

EVEN IF amendment were necessary, the city still couldn't vote the proposition on the April ballot.

Another state law provides that charter amendments must be proposed at least 60 days prior to an election.

CRITICAL OF both the Republican and Democratic records in regard to the university, Adams thinks both parties have failed to give Wayne State equal consideration with other state universities.

This, he said, is his reason for jumping into politics. The Wayne administration, said Adams, "needs the help of some interested persons, instead of just politicians."

Adams claims, "Both parties have been nominating people for the board as a reward for political activity and not necessarily because they were interested in the university."

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election. And there just aren't that many days till April 3.

CITY MANAGER L. B. Gore pointed out that the commission might still want to consider the proposed amendment as an alternative method of notifying the public of the passage of ordinances.

He added that there was no reason why the commission couldn't take action to place such a proposition on a future ballot.

BUT CONCERNED was the commission's aim to save taxpayers' money in regard to codification was fulfilled and that no action was needed.

Newberg Files Suit For \$5 1/4 Million Against LL Colbert

A suit asking personal damages of \$5,250,000 was filed Wednesday in the Circuit Court by William C. Newberg, former president of Chrysler Corp., against L. L. Colbert, chairman and president of Chrysler.

Both Newberg and Colbert are residents of Bloomfield Hills. Colbert has 15 days in which to reply to the suit.

Newberg seeks \$4,500,000 in damages which he says result from his dismissal as Chrysler president and \$750,000 in loss of fringe benefits.

Naming Colbert as sole defendant, the petition asserts that Colbert planned and conceived a conspiracy in the events that led to Newberg's removal from the presidency last June 30.

THE BASIS of Colbert's plan, the suit says, was "to destroy Newberg and thereby eliminate him as a threat to Colbert's continued position as Chrysler's chief executive."

The petition states that Colbert conspired with other directors of the executive committee of Chrysler, and a director of Chrysler since 1946; Louis B. Warren, of the law firm of Kelley, Drye, Newhall and Magrines and a director of Chrysler; and Francis S. Benes of the Kelley-Drye firm.

The petition states that Colbert "unlawfully and maliciously conspired with Jones, Warren and Benes and others to injure and damage Newberg in the following manner:

"To fabricate, publish and disseminate a malicious falsehood concerning Newberg.

"To induce his resignation upon a threat of discharge.

"To induce Newberg to publish, hold, disseminate, and distribute a threat of discharge.

"To impute to Newberg dishonesty and lack of integrity.

Having accomplished this, the petition says, "the conspirators further agreed that they would create an aura of righteousness about Colbert by holding him out to the public as the discoverer of gross wrongdoing on the part of Newberg and causing to be published by independent agencies and in the press a full scale study at Chrysler disclosed that the charges against Colbert and intimates to be without foundation, thereby to create the false impression that all that was wrong at Chrysler had been corrected by the ouster of Newberg."

THE SUIT further states, "To conceal his secret objective, Colbert did visit socially at Newberg's home, where he and wife were entertained, and he did plan for and consummate a detailed plan for a business trip to Europe with Warren scheduled for July 8, 1960, and conducted day-to-day routine contact with Newberg in a manner that was designed to keep Newberg in the program upon which Colbert was embarked."

NEWBERG SAYS substantial shareholders had made several charges against Colbert, including one that accused him of refusing to take action against T. Keller, former Chrysler president, "on account of alleged illegal transactions between National Automotive Filter Industries and Chrysler." Keller was president or chairman of Chrysler for many years. Keller "owned both legal and equitable title to substantial National Automotive Filter Industries stock."

Newberg alleges that Colbert refused to investigate "wide-spread complaints that vendors could sell to Chrysler only if they went through Keller."

HE CLAIMS further that Colbert refused to investigate charges that wholesale "kickbacks" were being paid by Chrysler to contractors and suppliers to the Chrysler plant at St. Louis, Mo.

This and That

by George R. Averill

oger Babson Tells How He Forecasts Nation's Economy

few years ago, while vacationing in Florida with the late Floyd D. Jones, I was introduced to a young man named Roger Babson, who had just returned from England, most of his life in diary form into the life of a newspaper business.

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How a Girl, Her Horse Won 6 State Trophies

By JULIE CANDLER
Special Writer

A young equestrian pair from Bloomfield Township walked away with the largest number of championships ever won by a competitor in recorded Michigan Horse Show Association annals.

A trim 14-year-old named Allison Gram was cheered by over 300 association members Sunday when she stepped forward five times to receive blue ribbons and handsome Michigan state championships trophies.

The awards were for the five-pointed star performance the 110-pound girl exhibited in as she skillfully guided 1,000 pounds of horse-flesh named Sonimo in 1960 horse shows.

THE TROPHIES were presented to the pair at a luncheon meeting Sunday at the Lansing Civic Center.

Allison excited them by tallying the greatest number of points in five classes during the 1960 show season. Sonimo won reserve championship—second place—in another category, giving his blue-eyed blond owner a total of six state awards.

As the blue ribbons prove, Allison and her nine-year-old Sonimo work well together. Allison takes her horse to the arena and asks him to become a professional show day—and Sonimo gets away with no chicanery. The chestnut gelding hunter knows exactly who is boss.

HE TAKES the orders from his soft-spoken "boss" for two hours daily when she practices out of doors—even if it's 12 below after her ninth grade classes at Derby Junior High School.

The chestnut gelding train on Saturdays when Allison takes her weekly lesson at Chuck Grant's stables on Square Lake Road.

Redevelopment Committee to Meet Tonight

Birmingham's Central Business District Development Committee will meet at 8 p. m. today in the Municipal Building.

Chairman Wilbur Mason intends to redefine the goals of the committee. This will include a restatement of the purpose of the 15-member group.

The committee was originally formed in November of 1959 to study the city planning board's plan for the redevelopment of the downtown business district.

A RESTATEMENT of purposes, said City Planner Herbert Herzberg, will guide the committee in proceeding to accomplish a comprehensive redevelopment plan.

Herzog, who heads the committee, said the plan for the future central business district will be submitted for the committee's consideration.

The committee's ideas in coming up with a plan, said Herzberg, have been based principally on physical limitations as to size. The business district can expand just so far, he said.

The meeting will be open to the public.

B'ham Resident, Troy Firm Fined In Electric Deals

An electric company in Troy and one of its vice presidents, a Birmingham resident, were fined Tuesday for violating antitrust laws.

JOEL H. WATKINS, 1011 Puritan, must pay \$1,500 and the Kuhlman Electric Co., \$266 E. Maple, \$10,000 following action by Federal Judge J. Cullen Ganey in a Philadelphia courtroom.

KUHLMAN WAS one of 32 electrical equipment producers charged with the violations. The majority of its customers are utility companies.

Distribution transformers, the type used on utility poles, are produced by Kuhlman. The majority of its customers are utility companies.

Man the Ramparts! Close Your Lines.

By KEN WEAVER
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You might say it's like a minor Civil War skirmish.

It is not exactly a battle, but the emotions are held in check. It's something like brother against brother.

First, there's Birmingham City Commissioner William E. Roberts. He's felt all along that the experimental mall on Henrietta at Maple was ill conceived and shouldn't have been approved last December by the commission.

So last week, in compliance with commissioners' instructions, Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley reported on the police department's traffic study.

Purpose was to see if there had been any change in the traffic pattern due to the mall.

The survey was taken at Bates and Maple during the 12-hour period from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. on Friday, July 20. Moxley explained.

"Results of this survey were compared with our taken Friday, Nov. 11, 1958."

"The 1961 survey showed a 16 per cent decrease in traffic volume at intersection that a 30 per cent increase in right turns

for northbound Bates traffic."

ANOTHER COMPARISON was made with a survey taken April 26, 1960. Traffic had decreased 14 per cent, but the number of northbound right turns were up 69 per cent.

Moxley credited the mall and one-way traffic on Martin for these traffic changes.

To determine the extent of circulating traffic without the mall, police made another check last Friday.

But to and behold, the weathermen didn't cooperate, and results were inconclusive.

So, the chief was told to make two or three more checks, and then report back to the commission.

HOWEVER, THE matter didn't end there.

Moxley wasn't sure of just what he was getting into and asked for clarification.

Which prompted further discussion.

Roberts said the police department has nothing as a basis on which to make a comparison of its statistics.

He countered that "traffic experts should be able to evaluate the results of the closing of that half-block" (Henrietta from Maple south to the alley).

"We should have lined up a set of values in advance," Roberts responded. "I only hope we better prepare ourselves in the future. We should determine some standards first."

PAGE SAID HE felt it was "a generally sound idea to know what you're going to do and why you're going to do it."

Finally the battle lines were drawn, but the commission agreed that the CBDCC should study the effects of the mall and submit a report to the commission.

Man the cannons, fellows!

Von Braun Flies In

Dr. Werner von Braun (left), America's top space scientist, flew in and out of Berz Airport east of Birmingham this week, fulfilling a speaking engagement Monday night with the Detroit Section of the Society of Automotive Engineers.

With him here is the man responsible for his local appearance, Charles W. Williams, 1824 Pine, Birmingham, vice chairman of aerospace activity for SAE. Von Braun also visited his brother, Magnus, 3321 Paddington, Birmingham.

LOCAL COMMISSIONERS took no other action Monday night on a proposed resolution from Troy calling for a meeting of the city managers of the 12 communities in the Greater Birmingham Area.

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