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... Youngster gives her impression of historic events. See picture page on 1-D.

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... by arrival of twins. See 1-E for story of triple double trouble and joy in Cranbrook Village.

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This and That
by George R. Ahrill

Top elected officials in the Birmingham area have been asked by The Economic Editor & Publisher George R. Ahrill to write the content of this column for the next several weeks. The first writer to be named is Mrs. G. Howard Willett, mayor of the City of Birmingham.

By FLORENCE WILLETT
Mayor, City of Birmingham

A question frequently asked is, "What is it like to be a woman mayor?"

I do not believe one can compare or liken being a woman mayor to anything, but I do believe that serving our community as its woman mayor is not a very challenging experience.

First, the title of mayor is one of public trust and responsibility. It means that as mayor and as representative of the city, I am serving the people of Birmingham.

THESE PAST 10 months have been a time for which I have been very grateful. It has given me an opportunity to compare to know so many people, to become better acquainted with their hopes and purposes of a wide variety of organizations within our city, and to better understand the activities of communities around us.

Other than regular commission meetings, joint board meetings or central business district meetings, I have attended some 120 functions that have included local, state and national conferences, workshops, dinners, luncheons, ceremonies, receptions and inter-city meetings.

This has meant visiting with all levels from Scouts and field days to senior citizens groups. It has covered meetings of small neighborhood associations to meetings of long-range plans for community and metropolitan development.

OF IMPORTANCE there have been service clubs and church groups. My share in these various programs has been as speaker of the day, as an observer, or sharing in group participation.

You ask, "Why do I itemize these things?" Because these various functions express the interest of our citizens in their community—their City of Birmingham. Conversely, these functions also express the interest of the community in these people.

We have long been recognized as a highly-organized town. Newcomers have always been assured that if there isn't a club for their specific interest or hobby, there will be.

If each person refused to utter a critical statement about another, unless absolute proof were at hand... it is not clear you would be cut down tremendously? Somehow it appears, so many of our human beings prone to be critical... not exactly because we are by nature nasty people; rather, we seem to have grown careless, callous to niceties.

Seven File For B'ham, Hills Offices
By LES LANGLOIS
CITY EDITOR

Seven persons have been announced candidates for Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills city offices as the Feb. 25 deadline for filing nominating petitions for the April 3 city election approach. All petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. at the respective city halls.

In Birmingham, two candidates have entered the city election race. Incumbent Robert W. Page will be seeking one of two city commission vacancies and newcomer Arthur Underwood will be shooting for one of two library board seats. Each office carries a three-year term.

COMMISSIONER HARRY Denyes, Jr., has announced that he will not seek re-election. "I've spent about 11 years of my life working and feel I've put enough time in to take care of my responsibilities."

Denyes has served six years on the city commission. He was elected in 1959, six years on the planning board, two of which as chairman, and a year on the building code commission.

Page, a planning board member when Commissioner Denyes was in office, resigned last Aug. 24, was appointed by the Commission to fill Denyes' vacant seat and will be seeking election for the first time.

"IT HAS BEEN a privilege to serve the people of the community as a member of the commission," said Page.

He said he is seeking election in order to believe that his program will be supported vigorously and that new projects must be initiated to insure that the city has the best interests of the city.

Hearing Date Set; Parking Lot Involved
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Birmingham city commissioners Monday night set March 6 as the date for a public hearing affecting the proposed municipal parking lot in the northwest quadrant.

They also instructed the city assessor to spread and return on that date the roll for the special assessment district for the lot.

The hearing concerns a request for a zoning change which, if passed, would allow one more property owner to the district.

Under consideration is a 400-car lot at an estimated cost of \$50,000. It involves property in the Willis-Bates-Woodward section owned by 26-car lot owned by Jacobson's behind their building at Bates and Willis.

COMMISSIONERS will decide at next week's meetings whether to accept the zoning property need for the lot.

It also included is property on which are located buildings which house 100 cars.

COMMISSIONERS a few weeks ago authorized payment of \$47,500 (plus court costs of \$73,000) to acquire the 100-car lot owned by the north end of Bates St.

City Manager L. R. Gare has proceeded that the City set aside a portion of this property 42,500 of 73,000 square feet, which is low land directly on the River Rouge, as a public park or food plain and that the \$10,500 cost be paid by the General Fund.

Seek Increase In Funds at Meeting Today
An Editorial
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Supervisors An Editorial
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IF it is to continue the scope and caliber of its current program as Oakland County Child Guidance Clinic needs to obtain an additional \$27,000 from the County Board of Supervisors.

Anyone who knows the facts (and the supervisors certainly have been down there) cannot but agree with the treatment to child-parent problems.

THE NEED exists. There is nearly a year's waiting list at all three branches. The supervisors have recognized the county's obligation by underwriting \$32,500 of the clinic's program for each of the past three years.

WE RECOGNIZE THE CLINIC'S desire to develop and (See PROBLEM, Page 6-A)

Community House Names 2 to Board
Two prominent women have been appointed to the board of directors of the Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham.

MRS. O'FLYNN, MRS. JENKINS
In 1955, they moved to the Chicago area, where Mrs. O'Flynn was active in church work and as a social worker.

OTHER MEMBERS of the board are Frederick G. Barr, Eugene J. Barney, Mrs. C. L. Bouche, Francis M. Fisher, Mrs. Raymond F. Giffels, Mrs. Fred C. Gould, Ralph E. Hunt, Mrs. Knorr, Mrs. Robert J. Mason, William H. McCaughey, Mrs. Ralph O. Moore, Mrs. Bayme N. Reid, Mrs. William L. Scherer, Mrs. George R. Squibb, Tholburn H. Grant and Charles W. Wiggins.

Congenial Emily Kimbrough (left) pours a cool glass of water for Jeanne Lloyd before both went on stage last week at Birmingham Town Hall. Miss Lloyd of the Baldwin Public Library introduced Miss Kimbrough to her local audience.

Lecturer Shows That Languages Are Fun
By DENI SCANLON
STAFF WRITER

"Lessen your tongue a little," a lively grandmother told 2,500 Birmingham area women last week.

THE HUMOROUS grandmother was Emily Kimbrough. When she was referred to getting acquainted with foreigners by communicating in their language.

IN THE REALM of the English language alone, Miss Kimbrough recalled an involved situation that occurred when she shopped for a holder on a recent trip to England.

WITH THE REAL importance of knowing a foreign language becoming more evident to her audience, Miss Kimbrough told about a trip to a restaurant in Greece.

THE WOMEN listened with rapt attention as she related her adventures. She stressed French a prelude to one of her tales.

Expect Rush For 1961 License Tabs
The traditional last-minute rush for license plate tabs in Birmingham will soon be on. And it doesn't look good according to Delbert E. Ayles, manager of the Birmingham branch of the secretary of state's office.

DEADLINE for the purchase of 1961 tabs is Feb. 28. The Birmingham branch will remain open until the end of the line is reached. Tabs must be attached to license plates by midnight of the 28th.

ANYONE MAY pick up license plate tabs as long as title to the automobile is presented to the automobile.

B'ham Man Dies in Fire
Kinsley Purton, 1072 Wimbeldon, Birmingham, was found on arrival at Beaumont Hospital Tuesday after he was found unconscious in his apartment which was on fire.

FRISHER said that the fire, which caused an estimated \$12,000 damage, may have started in an apartment which is in a den on the lower floor.

Franklin Man to Lead 1961 U.F. Torch Drive
Max M. Fisher, 53, of Franklin, board chairman of the Aurora Casino, has been named 1961 Torch Drive chairman.

FISHER has been a member of the board of directors and executive committee since 1957. He is also a member of the U.F. executive committee since 1959.

FISHER will be a member of Temple Beth El, Congregation Shaarey Zedek, gets a Franklin Hills Country Club, and holds memberships in the Standley-City Club, 100 Club, 4000 Club, Club of Detroit and Great Lakes Club.

Willoughby Selected As 'Man of the Year'
James S. Willoughby was named "Outstanding Man of the Year" last night at the Junior Chamber of Commerce's Banquet Dinner.

DR. ALPENFELS Family Service Annual Meeting To Be at Groves
Dr. Eitel J. Alpenfels, internationally known in the obstetrical field, will discuss "The American Family in a Changing Society" at the annual meeting of Family Service of Oakland County.

THE AWARD, presented annually to a young man of the community between the ages of 21 and 35, is based on contributions to the general community welfare, evidence of personal or business progress, and leadership ability.

Mrs. George Romney To Introduce Guest
Mrs. George Romney, wife of American Motors President George Romney, will introduce John Jay, internationally known actor and photographer, Feb. 26, when he presents his new color film, "Olympic Holiday."