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Mankind's long history (though quite brief by other natural history measurements) predominantly is measured by its physical progress, its ability to shift environment of cave and cliff, of crude animal skin clothing to modern habiliments—and the fist and stone to nuclear weapons of war. Along with this "progress" mankind has developed the finer urge, yearning, to know TRUTH and LOVE.

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Calendar—Annual Arts Festival Starts Saturday

665 Receive Diplomas In Seaholm Exercises

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A penetrating atmosphere of solemnity and pride settled over Seaholm gymnasium this morning as 665 Birmingham high school graduates paraded before some 2,000 relatives and guests for their diplomas.

Dr. Louis W. Norris, president of Union College, delivered the commencement address entitled "Pieces of String."

Seaholm Principal Ross A. Wagner presented the 1961 senior class and Sept. Dr. Otis M. Dickey awarded the diplomas.

This and That
by George R. Averill

Hurdling Red Tape In Gov't Agencies

From time to time you may read or hear about some member of Congress, a State legislator, or someone high in the executive branch of both governments, who is criticized for contacting some federal or state agency on behalf of a citizen. In some cases, the public official may intercede for personal monetary or comparative reasons, he should be criticized. If he is found guilty of "manipulating" or bribing an agency head on behalf of a citizen or a company, he ought to be prosecuted.

But would the official, by letter, telephone or in person contact an agency head on behalf of a citizen in the position of a citizen? I don't think that such an act is a breach of anything ethical and honest.

Back in 1947-48 I served the late Gov. Kim Sigler as his executive secretary. This job was created by Legislative enactment; it is the second top job in the Governor's office, of course. To a Governor's office come scores of letters every day, many of them asking for help in getting an audience with some State agency that may appear to procrastinate (even seem to give "the run-around") to a citizen.

ON MANY SUCH occasions, whether the information came by letter or in person, I never hesitated to contact the agency head involved; I never sought to influence the specific decision of an agency, except to support it insofar as maintaining both the law and the Governor's overall policies. In brief, what I often did was to cause an agency a definite time to "hear out" a citizen or, if someone had traveled far to reach Lansing, I would insist to be given an audience that very day, or the next.

After all, it is the total collective-citizenry that constitute and support self-government. The "master," the "official," the "servant," the "boss," the "chief," the "boss" of some official who did no more for a citizen than I did, I believe he is doing what he is elected or appointed to do. Otherwise, tell me, how could the average person, or group, get past either the redtape barriers of bureaucracy, or even some of the deliberately manufactured hurdles that some officials, elected or appointed, can "conveniently" set up?

Attention of the State Highway Commission has been directed to the traffic hazards on the Lake and North Woodward (U.S. 10) and is expected that something will be done to make that intersection safer. One immediate hazard to be applied to the southbound traffic slow down as it approaches the intersection. Why not post large "slow down to 25 miles per hour" about a half mile north of the danger zone, on the southbound highway? The northbound highway does not have the steep descent that the southbound one does, so it presents little traffic hazard.

Want To Get The Job Done?

If you are in the market for special services such as painting, building or landscaping, you'll find what you are looking for in the classified pages of The Birmingham Eccentric. See pages 6 and 7-A for the answer to your service problems.

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SEAHOLM'S MOST distinguished honor, the Marc Joslyn Memorial Award, was presented to Carolyn Lee LeVan and Mosby Harvey, Jr., in recognition of their service, leadership and character.

The award has been presented for the past nine years to the senior boy and girl who came closest to achieving the outstanding record of Marc Joslyn, an early graduate of the school.

Presentation of the award was made by faculty member Jay J. Myers, Joslyn's former swimming coach, who has traditionally presented the honor.

LEADING THE graduating class in scholastic achievement are Sally Ryden and Linda Wells as co-valedictorians and Margaret Lee Chamberlain and Jane Griffith as salutatorians.

Twenty-nine seniors graduated cum laude.

Among them were James Bryan II, Jan E. Brundage, Lucy M. Bowen, Barbara A. Burge, Shirley A. Rush, Judith S. Clark, Kaye Church, William M. Collins, Robert E. Courtney.

CHRISTINE DZIERONSKI, Robert A. Emmett III, Susan J. Greenleaf, Charles E. Harper, Sarah J. Hintz, Martha E. Hopwood, Patricia R. Hull, George C. Johnson, Elaine C. Kern, C. A. Kellar, Clayton R. Lewis, Joseph L. Maynard, Kenneth R. McGuire, Jack G. McPhee, Ruth A. Payton, James K. Posther, William L. Premeo, William H. Race, Carolyn Rosenberger and Katherine H. Weinrich.

THE BACCALAUREATE service was conducted Sunday evening at Seaholm High School.

Addressing the group was the Rev. Dr. Homer Armstrong, Jr., minister of the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, whose topic was "On Getting Down."

Dr. Armstrong was assisted in the service by the Rev. Jack W. Angerman, minister of education of the First Presbyterian Church.

PROFESSIONAL AND

Citizens taking part in the three-year curriculum study in the Birmingham School District today drew praise from top officials for their efforts.

At the meeting of Schools Dr. Otis M. Dickey, Board of Education Chairman Mrs. Kath-

Dickey Loomis Meade

The now completed reports of three years' study by Citizens' Curriculum Committees have been received by the Birmingham Board of Education with keen interest and much gratitude.

We think this is a fortunate community to have within it so many able citizens, willing to give the time and concentration of effort necessary for such a discerning and constructive study.

The reports contain careful and candid appraisals of what is at present being taught in the secondary schools, and of how it is taught; they comment with fairness and understanding on much that is already being well done; they contain many specific recommendations concerning what committee

Home from Russia
... Beverly Hills member of the University of Michigan bend tells about trip to Soviet Union and Uddish, East. Page 8.

Two-Foot Go-Kart
... goes three feet. Feature story on this little gadget is on Page 7-B.

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... to join Mischa Mischkoff, Nathan Gordon to open Cranbrook Summer Music Festival. Page 1-C.

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Marc Joslyn Award Winners

Mosby Harvey, 1759 Graefield, Birmingham, and Carolyn LeVan, 27217 Garden Way, Franklin, are presented Seaholm High School's highest honor, the Marc Joslyn Memorial Award, by Jay J. Myers during Friday's Senior Swing Out. The award, consisting of an engraved watch and a memorial

album, has been given for the past nine years to the senior boy and girl who come closest in service, leadership and character to Joslyn's record. Joslyn was an outstanding early graduate of the school. Myers, Joslyn's former swimming coach, has traditionally made



Salutatorians Valedictorians

CHAMBERLAIN GRIFITH RYDEN WELLS

CBDD Plan Draws Public's Reactions

BY LES LANGLOIS
City Editor

You can satisfy some of the people some of the time, but not all of the people all of the time. This is essentially what the authors of Birmingham's projected central business district development plan attempted to drive home during last Thursday's public presentation.

But through the haze of confusion and discussion evolved an overall general agreement on the necessity of a modern, compact solution to Birmingham's traffic, parking and shopping problems.

Just what is behind a business district development plan? Why is it so important to the community?

B'field Hills Woman Dies In Accident

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Mrs. Monique Christiane Calkins, 26, of 1550 N. Woodward Ave., died 15 minutes after admittance to Pontiac General Hospital Monday afternoon, following an accident about one-half mile from the Michigan State University Oakland campus.

Mrs. Calkins, who was expecting a child in August, was alone at the time of the accident. She was pinned underneath her car, a Jaguar convertible, after it turned over on a curve on Pontiac Road.

Mrs. Calkins was a French instructor at the university and had been an exchange teacher for one year at Bloomfield Hills High School.

Rosary was said Wednesday evening at the funeral Mass held at 10 a.m. today at St. Hugo of the Hills Church. Burial will be in Treignac Cemetery, Treignac, France.

SOME INQUISITORS, motivated by personal property interests, doubted the plan. Others, limited by their lack of information, questioned the plan. And a few, driven by community interest, insisted on revising the plan.

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RESIDES ALMOST 200 years of detailed study and analysis that went into the plan, retention of an assistant city planner, John Prote, the work of a special planning committee and \$17,200 cost. (See CBDD, 4-A)

Want New President Of Community House

Thoburn H. (Toby) Wiant of Bloomfield Hills, a vice president of Young & Rubicam, Inc., has been elected 1961-62 president of the Community House.

Wiant, account supervisor and administrative manager of the international advertising agency's Detroit office, was elected by the 17-member Board of Directors headed by Eugene J. Barney.

Other officers elected included: William H. McGaughey, 131 Guilford Road, Bloomfield Hills, first vice president; Mrs. William L. Scherer, 453 Conchmaster Drive, second vice president; Mrs. John S. O'Flynn Jr., 499 N. Eton Road, recording secretary; Mrs. George

R. Squibb, 1869 N. Glenhurst, corresponding secretary; and Francis M. Fisher, 2122 Derby Road, treasurer.

A GRADUATE OF DePauw University, Wiant was a reporter, editor and war correspondent with the Indianapolis News and the Associated Press for 15 years before he joined Young & Rubicam in 1946 as director of public relations for the agency's Detroit office.

In addition to his public relations responsibilities, he was appointed advertising account executive in 1960 and two years later was named an account supervisor. He was appointed a vice president of the agency in 1962.

ACTIVE in professional and community affairs, Wiant, a native of Indiana, is a past president of the Detroit Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America; past president of the Detroit Chapter of Sigma Delta Gamma; and a member of the Phi Kappa Phi honorific fraternity; was elected a director of the Community House in 1958 and the Economic Club of Detroit.

He is also a member of the Ad Club and the Economic Club of Detroit.

Wiant resides with his wife and daughter at 4321 Karen Lane.

Odetta Here First; Top Artists Coming For Jazz Concert

Related photos inside this section; other stories, pictures in Special Birmingham Arts Festival Tabloid Section.

A calendar jammed with lively-arts events lies ahead in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area starting Saturday when the fourth annual Birmingham Arts Festival begins.

A day-by-day glance at the packed schedule reveals enough activities to keep any arts-thirsty visitor drinking in generous portions of art, music and drama for an eight-day cultural spree.

THIS YEAR'S festival is the largest in the four-year history of the event. It began with a concert by Metropolitan Opera star Eileen Farrell. This Saturday and Sunday it will present the new singing star, Odetta, and Friday and Saturday, June 23 and 24 it will offer a two-night concert of top jazz artists in "Jazz 'n' Schubert."

The festivities get a gay send-off with the annual Birmingham Arts Festival ball tomorrow night at Bloomfield Hills Country Club.

The schedule below gives the facts of the community's biggest arts festival with a day-by-day listing of activities planned:

SATURDAY, JUNE 17
GEODESIC DOME PROGRAM—Odetta Sings Folk Songs, 8:40 p.m. Official opening ceremony in dome at Shain Park, 2:30 p.m.

Exhibitions—"Transition"—works by painters Larissa Oby, Gerald Mast and Owen Brainard, and sculptor Tom McClure. First art exhibit in new Birmingham Arts Center, 1816 S. Cranbrook. Public opening, 7 to 9 p.m.

Ravensbury—Michigan State University Oakland exhibit—works from private collections of faculty members, also work by three Continuing Education Department faculty members. In Demery's Birmingham Center, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Graphics display—The Country Gallery, 1941 Telegraph, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Terra Odetta Sculptors' exhibit and display of children's floral and vegetable arrangements—Showcase, 136 Brownell, Open house, 2:30 to 5 p.m.

Art Exhibit—work of ten Birmingham area artists, arranged by Herbert Conner of Raven Gallery, Detroit. At 536 N. Woodward, Corneille & Offen, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Photography exhibit—artists and black and white work of Baltazar Korab, Glen Gardner and three others—Grinnell's, 239 W. Maple, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Radio Programs Tell Arts Festival Story

Birmingham is broadcasting the news about its fourth annual Arts Festival June 17-24.

Leaders of the annual salute to the arts are teller radio and television. The program will be featuring them to visit the festival.

WJR radio personality Jim Wood stopped at Arts Festival headquarters Tuesday to tape-record an interview with the general chairman, Robert R. Owen. It will be heard from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Friday over Wood's "Showcase" program.

Fran Harris will interview the arts festival secretary, Robert A. Thom at 10:55 a.m. Friday over WWJ.

SATURDAY MORNING television audiences will see a segment of WKXV-TV's "House of Fashion" show devoted to art items entered in the 1961 festival exhibition. Discussing them with the show's moderator, Edith Fern Melrose, will be Mrs. C. A. Hall, of 20730 Kenoswa, a member of the festival's general committee. The program is scheduled from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Monday morning radio audiences will hear WJR Women's Director Lee Murray interview singer Odetta on "Conversation" at 11:20 a.m. Miss Murray plans to tape-record the talk with Odetta before her performance in the geodesic dome Saturday night.

LAST THURSDAY night, Robert A. Thom and Colin H. John, who is geodesic dome program chairman, discussed the festival with Earl Gormaine on his 15-minute civic affairs show over WKXV. Geodesic Dome Activities Chairman Dan Logan's "Midweek Michigan" show, Coffin also appeared on Lee Murray's "Conversation" Wednesday over WJR.

CHAIRMAN OWEN will again be heard on the "W.I.P." program on Wednesday night, June 14, at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday Mary Morgan will televise the festival on her CKLV-TV television show. Dick Hughes of WQRS interviewed Owen recently on a noon-hour program from the Knife and Fork Club. Hughes is planning to take the WQRS tape-recorder to the Arts Festival ball Friday. There he will interview guests at the festivities which open to the community's eight-day artistic splurge.

Mail Tickets for geodesic dome events to:

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

List events for which tickets are desired and number of tickets for each _____

(Checks payable to Birmingham Arts Festival)

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