



Municipal Court In Birmingham

Before Judge John C. Emery, Jr. Dec. 29 James Adams, 1964 Southfield Birmingham, an employee of Tom's Northwoods Market, charged \$42.50 fine and court costs for short weight. Jan. 3 Blakeley R. Cole, Detroit, charged \$4 fine and court costs for illegal parking. Julie Ann Stubbs, 1961 Villa Birmingham, charged \$15 fine and court costs for drunk and disorderly. Carl Clark, 6647 Stanton, Detroit, charged \$103 for driving under the influence of liquor. James H. Thomas, Highland Park, charged \$22.50 fine and court costs and sentenced to 15 days in jail for driving while license was suspended, revoked or denied.

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

Each year the Bloomfield Lions Club takes over Sam Reeve's gas station for a day and the proceeds are sent to various agencies for helping the blind. This year, a lady spotted one of the Lions pumping her gas and asked if he were a new employee because she hadn't seen him around the station before. The Lion told her about the program, that he was actually an attorney on other days of the year. Her reply was, "An attorney pumping gas, you must be a thinking man."

The number of persons afflicted with defective vision is increasing, partly because the entire population is growing, and in part because it is a handicap of older people. The largest age group among blind persons . . . at least 50 per cent . . . is over the age of 65. hour limit are likely to be traveled.

INSIDE FLORIDA, travelers will find a noticeable increase in the number of family-type accommodations. Entire communities of homes which may be purchased for eventual retirement or rented for short stays are becoming more prevalent. In the Miami area, two apartment are going up at a fast rate while the number of luxury hotels and motels have not grown over last year's total.

THEY WILL FIND little difference in rates for accommodations on the way to Florida. Rates in the Sunshine State have fallen slightly. According to an Auto Club survey a typical comparison taken in Knoxville, Tenn., shows good motel rooms were renting from \$7.85 to \$10.08 in 1961. This year, comparable rates will be from \$8.94 to \$10.26. Speed traps and overzealous enforcement areas are being eliminated in Kentucky, Georgia and Florida, formerly noted for prosecuting out of state drivers, according to the Auto Club. However, speed laws are still strictly enforced, particularly in Virginia, North Carolina, Florida and Georgia. Florida is strict in school zones and in some communities, motorists traveling only a mile or two in the 15-mile-per-

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was admitted to the bar although he never practiced law. During his struggle for an education, the future bank executive also progressed in his career and was hired by the Union Trust Co. Here he acquired a lasting interest in the trust field. His concentration on his work was tempered with a fine sense of humor and he was still in his teens at State Savings.

"THE PERSONNEL manager suggested that my handwriting could stand some improvement and I told him I couldn't be good at that," Gardner recalls. "If I had any other man, my banking career might have terminated right then."

At 27, Gardner was working at the Federal Reserve Bank where he "really learned the background of banking." In succeeding years, he held high posts at various banks, including the Highland Park State, the Guardian banks of Royal Oak and Dearborn and the Highland Park office of the Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit.

In the 1940's, he became president of both the Birmingham National and the Fardale National Banks. With the merger of these two with the Detroit Bank and Trust in 1956, Gardner was named one of four senior vice presidents and a board member.

HIS BUSY PROGRAM, throughout the years, has been liberally sprinkled with other activities. Gardner has given much of his time to civic projects such as the Birmingham off-street parking committee which he joined in 1950. The group drafted a plan "which is seen in operation today, in its essential features."

"The banker has taken part in United Fund drives as a member of a state committee and has been on the board of several YMCA groups. He was also president of the Detroit chapter of the American Institute of Banking in 1954 as well as head of the Michigan Bankers Association in later years. His interest in the YMCA is a chairman of a committee of management at the Highland Park branch for 16 years.

"I FELT it owed the 'Y' something," he says. "When I was a youngster in evening classes, they kept an instructor for me in two subjects—I was the only student in each course. Many of his activities 'seem to run in 10-year cycles,' he is re-

mindful, as he recalls the length of his trusteeship on the board of the Michigan Foundation for Medical and Health Education. As a non-retired faculty member, he also lectured for 16 years on trust positions at the University of Michigan.

A resident of Birmingham "in the same house on Aspen since 1926," he is delighted that his children are growing up in the city "live 'out North Adams.'"

HE AND HIS WIFE, Elizabeth, share a mutual interest in music and both enjoy the symphony and opera.

Gardner looks back on his years in Birmingham with a feeling of pride in its growth and development. "It was just a little village in the 20's and it's still a charming place," he notes. "The biggest change, of course, is in size. When we moved here, there were very young men who grew up in Birmingham remained to work here."

"Now they stay and they're in every type of business and profession. That's good. It brings young, well-educated men with varied experience into our civic councils."

GARDNER BELIEVES "Birmingham will be an outstanding mercantile center eventually" and decries the recurrent rumor that the city "is a poor credit town. I've never seen that nor have the merchants I talk to."

MSU Music Head Wins National Grant Dr. Walter S. Collins, 35, head of Michigan State University Oakland's department of music, has been named winner of a grant to do the study of the life and music of Thomas Weelkes, (1575-1623) the greatest of the English madrigal composers.

Dr. Collins' grant was one of 35 awarded in a national competition by the American Council of Learned Societies. The ACLS is a federation of 30 national scholarly groups devoted to the advancement of all fields of learning.

Police Chief Suggests Pedestrian Safety Tips

Most older persons know and dread the dangers of slippery streets and sidewalks. Children and young adults—confident of their ability to "stand on their own feet"—are more inclined to take slippery underfooting in stride. Actually, the danger exists for walkers of all ages, and Birmingham Chief of Police Ralph W. Moxley doesn't have to dig very deeply into his accident files to prove it. "I've been doing considerable talking about the dangers of winter driving," the chief said today, "but folks on foot had better be careful this winter, too. The ice and snow that make it hard for a driver to control his car also threaten pedestrian safety. During the ice-free months we become more dependent on the motorist's ability to avoid striking us than we realize. Now we have to be doubly careful to stay out of his way."

THE CHIEF LISTED the following points for pedestrians to ponder:

- 1) It's always more difficult for a driver to see you than it is for you to see his car. This is especially true after dark, or when there's rain or snow in the air. The windshield wiper may not be up to par. 2) If a driver fails to see you in time, it's virtually impossible for him to turn aside or stop safely if the street is slippery. 3) While a pedestrian is well-advised to cross streets at the corners—summer a red winter—a yellow light had better be carefully studied. Stopping and starting, may have polished the snow and ice treacherously smooth. 4) Assuming that you can walk on packed snow or ice without falling, or that a car can stop without skidding, is the kind of wishful thinking that fills accident files.

short of suggesting specific pedestrian precautions. Walkers should wear high-colored clothing after dark, he said. If pavements are wet and slippery they should use appropriate footwear. Good rubbers, he pointed out, have "treads" just like good tires. Above all, the pedestrian should keep a sharp lookout for approaching vehicles, and never assume that he has been noticed by the drivers of those vehicles. The chief also appealed to pedestrians to be considerate of drivers who are having difficulty maintaining up-hill momentum on slippery streets this winter. "Don't stop in front of a driver and make him stop for you," he advised. "He may have trouble getting moving again, especially if he's trying to go without tire chains—and your little thoughts act could cause a traffic stoppage that could last for hours."

THE CHIEF APPEALED to home owners to make a special effort to keep their sidewalks clear all winter long, and to keep handy a supply of sand to spread on icy sidewalks to prevent falls which could result in painful and serious injury. "You can stand proud in your neighborhood if you help passers-by stand straight on your sidewalk," he said.

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A new variation of the non-mountainous route to Florida has been recommended by Automobile Club of Michigan. Utilizing recently completed four-lane highways in Alabama, the route cuts several hours travel time from the previously recommended western route. In all, some 375,000 Michigan residents are expected to motor to Florida next year, according to Auto Club estimates.

New Access to South With Route Variation

A variation on a popular non-mountainous route to Florida is giving Michigan motorists a new choice of access to the south, according to Automobile Club of Michigan. Recently completed construction of additional four-lane highway in Alabama is cutting travel time from Michigan to Florida by several hours, reports Jerry E. Fisher, Auto Club touring manager. The newly recommended route, 1590 miles in length, follows US-31 south of Nashville, Tenn. It travels through Birmingham and Montgomery, Ala., before joining US-231 into Dothan Ala., and US-90 into Tallahassee in western Florida. More than 800 miles of the route is four-lane highway or better with \$3 toll fees being required. ESTIMATED TRAVEL time on this route is now 40 hours behind the wheel, making it about the same as other routes. Comparative distances of other routes from Michigan to Florida include: ROUTE TO MIAMI VIA: West Virginia Turnpike, Driving Distance 1430 miles; Four-lane and Turnpike Mileage, 640 miles; Toll \$4.35. Knoxville, Driving Distance 1472 miles; Four-lane and Turnpike Mileage 598 miles; Toll \$2.40. Columbus - Tallahassee, Driving Distance 1607 miles; Four-lane and Turnpike Mileage 483 miles; Toll \$3.00. Philadelphia Turnpike Driving Distance 1629 miles; Four-lane and Turnpike Mileage, 959 miles; Toll \$3.00. In all, some 375,000 Michigan residents are expected to visit Florida in 1962.

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