

The recent international situation brings Cuba, Russia and the United States brings close to the home of Americans the fact that today's state of "civilization" can be traced with dangers. We are made aware of the fact that international frictions are not originated by rank and file citizens; too often their leaders (in nations that are not truly self-governing) manage to create enemies that send the decent people into war.

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Boating Accident Claims Lives of 3 Area Children

Craft Overtakes On Orchard Lake

At separate funeral services last Thursday and Friday, three 13-year-old boys, victims of a boating accident, were laid to rest. Daniel Brodie, William Gotshall and Craig Johnson died Nov. 20 as they shared their last adventure on Orchard Lake. The small boat in which they were returning home from a trip across the lake overturned in high winds.

Chairs apparently swam to shore but did a short distance from the Orchard Lake Village police station. It is believed he was trying to reach the station to get help for his two friends when shock and exposure claimed his life.

HIS BODY was found at 10 p.m., about 10 hours after the boys set out in William's 7½-horsepower hydroplane boat from the home of Daniel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Brodie, 2900 Orchard Place, Orchard Lake. Brodie is the founder and owner of the Brodie Muffler chain.

The bodies of William and Daniel were found the next morning by skindiver Orchard Lake police and firemen, eight skindivers from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office and reinforcements from nearby Sylvan Lake and Kesego Harbor departments joined in the search. The police were summoned by the boys' parents at 6 p.m.

WILLIAM'S PARENTS are Mr. and Mrs. William W. Gotshall, 4081 Walma Drive, Orchard Lake. Craig is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Johnson, 5190 Westcomb, West Bloomfield Township.

The three boys began their last journey from the west corner of the lake. They were taking a boat owned by Daniel's father, to a public landing site on the southeast shore. It was to be stored for the winter.

When the wind rose, Mrs. Brodie raced back from a shopping trip to tell the boys not to go. They were already well out on the lake, beyond bearing distance.

THE TRIO arrived at the landing where Sam Rosner, an employee



BIRMINGHAM BUILDING official Richard Schlosser (left) and his assistant, Frank VanFleteren, inspect and approve or reject all construction projects that are carried on within the Birmingham city limits. Here, the pair make a check of the new addition to Jacobson's store on W. Maple. All types of construction projects that cost more than \$100 require a building permit under Birmingham law.

Building Dept. Guides Construction

THIS IS another in the series of articles The Eccentric is presenting on the various departments in the city of Birmingham. It deals with the work of the Building Department.

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

Keeping a watchful eye on all construction projects within the city limits of Birmingham is the job of the Building Department. Building official Richard Schlosser and his assistant, Frank VanFleteren, are responsible for checking to see that all construction meets the standards set up in the Birmingham Building Code and by the Building Officials Conference of America.

Permits must be obtained from the City of Birmingham for all construction projects that will cost \$100 or more.

PLANS for the proposed project must be approved by the Building Department and periodic inspections during the course of construction are made.

All phases of construction are carefully checked from the foundation to the rough framing, plumbing and electrical wiring.

If some part of the construction does not meet the standards, Schlosser can order work stopped until the deficiency is corrected.

SCHLOSSER is a relative newcomer to the Birmingham area. He is a past president of the Southeastern Michigan Building Officials. Schlosser is married and the father of three children.

If a resident is refused a building permit, he has the right to appeal the decision.

A refusal because of zoning may be taken before the Zoning Board of Appeals and a construction problem goes before the Building Code Board of Appeals. Both bodies are made up of citizens appointed by the Birmingham City Commission. Schlosser sits as secretary on both boards.

Lathrup Drafts Zoning For Southfield, 12 Mile

Lathrup councilmen Monday decided to break down a proposed 13-page zoning amendment into two separate ordinances. One would provide for rezoning of parts of Southfield Road. The other would contain proposed zoning changes on portions of 12 Mile Road with specifications for multiple dwellings.

The suggested rezoning would open much of the property along both roads to specified types of professional and commercial use. Much of the land is presently zoned residential.

Also incorporated in the Southfield zoning would be a proposal to add one member to the current 6-man zoning board of appeals and to require a majority vote of members present to take action on zoning matters.

500 Residents In Drive for MD Funds

Nearly 500 residents of the Birmingham-Bloomfield area will be going house-to-house Tuesday seeking money to carry on the fight against muscular dystrophy.

Mrs. LeRoy D. Benee, Jr., and Mrs. Milton Mackler, co-chairmen for the 1962 Muscular Dystrophy Association of America local drive, head the team of 12 district leaders who will conduct the campaign.

Over 250,000 cases of the painful muscle disease are recorded in the United States, including three in Birmingham. All the money raised will go directly toward battling dystrophy, according to Mrs. Benee.

AREA LEADERS are Mrs. Samuel H. Coombs, Mrs. John F. Dacey, Mrs. John J. MacAlone, Mrs. Walter J. McCarthy, Jr., Mrs. William H. McCarthy, Mrs. Thomas S. Maentz, Mrs. Richard J. McClellan, Mrs. Sydney P. Cook, Jr., Mrs. John Scandallio, Mrs. J. L. W. Cellar, Mrs. R. L. Houghton, and Mrs. Russell S. Bracewell.

Working with the area leaders have been district leaders: Mrs. John Thoms, Mrs. Howard Higgins, Mrs. Leonard J. Quart, Mrs. Jacob Perry, Mrs. John D. Lori, Mrs. Ned S. Boswell, Mrs. Margaret French H. McCain, Mrs. Charles Emerson.

Mrs. R. G. Mitchell, Jr., Mrs. John M. Bolos, Mrs. Alan R. Kerivan, Mrs. Edward E. Heydt, Mrs. David Hutthwaite, Mrs. James W. Murphy, Mrs. James A. Fanning, Mrs. Grant Hildebrand, Mrs. Joseph Vaughn, Mrs. Richard Dunn, Mrs. George E. Ferber, Mrs. Charles E. Haer, Jr., Mrs. R. T. Buhler, Mrs. Ned S. Boswell, Mrs. Margaret Crawford, Miss Diane Dakin, Mrs. Thomas J. Lucas, Jr., and Mrs. Ross A. Wagner.

Next week's article will deal with the work of the Planning Department.

Valor Pays Off In Medal, Trip For Troy Boy

The valor of a 12-year-old Troy city safety patrol boy has won him a medal and a trip to Washington, D. C. Eugene Cauk, a sixth-grade student at Big Beaver Elementary School, Troy, will receive Automobile Club of Michigan's gold life-saving medal and a trip to the National AAA Safety Patrol Rally in May at a special assembly Friday.

The awards are in recognition of Eugene's fast and heroic action while on duty Oct. 25 when he pulled two young school children from the path of an oncoming speeding car.

Harold Cauk, 863 Troywood, is a school bus patrol safety boy. The bus he drives with was stopped at the southeast corner of Rochester Road (M-160) and Harris (Troy) after school, when the incident occurred.

Allen Wade, 8, and his sister Dianne, 5, children of Mr. and Mrs. James Updegraff, 615 Harris, had just been discharged from the school bus and walked in front of Eugene, still standing in front of the bus, watched the two children start to cross. Then he spotted a speeding car coming in the opposite direction, directly towards the children, which was not slowing down even though the bus "stop" flashers were signaling.

IMMEDIATELY recognizing the danger, Eugene dashed into the street, grabbed the children by their coat collars and pulled them out of the car's path back onto the shoulder of the road.

The speed of the automobile, which failed to stop until it was well past the back of the bus, was estimated at 55-60 miles per hour when it crossed the intersection.

With true modesty, Eugene said nothing to anyone about the incident. School authorities knew nothing about it until the bus driver, Virginia Kriebel, 1780 Abbotford, reported it to the school principal, Clyde Peterson.

Robert C. Allen, Auto Club safety consultant, will make the presentation in front of the assembled students and school officials.

4,511 Vote Increase Goes to Hogan in County's Canvass

Incumbent State Rep. Henry M. Hogan, Jr. (R), increased his total of votes received in the recent election by 4,511, according to official figures compiled by the Oakland County Board of Canvassers.

Running for re-election in the third district, Hogan had a final tally of 39,711. Democratic challenger John F. O'Neil gained 2,700 votes for an official total of 14,855.

Although minor changes were made in the vote totals of most organizations as well as being voted, none of the outcomes were affected by the official count.

Words of Warning To Bicycle Owners

The Police Department reports show that there have been 145 bicycles reported stolen from Jan. 1, 1962, to Nov. 15, 1962.

Many of these bicycles have been recovered and returned to their owners, but a large percentage of those recovered never get back to their rightful owners due to the lack of proper identification.

The Police Department sells at auction about 30 to 40 bicycles each year because of this.

REGISTRATION of a bicycle is compulsory in the city of Birmingham. Ordinance No. 373, Section 1, reads as follows: "No person may operate a bicycle upon the public streets of the city of Birmingham without a license having been first obtained therefor by the owner thereof."

The fee for a license is \$1 and the license is valid for the life of the bicycle.

There are many reasons for this, the most important being that "it places on the rider the responsibility of observing the laws and riding carefully."

It means recognition of the bicycle as the public and public officials.

This and That

by George R. Averill

Deer Hunting Isn't 'All Meat'—Is Also A Change of Pace

It's been more than 20 years since I actually killed a Michigan deer, though since then I have been in the nuts of interest to the deer hunter. If he "roughs it" in a tent or a simple shack, doing his own cooking, making his own trails in areas where there are no trails, from some animated venison, he will find various birds, squirrels, rabbits, ... maybe even a black bear. The deer hunter is not blanketed with heavy snow, the scenery takes on a picturesque loveliness that is most interesting to behold.

INDEED, OUR State of Michigan certainly offers a variety of outdoor recreation to all who would seek its pleasures. The danger danger attends the deer hunter, yet it can be protected against by the exercise of uninterrupted attention to the problem. It is to possess a rifle without the safety on; or failing to be sure your target is really a deer, and not "just something" in the bushes. It is not hunting in places where others are stationed, with none of you knowing exactly where the others are. If it's on a deer hunt, you want for your table, in most cases it's a lot cheaper to go to the nearest market—even though it's not as good.

(See THIS & THAT, 8-A)

No Left Turn Plan Under Study Here

A few weeks ago, Birmingham City Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham noted that motorists voluntarily were swinging right onto Lavandale from Hunter, then making a left turn onto Oakland.

Was this a natural answer to the problem of left turns at Hunter and Oakland, he wondered. He asked the city administrator to investigate.

That inquiry has led to a recommendation that left turns at that intersection be prohibited.

Chief of Police Raul W. Moxley suggested the move as a step in reducing congestion for northbound traffic.

THE TURNING movement, he said, could be as Ingraham had outlined—northbound Hunter (U.S. 10) traffic using Lavandale and then turning left at Oakland to cross Hunter.

"This type of traffic flow," said Moxley, "will eliminate the 'stacking' of left turn vehicles and thereby blocking the northbound traffic lane nearest the center island."

Commissioner William H. Burgum had a different suggestion, however.

"Could it be possible," he asked, "in your long-range planning to cut a left turn lane into the island section?"

"YES," SAID Moxley, "but this would reduce the storage portion at the island."

Burgum felt that this storage is not worthwhile now, anyway.



ROBERT J. HUBER

Troy's Huber Gets Michigan Week Position

The three chairmen for Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties who will lead the campaign promoting Michigan in connection with the annual Michigan Week celebration May 19-25, 1963, have been named.

Named to head up their respective counties are Robert J. Huber, Oakland, Jerry C. Webb, Wayne, and Milton Maltz, Macomb. The appointments were announced by James H. Quello, vice president and general manager of WJR, area general chairman of the tri-county area observance.

HUBER, 40, of 1373 Key West St., Troy, is president, Michigan Chrome and Chemical Co. A graduate of Yale University, he is active in many local, state and national organizations as well as being active in governmental affairs. He is married and has two children.

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