

This and That

by George R. Averill.

Trip Continued over Amalfi Drive; Sorrento, Isle of Capri Visited

People who motor over the 32-mile-long Amalfi Drive seldom forget it. This world-famous highway, constructed along the edges of the solid rock that rises from the water and from the Mediterranean coast, provides plenty of thrills to the average tourist.

We had a private car with chauffeur and guide-interpreter all the way from Naples to Sorrento—a full day's motoring, allowing for lunch and several scenic stops, including Pompeii.

This drive is nestled against the sides of the upthrust earth, for the most part consisting of granite and limestone. It winds and winds for the valleys and capstones are as undulating and irregular as the well-known tortuous roads over the Swiss mountains.

EVERYWHERE you look is a picture of beauty and you are greeted by the beautiful blue Mediterranean. A few miles south of Sorrento, like most resort towns and cities, is located as near water as possible. We stayed at the "Excelsior Grand Hotel Vittoria," built on the edge of a high cliff and within a few blocks of Sorrento's business section.

The hotel has several terraces where one may enjoy his meals beneath a warm sun with miles and miles of perfectly lovely scenery to engage his interest and admiration.

Incidentally, most of Italy's resort hotels, where land is available, are built on the edge of a high cliff and within a few blocks of Sorrento's business section.

Chief Moxley has issued a warning to all school students to use sidewalks wherever they are provided, and to be especially careful of a violation of state law and city ordinance to walk in the street where sidewalks are provided.

The Traffic Police Dept. has been ordered to enforce the regulation in an effort to reduce this dangerous practice that can very easily result in a serious or fatal accident," Moxley said.

A CRACKDOWN on students who walk in the street was ordered after a recent city commission meeting when a youngster present pointed out he walks walked in the street, whether sidewalks were provided or not.

Moxley said the youngster described his agility and ability to dodge vehicular traffic while walking in the roadway. He told commissioners he felt sidewalks were unnecessary.

"IN SPITE of the young man's estimation of his agility, we find that hundreds of pedestrians die each year as the result of being struck by vehicular traffic," Moxley said.

"When a person deliberately walks in the street, where sidewalks are available, he is asking for trouble. It is always possible that a driver's attention will be diverted just long enough for the vehicle to strike the pedestrian."

"The driver may not see the pedestrian due to darkness, driving conditions or dark clothing the pedestrian may be wearing," Moxley said.

HE POINTED out these were the conditions present in the two most recent traffic fatalities in Birmingham.

"If a man knows a fellow officer is on the wrong track, he must help him; but if the officer doesn't straighten out, the affair must be reported to superiors."

"If this is not done, law enforcement suffers an injustice and professionalization is pushed down," Brown said.

Lawman Offers Advice

Tells Police to Earn, Keep Respect

By LARRY EVOE City Editor

If police officers will be "their brothers' keeper," law enforcement will eventually become a profession in the eyes of the public.

This was the opinion expressed by Bernard C. Brown, a special agent in charge of the Detroit FBI office. Brown spoke to the 148 graduates of the Southeastern Michigan Association of Police Chiefs' FBI sponsored training schools.

The graduation ceremonies were held last Wednesday at Devon Gables, Bloomfield Township. A total of 14 police officers from the Birmingham-Bloomfield area were graduated.

BROWN SAID it was important for law enforcement officers to earn and keep the respect from the community they serve.

The United States boasts of being among the few top intelligent, free nations on earth. It boasts of the highest living standards of all nations... yet within our borders is considerable poverty and a great deal of ignorance relating to economics and civics.

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School Bus Bill Prompts Study in Hills

The "Fair Bus Bill" became law May 23 when Gov. George Romney signed the measure. The bill goes into effect July 1, 1963.

Prior to its passage, it had been opposed locally by the Bloomfield Hills School Board and PTA council on the grounds it would be impractical and costly for the district.

In a statement Monday morning The Birmingham Eccentric, Eugene Johnson, superintendent of the Bloomfield Hills School District, said the school board would make a thorough study of the entire bus transportation problem during the coming year.

THE LAW requires all school districts that now provide free bus service to their public school pupils to give the same service to non-public school students.

Transportation will not be required for children living within 1 1/2 miles of their school nor will private school students be bused outside their districts unless the same service is provided to public school children.

Proponents of the bill have estimated the cost of the program at \$1 million to \$1.4 million annually. Of this, local districts would bear about \$400,000.

THE BLOOMFIELD Hills school board study will include three factors: The law itself and its requirements; whether or not service must be provided on individual request even if a private school does not have transportation.

Johnson said that after the study had determined the number of students to be served and what routes could be instituted, the bus routes would be mapped out and additional buses needed to carry out the program would be purchased.

IT'S A COMPLEX QUESTION Who Would Attend Community College?

How many students from Birmingham might attend Oakland County Community College is a rather complex question to which there is no definite answer at this time.

Those students who might be expected to go from here are the high school graduates who are seeking vocational training and students with good potential but unimpressive high school records.

OF COURSE, a number of these students may not be capable of further education, but it is increasingly difficult for high school graduates to get employment with much future, and it seems reasonable to suppose that graduates who would not formerly have sought more technical training might do so if they did not have to go far afield nor to great expense to obtain it.

A COUNSELLOR at Seaholm stated that colleges which several years ago were begging him to send them graduates of any academic standing, are now turning away some of the medium students.

Does your assessment seem way out of line compared to the next man's? Today's house and land tax, for the nation as a whole, has been called the most unevenly administered of all our taxes—at the same time it is every community's biggest source of income.

What is behind the problems faced by assessors and unhappy property owners? What is being done in some areas to improve matters? George Fielding Elliot takes a searching look from both sides of the fence in "Are You Being Unfairly Taxed?" in the June issue of SUBURBAN TODAY coming to you with the June 6 edition of it.

Another factor that would enter into your Birmingham Eccentric. (See COLLEGE, 7-A)



Ready to Fight MD

Getting ready to march against Muscular Dystrophy are (from left) Mrs. Donald J. Gilluley, 648 Vinewood; Mrs. John J. Nevin, 2011 Waddington, Bloomfield Village MD chairman; and Mrs. Milton D. Mackler, 465 Hamra, David Bounce, 1 of 1769 Pine, (seated) and the trib will join dozens of Birmingham area women Tuesday, June 4, from 7 to 9 p.m. for the annual MD drive.

Approximately 60,000 stockholders have been invited to the annual dinner-meeting of one Oakland County's largest not-for-profit organization on Monday, June 3, at the Community House.

THE COMMUNITY House, 280 S. Bates, Birmingham, is maintaining for them and supported entirely by their contributions. Activities center for the area since 1923. The Community House is used by more than 150,000 persons each year.

The June 3 dinner, to which former Community House presidents have been invited, will be held at 6 p.m. and is priced at \$2.50 per person. Reservations can be made by phoning The Community House.

Other items on the agenda include a report on the 1962 Fund Drive and the introduction of Robert Bogatz, Jr., as the new executive director of The Community House.

Five directors will be elected to the 17-member board after the dinner. In addition to them, other board members are Mrs. John Fauer, 670 Fairfax; Francis M. Fisher, 2122 Derby; Mrs. W. R. Furey, 634 Pilgrim; Charles T. Hammond, 1736 Winthrop.

MRS. PELL Hollingshead, 489 Arzyle; Mrs. Read Jenkins, 710 Kennebec; Mrs. Alvin H. Knorr, 1875 Berkley; Mrs. Robert F. Kohn, 469 Wilmington; Mrs. Lester C. Lempe, 1445 Kirkway Hills.

Edward H. Lerchen, 189 Lowell Ct.; William McGeaghey, 131 Gullford Lane; S. Tenney McGraw, 606 Kimberly; Sheldon Meyer, 3017 Cottonwood Lane; Mrs. George R. Squibb, 1209 N. Glenhurst; John K. Stevenson, 81 N. Glenclary; and Robert Kipatrick, 183 Hupp Cross.

Local Attorneys Elected to Bar Association Posts

Two attorneys for local municipalities have been elected to positions in the Oakland County Bar Association.

Thomas J. Dillon, Jr., 2907 Devonshire Road, Bloomfield Township, was named president of the association. He is the attorney for the township and for Beverly Hills.

Don Roy, 2216 Pine, Birmingham, was elected to the board of directors. Presently attorney for Birmingham, he is also a former mayor of the city.

RELYING WITH them will be Edward P. Barrett, 3263 Pine Tree Trail, Bloomfield Hills, vice president; Robert V. Parenti of Oxford, secretary; and Arthur P. McKenna, treasurer.

Re-elected to the board were Barrett and Calvin Patterson, 2861 Old Orchard Drive, Bloomfield Township. Newly elected as a board member is Clarence Hudson of Royal Oak.

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