

This and That

by

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Egypt's Nile, Pyramids, Sphinx, Great Mosques Attract Tourists

CAIRO, Egypt: What is it about Egypt (as well as numerous other ancient populated areas of our earth) that lures people from other parts of our world? What motivates, for example, archeologists to spend their lives digging into the earth to uncover traces of previous human habitations?

These and other collateral questions occupied my thoughts as I traveled in the Mediterranean basin, from Rome to Cairo. Our route was over the Mediterranean Sea, through Italy's west coast. It took us over the famed Island of Capri, with Sorrento just a few miles away, less than an hour later over some of the eastern area of Sicily. Egypt's largest seaport, Alexandria, next greeted us, with Cairo's early evening lights a brief 150 miles away. Yes, Cairo boasts a modern airfield and buildings, even though the Arabian Air Transport system still operates on an ancient scheduled time.

But to get back to the question leading off this travel diary: my own answer is that most of us members of the genus homo have an ancient, ingrained desire to know more about the origin of our ancestors; to know something of their primitive conditions; plus a reasonable knowledge of how they developed their methods of survival and emergence from barbarism toward today's levels of civilization.

THIS, IN A SMALL WAY, most requiring human minds are instantly related to the various professional, trained men and women whose lives are dedicated to various subjects concerning the origin and development of mankind and the natural sciences.

So why not visit Egypt? For it was there, about 4,000 years B.C., that some primitive people began the pattern of living that since has been embraced to some degree in every nation that has sought "food, clothing and shelter" somewhere on the twirling boom of Mother Earth.

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Bridegroom Accused of Robbing Market

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

A 46-year-old bridegroom is in the Oakland County Jail waiting examination on charges of robbing a Birmingham supermarket at \$1,995 at gunpoint Saturday afternoon.

William Richard Blevin of Detroit told Birmingham police he held up the Wrigley store at 14 and Woodward to help finance his honeymoon.

The robbery occurred a little over three hours after Blevin, a business machines salesman, who married Jean Kreissig, 1700 Melton, Birmingham.

BLEVIN and Miss Kreissig, 29, were married at St. James Episcopal Church at 11 a.m. After the ceremony the bride and groom and relatives went to an area restaurant to eat. Blevin, who had a .38 caliber revolver, Blevin handed Gynan an envelope and said "fill it up."

AS BLEVIN was leaving, Gynan noted the license number of his 1961 auto and called police with the description.

Birmingham Patrolman Jerry Roddewig was on his way to work when he heard a description of the getaway car broadcast on the police radio.

Roddewig and several other Birmingham policemen have citizens' band radios in their private automobiles and are able to monitor police calls.

The off-duty police officer was driving on Maple near Eton when he spotted an auto coming toward him that fitted the description of the bandit's.

RODDEWIG MADE a U-turn and followed the car to a shopping center at Maple and Livermore in Troy. He collected a fellow ham radio operator, Nelson Miller of Royal Oak, and told him he was following the car and to contact the police department.

The officer said he saw Blevin get out of his car and put an envelope into the trunk of the auto.

Just as Blevin was about to enter a drugstore, Troy police arrived and the arrest was made. In the trunk police found an envelope containing \$1,495 and a revolver.

Roddewig said Blevin offered no resistance when arrested. He later made full statements to both Lt. Merlin Hollander of the Birmingham Police Dept. and the Oakland County prosecutor's office.

BIRMINGHAM Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley complimented Roddewig on his work.

"It was an outstanding bit of work," Moxley said.

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'This Is What We Have Done'

School Administrators Report Progress to Citizens

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

The Birmingham Board of Education and administration presented a special citizens progress report on the schools Tuesday night of last week.

Supt. Otis M. Dickey presided at the two-hour session in Seashell's Little Theater. Several hundred teachers, PTA members and interested citizens listened to reports from various school officials.

The meeting was called to give the community an opportunity to be brought up to date on the progress made in education in Birmingham since the millage proposal was adopted in 1961.

"We are proud and confident of our progress," Dickey said.

Topics reported on covered every thing from transportation problems to the changing curriculum in the elementary and secondary schools.

"We have made an effort down the line to do what you told us you wanted in 1961," he said. "We are proud and confident of our progress."

KENNETH M. Nagley, director of personnel, reported that the average number of years of experience of teachers new to the Birmingham district had increased considerably in the past three years.

"In 1961 the average new teacher had 22 years of experience," Nagley said. "As of May 1962, the average has climbed to 41 years."

He said teacher turnover had declined from 18 per cent in 1960-61 to 10 per cent this year. Nagley noted that the school system has a goal of 60 per cent of its teachers with four to seven years experience and a high degree of involvement of the administrative staff in recruiting as the factors contributing to the improvement of the system's staff.

time and coordination in altering programs. He said that many man hours went into each of the changes already adopted.

ON THE secondary level, Nesbitt cited the addition of subject area coordinators for all grades and groupings for differential study. "A greater challenge to students with superior ability is available through accelerated courses," Nesbitt said.

On the financial front, Director Lloyd H. VanBuskirk noted the jump on the dollars-per-student spent in the last three years.

In 1960-61, \$256.45 were spent per student for teacher salaries as compared to \$315.35 in 1962-63. A total of \$309.07 per student was spent on instruction in 1960. The figure now stands at \$406.81, VanBuskirk said.

REPORTS were also given by James O'Neil, supervisor of buildings and grounds, and Walter J. Piel, administrative assistant.

In the question and answer session that followed the reports, several significant points were discussed. One member of the audience, who did not identify himself, said he was pleased with the courses offered the exceptional student but wondered about the student who was not working up to capacity.

Dr. Dickey said there were major efforts employed at the secondary level. They are directed toward working with students in the language arts area," he said.

A special program was available for students with reading difficulties, Dickey said. He said most of the difficulties resulted from the fact the students had not responded to instruction. The student who was not working up to capacity.

DICKEY was questioned as to when an announcement would be made that the distribution of foreign language in the elementary schools would not start in the fall.

"We had scheduled and advised you of a desire to add elementary language teachers to the staff in the 1964 schedule," Dickey said. "This would require the addition of four teachers in the fall of 1964, one in '65 and another in '66."

He noted that the master plan did not call for foreign language in the fall of 1963.

"We had hoped to accelerate the plan in 1963, but the budget would not permit it," Dickey said.

B'ham B-E Adopts Policy on Smoking

New Constitution Loses 8 Votes In B'field Twp.

The Birmingham Board of Education has formally adopted a policy on the possession or use of tobacco by students in the secondary schools.

"We have made an effort down the line to do what you told us you wanted in 1961," he said. "We are proud and confident of our progress."

THE USE of tobacco will be considered as the act of smoking or chewing and will be evidenced by the exhalation of smoke, even though the student is not at the time in possession of tobacco in any form, according to Nesbitt.

In other action at its meeting last week, the board adopted the calendar for the 1963-64 school year. All pupils in grades 1-12 will report for half-day morning sessions on Thursday, Sept. 5.

The list of students to be given diplomas at both Seashell and Greer high schools was approved by the board. Graduation at both schools will be held on Thursday, June 13.

New Constitution Loses 8 Votes In B'field Twp.

The new Michigan constitution lost nine votes in Oakland County on the recount May 29. Eight votes were from Bloomfield Township and one from Pleasant Ridge, trimming down the 35,377 margin for the document. The recount of the April 1 vote started last week.

In Oakland, 131 of the 295 precincts to be recounted, 1,493 are finished.

About two-thirds of the recount has been completed and 366 votes removed from the 7,829 yes-vote margin in the state.

THE BOARD was asked to pass a resolution which would make more definitive the action that could be taken as a result of the possession or use of tobacco by students on school property.

The Birmingham board's action came close on the heels of a similar decision on the part of the Bloomfield Hills School Board.

Under the new policy, when a student under 16 is found in the possession of or using tobacco in any area on school property he is subject to a three-day suspension for the first offense and five days for each additional violation.

They Disagree On Resolution For Sewer

By SAVILLA SLOAN
Special Writer

WEST BLOOMFIELD—Passage by the township board of a resolution drawn up by township attorney Joseph B. Moran, Jr., was strongly criticized by Irwin Cohen who was present at the township board meeting last week.

The resolution was a substitute for one submitted by the Oakland County DPW for passage by the township board. The DPW document was a form resolution, contracting with the township for DPW construction of the Walnut Lake Sewer Arm.

Brennan's resolution provided for the township to pay the DPW for engineering plans for the sewer arm and paved the way for the township to set up a township district, but did not enter into a construction contract with the DPW.

COHN, who owns property in the sewer district, told the board that refusal to pass the DPW resolution would mean more legal delay in sewer, the DPW and the township, and would again delay the project.

Herman Frankel, who also proposes a substitution within the township, urged the board to expedite the building of the sewer arm.

Frankel, whose plans include a \$10,000,000 development, told the board that the substitution would increase township valuation by 10 per cent.

"It is a necessity for me to get the sewer," Frankel said, "but it also will help the township tax base."

BRENNAN, who was present at the meeting, assured the board that his resolution would accomplish the same net result as the DPW resolution. He said he felt the DPW would accept it in lieu of its own.

Brennan felt the township should not actually contract for DPW construction of the project until engineering plans and cost estimates were completed.

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Village Rejects Plea To Rezone 5 1/2 Acres

By KAY SMITH
Special Writer

BEVERLY HILLS—Some 200 residents of the 13 1/2 Mile Road and Laker area came to a public hearing Monday to ask the council to protect their residential zoning.

The council, notified by unanimously turning down the petition of the McInnes-Diamond Funeral Directors to rezone five-and-one-half acres on 13 1/2 Mile Road west of Laker from residential to business in order to build a funeral home on the site.

THE PETITION of the Craftsmen Construction Co., the existing Alice Stephenson, for approval of a plat for 15 lots on higher adjacent to Nottingham Forest and south of 1 1/2 Mile Road—to be known as Nottingham Woods—was referred to the planning board for study and recommendation.

McClanahan received a plaque for his service to the village. McClanahan elected not to run again for council office in the last election.

The Alger A. Quast Co., which would like to build a five-unit home at 13 1/2 Mile Road and Southfield, was told by Village Attorney Thomas Dillon that there are no zoning provisions for such homes in the village zoning regulations.

A public hearing was set for June 17 on the final contract and deed assessment ordinance.



School Principal, Friend

Marsden D. Wilson, principal of Bloomfield Village Elementary School, took time out from his school schedule last Wednesday to play with his new puppy, Wilson, who has been principal at Bloomfield Village for 20 years, will retire in June. The pup was a gift from the children of the school. Wilson is an avid hunter and sportsman.

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