



This and That

by George R. Averill

Jordan, Poor In Material Wealth, Was Area of Jesus' 'Gift to World'

The blacktop highway between Danman, Syria, and our next over-land stop at Amman, Jordan, was through the same type of lands that we had been traveling the previous day; which is to say hills on both sides of the wide valley, with perhaps more limestone outcroppings, less vegetation and greater numbers of sheep and goat herds. Indeed, it was over this route that we encountered our first camel caravans, and our first views of the traditional "nomads of the Sea Desert," the Bedouin tribes of Arabs.

These people, except in a few places where they have built stone villages, wander over wide areas, always in search of vegetation for their sheep and/or goats. They pitch their very blackened and much-used large wall-type tents right out on open, unsheltered locations—often just one, with occasional two and three tent arrangements. Depending on the number of their sheep or goats, there will be from one to three or four shepherds watching them.

THE BEDOUINS DRESS in dark garb for the women, the men wearing more than one color; children generally are clothed in much worn garments. . . . and, if you stop your car for a picture of them, you may be sure that they will expect some coins in return. Not many villages were along the highway we took since the 37,500 square miles of Jordan has a population of less than two million, 80 per cent Arab, 20 per cent Christians. Too, it has a King, named Hussein, who doesn't mind his kingdom to merge with Nasser & Co. Jordan's government is of the constitutional monarchy type, with a bicameral legislature.

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Early the next morning, with a new guide and car, we started toward Jordan's Jerusalem, less than 60 miles away. En route we reached the Dead Sea, where we stopped for about an hour at a refreshment store, right at the edge of the Sea. The water in it, 1297 feet below sea level, contains 24 per cent salt. At the lower end of it once existed the evil cities of Sodom and Gomorrah; and where the Moab mountains touch the Dead Sea a Bedouin shepherd in 1947 found the first of the Dead Sea Scrolls, which have revealed new information on part of the background which influenced the teaching of the early Christian church.

MOST IMPORTANT, of course, is the fact that Jordan is the land where most of Jesus' messianic activities were performed and where, before Jesus' birth, some of the prophets of the Old Testament lived and carried out their dedicated religious missions.

Not far from the Dead Sea is the ancient and still existing city of Jericho, which is said to be the presumed spot on the Jordan River where John the Baptist recognized and baptized Jesus as the Messiah, or Son of God. Too, we saw the remains of a portion of the Walls of Jericho, made famous in the Biblical story of Jesus as the Messiah, or Son of God. Jordan's government is of the constitutional monarchy type, with a bicameral legislature.

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ONLY A FEW miles from Jericho, in Jordan, the Jordan River flows into the Dead Sea. It is at this point, near Jericho, where John the Baptist baptized Jesus, his Christ. Above is a picture of the Jordan, which is less than 100 feet in width.

Harlan District Sends Most Voters to Polls

The Birmingham Board of Education has certified the results of the June 10 school election. Final figures approved by the board show a total of 6,688 voters cast ballots in the election that saw George W. Coombe, Jr., win another four-year term on the board and newcomer Charles A. Leach elected.

The Harlan School district had the largest number of persons showing up at the polls with 1,172 casting ballots. Harlan residents and school officials engaged in a bitter controversy early this year over proposed boundary changes in the secondary school attendance area.

THE HARLAN area people had objected to a school administration proposal that would have sent their youngsters across town to the new Berkshire Junior High and Groves High School.

A compromise plan was finally adopted by the board whereby the Harlan youngsters would attend Derby Junior High for grades 7-8 and then on to Groves to complete their education.

Two candidates for the school board posts, although they did not win, showed strongly in the Harlan area. William J. Berglund, 3083 Middleton, polled 443 of his 1,007 votes and Richard E. Goble, 4839 Tullamore, received 387 of his 538 votes from the Harlan district.

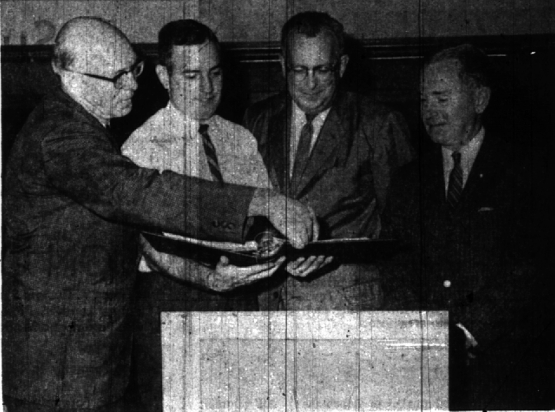
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BIRMINGHAM'S FIRST Community Resources Workshop got under way Monday at Pierce School. Teachers and business and industry leaders in the area are attending the workshop in an effort to better acquaint each other with the resources in the community. Looking over plans for the four-week course are (from left) L. R. Gare, Birmingham city manager; Fritz Pinis, workshop director and Adams School principal; Dan Nesbitt, deputy superintendent, Birmingham schools; and Charles Mortenson, manager of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce.

W. B'field Takes Action For Interceptor Hook-up

By SAVILLA SLOAN, Special Writer

WEST BLOOMFIELD—Development of township sewer laterals connecting with the Farmington Interceptor gained momentum through action taken at two township board meetings last week. At a special meeting, the board passed resolution one authorizing finalization of engineering plans for the Walnut Lake area. Action came after a legal hurdle was cleared by the signing of an agreement between the township and Oakland County DPW for construction of the arm.

DPW estimates of construction costs is \$1,142,000.

At its regular meeting, the board authorized application with the Michigan Municipal Finance Commission for issuance of bonds totalling \$255,000 to finance construction of Pine Lake, Powder Horn Estates and West Bloomfield Village sewer laterals.

FURTHER ACTION at the regular board meeting included setting up a subcommittee to plan for expansion of township government services, including future police and fire departments needs. Charles Forbes is chairman, with Mrs. Sue Warner and John Warren also serving.

An "unsafe building" ordinance was passed by the board, giving the township the right to make necessary repairs when property owners refuse to do so. Cost of the repairs are to be placed on the owners' tax bill.

Open House Slated by Road Commission

The Oakland County Road Commission is going to celebrate its 50th birthday.

In honor of the event, the Board of Road Commissioners has announced an open house type of celebration commemorating the golden anniversary of the founding in 1913.

The open house will be held at the main office and garage building 2420 Pontiac Lake Road, on Sunday, June 30 from 2 to 6 p.m.

INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN extended to national and state officials, members of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, county and municipal officials, service clubs, neighboring county road commissions and many others.

In addition the commission has extended an invitation to the general public.

Tours will be conducted through the offices, garages and other buildings about the grounds, construction and maintenance equipment of all types will be on display as well as signs, traffic signals and controllers and other safety devices.

Chrysler Enrolls Hanba for Training

Robert F. Hanba, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hanba of Birmingham, has been admitted to the Chrysler Institute of Engineering.

Hanba is a graduate of Lawrence Institute of Technology. He is enrolled in the graduate school at Chrysler Institute, which leads to a degree of master of automotive engineering.

Student Travelers To See World Art

Carol Ann LaMotte, 2136 Lawndale, Birmingham, is among 16 students and teachers participating in an eight-week European Art Travel Course sponsored by Bowling Green State University. She is a student at Central Michigan University.

The group left New York June 19 aboard the RMS Queen Elizabeth. Tours of art and historical monuments and museums will be made in London, Brussels, Amsterdam, Milan, Florence, Paris and other cities.

Convention Talk?

Walter O. Briggs III (right) of 320 Suffield, Birmingham, chats with Republican National Chairman William E. Miller (left) during the GOP leader's one-day visit in Detroit last week to meet with Michigan GOP leaders and finance chairman. Briggs, Young Republicans national committeeman, and Miller, a New York congressman, are shown with Arthur G. Elliott, Jr., Republican state chairman. In his luncheon talk, Miller called for "complete Party unity to assure a total victory in 1964."

4-WEEK COURSE AT PIERCE School Workshop Draws Area Community Leaders

Birmingham business and industry leaders will play an active role in the Community Resources Workshop, currently being held at Pierce School.

The four-week course is being sponsored by the Birmingham Public Schools and Michigan State University.

Fifty classroom teachers and administrators from Birmingham and surrounding school districts are taking the course which began Monday.

resources that will be used in classroom work next semester. In addition, a resource file of individuals in the area who would be willing to assist in classroom instructional program will be developed, along with a file of possible field trips for students.

IT WILL also help to give teachers a better insight into and understanding of the economic and social life of the community and to develop a better working relationship between themselves and other organizations and individuals of the community who might assist them, the planners believe.

The workshop is under the direction of Fritz Pinis, principal of Adams School. During the past two summers Pinis has conducted similar workshops in Port Huron.

He is being assisted in the Birmingham workshop by Dan Welch, principal of the Pierce School, and Dr. Henry Corbacho, director of the instructional materials center for the Birmingham School District.

Nationally, 32 such workshops are being conducted this summer.

B'ham Farms Sprinkling Ban Ordered

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—A sprinkling ban in Birmingham Farms has been authorized by township officials. The ban goes into effect tomorrow.

Lawn sprinkling will be allowed residents on alternating days. Those residing in homes with odd-numbered street addresses may run sprinklers on odd-numbered days of the month. Those with even-numbered addresses may water on even-numbered days.

THE BAN was occasioned by the low water supply from the subdivision's well system, according to township officials. Water pressure has been extremely low at certain hours when sprinkling is at its heaviest.

Although there are 14 other subdivisions well systems in the township, their water supply is adequate at the present and the ban does not apply to them, township officials explained.

Water Agreements Continued with BCC

Commissioners Monday night approved the extension of the water service agreement between the City and the Birmingham Country Club.

Under the agreement the City supplies water to the club at double the normal water rates. The contract has been in effect since June of 1946.

The board voted to instruct the township planning commission to have township attorney Tom Brennan in attendance at commission meetings, because of increased legal interpretation involved in township zoning cases.

B'ham Purchases New Police Cars

The Spartan Dodge Co. was awarded the contract for the purchase of two new police cars by Birmingham city commissioners Monday night.

Spartan was the low bidder for the cars with a net price of \$1,846.12, including trade-in.

T. C. Bryen, superintendent of the DPW, said delivery is expected within 30 days.

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