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A dismissal means that his record remains clear. A suspended sentence means that he does not pay a fine or costs, but the offense remains a matter of record and he is charged with points.

Repetitively, most states do not furnish the excellent traffic conviction records which Michigan does, so that we do not have accurate records of persons who have recently moved from other states and, accordingly, do not accord them a suspension or dismissal based on the record since we do not have their complete records.

I do not know you, your age, or the length of your residence in Michigan, but persons who did not qualify for a suspension or dismissal, due to either the length of time you have been driving or the absence of a complete driving record.

I wish you had requested to see the judge, as people sometimes do, and we would have straightened it out immediately.

I assume, from what you say, that you probably have not had any prior moving violations and, therefore, are unfamiliar with traffic court procedures, as it is very common knowledge throughout the county that court fines are payable immediately. If this happens to you again any place, I suggest you ask to see the judge.

In closing, I regret the unnecessary inconvenience you were caused, and hope that I have clarified somewhat any misunderstandings relative to our procedures. I wish to thank you again for your trouble. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

BIRMINGHAM MUNICIPAL COURT
John C. Emery, Jr.
Municipal Judge

WITH RESPECT to additional inconvenience you suffered relative to paying the fine, I find that very regrettable and will take up

Happenings

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80 YEARS AGO

August 23, 1914

A city-wide play day in which nearly 500 Birmingham boys and girls are expected to participate, will be held on the Barnum School playground Friday morning, bringing to a gala close the community's eight-week PERA recreation program. Boys and girls from all five city playgrounds will meet and for two hours compete in team contests of baseball, volleyball, horseshoe pitching, archery, knot-tying, nature identifying, jacks, checkers and dodgeball.

Because the executive committee of Allied Youth, in Detroit, is opposed to the acceptance of money accruing from liquor advertising, the Birmingham post of the organization will not be able to avail itself of the funds it won in The Eccentric's national liquor advertising revenue contest last month. The post won the contest when three of five judges decided that the organization's written proposal for spending temperance money was the best submitted.

The popularizing sport of archery will be demonstrated at its best in Birmingham Sunday when approximately 75 of the leading bow and arrow experts of Michigan—and possibly some from Ohio—compete here in the seventh annual state tournament of the Michigan Archery Association, with the Birmingham archers as host.

15 YEARS AGO

August 18, 1949

A delegation of residents from the Bowers and Habel street area were present at the Monday night meeting of the city commission, regarding street conditions there. They reported that the street was a veritable sea of mud after each rain, and that when dry, it was so full of ruts and bumps as to be almost impassable. Residents said sidewalks were buried in mud, mail service was nearly impossible and there were no garbage and trash collections.

The city commission has received a report from the department of public works regarding gravel which is being found in the water mains in the vicinity of the west well. Upon investigation it was found that a leak in the inner casing of the well was permitting a flow of gravel into the well. It is estimated that repairs may suspend service from the well for a month or longer.

Candidates for the 1949 Baldwin High School football team are being reminded this week by Coach Vincent C. Secontine that only 11 days remain before the first practice of the season. Secontine has announced a twice-a-day practice schedule until school starts. All candidates are urged to report to Pierce fieldhouse for the opening session.

Peace Corps Saves Money, Congress Told

Peace Corps Director Sargent Shriver told Congress recently that his agency is a tight little financial island in the vast sea of government spending.

In testimony before the Senate Appropriations Committee, Shriver cited facts and figures to show how the Peace Corps is cutting costs and increasing efficiency in the far-flung Peace Corps operation.

Shriver asked the committee to approve \$196.1 million to operate the Peace Corps during the year which began July 1, compared to \$104.1 million voted by the House.

TO SUPPORT his request, Shriver told the committee the Peace Corps was saving money in many ways, and that every cent of the appropriation would be spent wisely.

When the Peace Corps began, Shriver recalled, the cost of maintaining a volunteer overseas topped the \$9,000 per year mark. This

figure has since been cut to \$7,825, a saving of 13 per cent.

Although the number of volunteers overseas has grown, the Washington headquarters staff has been reduced from 593 permanent employees on June 30, 1963, to only 517 on June 30, 1964, he pointed out.

"And this decrease will be maintained 100 per cent," he promised, even though the Peace Corps Volunteer force is expected to reach 14,000 soon.

THERE ARE currently about 10,000 volunteers already serving overseas or in training. Applications for Peace Corps service increased from 17,851 in 1962 to 32,805 in 1963 and 45,770 in fiscal 1964, Shriver said. He estimated they would reach 60,000 in 1965.

In spite of the growing number of volunteers, Shriver told the committee that the Peace Corps still cannot meet the great demand from abroad, which is "growing

more rapidly than the supply as developing nations learn about the value of Peace Corps projects.

Health of the volunteers has been good, the Director reported. Only 780 persons have died of any illness contracted in the Peace Corps, and only .9 per cent of all volunteers who have gone abroad have returned to the United States for medical reasons.

Because of the expanding number of volunteers, however, the Peace Corps does need to hire more doctors and also more non-medical staff overseas, so the full amount of the requested appropriation is needed, he explained.

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Dem Candidate Outlines Job Of Prosecutor

S. Jerome Bronson, Madison Heights and Oakland County lawyer and Democratic candidate for the office of prosecuting attorney, said this week that vigorous prosecution of a person charged with a crime is not the only obligation of the prosecuting attorney.

"A growing problem is the providing of adequate counsel to the poor and psychiatric examination of prisoners.

"IN AN EFFORT to obtain a conviction, there is the danger that the rights of an accused will be disregarded. It is my feeling that competent, paid counsel and psychiatric help, if necessary, must be made available on some other basis than the present system.

"I would like to see these issues

Marine Continues In Training Project

Marine Corporal Paul Schmidt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence P. Schmidt, of 1601 Sheffield Rd., Birmingham, is a member of the First Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The regiment is engaged in a continuous training program ranging from sea assault landings on the beaches of Southern California to simulated desert warfare in the Mojave Desert.

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discussed in this primary campaign by the Republican candidates, but it appears as though they are too busy running around, either putting up their signs on the public right-of-way and defacing our countryside, or are tearing down their opponents' signs and do not have time to discuss the issues in this campaign."

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