



The Stroller...

A Passport To The Fiery Furnace

The Stroller is going to Hell.

No, it isn't at the behest of the many persons who have told him, in fact urged him, to go there many times through the years.

He's going because he has received a bona fide invitation, complete with passport, to visit the place with the legendary fiery furnaces that serves as the base of the Devil's operations.

This odd twist in The Stroller's many unique experiences came about the other morning when

experiences came about the other morning when he received a letter from a Mr. Al Culp, president of the Hell Chamber of Commerce, taking him to task for an alleged mix-up of names in a recent column.

"As I am but one of many who follow you in your daily strolls through life and enjoy every one of your columns, I feel as though you have insulted a good friend or perhaps I should say two friends," he wrote.

That opening paragraph brought a smile of satisfaction to The Stroller for it assured him that he had reached the goal of all columnists -- having a reader in Hell.

BUT MR. CULP continued:
"You referred to your old friend Tony Beltaire, the Free Press columnist. Should that not have been Mark Beltaire?

"I feel sure your old friend, Tony Weitzel who used to write a column "Of Cabbages and Kings" will feel slighted as you have half of bis name and half of Beltaire's in your article."

He closed by saying, "Enclosed you will find your official passport through Hell and hope you



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MNB Quarter Net Increases

Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit reported a net income of \$3,420,000 or \$1.67 cents per share for the first quarter 1971 as com-pared to \$3,206,000 or \$1.56 cents per share for the same period in 1970.

- and always will be. Mark is his Princeton

name.

It was not the explanation of the names that brought cheer to The Stroller, but the mere fact that, at last he had the location and the real story

of Hell - Hell, Michigan, that is.

According to the chamber folder it can be reached from I-96, 15 miles south of the Pinckney exit, or 12 miles from the Baker Road exit on 1-94 through Dexter or the Chelsea exit.

And now that he knows the location The CNB Shows

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use his passport.

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He's eager to learn whether there is ice and sleet in Hell. If there is, he'll have a lot of backtracking to do.

HOW DID A nice little community ever get such a name?

Well, the chamber folder relates that, back about 1841, when New Yorkers, migrating westward, settled there and built homes, stores soon were added. At the time the Chippewa and Potator Total resources on March T Well, the chamber folder relates that, back about 1841, when New Yorkers, migrating west-ward, settled there and built homes, stores soon were added. At the time the Chippewa and Potawatomi Indians lived there and found whiskey available at 10 cents a galion. Two teams of oxen were kept busy transporting this medicinal item to the early settlers.

As a result, the brawls that usually resulted

will find time to visit us next summer as the red carpet always is out for you."

Well, well, well, The Stroller would hate to think that the heat had gotten to the president of the Hell Chamber of Commerce.

But to those of us who knew Beltaire when he was fresh out of Princeton University and writing hockey for the Detroit News, he was "Tony" Beltaire wand always will be Merkin the Merkin to the service of during a color tour of Northern Michigans.

Some years ago he and the little woman stopped off during a color tour of Northern Michigan and had lunch at the little town of Paradise.

Addressing a post card to the minister he wrote, "Well, we finally made it."

On his return to the home surroundings The

Stroller drew only a smirking smile from the min-

ister.

Wonder what he'll say when he receives a postcard from Hell?

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Civil Rights Cases Up 9%

Complaints continue to be filed with the Michigan Civil Rights Commission at an increasing rate, a report by the Commission indicates.

The report, an analysis of MCRC activity for 'the last quarter of 1970, shows 655 total complaints filed during this period, an increase of 54, most of 1970 when the complaints filed through the period of the previous year. Most of the complaints filed during the quarter were based on race and sex, 75% and 10% of the total respectively.

Black claimants constituted the majority (about 73%. The percentage of whites with the complaints in this three-month period were in the Detroit tricounty area, continuing and Lansing all showed increases of approximately increases of approximately increases of approximately only area, continuing and Lansing all showed increases of approximately increase of the previous year.

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complaints dropped 38% from 26 to 11.

Of the 524 employment complaints filled, 89% (a 17% increase) involved discharges or lay-offs. Allegations against minors for non-representation and other unfair practices increased greatly from the same quarter last year, exactly 40% (from 8 to 46 cases).

Law enforcement complaints comprised nearly 10% of the total, remaining unchanged from the previous changed from the previous forcement claims involved physical abuse or illegal arrest.

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