



## Freeway Officials Say No to Freeway Plans

### THIS and THAT

By George R. Averill

#### So, "Laugh and the World Laughs..." At Party Conventions

Persons who declare that the United States lost its humor and its sense of same when Mark Twain wrote "Cobb, George Adams and others left this earth, are all wrong.

Those who believe, now that the great Barnum & Bailey & Ringling Brothers Circus has decided to abandon its annual tented pilgrimages around the nation, that our people have been stripped of the greatest show on earth!

Well, they really have no grounds for such statements.

AMERICANS STILL HAVE two great political parties, who every four years, stage conventions to nominate a President and Vice-President, to fashion a platform of principles to offer the voters; and to sprinkle into each of its convention programs a host of deeply religious, a personal oratory, and on the other hand, cause Old Satan to do his abominable work to protect himself against the white-hot flames of criticism that one party directs against the other.

Sir, and Madam, now that television has come to help radio and the printed word communicate human spectacles to human beings, citizens of the United States still have wonderful opportunities to enjoy entertainment without even leaving their living rooms.

AH, HOW WONDERFUL are the ways of words... especially when spoken by partisan politicians in a variety of gestures, and you have enthusiasm at its lowest ebb.

As, for example, the case of the Democratic Party's keynote speaker, Gov. Frank B. Clement of Tennessee. This very ambitious 36-year-old politician is reported to be deeply religious, a personal orator of Billy Graham, yet from the moment Clement shouted his his words into the microphone in Chicago, one quickly recalls that Bill Clinton's Commandment: "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." But Frank, in his ardent enunciation of his religious oratory, completely drowned his religious and dirty waters of partisan politics, and according to post-convention commentaries, he failed to measure up to expectations; for when you speak only evil of an other group of human beings for an hour and fifteen minutes, never once admitting them to possess any virtues... well, average people won't believe it.

PERSONALLY, I THINK the Democrats now, in their convention program may be enough, especially since one of them is Estes Kefauver.

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## Defense Sec. Wilson Gives Personal Views of GO Convention

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### New Line Added To Old Scene By '56 Teen

Dale Simons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Simons, of 784 Woodside, Bloomfield Hills, has come up with a new line for an old scene.

For now Dale can say, "Pop!" rather than the usual, "How about it?"

When Dale became 16 August 3, he obtained both his pilot's license and a student's license.

Next year, when he becomes 17, he will qualify for a regular pilot's license, and then he will be able to carry passengers in his family's four-passenger plane.

Police Acquiring Second Radar Unit

The acquisition of a second radar speed meter by Birmingham police was completed last week by approximately \$25,000 each.

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley told the commission that the department's second radar unit, purchased in 1951, is in constant need of repair, often out of service for the student car.

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### AS HE ENTERS THE Birmingham city commission room for his initial participation during a Monday night commission meeting.

Harold Schone talks with Mayor James C. Allen. Said Allen as he welcomed the new city manager, "We'll try to make it as easy on him as we can."

TO BE SUBDIVIDED

THE end of one of this area's great estates came when Howard T. Keating, of the Howard T. Keating Realty Co., 22960 13 Mile, Southfield township, announced that his company, and some associates, had purchased 102 acres of the Otto Kern estate on E. Long Lake road, according to the Briggs estate.

They will begin subdividing the area in September for what Keating says will be a highclass residential area. Section plans are available then for prospective buyers.

LOTS will be sold for custom homes. The former estate will be divided into two sections: one for colonial type architecture, with another for ranch and tri-level type homes.

LOCATED in Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield township, the lots will have a minimum of 100,000 sq. ft. of frontage.

On June 16, 1955, fire consumed the once beautiful \$100,000 Westview mansion of Otto Kern which stood on the 120-acre estate.

CAUSE of the blaze, which completely destroyed the 20-room home and its north wing roof and the second and third floors were beyond salvage, has been to have been started by sparks from an incinerator chimney.

ERNEST KERN, former department store, Detroit, owned the 50-year-old home and estate for 20 years, until it was destroyed by week-end and maintaining it primarily for the benefit of his 10 grandchildren.

THE MANSION and its furnishings were insured. At the time it was reported that the Kern family was planning to build anew on the site.

LOCAL BANKS WILL CLOSE SATURDAYS STARTING SEPT. 1

Effective Saturday, Sept. 1, hours for the public at the Birmingham National Bank will be from 9 to 3 o'clock Monday through Thursday, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Fridays; the bank will remain closed each Saturday.

THE NEW SCHEDULE, approved by our directors, will allow 32 hours of banking service to the public, compared with 30 hours previously provided, stated Herbert H. Gardner, president. "We believe the enlargement and refinement of banking and trust services offered by the Birmingham National Bank and Trust Co. into Birmingham will more than compensate for the change in banking hours."

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## 'Southfield Freeway Tentative'

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Michigan Turnpike Authority officials folded up their tent on Monday after conference with State Highway Department Chief Deputy George M. Foster.

They haven't packed it away yet, but if Foster and the highway department live up to promises made Monday, the MTA is through.

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## Legal Entanglements Halt \$5 Million Shopping Center

A five-million-dollar shopping center and residential community in Troy still hangs in mid-air, while two law suits over purchase of property for the project are pending in Oakland county circuit court.

THE PROJECT, announced in March by the Trust Company through Detroit builders and developers, was to be constructed on the 100-acre Louise Mott estate at Livernois and W. Maple.

Kaufman and Wolf planned to buy the estate from Arthur E. Moore, who died in 1932, for \$181,000. Probate Court approval of the sale was needed since the estate has never been finally settled.

SIGNED approval was received from Probate Judge Arthur E. Moore, on March 28, but less than a month later that approval was withdrawn.

MOORE withdrew the approval on petition of Estate Executor John Most, who claimed he is hard of hearing and did not understand what he was signing.

Kaufman and Wolf promptly filed a suit asking reversal of Moore's order. The Circuit Court Judge Frank L. Doty issued an order restraining Most from selling the estate until the probate court is satisfied.

THE SECOND suit, filed by the Trust Company, is more complicated. It involves the project with the State of Michigan.

FORMATION of The Detroit Bank and Trust Company through consolidation of four Detroit metropolitan area banking institutions would be in a position to handle a total of \$5 billion dollars and total capital funds in excess of \$1 billion dollars.

SHAREHOLDERS of The Detroit Bank and Trust Company, The Birmingham National Bank, and the Perfidia National Bank had voted earlier to approve the proposed merger. Those institutions will merge into The Detroit Bank at the close of business August 31, 1956, and will operate under the charter of The Detroit Bank originally granted by the State of Michigan in 1849.

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## STRICTLY FRESH

Farm note: Corn will be planted right up to poll time in November.

If you fail to vote this fall, you'll have no "X" - vote to critic.

NOTE

No matter what other schooling he has, a president of the United States must get a passing grade from the electoral college.

You don't need to go to the meat market to sample canned ham. There you watch it being put on the night movies on TV lately? They've been on the shelf in the film cans for years.

After mother prepares dinner for sixes guests, she tells the holiday is called "Labor Day."

All traces of inner space disappear when a man's mind is set on the Enterprise 6219.