

The short of a New Year presents people with the reminder that this is a time to make resolutions...
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This and That

by George R. Averill
Came upon this gem of a thought for the approaching New Year: to do a little good for the world and in its stead ring in the year that is ahead. Twelve fresh new months in which to find the secrets of a tranquil mind.

To be sure, many new public schools are needed in the United States; many new teachers to be paid for; too many are on the "wanted" list. Apparently unable and/or unwilling to raise the required money within each State, President Eisenhower is spearheading a plan to have the federal government raise and dish out the funds. This, of course, is further centralization of the powers of government. Yet the States allow, even request, this type of aid. Perhaps, then, what is needed most is the development of educational merchandise that will result in better citizens — a citizen who will measure up to those personal responsibilities that, only a good man can keep himself free from the always-potential tyranny of government.

India's Prime Minister Nehru can be understood best when you realize that he thinks in the terms of the philosophic mystic. He is a citizen of a land whose ancestors, for centuries and centuries, have known the problems of struggle, of famine, of every known human affliction. He is not the descendant of people who carved out a great nation now less than 400 years old, and thus cannot think like U.S. citizens. Nehru takes the long, long look ahead—whereas we are inclined to move along the lines of current expediency.

Did it ever occur to you that man is the only form of animated being upon this earth that, when the occasion arises, blows his nose? Also, so far as our enormous and inexact research has led us, man is the only animal that weeps and, with his weeping, exceeds tears. Man, indeed, has gone farther up the ladder of progress than the sloth, the creep, the monkey, and numerous political parties.

No expert on the subject of the family, Harvard's Fowler has been able to prove whether the chicken or the egg came first. The same confusion existed among economists who fail to agree on the dominant single cause of inflation—whether it be labor, materials or profits.

Quote Corrected

In last week's Eccentric, in a picture-story about an auto accident involving two cars, a quote comment by Harold P. Cornell, Sr., 339 Townsend, was included. It said: "It just wasn't my time to go," a sentence obtained by the reporter from another person who had assumed the identity of "Harold P. Cornell, Sr." and said that "I am sure I said that at the time," stated Cornell later, "and that I was thoroughly profane, and I am thankful to God."

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DAWN - 1957

A New Year is on our Horizon,
With its New Days
That will envelop us
In Diamond-pure Moments,
Which if Wisely Used,
Will Shine Brilliantly
From the Pages
Of our Book of Life.
May yours be a sparkling,
and therefore
A Happy New Year

New Building, Dial Facilities Coming for Troy

Michigan Bell Telephone Company has slated enough provision for the expansion and improvement of the Troy telephone exchange, company manager Albert H. Warner announced this week. To be completed in 1958, the expansion includes a new telephone building and a completely new dial exchange.

Warner said the firm will spend about \$343,000 for a new telephone building, another \$652,000 for dial equipment to be installed in the building, \$350,000 to further expand the network of wire and cable leading to the building.

HE ESTIMATES another \$110,000 expense will be required for new telephone instruments and other equipment to be located on the customers' premises.

In announcing the program, Warner said it was unusually large for a community the present size of Troy.

However, Michigan Bell recognizes the tremendous potential for growth here, and is making advance preparations to meet that growth.

POINTING OUT that there are now nearly 100,000 telephones in Troy's local calling area, Warner said the growing complexity of Troy's telephone system indicated the advantages of replacing it.

Warner said the new exchange will be more readily adaptable to frequent additions than the old one.

1956's Local News Stories Reviewed

This year—1956—was a year of continued expansion in the Birmingham area, although home construction was down from last year.

And familiar faces to the local scene disappeared. Donald C. Egbert, Birmingham City Manager retired Aug. 1 and B'ham City Assessor Elmer W. Haack resigned early this year.

Area problems—roads, sewage and other multi-community projects—were bogged in the mire of red tape, although one area need was partially satisfied with the advent of the South Oakland County Water Authority's delivery in June of Detroit water into local faucets.

HOWEVER, OTHER projects, such as the Evergreen Interceptor sewer and means to abate Rouge pollution in several area municipalities, is still undecided.

These and other events which took place during the year of 1956 are reflected in the following week-by-week accounts taken from the pages of The Eccentric.

Issue of January 3
Miss Paula Brewster of Walnut Lake school teacher, was killed Jan. 2 when she was thrown from a sliding automobile. Five miles east of Milan, Ohio, Miss Peasley had taught in the Birmingham school system four years.

On New Year's day the first engagement announcement was that of Patricia Ann Westcott, of Portland, Me., to James Hamilton Parson, 885 Westwood, Birmingham.

LETTERS from near the Hungarian border expressing the desperation and need of a nation in revolt were received recently by 22-year-old Alison Brewster, who spent three summer months with her correspondents in 1955.

HERE IS WHAT 20-year-old Horst Kleinschuster, a student, wrote to Alison in London, when she is currently working and studying pathology in a hospital.

Westchester Village Residents Study Area Incorporation

1-18 Put Westchester Village residents are investigating the possibilities of turning their area—east of Cahoon between 14 and 15th Mile roads—into a homerule village.

ONE PUBLICIZED route would have been through the suburban center and Westchester leaders feel that—through highway officials have announced the route will not go through that immediate area—incorporation will give them protection about that officials change their mind.

First 1957 Baby To Receive Gifts From Merchants

If you're expecting a visit from the stork at your house soon, your new baby may receive a special visit from the stork.

THE MAC GROUP meets once a month at the Birmingham Y. Some of their activities, as described in the monthly publication edited by Mrs. Littleton include bowling, swimming, square-dancing, and field trips to places of interest.

THE HANDICAPPED housewife has two sons, Dan, 15, and Carl, 11. For 13 years before she was stricken, she was a beauty operator in Birmingham.

IT WAS NO Christmas holiday for Birmingham's firemen. Although termed "minor runs," the fire ladders answered two calls on Christmas Eve.

ABOUT 7 p.m. Christmas Eve firemen took care of an overheated fire in which canned yams were cooking on the stove at the Roy W. J. Bell residence on Argyle.

MRS. LITTLETON CAME home to a house designed and built especially for her needs by her husband and her father.

TOP PRIZEWINNER In Design Contest John C. Adams, working for his master's degree at Cranbrook Academy of Art, has won \$2,000 first prize in a national furniture design contest.

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LETTERS ARE MY thoughts while I try to study...
Dear Alison...
I was on the border about 30 miles from the Hungarian border and I was in a very bad situation.



Wheelchair Cook Will Aid March of Dimes

THE MARCH OF DIMES gets underway next Wednesday for a month's campaign in which Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills Director P. G. Burnett said hopes are to exceed the area's 1956 contribution of \$33,977.

MRS. LITTLETON, of 1936 Bird Street, Troy township, will do her part in the drive as president of the Metropolitan Activities club, a social and recreational organization for handicapped adults.

THIS WEEK EVERY home in Birmingham will receive by mail an appeal for a contribution to the '57 March. More than 100 leading business firms in this area will also receive an appeal.

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THE APPOINTMENT of J. M. Roche, of Bloomfield Hills, as general campaign chairman for Junior Achievement in Southeastern Michigan was announced this week by John P. Mansfield, president of the southeastern Michigan J.A. board.

J. M. Roche Named To Head Junior Achievement Drive

ROCHE recently was named general campaign chairman for Junior Achievement in Southeastern Michigan.

INTRUDERS Break In At Gas Stations And Barber Shop

THREE Birmingham business establishments were broken into at night last week by intruders.

Oakland's Roe Vital In Detroit Evacuation

Everyone Below 14 Mile Road Would Be Moved

North Oakland county communities learned last week they would play vital role in "storing" a major percentage of three million men, women and children from below the 14 Mile road in the event a proposed Detroit evacuation plan had to be carried out because of aggressive enemy air action.

RESIDENTS under the strategic 15-mile circle would remain put, Detroit defense officials outlined last Thursday night at a civil defense meeting at Birmingham's Community House.

HE SAID it now is Lansing for state approval. If it is okayed, the state is expected to ask the surrounding communities to coordinate their plans with Detroit.

THE MEETING here was sort of an unofficial preview of what is expected to become official. It also let these defense officials get together for the first time.

THE EVACUATION area would consist of those communities bounded by 14 Mile road to the north, St. Clair on the east and Inlander road on the west (including Nankin township and Troy).

THERE ARE 3,925,000 people who would have to be moved. McGilivray said everyone in the evacuation area would know where they were to go in the adjoining communities.

PUBLIC and private utility crews, medical staffs and all other important services have been assigned a buffer zone point to go to work on, and a specific job to do, McGilivray said.

POLICE ASK Halt To Thefts of Bulbs From Yule Trims

POLICE appealed this week to young pranksters and their parents to put a halt to the increasing thefts of outdoor Christmas light bulbs from Birmingham area residences.

STRICTLY FRESH Parental hounding will invariably cause puppy love to go to the dogs.

NOTHING but air once you get to the heart of the matter. Squares: men who don't appreciate girls are all over the place.