Personal faults may result in mistakes, and generally do. An awareness of a fault is the first step toward its elimination. Unfortunate, indeed, are those who know not their faults; but more so, those who do and fail to try to correct them.

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THIS and THAT

By George R. Averill

Harriman Wants To Be Called "AVE"

Perhaps, in the past week or two, you have read that New York's Governor W. Averell Harriman, a self-announced Democratic candidate for President, wants people to call him "Ave."

He wants to bring about this familiarity of salutation for two reasons: first, because he wants to like people and wants to be a "pal" to them, second, (and this I suspect) because he realizes that, should he be nominated and elected in November, it will help newspaper headline writers to print "AVE" instead of "IKE".

Sort of simple, don't you think?

ALL OF WHICH brings me back to my own boyhood in Cleveland, Ohio, when my neighbor playmates used to nick-name me "Aifkee". It was short for Averill. However, somewhere in my late pre-teens, the nickname was dropped and from then on I have been called George. (To be sure, maybe other names, too . . .)

Governor Harriman's name originally was spelled "Averill", with no "e" before the double-el. The reason I know this is because the Governor's mother's name was Mary Averill, and she was my own father's first cousin.

I've never met the Governor . . . and today consider him poorest of all available candidates for the Democratic party to put forth for the White House.

When Men Disappear While On High Seas

Reading, a few days ago, about a British captain who disappeared from his ship while on the high seas, I was reminded of a similar experience I had many years ago. At the time I was chief engineer of an ocean-going steamer, trading between New York City and Cuba.

We used to go south "light", then stop at several ports to pick up a cargo of raw sugar which we would deliver to a refinery at Yonkers, N. Y.

On one trip, coming north, I was informed by my first assistant that one of the firemen had not been seen for 12 hours, having missed one "watch" during the previous night.

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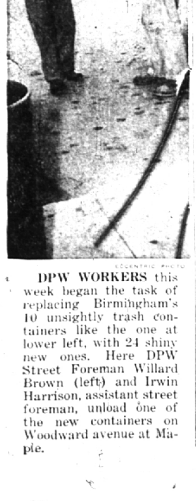
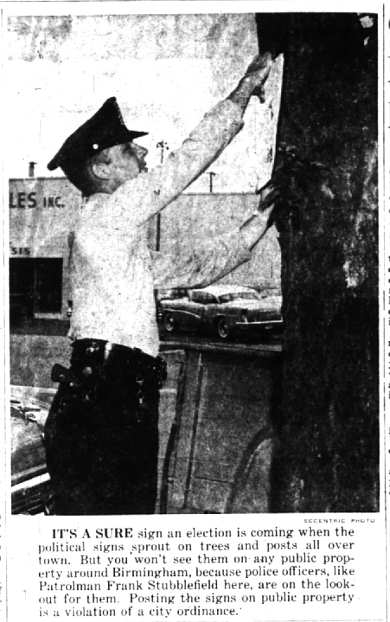


DPW WORKERS this week began the task of replacing Birmingham's 10 unsightly trash containers like the one at lower left, with 24 shiny new ones. Here DPW Street Foreman Willard Brown (left) and Irwin Harrison, assistant street foreman, unload one of the new containers on Woodward avenue at Maple.



ECCENTRIC PHOTO

IT'S A SURE sign an election is coming when the political signs sprout on trees and posts all over town. But you won't see them on any public property around Birmingham, because police officers, like Patrolman Frank Stubblefield here, are on the lookout for them. Posting the signs on public property is a violation of a city ordinance.

Netherland, Cuban CAP Cadets to Visit B'ham

Twenty civil air patrol cadets from the Netherlands and Cuba will arrive in Birmingham Saturday to be hosted by local cadets for four days of their stay in the United States.

The foreign exchange cadets will be met at Selfridge air force base Saturday afternoon. They are being flown here via Air Force planes from Washington, D. C.

Saturday evening the group will be entertained at a round robin dinner, planned by the Parents' club, chairmanned by Mrs. Robin Tilotson.

EACH CADET will be hosted by a Birmingham cadet, staying in their homes, Sunday they will be taken to church and will join the cadet's families for Sunday dinner.

That afternoon the group will go out to Walnut lake for a dinner-swim party.

Monday morning the group will be picked up by Chrysler Corp. buses, transported to Detroit for a tour of the plant and lunch as guests of the motor company.

MONDAY EVENING there will be a dance at the Community House, honoring the exchange guests.

Tuesday will begin with a visit to the Detroit Zoo at Royal Oak, with a tour of Cranbrook filling the afternoon.

That evening the foreign exchange cadets and their hosts will go en masse to a drive-in theater.

The group will be taken to Flint Wednesday morning, where they will be guests of the civil air patrol there.

Tie Vote Stymies Handbill Rules

A tie vote by Birmingham city commissioners resulted in the failure Monday night of a proposed ordinance prohibiting the passing out of handbills on public property unless the recipient requests or accepts them.

Spearheaded by Commissioner Carl Ingraham, the measure is designed to prohibit placing of handbills and other matter on or in cars in public parking lots.

Commissioner William Roberts, now on vacation, holds the vote that may put the ordinance through if it is brought up at a subsequent meeting. Roberts indicated a couple of weeks ago that he strongly favored such handbill restrictions.

More Eton Sidewalk

A public hearing for construction of a sidewalk on the west side of Eton, from Cole south 178 feet, is expected to be set by Birmingham city commission next week.

Community House May Open Sundays

Though there have been few requests for it until now, the board of the Birmingham Community House at a recent meeting voted for a trial opening of the House on Sundays, beginning this fall.

Board member Norman Weston said, "If we open on Sundays, we are adding one-seventh more usefulness to Birmingham people who want to use the House."

Mrs. Effie Schaffer, Community House executive director, attributed the move to the fact that groups often have to be turned away because present crowded conditions and tight schedules make it impossible to accommodate them.

"WE WILL BE discriminating to see that it is a proper affair for the day," Mrs. Schaffer said. "And we will try to allow every employe time to go to church."

The outcome of the trial Sunday opening will depend on whether or not the community needs it, Mrs. Schaffer said.

She added that board members and the Community House office would welcome comments from anyone interested in the Sunday openings.

"IF THEY WANT us to be open on Sundays and need us, that's what we're here for," Mrs. Schaffer said.

Other action at the recent board meeting included the delegation of nominating committee members to contact candidates for board posts in the Oct. 3 election meeting.

Board member Mrs. Anthony J. Daley, 560 Hanna, has announced that she is leaving soon for California, where her husband has been transferred by his firm.

Mrs. Daley has supervised the senior workshop and senior activities program for the "over 65" age group at the Community House. She is currently making arrangements for another organization to take over sponsorship of the Friday senior workshop for women.

After the first of the year the new sponsors will replace the Junior League, which has sponsored the workshop for six years.

NO signs! NO sound trucks! But experience and constructive work
ROBERT W. HODGE
for State Senator—Republican
(19-20-21)

City Legal Needs Met by New Plan

Legal services for the city of Birmingham after Sept. 1 may be performed by both experienced and relatively inexperienced legal talent, according to a recommendation of City Manager D. C. Egbert.

According to Egbert's proposal, the important matters, such as consultations and court appearances, would be handled by an experienced lawyer or legal firm. The lesser legal aspects would be taken care of by "a young and relatively inexperienced attorney."

Egbert says present City Attorney Forbes S. Hascall has been devoting more than 500 hours a year, or averaging two days a week, to city legal matters, whereas the arrangement has been predicated on about 400 hours.

EGBERT SAID the city should plan on at least 800 hours, even 1,000, for "proper administration of city (legal) affairs."

He estimated the city is spending at least $10,000 in legal fees each year, of which $4,000 goes to Hascall.

Egbert said he discussed this with Hascall, who has agreed to remain until Sept. 1 to permit the city commission to make new arrangements.

Egbert said 600 hours of work each year can be performed by the young attorney, with the balance being handled by experienced legal counsel.

PRESENTLY, Egbert added, the city is dealing with several legal firms regarding city matters.

"This is not a satisfactory arrangement either from the standpoint of cost or the manager's office time requirement."

Municipal Bldg. Remodeling Bid Accepted by City

Second-floor alterations of Birmingham's municipal building will be done by the Richard Eiserman Co. of Detroit for $55,178, under a contract awarded Monday night by the city commission.

Work is expected to start immediately.

Engineering, building, planning and municipal court offices will be moved into the former fire department wing, while the manager's office and finance department will be moved upstairs.

Commissioners also plan future remodelling of first-floor and basement offices.

Y's Men to Picnic

Second picnic of the summer for the Birmingham Y's Men's club will be held Saturday at the home of Ed Kirbert, on Chestnut Hill drive. Order of the day will be games and contests and a Western barbecue, according to President Dave Hubbs, who urged all members and their families to attend.

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B'ham Growing as Shopping Center, Indicates Survey

By JULIE CANDLER

Do you consider this community a pleasant and convenient place to shop? What are your comments on the parking facilities? What is your favorite shopping day?

These and other questions were asked of thousands of Oakland county families, who revealed that they make more than four-fifths of their purchases within the county, and over five per cent of them in the Birmingham shopping area.

The questionnaire survey was sponsored by the Oakland county planning commission's retail advisory committee. Chairman of that committee is Charles Mortensen, manager of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce.

RESULTS WERE announced yesterday at a luncheon meeting of the county planning commission at Devon Gables.

The survey revealed some interesting reasons why people go outside their own communities to shop.

And its tabulations came up with the fact that over half the Birmingham and Southfield residents surveyed had lived in the county less than five years.

Reports on the employment of wage earners in Birmingham and Southfield revealed that over half of those surveyed work in Detroit, and the place of employment had some bearing on shopping habits.

THOUGH most Birmingham area residents do their shopping within the community, 8.2 per cent said they go to Northland on occasion. Another 2.7 per cent do some shopping in Royal Oak, while 3.3 per cent visit Pontiac stores. Only .5 per cent of Birmingham residents do any shopping in Ferndale.

Birmingham shoppers listed better variety as their primary reason for shopping elsewhere. Next in importance as an attraction to other shopping areas was "price."

Special sales and better parking drew others away from their local shopping area. A few said they bought in other communities because they were employed there.

SOUTHFIELD respondents to the questionnaire said they shopped outside the Southfield area primarily because of price, with variety listed as the second deterrent to shopping in the Southfield area.

They placed special sales and "quality" next in importance as reasons for shopping elsewhere. Only six per cent of them blamed lack of parking facilities.

Shoppers gave Friday as their favorite shopping day, with Thursday and Saturday about equal as second choice. Most said they do their grocery shopping during the morning, and the "other" shopping during the afternoon.

MOST AGREED on Friday as the preferred night for shopping and Thursday and Saturday were next choices.

Of the total Oakland county families queried, 81 per cent listed "husband only" as employed, and both "husband and wife" are fully enployed in 10 per cent of the families.

The Birmingham shopping area, which includes Bloomfield Hills, attracts buyers from Farmington, Southfield, Berkley, Ferndale, Royal Oak, Clawson, Rochester, Pontiac, West Bloomfield, and even Clarkston, Waterford and Lake Orion, the survey revealed.

INCLUDED in the study, conducted by the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Michigan, were tabulations of the types of purchases made in each of the five major shopping areas. It also revealed data on the family characteristics of those participating in the survey.

It covered 36 merchandise items, and shopping areas where families purchased them. The Pontiac shopping area rated highest, with 24.7 per cent of those questioned reporting they purchased those items there. Second was the Royal Oak shopping area, with 17.3 per cent. Northland was next with 8.2 per cent of the shoppers reporting they made purchases there.

Ferndale was named by 5.8 per cent, with 5.4 per cent listed for Birmingham's shopping area.

Items showing the greatest purchase percentage in Birmingham are meats, groceries, farm supplies, boys' clothing, women's sportswear and automobiles.

Sunday Is Day To Honor Don For Work Here

Acceptances, accompanied by testimonials, still are arriving for the festivities planned for Don Egbert Day Sunday.

A reception and open house, plus a City-Family Night dinner, are on the agenda. Don Egbert Day has been set to honor Birmingham's retiring city manager.

Between 250-300 of Egbert's friends have notified the committee they will be stopping in the Community House between 4 and 6 p.m. Sunday to greet the chief administrator.

State officials, the Oakland county board of supervisors, surrounding city and township officials, local associations, clubs and members of many city boards will be there.

THE CITY-FAMILY Night dinner at Devon Gables Sunday evening will open with the invocation by John Martz, one-time Birmingham mayor. Dana Whitman, assistant city manager, will be toastmaster.

"Inside Egbert, (an exclusive)" will be presented by Milton Mallender, former mayor.

A quartet, composed of Harvey Rasch, of the forestry department; L. R. Gare, director of public works; Herbert Herzberg, city planner, and Jim Hubbard, of the public works department, will sing and special vocal selections will be presented.

Mayor James Allen will present a gift from the city commission and Gare will present a gift from city employes and friends.

Voters Recounted

Birmingham has 12,633 voters eligible for the Aug. 7 primary, a Monday count of latest registration totals shows, City Clerk Irene Hanley said.

4 Boys Arrested After Gas Theft

Southfield police arrested four juveniles at 3:30 a.m. Wednesday when a resident of the area near Beechwood and Bates in East Beverly reported suspicious activity around several automobiles.

Sergeant William Reed said the youths had been stealing gas. Reed and patrolman Charles Durbin arrested two of the juveniles when they reached the scene, and took the others into custody after pursuing their fleeing car into Royal Oak.

The boys, from outlying areas, have been turned over to the juvenile division of Oakland county probate court.

They Want a Place On Which to Live

Most of the residents on the five block-long George street have petitioned the city to change the name to George Place. Commissioners called for a cost estimate of changing the name on city maps and street signs, said residents might get their desire if they foot the bill. Any name change would be made at a public hearing.

Set Nov. 15 Deadline on Evergreen

If Birmingham electors at the Nov. 6 election approve the sale of their sewage disposal plant to the North Evergreen disposal authority, the authority will meet Nov. 15 or sooner to decide on the plant's purchase.

Birmingham City Manager D. C. Egbert, who also is chairman of the authority, said the next four months must provide answers to several important problems or the North Evergreen was going to buy the Birmingham plant.

"If we don't have Detroit's reply whether or not it can take the flow from the proposed six-member Evergreen sewage authority, and whether Lathrup and Southfield are going to be included we'll have to make the smaller North Evergreen permanent," Egbert explained Tuesday.

BIRMINGHAM, Southfield, Bloomfield, Bloomfield Hills and Lathrup are under court order to cease Rouge river pollution. Southfield and Lathrup have not finalized their desire regarding sewage treatment.

They would use either one of the authorities to solve sewer problems along its southwestern boundary.

Birmingham commissioners this week tentatively agreed:

To sell the city disposal plant to the North Evergreen for $520,000;

That Bloomfield township would get $86,500 as its equity in the plant;

HALF THE authority's financing would come from revenues based on each unit's 1970 population, half from the unit's actual useage of the plant;

Birmingham's price would draw four per cent interest on the unpaid balance, with the largest part of the financing spread over the final 10 years of the revenue bonds; and

Target date for the plant's sale to be next January.

It May Be East of Telegraph

Tentative location of the proposed South Oakland "free-way" express route, for the area between the Eight Mile road and southern boundaries of Pontiac, will probably be west of Southfield road and Lathrup Village, and east of Telegraph road.

This information was obtained late yesterday by The Eccentric in a telephone conversation with Deputy Highway Commissioner J. Carl McMonagle.

"We believe, at this moment, that the expressway, 90 per cent financed by the federal government, will be located west of Lathrup Village and east of Telegraph road, through areas costing the least and affecting the fewest number of businesses and homes," stated McMonagle.

A LOOK AT THE MAP of this southeastern portion of Oakland County shows that the area under discussion for this great highway will have to be put through lands already fairly well developed by subdivisions. Although the problem will not be finalized for two or three months, it does appear that the route will be where it can best serve the maximum number of motorists."

He admitted that the route, when established, will serve the same corridor of motorists that the proposed turnpike route would, if built. McMonagle stated, too, that locating the new expressway would no doubt eliminate the possibility of the turnpike ever going through.

THE TOTAL MILEAGE of the route through Oakland County totals 38, and all plans covering it must meet with the approval of the federal government.

It is reported that the State Highway Department is considering four or five possible routes for this expressway, only one of which is east of Southfield road. But this latter route, McMonagle admitted probably will be abandoned for one more western, and thus less expensive.

He stated that the new highway would not abolish the existing two-lane Southfield road. Right-of-way lands will be acquired when the exact route is determined.

Want to Help City With Siren Costs

Birmingham junior chamber of commerce this week offered to help finance the city's share of a proposed $7,000 air raid siren.

Federal civil defense money is available for the other half.

Local civil defense officials, in cooperation with Jaycees, are planning special promotional activities for civil defense week Sept. 9-15.

Cobo to Speak In B'ham Monday

Albert E. Cobo, candidate for the Republican nomination for governor, will open the final week of his pre-primary campaigning in Birmingham Monday.

The rally will be held at the First Baptist church on Willits, beginning at 8:30 p.m. An informal reception to permit Cobo to meet and talk with everyone attending the rally will follow his talk.

ECCENTRIC PHOTO

FAILING TO SEE an approaching automobile caused this accident last Monday at the corner of West Maple and Franklin road. Cars collided so that damage was done to the side and front of both vehicles. The station wagon which entered the stop street was driven by Dorothy C. Sewell, 6181 Indianwood, Birmingham. The other driver was William Carter, 39321 Elliott, Mt. Clemens.

STRICTLY FRESH

How can modern-day sluggers make anything but a Ruth-less assault on the Babe's home run record?

The skin that men love to touch is the skin that women love to retouch.

The only sure thing about a dark-horse candidate in this election year is that it won't be a

filly, thereby disproving the adage about the mare the merrier.

Picnics are what people plan so that raindrops and ants can attend.

Man was provided with a thinking end and a sitting end. Heads we win, tails we lose.

All makes of inner spring mattresses repaired. One-day service. ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY. Dial "O" and ask for ENterprise 6319.

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25 years legal practice
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