

We know that every day the sun shines. When clouds obscure its brilliant rays, still it is shining and our earth is kept warm by its glow. Likewise, the good you do today may not appear to be rewarded quickly, but it really is becoming a blessing to him who did it.

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### THIS and THAT

By George R. Averill

#### Want To Remain In Office? Then Give Away Money!

Every time the federal or state government writes and sends a check to somebody, who in turn gives little or nothing to get it, that somebody becomes beholden to his benefactor.

This truth about human behavior first was made known when the first original human act of kindness toward another was consummated.

In politics you try to play the part of the philanthropist with the taxes you are able to collect, and then you win votes. The more philanthropy you extend, the more votes you get.

THIS WAS the philosophy of the New and Fair Deals; "tax and spend and spend and spend" was its theme, and it remained in control of Washington, D. C., for 20 years.

Even the present Eisenhower administration knows this fact about human reaction to governmental largesse. That's why Ike because they liked him as a great American hero, and because of the existence of graft and corruption in Harry Truman's administration...

We feel sorry for those thousands of people in the south- west who suffered, both in person and property, from the recent tremendous snowfall. Plenty of it settled in Texas, too...

President Eisenhower as yet remains from revealing his notions about running for re-election. This keeps plenty of politicians "on the hot seat," wondering what to do next...

What tremendous political powers one man holds, when he heads a political party or a government!

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### The Old Spinning Wheel

#### Roll Call Drive Nets \$22,234 With 5 Days to Go

Contributions to the Birmingham Community Roll Call drive received by mail to date total \$22,234, according to Mrs. George A. Weinhold, Roll Call chairman.

Volunteer solicitors have until March 5 to complete house calls and on that date will report results to district captains.

"We hope for a big day next Monday," Mrs. Weinhold said. "The report does look encouraging and I believe we are further along in this year's drive compared to last year at a similar date."

THIS WEEK on the northwest corner of Maple and Woodward a Community House Roll Call drive thermometer has been erected on which totals of House contributions will be kept up to date.

"The success of the drive will appear only when solicitors bring their results to the March 5 meeting," Mayor Charles W. Mason, State's being at the summit in so many projects and achievements.



DONALD K. ELL

This was the lament of thousands of Birmingham area motorists who found themselves slipping and spinning their way to offices and plants early Friday morning.

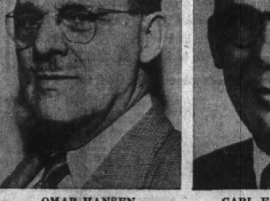
Thousands of them stalled on main Birmingham traffic arteries—like the hundreds above on southbound Hunter Blvd. above the Oakland avenue intersection.

THE SCHOOL hadn't yet started when I first saw Birmingham high school. Woodshops, a theatre and chemistry rooms wherein a private desk for every student is provided seemed unbelievable to me.

The tremendous light floating in through the windows made the whole school look inviting. The long lines of lockers at once let me think about order and cleanliness.

Now that I actually attend this school it is a common thing that girls and boys sit next to each other in classes. Back in Austria I attended a boy-school, in fact, there are only separate high schools; it was very hard for me to get acquainted with girls.

THE TEACHERS are very informal and I was quite surprised seeing a student's converse with teachers on a very friendly basis. Big discussions about current events or later life very seldom arise in our schools, for the teacher comes to class with a prepared script and while he talks we have to listen.



OMAR HANSEN

accidents, several of which occurred on the Maple hill just west of Southfield. Bloomfield Hills police reported a man suffered a possible fractured leg and a baby had scalp lacerations when two cars collided on Long Lake road east of Lahser.

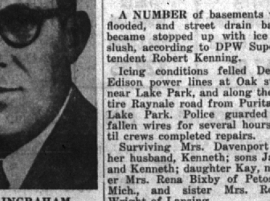
James E. Motcher of Clarksville, Tenn., 31, and his son, James M., 1 1/2, were taken to St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac, for treatment when their car skidded into one driven by James F. Bretz of Grosse Pointe.

AT SOUTHFIELD high school, a teacher collapsed at her desk shortly after negotiating the icy roads, and was taken to Harper hospital, Detroit, with a cerebral hemorrhage. She died there Tuesday morning.

She was Mrs. Kenneth Davenport, 1029 S. Knowles, Royal Oak, algebra instructor. Services will be held today at 1:30 at Schmidt, Funeral home, 1026 W. 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Burial will be in Roseland cemetery.

Schools started up with many teachers and children absent—or didn't start up at all, like Wing Lake, which depends primarily on bus transportation.

Starting with a freezing drizzle about 8 a.m., it was all over about two hours later. Side streets, and country roads, however, remained slick for most of the day.



CARL F. INGRAHAM

#### B'ham Valuations Up \$5-1/2 Million, Haack Estimates

Birmingham's 1956 assessed valuation will be up about \$5 1/2 million, City Assessor Elmer W. Haack estimated yesterday morning.

THIS would place the city's value at \$88 1/2 million for the current year. Last year it was \$83,249,460. Haack will meet in private session next Tuesday when board of review members P. G. Burnett and Luther Haasok will get their first look at the proposed tax roll.

HAACK SAID all but a half-million of this additional valuation came from new residential and commercial structures and 30 per cent boost in all residential land values.

Existing residential and commercial structures have not been increased in value, Haack emphasized.

NOTICES will be mailed to all those whose business land valuations have been upped \$200 or more, to those who have built new homes or businesses, and to personal property taxpayers, where valuations were raised or changed.

Haack invited property owners to visit the assessor's office any time between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. March 7-10 and inspect the tentative tax roll.

One Birmingham woman left her car on Maple, believing it would be safer walking. She fell almost immediately and broke her arm.

#### Hot Rod Clubs Cooperating In Joint Meet

With the Michigan Hot Rod association's announcement of proposed drag strip construction at New Baltimore, area hot rodders are embarking on a program of stepped up activity.

Three hot rod organizations will meet jointly for the first time Thursday, March 8, at Birmingham Community house at 8 p.m.

Mauri Ross, three-time Indianapolis 500 winner and Fire's Peak record-setter Zora Arkus-Duntov have been invited to talk to the group in a program organized by M. S. Rosenberger, 3465 Broadway Blvd.

"AREA ENTHUSIASTS are cooperating in an effort to win respect for the term 'hot rod,' Kelly said. He emphasized that their aim was to create better understanding between motorists and 'true hot rodders,' as distinguished from 'squirrels' who are roadway nuisances and show-offs.

"IT'S ONLY WHEN you lift up the hood," Kelly said, "that you can plainly see the motor is a hot rod." Of the three hot rod groups, Mill Brothers, in existence for two years, is the oldest. Stuart Kent is president of the group, whose membership is from the South Oakland county area.

THE MONTCLAIRS, only a few months old, are primarily from the Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Franklin area. Their president is Dave Orr.

Working on the meeting's joint committee, along with the club presidents, are Larry Montgomery, Bill Geary and Ronald Borge.

To Pay \$7500 Fine Pleading guilty to evading the federal excise tax on cosmetics, John Krawick, Birmingham Drug store's owner, was fined \$7500 in Federal court in Detroit Monday.

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#### City Holds To Limits For NE Lot

City commissioners Monday night refused to expand a municipal parking lot special assessment district, thereby opening the way for a possible court test of certain off-street parking ordinance's requirements.

Specifically, they turned down a petition from William and Robert Bany, who sought to be included in the special assessment for a proposed city parking lot north of Hamilton, between E. 25th and E. 26th streets.

At LAST week's meeting, Attorney Carl F. Ingraham said the only reasonable and economical way of the Bany's meeting future requirements was to pay a share of the Hamilton lot.

Ingraham said action would start when the brothers applied for a building permit, were refused because they didn't have parking facilities or in some city approved parking program.

Monday night, Ingraham declared Bany's is just one lot west of the present limit. I don't believe we can say shopper traffic will still store at that line. I want to repeat my last week's request that the Bany property be included in the Hamilton lot special assessment.

THOSE LOTS are three away from the district's limit at this point. In their discussion last week, commissioners were inclined to treat the Bany request favorably, but were not sure whether they might now want to be included.

They thought it over during the week and appeared Monday. Subsequent request was viewed as proof that the assessment district would get out of hand if changed at all.

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#### Deadline Finds Four In Commission Race Here on April Second

Four candidates will contest for the two vacant 3-year Birmingham city commission terms. At Saturday's deadline, nominating petitions had been filed for Mayor Charles W. Mason, City Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham, and Donald K. Ell and Omar Hansen. The latter three entered last year's annual commission contest.



DONALD K. ELL, OMAR HANSEN, CARL F. INGRAHAM

#### Southfield School Bus Slid Off Road, Just South of the High School, Hit a Tree and Damaged a Fender. Students Thought It Fun, but the Tree prevented the vehicle from plunging deep into a ravine.

East Southfield school reported only six children in attendance because of the weather. One motorist reported traffic was so snarled that it took him 30 minutes to get a block north of 12 Mile on Woodward.

ANOTHER TOOK one hour to get from Waddington to Hunter and Oakland via Quorton road. The slight rise on Maple just east of Coolidge halted traffic, as did the two Woodward avenue hills into Bloomfield Hills. A dozen or more cars were locked and left by weary motorists along N. Woodward.

Trouble came down over Birmingham Saturday in the form of rain, hail, sleet, and snow. The result was fallen power lines, nine accidents, three with personal injuries involved, and water, water everywhere.

A NUMBER of basements were flooded, and street drain basins became stopped up with ice and slush, according to DPW Superintendent Robert Kenning.

Icey conditions halted Detroit Edison power lines at Oak street near Lake Park, and along the entire Bayant road from Puritan to Lake Park. Police guarded the fallen wires for several hours until crews completed repairs.

Surviving Mrs. Davenport are her husband, Kenneth; sons James and Kenneth; daughter Kay; mother Mrs. Rena Bixby of Ptokeay, Mich., and sister Mrs. Robert Wright of Lansing.

EDWIN O. GEORGE, (left) of Barden road, Bloomfield Hills, Detroit Edison Co. executive, awaits his turn to receive Boy Scouting's highest adult leadership citation, the Silver Beaver award. It was presented last week at the annual Detroit Area Council Meeting by Paul Wilson, (right), 962 Puritan, Birmingham, awards committee chairman and a member of the executive board of the Scouting organization. Wilson already a recipient of the Silver Beaver award, five weeks ago was honored as "Layman of the Year," by the Detroit Council of Churches.

#### STRICTLY FRESH

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All makes of laser strip cutters are available from the manufacturer, TRESS COMPANY, Dial "70" and ask for Enterprise 9319.