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## This and That

by **George R. Averill**

Detroit's Free Press again received recognition for its outstanding journalistic enterprise on behalf of decency and honesty in government, plus its unending printed portrayal of social problems and suggested solutions for them.

Every year, as we recall it, "Grandma" Free Press is the recipient of such accolades, from press associations and university journalism departments.

It must make happy the hearts of publisher John S. Knight, executive editor Lee Hills, managing editor Frank Angelo . . . not to overlook the gifted roster of reporters whose professional activities have made this record possible.

So I doff my own modest editorial hat to our nearby morning daily . . . and may your next 125 years be as fruitful in defense of the public welfare as the century and a quarter you've already "seen your duty and done it!"

A recent heavy frost in southwestern Michigan is reported to have cost grape growers not less than a million dollars. That will leave many pantries in less of a jam during the coming months.

Egypt's President Nasser is shaking the world by his expropriation of the Suez Canal. Already he is revealing the danger signs of a potential Mussolini or Hitler. It is too bad that ancient Egypt, once populated by numerous wise men, now finds its destiny in the hands of a man who never was trained to be a capable leader.

Clergymen long have admitted that within each church congregation, there are varying levels of Christian living. The pastor in the lives of the parishioners.

Some are better working Samaritans than others. Some have given more study and dedication effort to emulate the Nazarene's own teaching and example.

Which caused one ecclesiastic to mull over this idea: "Would it be possible to grade our congregation as they do in schools? Could our church periodically examine folks to determine if they have progressed toward achieving actual Christianity? Perhaps not, though it is the nature being what it is."

Many an actor or actress in the theater has played well the part of some unselfish, heroic, inspired character . . . even though, in private life, that actor or actress

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He who guides his footsteps in the direction of the Vision Within is destined to reach heights with the greatest views. True, the low spots are marked with . . . yet it, and we, are sustained by enduring inviolable forces. It is only the Vision Without that leads to trouble.

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## New 6-Year High School Proposed

A plan to build a six-year high school here was revealed last week in a progress report issued by Birmingham Superintendent of Schools Dwight B. Ireland.

"Both Derby and Barnum junior are filled to capacity and the senior high school will exceed 2000 students by 1960," Ireland said in his report to a joint meeting of the citizens' committee and the board of education.

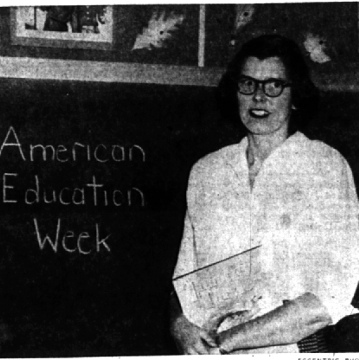
Location of the proposed new school, building of which will require a special bond issue, has not been determined.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT of Schools Richard Featherstone said that while plans are only tentative, it was felt that a school housing grades seven through 12 could handle the students who within three years would otherwise be overcrowding both junior high schools and the present high school.

"The six-year high school would serve all students as we had to have a third junior high school," Featherstone said. "The six-year school would be ready to be used as a senior high school only."

THE 2,500 EXPECTED to reach junior high school are now registered in the fifth and sixth grades in the Birmingham school system.

By DONALD C. EGBERT  
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CAROLYN WRIGHT, first grade teacher for the last six years at Torry elementary school was selected as the representative Birmingham teacher of

## Carolyn Wright, Teacher of 1956

Selected as the teacher who best represents all teachers in the Birmingham public school system, Carolyn Wright, first grade instructor at Torry elementary school, will receive the honor in conjunction with American Education Week.

Birmingham is celebrating this week, November 11-17, with special activities and programs in all schools, highlighted by a parade the evening of November 12.

Carolyn was educated at Oberlin College in Ohio and received her Master's degree from the University of Michigan. Her first teaching assignment was at a private school in Princeton, New Jersey where she taught for two years.

HER OUTSIDE activities include a trip to Europe last summer and several summers as a camp counselor. Sailing races high on her list of athletic activities.

After two weeks of hard campaigning, the Torch Drive for Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin has \$83,600 to go to reach its 1956 quota, E. A. Jones, campaign chairman, announced Wednesday.

As of Wednesday morning, the volunteers have raised \$127,500 for \$127,500, against their record quota of \$211,199, or about 60 per cent of the objective, Jones reported.

## 2 More New Banks Hefe Possible

Effects of the loss of banking hours on Saturdays here since the recent merger of Birmingham's two former banks with The Detroit Bank & Trust Co. continue to be felt here. Replies to the questionnaire circulated reveal a considerable amount of criticism by the public, as well as a decrease in Saturday business activity.

Another meeting of a committee of local businessmen and residents who proposed to form a new local bank, was held Tuesday night in the offices of Wilson, Ingraham & Kavanaugh, 199 Pierce, Cassman A. Wilson, group spokesman, reported yesterday that tentative negotiations for a lease on a downtown building are in process, and that efforts are under way to form the top personnel roster to operate the proposed institution.

WHEN ASKED about available capital, Wilson answered, "the results of our recently circulated questionnaire on this subject are encouraging. We will hold another meeting of our group, then expect to call together a much larger one. We realize, of course, that potential stockholders want to know the details of a new bank to be located as well as who will run it on an executive level."

Another phase of the Birmingham area banking situation is represented by the designation by Bloomfield township board of the area south of Quarten Rd., north of 14-Mile Rd., and from Lahser on the west to the Birmingham city limits as an area in which The National Bank of Detroit is given approval to open a branch office. It is reported that this branch may be located on the north-east corner of Bloomfield Village, fronting on W. Maple.

Part of the township board's resolution on this branch bank approval reads ". . . and that said area has become a community of homes and establishments in Bloomfield township, and it now appears that said community have a name for the purpose of identification as an incorporated village, now therefore be it resolved that said area be designated as Bloomfield Village, an unincorporated village."

LOCAL BUSINESS establishments continue to feel the negative effects of the new banking hours (See BANKS, Page 2, Sec. 1)

## Fewer Absentee Ballots Cited As Indication

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL  
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If Birmingham area voters express as much voting interest next Tuesday as they did here four years ago, more than 13,000 additional persons will indicate their presidential preference.

On Nov. 4, 1952, in the six local areas, 36,385 voters went to the polls. Based on the same percentage of voters cast out of the total registered now, Tuesday's election would see more than 49,500 pulling voting machine levers or marking X's on paper ballots.

However, municipal circles hereabouts believe a somewhat smaller percentage of voters will turn out Tuesday. They base this feeling on the fewer number of absentee ballots which have been mailed out.

ON THE ballot will be the choice of presidential, vice presidential, state and county candidates. Voters also will be asked to express an opinion on more definite qualifications for election to a state legislative spot.

Birmingham voters will ballot on the sale of their sewage disposal plant to the N. Evergreen sewage disposal authority, and the charter amendment to permit contracting with the N. Evergreen for sewage disposal.

MOST OF the ballots will be cast on a party basis, but a considerable number of split votes also will go into each candidate's respective total.

ALTHOUGH many more Democrats have moved out this way since the war, the six-municipality area will be predominantly for Republican candidates.

HERE ARE the political offices on which you will vote: President and vice-president of the United States, governor, lieutenant governor, auditor general, secretary of state, auditor general, treasurer, justices of the supreme court, senator and representatives—all of Michigan, and United States representative.

County clerk, drain commissioner, prosecuting attorney, register of deeds, sheriff, surveyor and treasurer.

## Woting Machines Feature 3 Colors

Birmingham's voting machines for the first time will use all three colors now permitted by the state

## GOP Wins Mock Vote at Hills High School

Broomfield ran ahead of Ike in mock elections at Bloomfield Hills high school. The students gave President Eisenhower 291 votes and Stevenson 42. But Republican Congressional candidate William Broomfield tallied 292 votes to Democrat Paul Sutton's 39.

Williams dug into the Republican majority in the student's gubernatorial vote, but still came out the loser, with 71 votes compared to Cota's 260.

Democrat Fred Elias also lost to Harvey Lodge in the race for State Senate seat, according to the (See VOTE, Page 2, Sec. 1)

## Which of Their Political Idols Will Win?



EVERYBODY'S SPORTING campaign buttons these days, proudly displaying his party preference. But young Gail Nedeau, in the photo at right, doesn't need all those buttons to show that she's mighty proud of her idol, Governor G. Mennen Williams, who stopped to admire her Democratic pins, slogans and hat at a recent Birmingham open house. At right, Tim Usher (center) gets ready to brag about teen-age Republicans' idol, Ike, as other Birmingham Junior Republicans Kathy Garrett and Richard Griffith pin him with plenty of the buttons. Tim is city chairman for the teen-age Republicans.

## STRICTLY FRESH

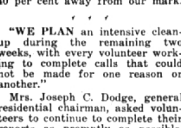
A Halloween drawing in Baytown, Tex., offered as a grand prize the complete funeral services. Wonder if anybody was dying to win it?

An office bowling league is one of the few places where you can strike to the delight of your boss.

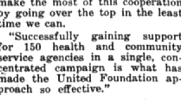
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