

Most people will sleep on long on they can in the morning. Most people seldom make a habit of rising at dawn to watch the sun's spectrum of light come up from the eastern horizon, a time when the land is still asleep, when there is opportunity to appreciate what is free.

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This and That

by George R. Averill

Today's American politician is taking on more and more of the role of a combination prophet, philanthropist, Santa Claus, and enchanter. He is more and more benefits for less and less taxes.

Your average candidate for high legislative office, especially in the federal government, is obsessed with a delusion of grandeur complex. He, of course, (or sometimes it is she) is impelled by an inner emotion often stronger than mere reason—which is why so many presidential promises are made that too often become post-election memories.

To be sure, ours is the best system yet devised for free people. (Though, within its pattern there exists, when citizens fail to demand honest and truthful governmental policies, its own destruction.)

Nations, like individuals, can struggle for years to achieve security and success... then toss it away in a few moments, or a few years, in ill-considered action.

Because there is a rapid tendency on the part of employers and labor people at age 65, the question focuses on the problem of what they may do the remainder of their lives.

Carl W. Ackerman, former dean of Columbia University's school of journalism, suggests that let every community set up laughing gas chambers so that "people over 65 may learn how to be amused by the universal state of mind that they no longer are useful members of society."

In its technological progress, mankind depends upon research and experiment. By repeating the mistakes of the past, mankind, eventually successful, finds answers.

Only a fool repeats unsuccessful experiments in the laboratories of today's world. But in the realm of government, every generation repeats the mistakes of its ancestors. Today's rapid American turn to centralized government of a bureaucratic welfare state only follows similar ones of past generations in other nations.

Every such attempt resulted in failure to achieve that generation's hoped-for Utopia. Human nature still adheres to the pattern of "wanting the most with the least amount of personal sacrifice."

Freedom's price, it seems, is too high to pay for its priceless cost.

Some people find it difficult to learn the rules and laws governing mathematics, so they never become engineers, scientists or expert accountants. Many Americans also find it difficult to learn the rules and economic truths so necessary to make self-government work correctly; thus they are losing their freedom for an imagined and illusive belief of security.

Installing Cable For Signal Control

Cable for synchronizing W. M. Traffic lights is being installed this week. City crews are cutting a narrow trench in the sidewalk on the north side of the street, into which the cable pipe is going. The job is expected to be completed by the weekend.

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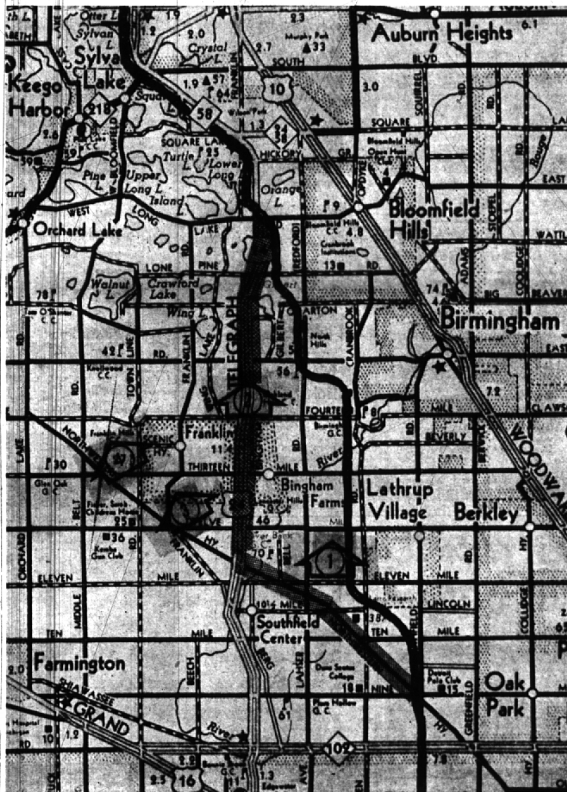
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Torch Drive Kickoff Next Tuesday at OHCC

The Torch Drive in the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin area will be launched officially Tuesday with a reception and tea at Oakland Hills country club.

Honor guests will be hundreds of local volunteer workers charged with the responsibility of canvassing the area in only 10 days for a record goal of \$211,196.

Mrs. Joseph C. Dodge, regional chairman, pointed out that the campaign's duration is considerably shorter this year than it has been in previous drives.

"With 10 days less in which to reach the goal, our watchword this year is promptness," Mrs. Dodge said. "Workers are urged to start soliciting early, and stick with it until the job is done."

TYPICAL ANSWER to the call for promptness is that of Mrs. C. C. Bennett, Jr., Birmingham area chairman, who has asked her workers to meet at 10 a.m. sharp Oct. 17.

Saturday Bank Hours Out; Still Weigh Friday Nites

Local problems resulting from the recent merger of the Birmingham National Bank and the Wabek Bank and Trust Co. with The Detroit Bank and Trust Co. were discussed Friday evening for four and one-half hours by bank and Birmingham Chamber of Commerce representatives.

Chief points of discussion were the chamber's request that the bank consider keeping open Saturday mornings, or at least extend the Friday closing hour to 8 or 8:30.

Saturday opening was ruled out, but still being considered is possible staying open until 6 p.m. on Friday evenings.

Bank representatives Charles H. Hewitt, executive vice-president, William F. Hall, vice-president in charge of personnel, and Herbert H. Gardner, senior vice-president and former president of the Birmingham National Bank, agreed to take the chamber's suggestions under advisement, and make known the bank's decision in the near future.

REPRESENTING the local chamber were Arthur M. Blackless, president, Charles McManus, manager, and John D. Maynard, Birmingham's largest business executive. Also present were Douglas, Birmingham business people.

The chamber's position was outlined by Maynard who pointed out that from the view-point of the resident and business alike, the new banking hours were unsatisfactory and are being interpreted as a decrease in local service due to the merger. "Commuters, most of whom can't get back to Birmingham until after the banks are closed, being in 67% of the family income of Birmingham. This has

Editor Climbs onto Limb For His Third Prediction

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL

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Last week Wednesday evening, to more than 3,000 Bloomfield-Southfield residents, the Michigan state highway department's deputy commissioner, George Foster, admonished the group not to become "unduly alarmed" over "unfounded rumors" nor "printed lines on maps."

These 3,000 residents were trying to get some answers from the highway department's Mr. Foster concerning the proposed construction of a federal defense area freeway somewhere west of Woodward and this side of Wallick Lake.

ALMOST two years ago, I climbed onto a limb to predict the location between 8 Mile and Pontiac city limits of a proposed freeway, which has since been dropped because of political pressures.

This "limb" proved out four months later to be almost 100 per cent accurate.

Just six weeks ago, I climbed to the end of another limb and predicted the first of several proposed freeway routes through this Bloomfield-Southfield area. Specifically and emphatically mentioned that alternate routes also were to be given study.

IN THE Eccentric of Sept. 27 was published a map of this first study route as drawn on a state highway department 8-Mile road map and taken directly from an engineering study map sent to the Eccentric at its request by the

very, have climbed out on another limb. I've ventured the location of at least one of the other two or three study routes still on the highway department's drawing boards.

THIS NEW "limb-venturing" is indicated by a wide shaded line (Arrow #2). It proceeds north-west from Southfield and 9 Mile road to Telegraph where it would turn north.

Highway Deputy Foster said at last week's freeway rally that locations other than the first one (which "leaked" out), would not be revealed until after the first of next year.

At that time, he said, the public would get its first look at the complete study of all routes.

I AM anxiously awaiting that public revelation. My estimate: average date is 1,000. It COULD drop to .666 next spring. I'll wait and see.

But in the meantime, I think The Eccentric's readers might like to see where I figure the second of three or possibly four freeway routes may go.

Being a newspaperman, I feel my readers would rather hear about it now.

But I may be wrong. Maybe I'm right—again.

Well, see.

3,000 Jam Roads To Freeway Fight Grand Rapids Called to Ziegler, Who Left Deputy to Defend Plan

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

A game of 20 questions was played by members of the Southfield-Bloomfield association and state highway department officials at the high school. Those who came early or filtered in after the meeting began, became disgruntled with it, and decided to leave. Those who remained or at least nothing as concerned their own problems, began an exodus in twos and threes which left only a gym full of people.

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Appeal Rezoning To Supreme Court

Attorneys for Mary G. Latham this week notified Birmingham city officials that a recent rezoning of the city plan board's decision would be taken to the state supreme court.

Oaklawn Circuit Judge Clark J. Adams just recently upheld present single family zoning on Mrs. Latham's property at the southwest corner of Lincoln and Southfield.

Her attorneys asked whether the city would be interested in reducing the zoning one grade to two-family. This week the city commission and the city plan board both turned down this suggestion.

FROM PARIS he will go to Belgium to inspect the Corporation's plant in Antwerp, then to England to visit the plants of Chrysler Motors Ltd., and Dodge Brothers Ltd., and attend the London auto show.

Colbert will conclude his tour with a visit to the Ghia auto works in Turin, Italy, where many of Chrysler's "idea" cars have been fabricated. Departing by air from Rome, he will return to the United States Oct. 29.

Awaits New Sewer

Grading and surfacing of Quanton road (16 Mile), planned for this year is not being done until a branch of the N. Evergreen sewer can be installed, according to Birmingham Public Works Director E. G. Gage.

Gage estimates the sewer will cost \$100,000. The county planned to fix up the road this season, but it was not until we got the sewer, explained Gage.

turned away at the door after seeing a "standing room only" crowd, or more discouraged by jammed traffic before they arrived at the high school.

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Use of Eton Triangle Not Definite Yet

Just what is going to be constructed in a nine-acre triangular area between Eton and the north end of E. Maple between Eton and the railroad is not definite at this time, according to owner Frank C. Newell, 588 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

Michigan state supreme court last week sustained a lower court ruling that the property was "unreasonably" zoned to single family, and said it could be used for business A purposes.

"I'll be 60 to 90 days before we can re-evaluate the situation in the light of today's conditions," Newell said.

THE SUIT was initiated several years ago after the city refused to compromise on a combination multiple dwelling and single family use of the triangular area, which lies immediately south of Grassfield Terrace.

Newell and the other owners then sought to have the court declare it available for commercial development.

The high court's ruling in effect permits circuit judges to set a term for what the property would best be used for in rezoning controversies.

BIRMINGHAM appealed the Oakland circuit decision on the basis that judges would be usurping a legislative responsibility by determining use.

City plan board asked the commission to take up the rezoning. City Attorney Richard Adams told commissioners Monday night: "We have gone into this possibility at some length and feel it would be impossible to do so for two reasons.

"First, no federal constitutional question seems to be involved, and even if it were, secondly, it was not raised in our original trial and thus cannot be raised on an appeal."

Traditional BHS Field Day Slated Today at Noon

A parade, floats, cheering, and field events will highlight field day activities beginning at noon today at Birmingham high school. Juniors will climax the traditional event with a street dance from 7 to 10 p.m. tonight on Amberly road.

Members of each class, costumed alike, will march together behind a parade float to the gymnasium, where class will compete against class in cheering and in such field events as egg-throwing, tug-of-war, and name games.

The winning class will capture an inscribed cider barrel trophy, with its name inscribed.

Ken Hogan is general chairman, with Grace Wagner in charge of senior class planning; Ruth Ann Huffman, juniors, and Ann Lawrence, sophomores.

entire junior class tonight will be Jan Lynch and Lois Bernitt, whose neighbors along Amberly road not only granted permission to use their street but agreed to act as chaperones.

Admittance fee will be a tied bundle of newspapers and a school paper drive. A truck will be at the entrance to accept the papers.

STRICTLY FRESH

A parachutist was arrested for reckless driving, but a friend bailed him out.

A calf in California has been named Elsie Presley because, like the owner, "The animal has been bawling since it was born."

One political observer started watching Hawaiian lua dancers.

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