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make a habit of rising at dawn to watch
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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 the role of a combination prophet, philosopher, saint, and entertainer. He is not only a politician but a prophet, a philosopher, a saint, and an entertainer.

Your average candidate for high legislative office, especially in the federal government, is obsessed with the question of grandeur. He, of course, (or sometimes it is "she") is impelled by an inner emotion often stronger than more reason—which is why so many pre-election 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 lose it away in a few moments, or a few years, of ill-considered action.

Because there is a rapid tendency on the part of employers to retire 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 a laughing club, a club 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.'"

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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 effort."

Freedom's price, it seems, is too high to keep on paying its priceless cost.

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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 residential chairman, pointed out that the campaign's duration is considerably shorter this year than 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. Bennett, Jr., Birmingham area chairman, who has asked her workers to meet at 10 a.m. sharp Oct. 17.

Local problems resulting from the recent merger of the Birmingham National Bank and the Waabek 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 o'clock.

Saturday opening was ruled out, but still being considered. The possibility of staying open later than 6 p.m. on Friday evenings.

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Editor Climbs onto Limb For His Third Predication

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL
Managing Editor

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 lies 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 system freeway somewhere west of Woodward and this side of Walled Lake.

ALMOST TWO years ago, I climbed onto a limb to predict the location between 8 Mile road and Pontiac city limits of a proposed turnpike 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 made public the first of several proposed freeway routes through this Southfield-Southfield area. I specifically and emphatically mentioned that alternate routes also were to be given study.

IN THE ECENTRIC of Sept. 27 was published a map of this study route as drawn on a state highway department Michigan road map and taken from an engineering study map by the Eccentric at its request by the

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

A game of 200 questions was played by members of the Southfield-Southfield association and state highway department officials last week Wednesday night, but a crowd of 3,000 residents in the path of the proposed freeway left them when they arrived.

Ironically, the start of the meeting was called to question the highway department's contention that better roads are needed through this section of Southfield.

The move to keep the additional downtown Maynard road by banning parking from 7 to 9 a.m. was approved by the merchants' representatives, since few stores are open before 9 a.m. The ban was one of ten major traffic recommendations submitted by Traffic Engineer Theodore Vanderstempel and Police Chief Ralph W. Mosley.

Other recommendations the committee agreed to place before the regular plan board meeting next Tuesday include prohibition of left turns on Woodward and Maple. Additional left turn prohibitions will be recommended at the entry of the Woodward parking lot and Bates, for drivers turning into and out of the lot.

THE COMMITTEE recommended further study of the possibility of cutting Woodward at the intersection of Baldwin park to Southfield.

Representing the Chamber of Commerce at the meeting were Donald L. Cummings, George R. Averill, James Cousins, and Charles Mortenson.

Speaking for the group, Cummings told the plan board that the city would be relieved soon by such current projects as synchronizing traffic lights, widening of Willett, Hamilton-Hunter cross-over, Oak-Hunter cross-over, and additional off-street parking lots.

Colbert to Tour European Plants

L. L. Colbert, of Martel Drive, Bloomfield Hills, president of Chrysler Corp. left Tuesday aboard a Pan-American Clipper for Europe where he will attend the Paris and London auto shows and visit Chrysler assembly plants abroad during a 20-day inspection tour.

Accompanied by Mrs. Colbert, the Chrysler president will first visit Paris at the French auto show he will meet Chrysler Export President Nicholas Kelley, Jr., Export Sales Vice President Kenneth E. Thompson and special adviser C. N. Galer.

FROM PARIS he will go to Belgium to inspect the Corporation's plant in Antwerp and to England to visit the plants of Chrysler Motors, Jaguar and 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

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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 (Area 2). It proceeds northward from Southfield and 5 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 bating average to date is 1,000 to 1,000,000 to 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. We'll see.

field experience is one) must be limited under the plan.

(2) Elimination of all crossroads and railroads at grade level.

(3) Abolition of property owners would not have access to the freeway except at periodic interchanges used by other motorists.

(4) Provide service roads where the freeway right-of-way leaves homes and businesses without a means of ingress or egress.

(5) Interchanges would be provided at major intersections.

SOME CROWD grumbled when Foster said, "Conary that you may think tonight, such a highway stabilizes property values."

And many in the audience grumbled when Foster said, "I wish you were all here tonight." (Continued on Page 1, Sec. 5)

Traditional BHS Field Day Slated Today at Noon

A parade, floats, cheering, and field events are slotted for today at Birmingham high school. Junior boys' basketball will play against the traditional event with a street dance from 7 to 10 p.m. tonight on Ambery 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 obstacle races.

The winning class will capture the traditional trophy, with its name inscribed.

Ken Hogan is general chairman, with Gracey, whose neighbors are senior class planning; Ruth Ann Huffman, juniors, and Ann Lawrence, sophomores.

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

Admittance fee will be a tied bundle of newspapers to aid the 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 Elvie Presley because, says the owner, "he has been bawling since it was born."

One politician observed started watching Hawaiian hawk accers.

Preptise is what you try to keep up with the Joneses. The Joneses won't be without when they call that'll carry you through is.

Wonder if they'll ever come out with a king-size filter with a tobacco-.

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