

In every community, large or small, there occur the multitude of little and larger wrongs, consisting of gossip and such things as the general of many evils. Most of these wrongs never get into newspapers or the courts—but they really are the basis of larger potential national and international strife.

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This and That

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Teamwork Needed For Success in Any Organization

It is not to be expected that all members of a city commission or council, or a board of education, will be as familiar with all phases of their units of government, as are the paid full-time employees. Most of these officials, who are paid little and often nothing, have their own livelihoods to earn. At best, they can give but a few hours each week to the problems that confront them.

Therefore, and quite naturally, they must depend upon full-time city or school employees to carry out their policies. These employees, many of them being technically informed on specific subjects, are dependent upon the officials with accurate and reasonably complete information on a variety of subjects.

IN BRIEF, these full-time employees, just as in any private business enterprise, are the subordinates of their bosses, the council, or commission, or school board, and necessarily are required to function efficiently and industriously.

Some communities, like some businesses, are confronted with many always-occurring current problems. A village or city council or school board discusses the problems, either solving them at the time, or embarking upon further research in order to achieve proper final results.

It is here, for the most part, that full-time employees are able to prove their competency—for only should they obtain required factual information on a variety of subjects, but they should do so with necessary speed. They should (See THIS & THAT, Pg. 2, Sec. 1)

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Soviet Red Tape Succeeds in Tying Up Travel

By JULIE CANDLER

Since his return from Russia the first of this month, Dr. Orren Mohler, of 836 Southfield, Birmingham, has had time to reflect on his experiences behind the Iron Curtain. The noted astronomer is assistant director of the McMath-Hubert observatory of the University of Michigan and professor of astronomy at that university.

The Russian Academy of Sciences honored Dr. Mohler with an invitation to visit Russian solar and other observatories during the two weeks between August 17 and Sept. 1.

"THE ONLY WAY in which my case was unusual," said the modest, white-haired scientist, "was that I was an individual traveling alone. The Russians would rather have Americans tour Russia in groups."

Dr. Mohler saw two groups of American college students touring in Russia. He talked to many American tourists who didn't get to see everything they requested to see. Dr. Mohler said, "But they weren't refused permission."

The tactful handling of travelers' requests stems from an enormous bureaucracy, the in-tourist bureau, which handles all travel for Russians and others. The bureau requires that tourists fill out lengthy forms requesting approval to board a train or plane to a certain point.

WHEN APPROVAL DOESN'T come through, the frustrated traveler can only fill out another form and hope. As a special guest of the Russian science academy, Dr. Mohler escaped the form-filling chore. "But the poor fellow who was assigned to me as an interpreter was kept busy filling out forms for my many moves," Dr. Mohler said. "The astronomer said he himself did not see several places he had asked to visit. He could not determine whether it was because of lack of time or some other reason."

BUT FROM the places he was able to visit, primarily observatories in Moscow, Leningrad and the Crimea, Dr. Mohler says he gleaned ideas that may be helpful to American scientists. In return, the local scientist gave reports on his own important solar research findings at formal conferences, and attended informal conferences.

He visited the Crimean Astrophysical Observatory in the mountains near Sevastopol. At Leningrad he saw the rebuilt Pulkovo observatory, destroyed by the Germans during World War II. At Moscow he visited the Sternberg astronomical institute and observatory of the state-operated Moscow university.

HE ALSO SAW Viet Nam's president, Sukarno, getting the Russian government's "special



DR. ORREN MOHLER

treatment" while being feted and paraded in Leningrad. Most predominant of the tourist groups in Russia, Dr. Mohler said, were the French, Italians were second most evident. Also very much in evidence were touring groups of Far Easterners, which Dr. Mohler assumes were "probably semi-political" groups being wooed by Russia.

"THERE WERE DOZENS of Vice Names, Chinese, Korean, and Indian groups," he said.

Along the Russian country roads, Dr. Mohler saw signs similar to American billboards urging the peasants to greater farm production. "Their farm production now is not much more than it was in 1917," Dr. Mohler said. He added that a great point of emphasis in the Russian newspapers was advice to the peasants to refrain from feeding bread to the hogs.

THE PEASANT FARMERS had discovered that by feeding state-provided bread to their hogs they would not have to raise grain for feed.

Russian farmers must have been happy over this discovery, Dr. Mohler said. But from a perusal of the papers, it was obvious that the government was not.

Lions Organize 1st Service Club In Bloomfield

First service club for business and professional men in Bloomfield township and Bloomfield Hills was organized this week as the Bloomfield Lions club, holding luncheon meetings at 12:14 p.m. Tuesdays at the Kingsley Inn.

Elected officers are Robert J. Studier, president; T. J. Elston, first vice president; Samuel J. Reeves and Dominic Vetranno, second and third vice presidents respectively, and J. Wesley McDonald, treasurer.

Charles E. Galloway is lion tamer, and Bloomfield Hills Police Chief Stanley Keever is tail waiter. Directors are Arno L. Hulet and Anson H. Froeh, one-year terms; and John J. Redmond and Fotis Takis, two-year terms.

\$211,196 Torch Drive Goal Is Accepted Here

A Cat Tale Yet About a TV Set

"Come quick!" the caller emphasized. We've got a case for you. Our family cat is on the hunt—We don't know what to do! The sergeant said: "We'll tackle this—you wait right where you are. I'll call my crew by radio. They'll be there quick by car!" Into the mike the sergeant spoke: "Wild animal on the loose at 778 W. Lincoln. Hurry there at once, you crew in Two—They need you fast, I'm thinking." Cat Two whooped up before the house. Where stood Mrs. A. B. Clark: "Inside at once—the cat's got it. Cornered in the dark!" The boys in blue went in real fast. Then saw the family cat. Camped in back of the TV set. Wherein the culprit sat. "We're sorry, Mam," the officers said. "We can't touch that invention. Perhaps you'd better make a call

For a regular TV technician." So Mrs. Clark went to the phone. And dialed an appliance store. "Dispatch a repairman right away. I'll meet him at my door." A service order, written out, Was handed Earl Decker. Earl promptly started for That TV set to check it. "Why, Mam," said Earl. Some several minutes later. "I find there's nothing wrong. Whatever was inside this set. Most certainly has gone!" As he left the house, he took it. Five-dollar charge in pocket. Mrs. Clark went over to the door. And firmly she did lock it. She said, as Earl drove out of sight, "I know they think my calls were bunk—But that cat did chase into that set. A tiny, wee chipmunk!"

Volunteers Are Being Organized

A record number of volunteers will go after a record goal when the 1956 United Foundation Torch Drive gets under way in the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin area October 16.

Ernest A. Jones, president of MacManus John & Adams, general drive chairman today announced an area quota of \$211,196. Largest amount sought in any year since the United campaign approach originated in 1949.

While the goal for Birmingham, Bloomfield and Franklin, topping last year's quota by about five per cent, the amount is below the actual total raised here last year. Jones said. "Fourteen years ago," he said, was contributed in 1955, and \$205,000 in 1954.

"AS POPULATION and needs have grown, our quota has moved up steadily each year and each time it has been substantially exceeded. We are going to do our best to exceed the goal again this year, because the figure is a realistic minimum of our share of the total required by the 150 health and welfare agencies who join hands in this give-once-for-all campaign. They need more than the bare minimum we seek."

Jones said the volunteer organization is drawing near completion, but more volunteers are needed to meet the record door-to-door solicitation job. "By the time the drive begins, we hope to have approximately 1,400 volunteers trained and ready to go," he said. "Those who would like to join in the biggest single community effort in the history of this area are urged to respond to the call of their district chairman and captain, or to call the United

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STRICTLY FRESH

One sure way to borrow trouble is to have loans outstanding with several finance companies at one time.

Would a fellow who lost all his



money prospecting for uranium he known as an atomic bum?

Fellow across the desk from us says that if they pile on many more taxes this country will be known as the "land of the fee."

A bore is the fellow who tells the story you were just about to tell.

Girl, with a pretty figure is sure of collecting a large amount of interest.

All makes of inner spring mattresses repaired. One-day service. ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY, Dial "O" and ask for Enterprise 5115.

Candidates Endorse Change In State School Bus Law

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL

Whether it is a Republican or Democrat who represents the Birmingham area in Michigan's house of representatives for the next two years, he will support legislative changes to improve safety conditions for operation of school buses.

Third district Republican candidate Farrell Roberts of Pontiac; and Democratic candidate P. T. Smith of Rochester both pledged to The Birmingham Eccentric Tuesday they would support any attempts to make Michigan's highways safer for school children who must rely on school bus transportation.

SAID ROBERTS: "I will endorse any change in the law which makes for greater safety."

Declared Smith: "I am very interested in any legislation that is to the benefit and welfare of all school children in the state. I have children of my own, so I realize safety's importance."

Smith said he would encourage any legislation to require additional caution regarding school bus operation. The Eccentric's interest in improved state safety standards stems directly from two terrible accidents here involving local school children.

ON THE OPENING day of school two weeks ago—Sept. 4—Bruce Wright was hit by a car as he crossed the road after alighting from a Bloomfield Hills school bus. A day later, doctors had to re-

move this ten-year-old's right leg. Bruce's left leg was broken, too.

Six years ago, a similar tragedy here took the life of five-year-old Nancy Waggoner of Bloomfield township. After approaching from the opposite direction snuffed out her life when she darted into its path from behind a school bus.

FOR THE PAST two years, attempts have been made in the legislature to put Michigan along side 42 other states which require all cars on two-lane roads to stop

when school buses are loading or unloading children.

Each time the amendment has been returned to committee. Opponents' varied fears that passage of such an amendment without a fool-proof driver education program, would result in many school children's deaths by drivers "who didn't know about it."

Proponents point out that some risk always will be present, even if a "perfect" educational program is enacted immediately.

Present Michigan law only requires a vehicle overtaking a school bus, which is leading or unloading children outside city or village limits, to stop at least 10 feet to the rear of the bus, then may proceed with caution.

A new amendment this year prohibits school bus drivers from picking up or letting off children at any point which is not clearly visible at least 500 feet in both directions from the bus.

To Try Out Parking Ban on Oakland Ave.

Under a 30-day trial, parking will be prohibited on the south side of Oakland between Woodward and Hunter, Birmingham Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley said this week.

Northside parking limit will be

extended to two hours, he said, as the city seeks to facilitate traffic movement through these three blocks.

The street becomes "one-way" when cars are now parked both sides, he pointed out.

These Servicemen Drew Crowds

Army, Navy and Marines were all in step as an estimated 5,000 people watched the colorful parade staged by the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce Friday night in connection with civil defense week. At left are Marines in parade dress. The Naval Reserve Queen heads up the group of Naval Reservists in the center, and an Army color guard steps briskly along in the photo at right. With them paraded two huge Army tanks and disaster equipment of the Salvation Army, Red Cross, Oakland county, Birmingham's department of public works, Michigan Bell telephone company and the Birmingham fire department. Besides "Miss Naval Reserve", the parade featured Birmingham's Wendy Ross, "Miss Civil Defense", and "Miss Michigan State Fair." Major James C. Allen rode near the head of the parade in a 26-foot car designed especially for presidential use. All of which brought cheers from the crowds along the parade route for the Birmingham Jay Cee's all-out effort to make the city civil defense conscious.

