

# Oakland County Reforms Needed

Continuation of the methods, procedures and the personnel of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors long has been an expensive and duplicating public service for Detroit, other Wayne County incorporated communities, and the county as a whole.

Reforms have been suggested for correcting these of these problems. Always the forces for retention of the status quo have beaten those seeking to bring about needed reforms.

THIS CONDITION IS in part now existing in Oakland County, as it has grown so rapidly, both in population and in wealth.

Currently, the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, pricked into awareness of the need for reforms, has appointed a committee to investigate the situation, and suggest how to bring about improvement.

Unless needed reforms, capable of being installed as soon as possible, are presented, the conditions will continue to get more difficult, if not impossible, to be corrected. There is, in such cases, "a point of no return."

# Power to Tax Is Great Enemy!

Mr. Ralph McGill, of the ATLANTA "CONSTITUTION," lays it down that we oughtn't to sweat and fret over today's high taxes. For, he says: "Taxes buy civilization."

Therefore, and to wit, if we holler about Government spending, we've gotta be agin civilization. For, he says: "If we want our kind of civilization we must pay taxes."

This puts us, barbarians, behind the 8-ball. So we call Chief Justice John Marshall said: "The power to tax is the power to destroy."

DESTROY WHAT? Why, new business, jobs, inventions and progress which create civilization.

"We will pay more," says McGill. Under

his theory, we should, but it will not be "our kind of civilization." It will be Socialism in disguise. McGill's kind of government may not confiscate the title deeds to farms, factories and houses, but it will confiscate our pay checks.

It doesn't matter who owns a cow if Government grabs the milk. If taxes buy civilization, they can also destroy it.

THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK of Boston says that down-town taxes are so high that no important office building has been built there in 30 years.

How does McGill explain the flight of business to Puerto Rico, Mexico and other low tax countries?

"Don't pay too much for your candle," said Benjamin Franklin.

# Inflation Has Ruined France

From January 1948 to December 1956, the currency of France shrank 52%.

A man in France bought an annuity before World War I. It was to pay the equivalent of 2,000 \$'s yearly; now it pays 60 \$'s a year.

That's what inflation has done to France. It gnaws away the purchasing power of everybody's income and savings. It falls heavily on the thrifty, the aged and those with fixed incomes.

In 1914, 5 francs were worth 1 \$, Now it takes 420 francs to be worth 1 \$.

When France's first World War I loan was made, the bonds which were to pay 3%, were grabbed by their patriotic people. Now the owner gets \$1.80 per year on a 10,000 \$ investment. It's practically worthless paper.

FRENCHMEN HESITATE to put savings in their banks. They aren't sure what they will be worth a month ahead. The feeling is they will be less. The same applies to life insurance. Frenchmen fear France!

Frenchmen with inside information are buying shares, jewelry, gold, real estate or anything they think will have lasting value.

Labor unions, as in America, keep advancing wages, which makes everything cost more.

Why does inflation go on? It does so chiefly because the gold standard has been abandoned, because the world's currencies are substantially paper, and, without a safeguard, are at the mercy of every political wind and bureaucratic whim.

# From The Eccentric's Point of View ...

President Eisenhower long ago announced that his official program would be charted on "a middle of the road" policy. However, according to latest reports from the nation's GOP Highwaymen, Ike's course has done some zig-zagging, chasing some GOPers right off the roads.

Insurance company statisticians now report that human life in the U.S.A. has been extended an average of 20 years since 1900, bringing expectancy up to 69 1/2 years. However, this type of "inflation" still runs far behind the bloated dollar.

"Sticks and stones will break my bones but names will never hurt me" is an axiom of ancient vintage. But that was long before the day of those Arkansas little rocks.

Britain's Duke of Edinburgh, husband of a Queen, is being criticized by a religious group for his playing cricket on Sundays. They say "it's a poor example for the Duke to set before a future King." History reveals, however, that some of England's great men have come from its cricket fields.

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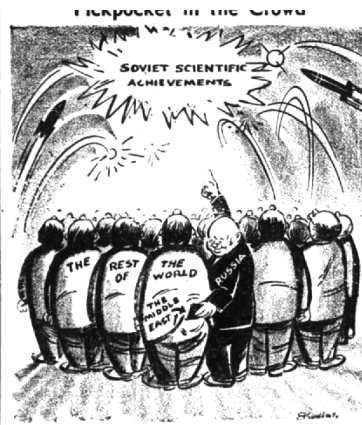
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"This warm milk all the time! How about some ice cream?"



## NATURE NOW

by Lydia King Frehse Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

# All Family Groups Eminent in Nature

When the Swedish botanist Linnaeus invented the binomial system, he made order out of the then chaotic field of natural science. He not only assigned a genus and species name to each living organism, he also suggested a strong clue for future study: that of identifying a plant or an animal in relation to its particular family.

This is a method which your scribe has long followed and found effective. By means of it any plant or animal ceases to be a disconnected entity and at once takes its place in nature's larger domain.

Instead of learning only a name which we are likely to forget we connect it with a family whose general characteristics soon become familiar and significant.

SO IT IS THAT we have recalled our bird families each day as the fall migration has progressed, seeing the various species stopping for a drink, a bath or a meal in our wild flower garden or shrub area.

Of the woodpecker tribe we have had the red-bellied, red-headed, hairy and downy species as well as the flicker.

All are characterized by their straight, sharp, chisel-like bills which they use to hunt insects and to hollow out their nests.

Since they search tree trunks for their food, both feet and tail are adapted for climbing.

The former are stout and strong with two toes directed forward and two backward, the latter have stiffened and pointed feathers which serve as props. The long tongue is armed with a spear-like tip to impale insects.

WE HAVE ALSO had stop-over visits from the hermit, wood and olive-backed thrushes and from

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# ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

Christmas is closer than you think. We'd like you to start thinking about your home and yard during the Christmas season.

Can we get you to join the growing ranks of those of us who put some sort of Yule display in our windows, on our porch roofs, or in our front yards?

It looks so nice to see these gay decorations at this particular time of year. And it really takes very little time and effort compared to the fun and enjoyment you and your family get out of seeing how much gayer your residence has become.

THEN THERE'S THE PLEASURE derived by your friends and neighbors as they drive through and look at the Birmingham area to which this year you have added your decorative contribution.

If you are hesitant about what you might put in your yard or on your house, or how you would go about installing it, Harry Martin of the Royal Oak school system will be most happy to help you.

He's going to teach two classes of four meetings each on this subject. It's part of the Royal Oak adult education program.

If your wife would like to go along with you, she'll learn of ideas for greenery, door sprays, roping wreaths, table and mantel decorations.

THE WEDNESDAY CLASS is filled. But there still are openings in the Thursday night session. First meeting November 14. More information available at L.I. 2-9000, extension 23.

We hope you will help us make the Birmingham area brighter and gayer this coming Christmas tide.

As people grow older, they don't necessarily get wiser and better. They merely stop acting so foolish so often.

The Detroit metropolitan area regional planning commission's October bulletin contains a listing of the new incorporations which have taken place in the De-

troit region in the past seven years. Care to guess how many have occurred? Six? Sixteen? Twenty-seven? Thirty-five? Forty-two?

The correct figure is twenty-seven. Eighteen new cities (10 formerly were villages) and nine new villages.

Oakland County, naturally, heads the list with six new cities and seven new villages. More than half these, or seven, are right in this immediate area.

OAKLAND COUNTY: 6 cities Southfield (P) Troy Madison Heights Lathrup Village Walled Lake Keego Harbor

7 villages Westwood (P) Westwood Farms (P) Franklin Bingham Farms Woodcrest Farms Wolverine Lake Wixom

MACOMB COUNTY: 5 cities (all which formerly were villages) Roseville (P) St. Clair Shores Memphis Warren Fraser

WAYNE COUNTY: 7 cities (5 formerly villages) 1 village Southgate (P) Harper Woods Allen Park Grosse Pointe Park Grosse Pointe Woods Trenton Northville

MONROE COUNTY: 1 village South Rockwood (P) Incorporations which are pending a favorable charter vote.

of migrating warblers, among them tree tops. In autumn, dulled of the black and white, Tennessee, plumage, they are on their way. But here is testimony to the principle that when we see a thrush burnian.

In general the warblers are small, bright-colored birds. They are in our gardens; brown creeper, so aware of their relatives and of their migratory, dark wax-wing, towhee, pewee, the family characteristics for Spring finds them in the highest unthatched, red-eyed vireo and both which they stand.

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