

"loaned" Birmingham high's Aquabell the idea for their production this year. A photo and story on their successful "02" presentation is on page 7-C.

no longer is a problem—read why on page 1-C.

of affairs—that's what the Birmingham area is in. Seems Rover has his own social circle. The lowdown is on page 1-B.

Lew Parry is Birmingham high's new head basketball coach. The story on this and two related appointments on page 6-E.

recently assigned by Edward Cardinal Mooney to be assistant pastor of Holy Name church is young and a native Detroit. You can read about him on page 7-B.

and welcome mat are working overtime in a South Berkshires home without the slightest complaint. See how community life revolves around them on page 1-E.

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This and That

by George R. Averill

Much talk has been uttered by President Eisenhower's administration and by members of Congress about a tax cut to enable citizens to put more of their own money into the economy. As a matter of fact, the same tax cut could be made by cutting out of the former budget those unnecessary "pork barrel" items that are parts of every administration's budget. This could happen—but only if enough citizens demanded it by personal telephone, telegram, or letters to their Congressmen.

Britain's Princess Margaret last week had a two and a half hour long cup of tea with Captain Peter Townsend, her erstwhile sweetheart. Peter had been making a world trip and hadn't seen the Princess for over two years. Although the lady had renounced intention of marrying this divorced chap because of state reasons, I think it's good that British sentiment allows the couple to have tea together—after all, it's a good thing to live by bread alone.

Oakland County government is having to meet the tremendous challenges that go with the transformation of the former rural county into the state's second most populous. The Board of Supervisors, its governing body, is trying to meet the demands for the expansion of water, sewers, and other physical needs of the area. It is not promulgated and applied too hastily. Oakland County cannot afford all the luxuries and extravagances that for so long have afflicted nearby Wayne County's taxpayers.

Many educators, especially a few who are related to public supported colleges and universities, are selling for money, more money, more money. They are able to get more money—more money with less difficulty if they kept up a hollow but better, cut-down system of the school systems that send graduates to them—than revealing to taxpayers the real cost of the education that our students are getting. (See THIS & THAT, Page 4.)

We wake up every morning, and most of us immediately become concerned with our own personal desires and wants . . . we often are unaware of the blessing of a new day, with its wonderful opportunities to thrill at being a part of this great Universe. We fail to react to the glories of a sunrise, the sights of the wondrous out-of-doors, or remember to love one another unselfishly.

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Legislature Approves 2-Way Stop

In 77-19 Vote, House Finally Accepts Bill

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL
Managing Editor

On the Governor's desk today is a state vehicle code amendment which has taken about 10 years to get there. When Gov. Williams signs it (and there is no reason he won't), Michigan motorists will be required to halt in BOTH directions when meeting or overtaking loading school buses on two-lane roads and highways outside incorporated areas. By a decisive 77 to 19 vote at 10 p.m. Monday night, the house representative endorsed the two-way stop. Two last-minute amendments were accepted by the house sponsor, Oakland 5th district Rep. Farrel E. Roberts, and his supporters. The bill requires children to cross the road in front of the bus. The other asks bus drivers to let traffic clear if possible before resuming his route.

THE AMENDMENTS were accepted Tuesday by the senate, which had adopted the bill several weeks earlier. The Birmingham Eccentric, Rep. Roberts in the house, and Oakland 5th district Rep. Farrel E. Roberts, combined efforts to see if this couldn't be the year this safety feature was added to the statute book. The Eccentric obtained information from several sources, showing what other states have done on the two-way stop. It supplied facts on the death of the Bloomfield Hills school district children, killed by oncoming traffic while getting off school buses.

THE ECCENTRIC obtained endorsement of the bill from State Police Commissioner Joseph A. Childs, State Supt. of Public Instruction Louis Berke, Michigan Education Assn. President A. J. Breen, and Michigan Sheriff's Assn. President Robert J. Roberts. It publicized its campaign for this code improvement. Several local agencies, including the municipal bodies and other organizations responded by contacting their legislators and urged their support of its bill.

Lodge used this ammunition and shined the most brilliant light on the Senate, where it passed 24 to 6. Now it went to the house, where Roberts spent long hours explaining the bill to doubting colleagues. Several times it appeared close to failure, as happened in past years. BUT THE GROWING impact of

When it came to its official hearing, Birmingham's modernized zoning ordinance took only 10 minutes to enact. But underlying it were hundreds of hours of study and painstaking work by city commissioners and city plan board members. City Planner Herbert Herzberg led the effort, coordinated, and did much of the work.

The ordinance establishes three residential districts instead of one, and four multiple family in place of the former three classifications. It does not include any rezonings. INFORMAL public hearings before both city commission and plan board had ironed out most of the objections. Commissioner Charles Renfrew commented: "It's a monumental work. Hardly any changes except thanks."

Mayor William E. Roberts said the ordinance was a landmark in the history of the city. He indicated a lot of ground work had been done to get the public to understand the changes and the reasons behind them. THE COMPLETE text of the ordinance, its accompanying schedule of uses and zoning map, will be published in The Birmingham Eccentric next week.

The commission appropriated \$1219 for costs of publication, \$1125 for printing of copies of the entire ordinance. These booklets will be sold at \$1.50 each to interested persons.

STRICTLY FRESH
This year, we hope that the Easter bunny doesn't leave a large, chocolate-covered egg under the davenport cushions. We found last year's good, old milk.

We'd welcome a sharp increase in wreckless driving. Spring's really here when the bus windows become impossible to open.

Wolf-type friend of ours who bought one of those gadget cars said that he gets more gas to the mile than with his old machine. Those who long for the good old days of the past, when relaxing in an air-conditioned room with a cool drink taken from the automatic refrigerator.

All makes of inner spring mattresses are available at the TRESS COMPANY, 2141 1/2 E. 12th St. and ask for Extension 6218.

Light Turnout Seen In B'ham Election

Even though there's a three-man race for two city commission vacancies, it is not expected there will be more than 2,000 of Birmingham's 13,266 registered voters who visit the polls Monday.

The April 7 vote is the annual city election. It will see a no-contest race for three vacancies on the public library board.

No other matters are up for a voters' decision. Voting in the city's eleven precincts will start at 7 a.m. close at 8 p.m.

INCUMBENT Harry M. Denyes, Jr. heads the list of city commission candidates. He is trying for a second three-year term. William H. Merrill is the third city plan board member in recent years to try for the city commission. The other two were successful in their campaigns.

Third commission candidate is John S. O'Gorman, Jr. He was elected to the commission in April 1956, served there 30 months, when he was forced to retire temporarily because of illness.

THE THREE untested library candidates are Charles R. Kass, Edwin S. Snyder, and James E. Tobin. Both Denyes and Merrill made pre-election statements this week. The comments follow:

Candidate Denyes' Statement:
Many friends have asked, "Why are you running for the city commission again? Haven't you had enough of that thankless job?" On occasion I have reacted that way.

For awhile I was undecided, since, for almost ten years now, at least once a week, often more, has been devoted to some phase of city government, whether it be on the city commission, city planning board, or city commission. My family is growing up fast and naturally my job makes demands on both time and energy. After lengthy discussions with both family and employer, I decided to continue on.

This decision was based on two things: my interest in government and devotion to this community. CIVICS, PUBLIC AFFAIRS, science and planning have long held my interest, beginning in high school and continuing thru the University of Michigan and several courses at Northwestern University. As a matter of fact, my first year at the U of M was in pre-law. The planning instinct got the upper hand, however, and I transferred

Hills Election Is No-Contest
A light vote is expected in Bloomfield Hills Monday as two incumbent residents, an incumbent commissioner and an incumbent constable are running for election without opposition.

James A. Bereford, 411 Lone Pine, is seeking re-election. An officer and director of both newspapers, Bereford has been a commissioner since 1948 and a Hills resident since 1952.

Henry L. Woolfenden, 1575 Kensington, was appointed to the Hills commission last year. He is the son of the late C. G. Edgren. Woolfenden is running for his first full two-year term on the commission. Attorney Woolfenden is a long-time Hills resident. He is also a member of the Valley Road, employed by Cranbrook Foundation, is running for his sixth year as constable. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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The active phase of the Central Catholic high school campaign closed Tuesday with a pledge total of \$825,000. The goal is \$850,000. A continuation committee headed by J. Robert Ryan will follow up with persons not yet contacted.

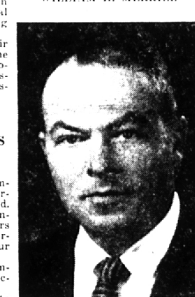
Located at Lahser and Lincoln roads, the two high schools will be closed for a day. The Central Catholic high school, St. Mary's, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, St. Hugo of the Hills and Holy Name parishes. Marian high school for girls is scheduled to open in the fall of 1959, with Rice high school for boys to be completed a year later.



JOHN S. O'GORMAN, JR.



WILLIAM H. MERRILL



HARRY M. DENYES, JR.

Put Up Prize for Park Plan, City Advised
Will a \$500 prize bring forth a Shain park improvement program agreeable in most respects to the community? City Commissioner Florence Willett agreed Monday to take this suggestion to an advisory committee for its reaction. The proposal came from ex-city commissioner John S. O'Gorman, Jr., who in next Monday's election seeks to get back on the legislative body.

IN HIS LETTER to the commission, O'Gorman suggested the city "put up a prize" to be awarded for the best plan submitted for the beautification and proper utilization of this prominent area. Only last week the commission

This Precinct Change Must Be Timed Right
Birmingham's going to have a 12th voting precinct soon. And eight existing precincts will be affected by the move. But we're asking you to bear with us until next week at this time, when we'll let you in on exact details.

In the interests of the public good, and to avoid public confusion, we purposely are withholding exact information until after next week's annual city election.

Agreeing on this unusual procedure are the city commissioners and City Clerk Irene Hanley. "To mention these precinct changes before the election would confuse the electorate no end," Miss Hanley advised the commission. THE CHANGES will become official and be announced next Monday night, she said. This will be AFTER the polls close. Because three precincts exceed the statutory limit of 1,400 registered voters, precincts must be realigned 120 days before the August state primary. Miss Hanley said her files contain names of 13,266 people, but slightly less than that existing in November 1956.

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