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## This and That

by George R. Averill

Soviet Russia's present leader, Nikita Khrushchev, certainly knows how to get world-wide free publicity for his administration. His recent willingness to spend eight hours with Minnesota's United States Senator, Hubert Humphrey, has gained for the Communist leader countless columns of news and editorial propaganda space in the American Press, and over the air waves, Khrushchev appears to have advice from some of the most alert public relations experts to be found anywhere.

Recent statements made by members of the Democratic party's policy making committees, together with declarations issued by the AFL-CIO labor leaders, leave one to believe that the next Congress will endeavor to get a considerable way toward remaking the social, political and economic "landscape" of America. In other words, assuming they have the powers in Congress to legislate as they wish, plus the handling of billions of dollars of American taxpayers' money in any manner they desire, there is little doubt but what the next Congress will make some new kind of a record—not to overlook the eventual necessity of levying more taxes to support their ever-increasing federal budget.

Officially, winter is supposed to arrive in the Great Lakes area on December 21st of each year. Mother nature, of course, is a fickle lady, for, according to the weather man, winter, with its snow and cold and biting winds, actually reached here December 16th. As usual, we'll all give Jack Frost a cold reception.

Every man ought to paste this fact on his wall, and every woman do the same with her purse: "EVERY CENT that government spends first comes from my wages, my income. When government takes more than it absolutely needs in order to operate honestly and economically, government is just like my money. Government is just like my money. Government is just like my money."

A former Michigan governor, Wilbur M. Tucker, now secretary of the U. S. Army, caused a small piece of metal to be attached to the Army's recent unsuccessful moonshot. This piece carried the words "Exploring The Universe To Further The Welfare Of All Mankind," signed W.M.T., December, 1958. Wonder why secretary Tucker did not add the familiar initials R.S.V.D., which means, as we all know, "please reply."

A current newspaper headline reads "Battling Cold Out Of This World." What's so wonderful about that—the U. S. postal department has been known to be doing this now and then for a good many years.

If the current defenders of traditional American liberties were as capable in selling this precious commodity as the AFL-CIO labor leaders have been successful in merchandising their modern brand of socialist welfare state, traditional liberties would still be very popular with the American people.

With few exceptions, practically every time a citizen of the United States looks to Washington, D. C., for the solution of problems that should be solved within his own state, he is losing more opportunities to make the American ideal of self-government work successfully. The farther away lawmakers are from their own home, the weaker is your control over them.

I've said this before, but it always will bear repeating: Teach your children to develop a firm handshake. There is much conveyed in the ordinary salutation that is expressed in shaking hands with another. Sometimes it appears, one gets an inner feeling (aside from the physical one) of strength and a tendency to accept the person of the firm handshake.

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## Eccentric Adds Magazine About Suburban Life

### First Appearance Set for Dec. 30

A completely new, exciting colorgrature magazine will become a regular part of The Birmingham Eccentric on December 30, Editor and Publisher George R. Averill announced today.

This stimulating new publication, Averill said, will be called "Suburbia Today."

"It will have a broad appeal to the entire suburban family," Averill revealed.

DESIGNED TO MEET the specific reading needs of the suburbanite and his family, this nationally syndicated magazine will be included in The Birmingham Eccentric once each month as a subscriber service. There will be no additional charge for Suburbia Today.

Because of its quality and format, the magazine will be published only for use with America's finest suburban newspapers. Thus, only topics of specific interest to suburbanites will be written up.

Home information, foods, science, fashions, human drama, humor, inspiration, and entertainment will be covered in an interesting and lively style.

BASIC TRENDS IN SUBURBAN LIVING and contemporary achievement will be expertly treated. Lavish illustrations will capture the over-all mood of casual, modern living.

"We feel Suburbia Today will be an interesting and stimulating experience and a welcome addition to your Eccentric," Averill said. "It is with pleasure and pride that we bring Suburbia Today to our own wide circle of suburban homes."

## Bloomfield Owners Get \$350 for Sewer Rights

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Two adjoining property owners who brought suit against Bloomfield township in its attempt to obtain easements for the North Evergreen interceptor sewer have been awarded \$350 in damages.

Pleading their own cases last week in Oakland county circuit court, E. H. Plaxton, of 925 E. Long Lake, was awarded \$180 and Carl Jettara, of 925 E. Long Lake, was awarded \$170 and \$200 respectively.

They had sought \$1,000 damages apiece.

Bloomfield township Treasurer Homer Case said the men claimed construction of the big interceptor through property would take sewage out of the area, thus lowering the water table and causing their wells to go dry.

They also protested removal of shrubbery near the nine-foot easements the township sought across each man's land, Case said.

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## Club Members Sell Fruit Cakes

Harry Cook, chairman of the High Twelve club's fruit cake sale, and P. G. Burnett, assistant cashier of the Woodward-Hamilton branch of the Detroit Bank and Trust Co., were busy last week selling cakes to bank employees. The Georgia made cakes can be bought in the bank basement or by contacting any High Twelve member. Wives of

High Twelve members will sell the cakes on the main floors of the Woodward-Hamilton and the Wabek State Bank branches of the Detroit Bank and Trust Co., Thursday and Friday. Proceeds from the sale will be used for the club's Wolcott scholarships and other youth activities.

## Syd Wants to Teach, Not Write, Philosophy

By BETTY PAYSNER  
Special Writer

"Who would take 15 ties on a four-day trip?" the nattily-dressed traveler chuckled while packing his elaborate garb.

His average height, build, and general appearance, breezy manner, and the inevitable gray, flannel suit with matching vest marked him as a successful, organization man.

But this was Sydney Harris—syndicated philosopher for 82 newspapers in America and Canada (including The Detroit Free Press), author of "Strictly Personal" and "The Majority of One," and popular lecturer.

"It's been a whirl here in Detroit," he said, taking a cigarette break between packing and leaving for the airport.

"Besides addressing the Adcraft Club and Grosse Pointe Community Center, there were dinners, parties, bridge games, and the Julie Harris play."

"And I had to knock off a few daily columns," he wrote three weeks ahead of publication.

ACTUALLY, I'm basically lazy," he claimed, settling into a comfortable chair. But he spoke with the vitality and penetrating wit of his controversial column.

"I like to sleep, read, visit friends, and to lounge, play bridge and poker or just lie on the beach or on our sofa at our summer home in Wisconsin."

"Writing my column is an easy way to earn a very good living. I don't mind about 20 minutes to write one. Of course, the topic may have been in my mind for quite awhile, but I never phrase it until I begin to write."

"ONCE IT'S written, I never

revise or look at it again. If I did, I would simply brood about it."

"When publishers asked me to make an anthology of my writings, my wife took care of it. Newspaper work attracts romantics and neurotics, according to my mother's degree in philosophy."

"Not that there's anything wrong with being neurotic," he claimed. "I consider myself to be a happy neurotic: happy in a nonconformist field which permits self-expression."

"I BECAME a newspaperman while still in school. After two years at Yale, where I didn't take anything much, I came home to get my master's degree in philosophy from the University of Chicago."

"During the day I attended classes. At night, I worked on one of the Chicago papers."

"Chasing criminals and fires was dull work for a quick-witted philosopher. But Harris soon was promoted to drama critic and 'town observer' and came to the attention of publisher John Knight."

"WHEN KNIGHT took over the Chicago Daily News 14 years ago, he decided to use the talents of the 36-year-old sage. Harris was hired to express himself in a new type of column called 'Strictly Personal.'"

Return to academic life is a futile goal for him.

"I'm working toward the time I can retire from journalism and teach philosophy at a good, small school like Oberlin University," he stated.

BUT FOR the present, Harris will continue to live with a seat and flourish in the Gold Coast section of Chicago, supporting his three children to appreciate variety of people and cultural activities in a city supporting the "Great Books" and other educational programs—and incidentally, arousing public anger and approval through the outspoken observations in his daily column.

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## Mrs. Dowling, Eastover Farms Developer, Dies

### Civic Leader Was Friend to Schools

A pioneer real estate developer and a leader in her community, Mrs. Elizabeth Dowling, 88, died Saturday at her home at 3400 Westchester, Bloomfield township.

## 3 B'ham Homes Are Burglarized

The homes of three vacationing Birmingham families were broken into and ransacked Thursday night. Over \$1,800 cash and numerous Christmas gifts were taken.

Det. Lt. Martin Holmquist said a safe containing \$1,000 cash and valuable papers was taken from the Edward C. Faulkner home, 1511 Yorkshire. Another \$150 was taken from a drawer at the home of Mrs. Wayne County Sheriff's Patrol found the safe and some papers near Dearborn Friday.

THREE CASES of whiskey and \$200 cash was taken from the Fred A. Temple residence, 640 Safford. At the M. E. Whittlessey home, 1383 Washington, several Christmas packages, including three electric blankets, two plain blankets and a portable radio were taken.

Police said the Whittlesseys were in Florida.

Holmquist warned that families going on vacation trips should notify the police before leaving, and make arrangements for neighbors to take care of mail and snow removal.

He also said that residents should immediately report any suspicious persons or cars in their neighborhood.

AT A TIME when many in the area still would never be needed, she was a leader in promoting the bond issue which financed construction of the Bloomfield Hills high school.

Born Elizabeth Phillips on a farm near Grand Rapids, she was graduated from the University of Michigan, where she was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. She was a member of the Woman's Club, the Bloomfield Hills branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden association, and Christ Church, Cranbrook.

SERVICES for Mrs. Dowling will be today at 11 a.m. in Christ Church, Cranbrook. Burial will be in White Chapel Memorial cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, Zeller, and five cousins, Mrs. Warren E. Bow of Macleay City, Mrs. J. Bow of Ann Arbor; Mrs. Dorothy Cassatt of Montana; and Bertha and Edith Skelton of Grand Rapids.

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## Rek Board Gives Teens New Support

More than a dozen Birmingham teen-agers invaded the recreation board meeting Thursday night to ask for moral support on a teen-center.

The board, which is co-sponsoring the project, voted unanimously to support the center.

The group's spokesman, Birmingham high school student Congress President Roger Kalsam, requested the resolution. He pointed out that the recreation board would not be using any of its money for the center.

Two boards will operate the teen-center. The senior board of adult supervisors will be chairpersons and advisers, and the junior board, composed of teen-center members, will be in charge of operations.

THE SENIOR board has requested that recreation department supervisor Robert Girardin be named chairman and that a recreation board member be named to the board.

In other business, Girardin reported that the all club will hold a meeting next Wednesday to finalize plans for the coming season.

Girardin also reported that the slim teen club turnout was better than expected. More than 20 girls have signed for the course from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Thursday at Terry school.

A letter from recreation hockey coach John Brown told of inadequate lighting at Eton rink.

BROWN, who coaches one of the intermediate teams, said lighting facilities are not sufficient to conduct hockey practice at night.

The board agreed with Brown, but said no money was available to install better lighting.

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## Harry Klimushyn Scholarship Fund Totals \$1,354.20

The Harry Klimushyn scholarship fund, which was started by the fund, has reached a total of \$1,354.20.

The fund, headed by Birmingham high school senior class president who died Nov. 3 as a result of football injuries, went over the \$1,300 goal. Although the formal drive has closed, donations will be accepted in the high school office.

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## Exchange President

William A. Wieland, owner of Wieland's Interiors, 523 N. Woodward, Birmingham, was elected president of the Birmingham Exchange club, Dec. 22.

Other officers elected were: James Mattison, 1st vice president; Robert L. Owen, 2nd vice president; George Scott, secretary-treasurer.

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