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**This
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by George R. Averill

1958 will go down in the grid-iron history as humiliating for the teams of the University of Michigan and Michigan State University. This "humiliation," of course, stems from the public attitude toward a losing athletic team—an attitude, insofar as amateur sports is concerned, that ought not to exist. University sports are presumed to exist for the physical and mental development of students. When a team wins, that's fine; it thrills the student and faculty body, as well as the general public. But when the team loses, too little emphasis is placed on the positive value of such loss. Whether it wins or loses—just so long as it tried to win! Games are won or lost on the field, but they can be developed and nurtured regardless of a game's statistical outcome!

Part of this incident happens thousands of times in its most important part happens once in a century or two: A youthful fist slung at a Michigan football player on one day after school. The teacher, Mentor Graham, looked up and recognized the young husky standing there awkwardly as the new young husky who had recently moved to town and who had recently whipped the daylights out of all the local toughs in the area. He was a new man, but his pupil will be remembered for a long time. His name was Abraham Lincoln. Wm. P. Baker, Twelve Who Were Chosen (Revel).

Michigan's public response to the families of the 23 members of the crew of the steamer Carl D. Bradley which recently broke in two and sank in Lake Michigan, is heart-warming proof of the ever-present willingness of human beings to respond in sympathy to the needs of the human needs created by such an emergency. Many years ago, this reporter sailed on these Great Lakes, first as an officer and then as an engineer on freighters just last December. He has been having been tossed around during a good many November and December storms on the Great Lakes. I certainly have a sympathetic understanding of the conditions under which the Bradley was operating. I do agree that everything taken into consideration, the loss of the ship on the Great Lakes or on the oceans are no greater than can be encountered in most of the various vocational environments found on land. Indeed, perhaps, the greatest of all physical hazards are found upon the highways of this nation.

My Neighbors
"Tell me about civilian life—high taxes, inflation, cost of living and all that..."

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Reviewing Educational TV

Reviewing the highlights of three years of WTVS telecasting are (from left) Dr. Paul T. Rankin, general committee vice-chairman, and C. Allen Harlan, president of the Detroit educational TV station's board of trustees. Harlan lives at 3535 N. Adams, Birmingham. WTVS, channel 56, celebrated its first three years of operation Nov. 21 with a reception for community leaders. The station's 70 hours of programming each week includes direct instruction from third grade level to college courses, and general educational and cultural programs. More than 50,000 homes are now equipped with channel 56.

Everyone Wants Safety, Nobody Wants the Bill

By JULIE CANDLER
Staff Writer

People leave the city's traffic chaos for the suburbs "so the children will be safer."
But in parts of the Birmingham area suburbs, school children must cross busy, heavily-traveled roads where no crossing guards are present. And the traffic grows heavier almost daily.
It's enough to make a father think the two extra hours he spends commuting daily are hardly worth it. Yet schools protest that money intended for education should not be extended to pay for crossing guards.
As Southfield school Assistant Superintendent Norman Olmsted said, "Money for guards would have to be taken out of funds used to pay teachers' salaries and buy text books."

TYPICAL of worried parents' appeals for help at busy school crossings was one made to the Westwood village council recently. "A child is going to be killed if an adult crossing guard isn't placed there," said Beverly School PTA President Richard Wind of the Westwood corner where Southfield, Beverly and Riverside intersect.
About 100 children who live across Southfield are taken across the highway daily by two Beverly school patrol boys.
"It's too much responsibility to place on a 12-year-old boy," said Wind, who cited the added danger when the Beverly patrol boys change places.
Told that the village of Westwood had no funds in its budget for a guard, Wind said he had been told by the Birmingham board of education that they, too, could not afford to pay for guards.

"THEY SAY safety is not their concern," said Wind. "But I think it is."
Contacted by The Birmingham Eccentric, representatives of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, and the Southfield board of education explained their position on providing crossing guards.
Birmingham School Superintendent Dwight B. Ireland protested the use of educational funds for services his board of education feels should be provided by municipalities or townships in which children live.
"Traffic is the function of the township or the village or city," Ireland said. "The schools just can't relieve them of it."
Ireland added that City of Birmingham property owners pay a 20-mill tax to obtain services such as providing guards at busy corners inside the city limits.
"PEOPLE MOVE out to the townships because taxes are low,"

PTOs Endorse Hills Tax Increase; Johnson Outlines School Policies

Set Meet On Hills Schools

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—While PTO presidents in the Bloomfield Hills school district rallied to urge voters to approve increased taxes in the district, a citizens' committee this week called a meeting to present "the other side of the story."

Chairman Arthur J. Picotte, of 4019 Quanton, Bloomfield township, said the citizens' committee had set its meeting for Friday, Dec. 5 at Bloomfield township hall, 8 p.m. Picotte contended that his committee had been refused permission to use one of the Bloomfield Hills schools for the meeting.
The committee's request for a school was not refused, Bloomfield Hills School Superintendent Eugene J. Johnson said. Johnson said the group was told to submit a written request, which it has not done.

PICOTTE last week called the four-mill tax increase sought in the Dec. 8 school election an "unnecessary extravagance."
But Monday a resolution signed by the president of seven Bloomfield Hills school Parent-Teacher organizations stated, "We publicly express our confidence in the citizens' advisory finance committee ... and their proposed plan in the forthcoming election." The resolution called the tax proposal, which also includes a \$1,165,000 bond issue for new school construction, "the minimum necessary."

Of Johnson's instructions to Picotte's committee to submit a written request to use a Bloomfield Hills school, Picotte said, "Whenever we called before to use the school for Federated Civic association meetings, or for a square dance, our request has been granted over the phone."

TO WHICH Johnson replied, "It's true that we grant use of our buildings over the phone to groups that we know."
Johnson claimed that the committee's request was originally made by a woman who was not a resident of the school district, Mrs. Margaret Begovich, 1750 Ward, Pontiac. Mrs. Begovich and Picotte are directors of the Federated Civic association.
Johnson said he told Mrs. Begovich he could not give a non-resident permission to use a school for a meeting.
Later, when Picotte called him, Johnson said he told him the board would act immediately if a request was submitted in writing.

"Since several of the people in this group apparently are non-residents of the school district," Johnson said, "I could not grant permission without prior approval by my board. But first we would have to have a letter telling us just what this group is."

WHEN TOLD by The Birmingham Eccentric that Johnson had said his board would consider a written request immediately, Picotte said, "I'm not going to get down on my knees to them."
Picotte said there would be several speakers at Friday's meeting at the township hall in Telegraph road just south of Long Lake road. Only speaker announced thus far is Fred W. Green, Jr., of Lakeland circle, Bloomfield township.
While he announced that the Federated Civic association had (See MEET, Page 2-A)



Answer Your Doorbell

Mrs. Eric A. Pearson, Jr., is doing what 350 other Birmingham women will be doing tonight. They will be ringing doorbells to raise funds for the annual march on muscular dystrophy. Ten Birmingham firemen will also be giving their free time to raise the funds needed to help those afflicted with the disease. The money is used for research, hospital care, therapy, braces and wheelchairs. Mrs. Pearson, 1130 Stanley, and Mrs. Charles H. Daigleish, Jr., 740 E. Greenwicht, Bloomfield, are chairmen of the local drive.

Post Office Schedules Holiday Season Hours

The annual Christmas mail rush has started, and as a result the Birmingham post office will have a special holiday season schedule.
Excepting Sundays, the main post office will have the following hours for receiving parcels and selling postage stamps:

Dec. 8-11, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Dec. 12-19, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Dec. 20-22, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Dec. 23 and 24, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sundays, Dec. 14 and 21st, windows will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Money order, registry and COD services will remain on the regular daily schedules. The annex at the southeast corner of Coolidge and E. Maple, will be open to receive parcels and sell stamps from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 12-19.

BIRMINGHAM Postmaster Roland Reese advised patrons to use the following simple procedures to insure prompt delivery of their Christmas mails.

1. Address all package labels plainly and include your return address.
2. Wrap parcels in adequate cartons or wrappings and tie with strong cord.
3. Place a slip of paper with the address and the senders address inside the parcel in case the parcel should lose its label.
4. Address letter mail legibly and place the stamp in the upper right hand corner of the envelope.
5. Send reasonable size cards and envelopes as large cards require extra handling and fitting into equipment.
6. Mail parcels early, especially if they must travel a great distance.

Lists Goal Of Schools For Hills

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Sound yet economical building construction, a teaching program three-quarters based on preparing students for college, and a classroom of 25 pupils, are the guiding policies of Bloomfield Hills schools.

The policies form the basis for the Bloomfield Hills board of education's decisions, according to Hills School Superintendent Eugene L. Johnson.

Johnson made the statement to clear up questions in connection with the school board election of Dec. 8. On that date Bloomfield Hills school district voters are being asked to approve a four-mill increase in school taxes, and a \$1,165,000 bond issue for new school construction.

The superintendent said the school district's board of education was guided by a policy of economical use of construction dollars, at the same time emphasizing the teaching of languages, science and mathematics, and adhering to the private school policy of small classrooms.

"PRIVATE schools base their teaching programs on no more than 15 to 18 pupils per classroom," Johnson said.

Bloomfield Hills schools have established a compromise figure of 25 per classroom, Johnson said, approaching private schools' philosophy of more individual attention to pupils.

"It costs so much to run a school system, anyway," Johnson said, "it only takes a little more to run a good school program."

On the district's school construction program, Johnson said the board saved \$50,000 of the amount allocated for the new junior high school.

"IT WAS inequity on the part of the planners that enabled us to save \$50,000 from the amount allocated for voters in a 1956 bond election," Johnson said. "That saving is being used to acquire a future school site."

Schools that are attractive and built to last 50 years, with good classrooms, are the goal of what Johnson calls a "conservative" building program.

"We build no swimming pools, no little theatres, no auditoriums, no large athletic plant, no print shop, just good classrooms," Johnson said.

SOME OF the ways in which the actual system minimizes on construction: 1) classrooms are not plastered, but walls are of painted concrete blocks; 2) asphalt tile used is grade C rather than B or A; 3) open book shelves, more economical in cost than closed bookshelves, are used in some cases, open ceiling beams are left.

Regarding high school curriculum, Johnson said, "We don't feel there are any watered-down courses in our curriculum."

Johnson added that Bloomfield Hills high school offered four languages, as much as any school in Michigan, and that its science and mathematics programs are equal to that offered by any large school in the state.

SOME OF the students are working on college level physics and chemistry, he said. A special intensive program of English teaching has recently been adopted.

As for curriculum "fills," he said, "We have a modest home economics department and a modest shop program which emphasizes pre-engineering training."

"This philosophy has been carefully worked on and has an approval of 95 per cent of the community," Johnson added.

Services Held for S. Turel

Funeral services for noted concert pianist Severin Turel were held this morning at the Leo Miller Funeral Home in Hamtramck.

Turel, 52, who lived at the Oxford Academy of Music, 384 Pierce, Birmingham, collapsed Friday night before a small crowd of close friends while playing a recital at the Bach-Tausig Toccata and Fugue in D minor.

Two doctors in the audience, one the personal physician of the Polish giant of the piano, massaged his heart through an incision in the chest with a penknife.

DOCTORS J. Donald Green, 347 S. Glenhurst, Turel's personal physician, and Mark Beaubien, 400 S. Glenhurst, worked over the stricken pianist who had collapsed while playing the program's first selection, the Bach-Tausig Toccata and Fugue in D minor.

When Turel collapsed, both doctors rushed to the stage and ordered the curtain drawn.

Dr. Green said the pianist was not breathing when they reached him and he assisted Dr. Beaubien while the latter made the chest incision.

Both took turns massaging the heart which restored Turel's breathing and some of the color to his face. Both doctors specialize in internal medicine.

FIREMEN arrived shortly, and began administering oxygen which was continued while the ambulance took Turel and the doctors to St. Joseph Mercy hospital.

Turel never regained consciousness and was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital.

Dr. Green had been treating Turel for a heart condition for six months and told him several times to cut down on the amount of work. He had never suffered a heart attack before, the doctor said.

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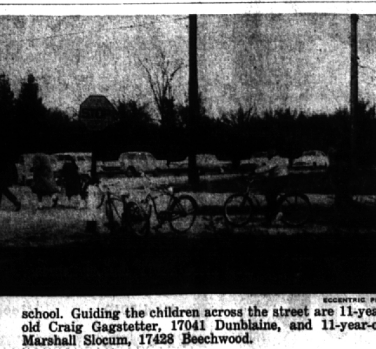
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Services also were held at St. Stanislaus church in Detroit this morning and burial was at Mt. Olivet cemetery.

**S'field Barn Burns,
Damage Hits \$750**

SOUTHFIELD—A barn at 27345 11. Mile road, Southfield, was burned Sunday causing \$750 damage to saddle and harness equipment and \$150 hay loss.

Southfield's Franklin and Farmington firemen extinguished the fire. The barn, owned by Abe Green, 1824 W. 7th Road, was built by Green's tenants.



This is the scene on a typical afternoon in Westwood village as children cross Southfield road, where Beverly and Riverside intersect, on their way home from Beverly school.