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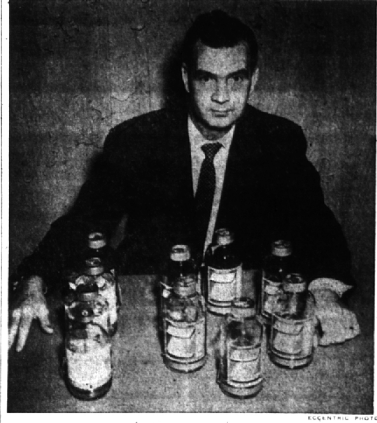
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This and That

by George R. Averill

His name is John Foster Dulles. Those three names were given to him by his parents. Perhaps another word should be added, and if we are asked to provide one it would be the word "courage." John Foster "Courage" Dulles sounds and reads more fittingly than the character of the recently resigned United States Secretary of State under the Eisenhower administration. The 73-year-old gentleman, as we all know, has been ill, seriously ill, for a good many months, yet during most of that time he has traveled all over the world on behalf of his beloved country, representing it unselfishly, honestly, courageously. He has followed his conscience and his convictions in aiding the President in formulating this Nation's foreign policy. Dulles stood up against the top leaders in both the free and the enslaved worlds of today, defending his country's best interests as he saw them. In the face of physical problems that would send most men into retirement, John Foster "Courage" Dulles carried on while many times his countrymen have disagreed with him, yet always respected him. This cannot be said of every man in high public office. It will also be remembered that the Secretary served ably former President Harry Truman. Indeed, right up to recent weeks, Mr. Dulles has retained not only the respect of the Republic but also the respect of many of its leading Democrats. Dulles is indeed a man of character who should occupy a highly decorated place in this Nation's history books. His resignation perhaps is of greater moment to U.S. citizens than could relate to any other U.S. public official, exclusive of the Presidency itself.



Ready When He Needed It

When he needed 10 pints of blood during an emergency operation last fall, the Oakland county Red Cross chapter had it ready for Sidney F. McKenna (above), 6386 Thorncrest, Bloomfield township. It was ready because people had contributed previously through community blood banks like the one which Holy Name altar society is conducting next Monday, April 27, at the school on Harmon street, Birmingham. Co-chairmen Mrs. F. W. Rennell and Mrs. James F. Murphy hope at least 350 people will donate between 2:45-4:15 p.m. and 5:45-8:45 p.m. that day. Appointments or transportation arrangements may be made through either of the chairmen. "An appointment is desirable for scheduling purposes, but we are most anxious to accommodate anyone who can come in," the chairmen emphasized.

Police Ask Citizens To Aid Them in Rash Of Burglaries Here

"We need help," said a concerned Birmingham police chief. The chief—Ralph W. Moxley—pulled out the records and showed what he meant. Detective Lt. Merlin L. Holquist agreed, adding his day-to-day experiences to the chief's plea. "There's been a substantial increase in home burglaries here in the past 30 to 60 days. The loss to citizens is growing, too," Moxley said. "Burglars have made off with \$26,000 in cash and 'merchandise' since January 1. Last year they got away with only \$4,000 in the same period.

"This type of crime is the hardest to solve or prevent, simply because we need the full co-operation of the citizens," the chief said.

CO-OPERATION, the chief pointed out, consists mainly in calling the police department anytime anything unusual happened in the neighborhood. "Suspicious people or cars should be reported to us immediately," the chief insisted. "A person who obviously doesn't fit in the neighborhood, a car whose license plate shows that it's from another part of the metropolitan area, are a few tip-offs that things may not be right.

"The door-to-door salesman can be a potential burglar, checking out vacant houses," he pointed out. He urged citizens to call the police department to check on the salesman's authenticity.

"Or just ask to see his license. It's amazing how many people never question a salesman," Moxley said.

"DON'T BE TOO sympathetic toward spooks," Holquist urged. "They are sometimes look-outs for the person who may be ransacking" (See CITIZENS, Page 8-A)

Mormon Head To Dedicate Hills Church

David O. McKay, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will be in Bloomfield Hills Sunday to dedicate the \$700,000 building completed last year. Woodward avenue and Chesterfield road.

The highest ranking official of the church, President McKay will speak during the 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. services and will offer a dedicatory prayer as part of the afternoon services. George W. Romney, president of the Detroit Stake, will be in charge of the services.

SOME 2,500 PERSONS both members and non-members are expected at the dedication of the \$700,000 building completed last January. Funds for the structure were largely subscribed before construction began and the building was paid for before dedication.

Ralph M. Johnson, Bishop of the Pontiac ward, and Jonathan W. Snow, building chairman, are also scheduled speakers.

A choir number "Prayer of Dedication" composed especially for the occasion by Oren and Stanley J. Dally, members of the Detroit Stake, will be presented.

Gare Sees \$53,547 Increase

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL, Managing Editor

Birmingham City Manager L. R. Gare will recommend to the city commission next Monday night a proposed 1959-60 municipal budget that is only \$53,547 more than current year's expenses.

His figure will be \$1,681,065, or 3.29 per cent higher than the 1958-59 costs of \$1,627,518.

It would require a 20-cent tax increase per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, or a \$19.60 tax rate. Last year it was \$19.40.

In 1956 and 1957, the rate also was \$19.60.

Gare attributes the increased rate primarily to a lessening of building in the city in the past 12 months.

THIS RESULTS in less property over which to spread normally expected municipal cost increases. Gare's recommendation now will be studied by the city commission in several special sessions. The new budget undoubtedly will be altered in several aspects in commission budget committee sessions. It might be trimmed below what Gare has proposed, even held to the current tax rate.

GARE SUGGESTS the public budget here be on June 1.

His proposal includes a three per cent wage increase for municipal employees. This would account for about \$25,000 of next year's total budget increase. Employees receive a slightly lower increase last year.

Non-tax revenue Gare estimates will be changed little. This year it will be \$405,250. Next year's is estimated at \$404,570.

Gare has pegged total departmental expenditures at \$1,360,654, up \$27,203 over last year.

THESE ARE the primary departmental increases:

Justice, \$18,740, up \$436 because of salary increases for the new judge and associated judge.

Police, \$249,870, up \$8,210 because of wage increases.

Fire, \$209,032, up \$8,462 because of wage increases.

General administration, \$74,280, up \$3,328 because of wage increases.

Public library, \$125,892, up \$11,882 because of wage increases.

RECREATION program, \$37,938, up \$5,112.

(A matching contribution would be expected from the Birmingham board, which together with an anticipated \$25,855 in program revenues, would mean a total recreation budget of \$101,730, nearly \$10,000 higher than last year.

Both the library and recreation budgets were submitted to the city by their respective boards. The city commission's decision will be final.)

There are three areas where Gare sees budget reductions.

One is on elections, where he



Do You Need A Toothbrush?

Civil Air Patrol Cadets Chris Wayland (left), Louis Gilcrest (center) and Ron Mourning display their wares in front of a Piper Cub at a nearby airport. These Cadets are among several hundred in the area selling toothbrushes in a house-to-house canvass of their neighborhoods for the benefit of the C.A.P. program; teenage traffic safe-

Community Council Ready To Swing Into Action

More than 50 delegates representing over 100 health and welfare agencies of the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin area met last Thursday evening at the Birmingham Community House to welcome Charles A. Mentzer, newly appointed executive secretary of the Council on Community Services.

Mentzer, formerly director of an island unit ourselves. We have reached a turning point in our thinking. We haven't, as yet, cast off all blinders, but at least we can admit to our problems."

150 Shoppers Receive Free Cup of Coffee

More than 150 enthusiastic shoppers took advantage of the retail merchants committee of the Birmingham chamber of commerce's generosity last Friday and received a free cup of coffee for shopping after 5:30 p.m.

The committee has launched the free coffee drive to attract customers on Friday nights between 5:30 and 9 p.m.

WHEN A customer makes a purchase, he or she is given a ticket that entitles them to a cup of coffee at one of 10 downtown restaurants and stores.

"The response to the program was wonderful," said Foster Trothacker, chairman of the committee.

"We can only hope that more customers will take advantage of the offer."

THE CITY WOULD pay for the rest of the survey and plan, once the merchants had the central business district plan organized, he said.

He estimated the city's share of costs in retaining a planning consultant between \$30,000 and \$40,000. This the city could pay over a three year period.

He recommended Planning Consultant Ladislav Segoe, consultant for the Detroit metropolitan planning commission, Lansing, Grand Rapids and Flint and Kalamazoo.

MAYOR HARRY M. Denny, a spectator at the plan board meeting, warned against making plans before the board was sure it had "buyers" for its ideas. He reminded board members of similar projects in 1948 and 1952 that met disaster.

\$142,051 More for Schools

By AL SANDNER, Staff Writer

The Birmingham Board of Education is sending a packed, tightly trimmed \$5,038,989 budget to the County allocation board this week.

Accompanying the budget—\$142,051 higher than last year's—is School Supt. Dwight B. Ireland's firm warning that "any cut in the budget is a direct cut in our school program."

The board approved the highly tentative budget at Tuesday's meeting.

THE BUDGET, despite the increase, is very low, Ireland said. "This amount is absolutely needed if we are to continue our program at this year's level," he explained.

Cuts in the school district's share of millage or a drop in valuations will mean expense-cutting in Birmingham schools.

"This budget could—even should—be much higher," the superintendent went on. "We'll have a new school in operation this year. We estimate the building's utility costs alone at an additional \$42,000.

"WE'LL NEED 21 new teachers and administrators, partly because of the new high school, and to keep our present pupil-teacher ratio. Their salaries account for nearly \$100,000 in the budget," Ireland said.

School plant operation costs are expected to climb from this year's estimated \$818,850 to \$850,080 in fiscal '59. Larger increases here were water and gas (\$25,000 jump) and light and power (an increase of \$20,000). Instructional costs, mostly salaries, climbed from an estimated \$3,451,615 this year to \$3,546,778.

"We're keeping the same salary schedule next year," Ireland said. (See BUDGET, Page 8-A)

Gregory To Retire From B of E

Birmingham school board secretary Amos F. Gregory, 1216 Dorchester, told The Birmingham Eccentric he would not run for reelection this June.

Gregory, who has served on the board 15 years, said he felt it was time to retire.

"FIFTEEN years of service is a long time," Gregory said, "and I feel it is time to let a new member come in."

Gregory has been trustee and secretary of the Keesee Foundation since 1924 and received his bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania state college.

In another announcement, Mrs. Dean Beier, 1609 Dorchester, who was appointed to the board seat vacated by left by Mrs. Donald, said she will file a petition for the one-year unexpired portion of the term this June.

She said she will take out a petition for filing in May 9, at 4 p.m. Petitions for school board seats must have at least 50-75 signatures of request when filed.

MRS. HARRY resigned from the board Jan. 1 when her husband accepted a position in New York.

The school board named Mrs. Beier to the seat at the following meeting. The appointment was to hold until the next election this June.

Board president Mrs. Peter Loomis, 1648 Dorchester, is another board member whose term expires in June.

She has not announced her intentions and was not available for comment.

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