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## This and That

By George R. Averill

### Let 'Honor Guard' Include Culture For Dignitaries

What is your reaction to current news pictures of say President Eisenhower, when he is met by a unit of another country, plus a military honor guard of the foreign country?

Is this dramatics not a traditional courtesy paid by every country to a foreign top visitor? Does it carry over from the days of ancient barbarism—when tribal feuds lengthened into whole nations going to war against others?

War, as a means of settling international disputes, long ago was recognized as a futile instrument to getting and maintaining peace.

Only the best in education, plus the creation of a Godly environment for the human race, are admitted as the best and the ONLY means of bringing about enduring peace.

Now for my own reaction to the use of military guards as "courtesy gestures" between heads of State:

Instead of only the military, why not bring together "platforms" of representative clergy, educators, even of parents? Perhaps include a nation's representative youth to stand at attention with the others when a foreign dignitary is met at the airport, railroad station, or wherever such a meeting takes place?

In brief, instead of an honor guard of military only, why not let the cultural symbols of civilization also be there to bring needed emphasis to the instrumentalities of international peace?

What do you think of my idea?

Thomas A. Edison invented the flashlight in 1907, and in spite of this fact, our human society seems to be in a state of confusion.

The extended right arm of the Statue of Liberty, 42 feet long, extended that reach over thousands of miles of ocean, right into Uncle Sam's pocketbook.

Missouri's U. S. Senator Stuart Symington (a potential Democratic candidate for the Presidency) has introduced a bill in Congress to create a special school to educate Americans for the diplomatic service, a sort of "West Point as applied to diplomacy. Symington has said: "Dedicated, intensively trained representatives are at work for the Communist cause throughout the world. We (in the U. S.) have not met this effort either in size or degree of training." Right you are, Senator—but don't you believe that Uncle Sam should encourage greater "dedication" to the cause of the American way of life in the early schooling of our youth? How else will you obtain the competent, well-trained human material for your "West Point" diplomacy plan?

At no period in human history have young people been offered opportunities to get ahead without, at the same time, having to show some ability and industry to make such progress. It is a mistake to assume that every boy or girl must achieve great economic progress, just in order to attain "security." Reasonable security may be found below the topmost rung on the "ladder of success."

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## Girl Reporter Survives 2nd B'ham Men's Night

By DENF SCANLON  
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again. I don't mean Christmas. I mean men's night in Birmingham. It's the kind of assignment that would drive any girl reporter wild. And I don't mean maybe.

I walked down Woodward avenue to Maple and crossed the street. It seemed reasonably calm this year. Not too many men milling around. Then I sneaked into Kay Room and heard "Hey, George come look at this!"

"Hey Bill, how are you old buddy?" Hank said leaving Walt and George come look at this!"

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"Yes, the men this year were the same as last. I thought as I listened to Walt and Hank talking. "Say, how's your Ford starting these days?" Walt said. "I don't (descriptive adjective) thing," Hank replied. "That right?" Walt commented.

AND FROM THE undies counter came a chuckle from a sales girl who smiled at her customer's query "do you think a 00-A is insulting even if it's the right size?"

Entertained myself. I started out the door with two young lads one on crutches and the second lugging a hockey stick. "Let's get outta here!" one exclaimed as he pushed through the crowd. Sentiments here were similar.

In and out of RH and Hemlock's I heard bits of news about politics, horse racing, the latest on the business scene, Michigan financial situation, the newest cigarettes on the market and is size 12 the same as 24 and if it is (See REPORTER, Page 2-A)

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## U-M Head Gives TV A Poke

(See photo on P. 8-A)

American television got a poor rating from University of Michigan President Harlan Hatcher, who was in Bloomfield township last Thursday to speak to members of the university's Birmingham alumnae association.

Hatcher had just returned from New York, where he told the annual Congress of American Industry that industry would spend what is necessary to eliminate waste such as America suffers from juvenile delinquency.

He placed part of the blame for juvenile delinquency on TV dramas featuring violent aggression and anti-social behavior which disrupts are volcanic and settled by fist, gun or knife."

HE TOLD the Congress that while the evils we must now attack are "the great mass media of television, cheap magazines and rock-and-roll juke boxes," to which young people are exposed over long periods.

Elaborating on his theories about delinquency, Hatcher said after his talk at Devon Gates, that America spends only about \$1 million annually for research on the grave juvenile problem and its waste in human resources.

"In industry, if you had this large amount of waste in your product or imperfect production, you would spend all that necessary to solve the problem," he said.

"YOU CAN'T conquer delinquency with police and prisons," Hatcher added that "our children suffer from the world's most improved recreational facilities alone would not be enough, he said, because young people have a psychological need to contribute productively through work of some kind.

Asked to compare the American youth's situation to that in Russia, where he visited last spring, Hatcher said "Their system is more as we were in the post-war days.

"EVERYBODY is caught up in the need to work. The big education reform is to incorporate about two hours of work into student's regular day."

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Watching the world and reporting on it, Mrs. Ruth Shain keeps women in her international relations class interested in what's going on from Afghanistan to Antarctica.

## She's Brought World to Door Of Birmingham

By JULIE CANDLER  
Staff Writer

She was never content to let the world and its important events roll past while she knitted or played bridge. Mrs. Charles J. Shain sparkles with an inquisitive and adventurous spirit. It makes her want to see the world for herself—to read about it, study it, and teach others what she has learned.

Only last month the well-dressed lady returned from her eighth year in Europe. She was just in time to begin her 40th year of teaching the Ruth Shain International relations class at the Birmingham Community House.

Her lively discussion classes are attended weekly by 65 to 80 women. They go away infected with some of the Shain curiosity—they read background material and watch foreign developments. Some read special articles and spark lively discussion with classroom reports.

THEIR teacher has been president of the Detroit chapter of the Foreign Policy Association. She belongs to a number of such important national organizations. She has met and talked to leaders from all over the world.

"How did it all get started?" was one of the first questions asked when I visited this grand lady last week.

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## City Brass Sits and Listens

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL  
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Birmingham School Supt. Dwight B. Ireland Tuesday night predicted this community's city-school recreation program could continue indefinitely.

His comment came at a "get acquainted" dinner meeting of city commission, board of education and recreation board members.

"I can see (our) program going on indefinitely if we maintain our spirit of cooperation. We've enjoyed in the past," the educator said.

"WE ARE ENVIED by our neighbors for this fine spirit and cooperation. I can see this program going on forever and feel the school board members share this feeling with me."

Last such "combination dinner" was held in 1956. Since then, more than half the school board and almost as many city commissioners have been elected to office.

William Spencer, who as both school board and recreation board member, began arrangements for the dinner several months ago.

SINCE THE "get-together" was decided upon, the city commission at a meeting some weeks ago asked City Manager and Forestry Supt. Charles Gale spoke. He reported the advantages and disadvantages of Birmingham operating its own recreation facilities.

Wednesday morning, Gale told The Birmingham Eccentric he still was in the process of gathering information for the report.

The two municipalities, through the seven-member recreation board, have operated a joint program since March 1947.

CONSPICuously quiet Tuesday night were Birmingham city officials. Only Parks and Forestry Supt. Charles Gale spoke. He reported the advantages and disadvantages of Birmingham operating its own recreation facilities.

Recreation board past presidents and charter members, Mrs. William Jackson and Allice.

ALICE BRIEFLY outlined the constitution of the foundation. She recreation board and its functions and responsibilities.

Mrs. Jackson outlined the major recreation progress, which began with part-time staff, 3,000 school district children and four school playgrounds.

This has increased to fulltime employees and 10,000 school children recreational facilities, she said.

## Rumble in Hills? Quiet in B'ham

Despite rumbles of problems in Bloomfield Hills schools, "all is quiet right now in Birmingham," said School Superintendent Dwight B. Ireland.

"There are no problems with illegal secret societies here this year," he went on.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS School Superintendent Eugene L. Johnson warned parents in his district that secret societies outlawed by the state existed in the schools.

## PO: Lot Like Santa, But Minus Reindeer

Think Santa Claus is busy? Take a look at the U.S. Government's Christmas-time counterpart to the venerable, jolly gent in red—the Post Office.

There is ample parking at this office, he went on.

"ALL PERSONS waiting for service at closing time will be served, he said.

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