



The Nation's Top
Suburban Weekly
TEN CENTS

26 PAGES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1959

BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

SECTION A

Serving the Citizens of Michigan's Finest Suburban Residential Area

History Repeated

... in Section B this week.
See highlights of 1959 in photo and story coverage.

Debutantes Bow to Society

... Charlotte Ford and Sue Anne Shepherd. For story and photographs see page 1-C.

Two Clinics, No Doctor

... just baseball enthusiasts. For the story on a double diamond training program see page 8-D.

INSIDE THE ECCENTRIC

Amusements 5-D
Bits of Birmingham 2-A
Business Briefs 4-C
Campus News 5-C
Down to Earth 4-D
Church 5-C
Editorial 5-C
Nature Now 8-B
Obituaries 4-A
Outlines 8-D
Round the Towns 8-D
Sports 8-D
Woman's News 5-A
Want Ads 5-A

This and That

by George R. Averill

Wealth of "Rocky" Another Reason For His Decision?

Decision of Nelson A. Rockefeller to remove himself as a candidate for Republican nomination for the Presidency apparently leaves Vice-President Nixon with a clear path to win his party's approval. Governor Rockefeller, with a clear made a vigorous effort to win approval of himself, proving again that a winning personality, ability to articulate his ideas on political, social and economic subjects, "can make and win friends."

In substance, the basic reasons for the New York Governor's decision cover two points: he is convinced that the Republican leaders who will control the party's 1960 convention stand opposed to any contest for the nomination. Also he emphasized his desire to carry on as Governor of New York, an office to which he was elected over a year ago.

THERE IS, I believe, another important reason why the multimillionaire has taken himself out of the current contest for the White House occupancy. It relates to his wealth, and where it is located: i.e. what stocks, bonds, etc., does he hold whose businesses sell services and products to the Government of the United States?

You know, of course, that top federal office holders are held "suspect" of partiality, if while in office their specific departments engage in business relations with Uncle Sam.

(Such as when local citizen Charles E. Wilson, former president of General Motors, when appointed secretary of Defense was required to dispose of several millions of dollars worth of his G.M. stock—at a loss, too.)

Just imagine the Rockefeller problem in this respect. With "Rocky" himself reported to be worth more than a hundred million ... not to overlook his brothers and his father, whose combined wealth must total ... well, you pick a figure!

Only 51 now, Nelson A. Rockefeller probably has a many years ahead of him. If he really achieves a splendid record as New York's Governor, he yet may reach 1000 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C.

To be sure, every January 1 is widely heralded as a good date to make and apply new resolutions, when, as most of us know, **ANY TIME** is the best time for such action. As a matter-of-fact, most New Year resolutions rarely "stick," perhaps not because folks deliberately refuse to live up to them, but rather because they were made lightly as a sort of annual custom ... without inner desire to keep them.

82nd YEAR—NO. 43

Looking—And Looked At

Veronica Cooper and husband Gary take a look at the Party of the Year. So did many Birmingham-Bloomfield notables, Birmingham Eccentric Society Editor Shirley Adams and Photographer Joe Apeach were there, too. Turn to Page 1-C for pictures and story.

Author 'Stewing' Over Her Status

Get off to an interesting New Year with the January issue of **SUBURRIA TODAY**, which you'll receive with your **NEXT WEEK'S Birmingham Eccentric!**

You'll start with writer Joan Kerr's "Please Don't Eat the Daisies" fame, with five children and a husband, Mrs. Kerr has found time to read Vance Packard's "Status Seekers," and reports that she is "really upset." Packard gallantly comes to her rescue on the same page, Whitney Harrow, Jr. illustrates fully, and everyone has a good time in "What Do I Do Now, Mr. Packard?"

ALSO IN THIS issue, Willford Owen, authority on transportation problems, explores the reasons for our national traffic jam and outlines a way to straighten it out before it's too late.

This month there's a new column—"Kicking Around"—offering funny, surprising and eye-opening local news from El Cajon, Calif., to Merion, Pa.

Your garden expert, John Bringer, reminds us to open the seed catalog to "Annuals"—zinnias, nasturtiums and petunias. For now is the time to plan for next summer.

IS YOUR CHIEF getting the variety of experience and the challenges he needs to exercise his intelligence and stimulate his growth? Our editor, Marion Lowndes, discusses ways to compensate for the limitations that may be built-in with the ease and comfort of a suburban back yard.

For our "Unusual Suburban Home" we found a sanctuary 15 miles from downtown Oklahoma City. An old homestead of 1893 has become a dramatic modern house looking out in all directions on a sweep of sky and 80 acres of prairie land.

FOR DINNER parties, try something different and exciting. We offer you three desserts that are sure to bring echoes of praise—antamber sherry elegance, melon creme brulee or a delectable chocolate refrigerator cake.

In "Suburbia—Any Day" our cartoonists this month are picking on poor Dad—and he'll be the first to enjoy it.



Veronica Cooper and her husband Gary take a look at the Party of the Year.

4th Accident Victim Still 'Very Serious'

Three Birmingham area residents were killed in automobile accidents over the holidays and a fourth remains at a hospital from injuries suffered eight days earlier.

In addition, there were two other automobile injury accidents in Birmingham over the week-end. Killed early Christmas morning in the first accident in Birmingham in more than two years was Birmingham high school student Timothy N. Bearden, 17, of 2169 Avonham, Birmingham.

MR. AND MRS. Herman Rath, 13805 Bedford, Beverly Hills, were killed in a collision on US 31, 12 miles northwest of Marysville. The fatal and serious W. O. born, 18, of 125 Martell, Bloomfield Hills, is in serious condition in the city's only hospital.

Bearden was dead on arrival at 5:10 a.m. at Beaumont hospital following accident at N. Woodward and Bloomfield court near Hunter. The youth must have missed the curve at Woodward and Hunter, police said, when his car went out of control, struck a tree, spun around, struck another tree and ended up beside a fire hydrant.

BEARDEN had attended Christmas eve church services with his friend, had breakfast at his home in Columbus, Ohio, for Christmas. He was returning home when the accident occurred.

The last time a fatal accident happened in the city was on September 27, 1957, when a Lathrup Village man struck a 38-ton cement mixer truck. Ohio State police said the Ratt's were killed when a car driven by a Marion, Ohio, man ran a stop sign and ran broadside into the Beverly Hills car.

They were visiting relatives in Columbus, Ohio, for the Christmas holiday and were returning home when the accident occurred.

General services and interment (See VICTIM, Page 3-A)

... And Then Things Went Bloo-o-oie!

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—The traffic scene in Bloomfield township was relatively quiet during the holidays until Saturday when two Bloomfield township policemen handled 19 accidents within nine hours.

Only four injuries were reported and none of them serious, according to Chief Norman Dehnke.

CHEY DENKNE and Sgt. Al LaPlant began handling the string of accidents at 9:30 a.m. The rush continued with others at 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 and 12. They were following a bare 20-minute lunch at 12:30. Dehnke called out on two accidents at noon and others at 12:10, 12:25, 2:05, 2:10, 2:55, 3, 4, 4:15. The last one was at 6:05 p.m.

Six accidents occurred at Long Lake and Telegraph.

M A P L E - T E L E G R A P H and Square Lake-Woodward intersections both scored three. Others happened at Lahser and Maple, Telegraph at Miracle Mile and several on state streets.

Chief Dehnke attributed the high number of accidents to the dense fog and heavy holiday traffic.

'Twas the Day After Christmas ...

'Twas the day after Christmas
And all through the house
Not a creature was stirring—
Not even our mouse.

Come hark and come song, come
While meat on the stove
You know in advance that you'll
eat turkey pie.

But your kids don't catch cold,
As they gallop and shout,
Downing mufflers and carflaps
for another day out.

The toys were all litened
On carpets with care
No holly for a grown-up
Even was there!

In the marsh and the stores
The clerks all nod tiredly—
The exchange hits a high.

The next day is normal—
Your head is O.K.
At your desk you see New Year's
is one day away.

The children, like hambers,
complain of their tummies,
While grown-ups hold heads feeling
strangely like nummies.

The week on aunts, the skating
and the fly—
You forget that you've older
and give it a try.

Oh some people cry for the promised land,
And some for rhyme and reason,
But yearly I cry and yearly I sigh
At the good old Christmas season.

—BY HELEN BISHOP

(Reprinted from the Jan. 2, 1947 issue of The Birmingham Eccentric)

JULY THROUGH DECEMBER: '59 B'ham Area News Highlights Are Reviewed

The last six months of 1959 provided the usual amount of unusual incidents involving Birmingham area residents.

Birmingham experienced a new building boom; residents in the Sealmoh high school area complained of the students parking on side streets instead of the school lot; Mrs. Pandit visited Town Hall; teenagers grabbed their share of the news with both good and bad deeds and the name-changing at Birmingham high school to Ernest W. Seasmom caused "Much Ado About Nothing."

Here are the highlights for the last half of 1959:

Issue of July 2

Charges against six of the seven Bloomfield high school teenagers accused in the beating of a Clawson truck driver last March were dismissed in the Bloomfield Hills court. The seventh youth was found guilty to a reduced charge of assault and battery.

Delegates to the San Francisco meeting of the Lutheran church, Missouri Synod, approved plans for a third religious college to be built in Bloomfield township at 15 Mile road and Middlebelt.

Construction of the new addition to the Southfield township hall began. The \$20,000 addition now houses the offices of Beverly Hills village.

A huge shovel bit the dirt at 14 Mile just east of Lahser, and much talk of a new Interstate interceptor became reality.

Expansion plans were announced by the Birmingham Eccentric Recreation department community center. This year the department took on more entrants including a division for younger players.

Issue of July 9

Birmingham officials began investigating the possibility of building a municipal off-street parking lot in the northwest business quadrant.

More than 10,000 Birmingham area residents jammed the Birmingham high school area to watch the ELWOOD Fourth of July fireworks show.

Members of the Birmingham Athletic club enjoyed the

Facing Meager Christmas, She Takes a Loan

The prospect of a visit from St. Nick apparently seemed slim to the woman who stole a wallet from Mrs. Mary Craig, 4084 Orchard Hill drive, Bloomfield township, while she was shopping in a local supermarket a few days before Christmas.

The next day the owner received her wallet in the mail with a typewritten note. It read:

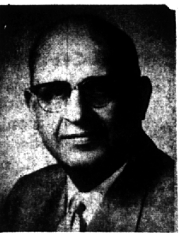
"DEAR MRS. CRAIG: "I am returning your wallet, less the money and check I have desperately—My husband is ill and had not worked for a year. I have three small children and no money for Christmas."

"I'm looking for work and when I get back on my feet, I will return your money. I'm sorry I can't return the whole amt' to you with your wallet but we are getting desperate. I did not take anything else."

"I found the purse in the bottom of my groceries."

"Missing from the wallet were a \$25 check and two \$10 bills."

(Continued on Page 1-B)



DAVID LEVINSON

Levinson Is County Group Head

The chairmanship of the influential ways and means committee of the Oakland county board of supervisors has been given to Birmingham resident David Levinson, 2150 Northlawn.

Levinson, 63, a real estate appraiser, has been Birmingham representative to the board of supervisors since 1953. He has been a member of the important ways and means committee which drafts the yearly county budgets.

His appointment was announced last week by supervisors' Chairman Delos Hamlin.

Levinson replaces Fred W. Smith of Royal Oak, as ways and means chairman. Smith was not reappointed to the board after 28 years as a supervisor.

Hamlin also named two new members to the ways and means committee. They are Bloomfield township Supervisor Arno L. Huetel, who is new vice chairman of the board of supervisors, and Harry Horton, of Royal Oak.

Levinson was chairman of the board of supervisors from 1940 to 1942, and now heads the building committee which is directing construction of a new county court house on Telegraph road.

All makes of inner spring mattresses. One-day service. ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY, Dial "O" and ask for Enterprise 6319.

Despite Static, It's More Fun than Writing Letters

As static sputtered and cracked, voices that grew louder, then faded, managed to filter through a "Merry Christmas" through the charged winter air across the continent and the world.

"Amateur radio operators—'hams'—have been helping American service men make voice-to-voice contact with families and loved ones at Christmas, for the past two weeks.

THE BIRMINGHAM area— heavily peopled with "hams" did its share in this project (see pictures).

Static sputtered and cracked again, voices grew louder and faded as 150 people crowded into the all-purpose room of St. James Episcopal church, Birmingham, listened intently, laughed in the proper places and in general understood the mixture of English, technology and "ham" jargon that filled the air.

MATS' vital role to the nation's defense.

Charbeneau, advertising and public relations director of Pure-Pak, as well as an avid "ham," was project supervisor.

THEY WERE members of the Catalpa Radio club—a local organization of "hams"—and they were listening to the results of another world-wide project that involved long distance telephone calls.

The project, "Operation World-wide," was explained and demonstrated to the club by member Frank C. Charbeneau (W6OLJ), of Franklin village.

THE PROJECT was a joint effort of the Military Air Transport service (MATS), the United States Army, Detroit Mayor Louis G. Miriani and local radio operators caught their interest.

CONTACT WAS made with Governor William when the plane was approaching the European continent, about 9,200 feet above the Atlantic.

The flying "ham" set picked up the Detroit monitoring station, operated at the NBS transmitter on Greenfield road. The station made telephone contact with Lansing, Michigan, and the globe-trotters exchanged greetings.

Similar contact was made with Miriani from about 7,000 feet above the Red Sea.

Longest contact the group made was from somewhere above the Indian Ocean to Jim Abbott in Birmingham.

The Christmas season and special jaunts, however, are not the only times that continents are bridged or oceans spanned. Almost every night for scores of Birmingham residents—from grade-school age on up as they get messages across the world, and listen for far away call letters.

... Across Half a Continent

R. C. Charbeneau's receiver. "Happy New Year, Son, how are things at the academy?" responds Dad (at Mike). Listening in are (from left) Mrs. Huffman, Charbeneau, brother Larry and sister Pam.

A 'Merry Christmas' ...

"Merry Christmas, Dad," says Navy Academy Junior and varsity quarterback George Huffman, Jr. (right) of Scenic drive, Franklin. His message comes from the Annapolis "ham shack" across half a continent to ...