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## This and That

by George R. Averill

A former sergeant in the Cuban army, who rose to become President of the Cuban government, during which time he set up a veritable dictatorship, has recently fled his country. This man's name is Fulgencio Batista. The 52-year-old leader of the rebellion which caused Batista to flee is the Dominican Republic for refuge. He is the name Fidel Castro. Batista's entire family, together with several hundred of his civilian and military supporters, also fled from Cuba. It is reported that Batista amassed a fortune as high as \$200,000,000, practically all of which came through the Cuban government and the graft that he sponsored, supported or tolerated during his term as President. Batista's flight is being heralded by many close observers of the Cuban scene as a leader who will restore constitutional honest government to the Cuban people. He certainly is the man of the hour on this island only 90 miles from Florida's Key West. And so another dictator has fallen.

Learning a trade or a profession is important, and learning how to be a good citizen is of equal importance. If enough of our citizens fail to exemplify faithful citizenship, we finally shall lose our freedoms. Freedom can be defended best while it still lives in a freedom-minded land.

A few months ago, Rudolph Bing, head of the Metropolitan Opera company from New York, signed his contract with Maria Callas, famous grand opera singer, whose performance has caused the cancellation of similar contracts in other U.S.A. and European opera houses. In an international television show recently, Madam Callas was asked by St. Thomas Beach in England, a Greek symphony orchestra conductor, if he ever had honored a bold and enterprising head of a certain American opera company manager. The lady singer replied in the negative, although at the same time admitting that perhaps she should have considered adding to her repertoire a poor way to treat good wine. Had the temperamental opera singer been a better singer, her reputation would have boomed loudly throughout the entire opera world.

A certain Birmingham lady who doesn't drink a drop of anything intoxicating, was able to drive her car to the front of her house New Year's Eve. She couldn't get it there, however, because she had her car and started up the driveway on all fours—meaning, of course, on wheels and on her feet. Telling about it later, she smilingly said, "I sure to blame it on any of my neighbors, but I saw me coming in on all fours, that they will realize my method of driving was caused by not seeing ice on the driveway — not tacking over in a flash."

Monday, December 22nd, found the entire Southern corner of Michigan enveloped in a fog almost as thick as that which surrounds some of our national leaders who are claiming to find solutions for many of our national problems. So far as the atmospheric condition goes, the good old sun finally had a chance. (See THIS & THAT, Page 2-A)

## Blood Bank Here

The Oakland County Red Cross Blood Bank will be at First Baptist church, Willetts at Bates, Jan. 10, from 2 to 9 p.m. The Blood Bank is being sponsored by the board's deacons. Donors are asked to contact Mrs. Fred Sawyer or Mrs. Ralph Alexander for appointments.

In every land, in every age, there are men and women who "burn the midnight oil" in personal efforts to achieve something better for others. It may be a little technological invention, a new law or amendment to an old one, an inspired book or poem, or the practical teaching of a self-sacrificing friend who seeks Divine help for another's troubles. Bless such people!

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SECTION A

Serving the Citizens of Michigan's Finest Suburban Residential Area



Space expert Arthur C. Clarke chatted with James Fowler, curator of education at Cranbrook Institute of Science, at Friday's celebrity luncheon. Clarke said he was being photographed for the first time in newly-acquired contact lenses.

## Listeners Astounded By 'Space Salesman'

By JULIE CANDLER

You look at the sky differently after you've heard Arthur C. Clarke talk. You see targets for space rockets, not stars. You see a future dwelling place for man, not the moon.

Even if you thought the space race was something only Flash Gordon could win, you believe in it now. Because science writer Arthur Clarke, who spoke at Birmingham Town Hall last week, has sold you on the reality of it and the knowledge of them. The clean-cut, top-headed Englishman apparently knows what he's talking about. The latest of his 21 books (non-fiction, novels and short stories) is called "The Making of a Moon" and is based on his visits with American and Russian missile project engineers.

BUT YOUNGISH Arthur Clarke doesn't limit his field to space. Right now he's living in Columbia, capital of Ceylon. There, he tells me, his servant wakes him every morning at 7:30 with that of him. (Now that's living!) Only make me coffee.)

Once he's up, Clarke heads for coral reefs instead of clouds. "I never thought I'd be a tourist attraction," he said, handing me a travel brochure on Ceylon. In the cover picture an aqua-lined swimmer frolics through the deep blue Ceylonese sea. "That's me," said Clarke, explaining that he had written several underwater books and plans to write two more when he returns to Ceylon after his current American lecture tour.

"HALF OF my lecture on space exploration has been out from underneath me in the two and a half years I have been lecturing," Clarke told his Town Hall audience Friday.

"Some of my slides now have a faintly Victorian flavor," he joked, "and if I go on much longer, everything will be a matter of the past." Having pointed out that some of his predictions had already come true, he went on to forecast that in the near future, larger American satellites are going to be launched.

The first man-made object will reach the moon sometime in 1959. Man himself will reach the moon in 1960. Clarke said that some of his predictions had already come true, he went on to forecast that in the near future, larger American satellites are going to be launched.

HE SAID his property was purchased in line with a recommendation made by the Citizen's Committee. At that time the committee recommended the board enlarge the playground by condemning adjacent

## Will Keep 2 Women On B of E

Birmingham school district's new school board member will be a woman. The Birmingham Eccentric learned yesterday morning.

She will be revealed publicly next Tuesday night at the board's regular January meeting in Hill school's board room.

Thus the board will continue to have two women members, a tradition established more than 10 years ago. The board has seven members.

THE NEW APPOINTEE will succeed Mrs. Donald Parry, who resigned Jan. 1 because her husband has accepted a job in Newark, N. J.

Mrs. Peter B. Loomis, school board president, said the board has agreed on the new appointee, and will make the appointment next Tuesday night.

THE NEW MEMBER will serve until next June 8's annual school board election. Then voters will elect a member to complete the unexpired year of an original four-year term.

Mrs. Alex Parnie was elected to this term in June 1956. She resigned in August 1957 because her family was moving to California.

A month later, Mrs. Parry was appointed to the vacancy. In June 1958 she ran for the two-year unexpired portion of Mrs. Parnie's term, and was elected.

Freak Ice Patch Causes Collisions, Traffic Snarl

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Four cars on I-75 from 50 to 60 were stuck up Wednesday morning on a freak ice patch at "famed hill" on Woodward near Long Lake road.

A station wagon driven by Kent H. Stamer, 2201 Englehart, St. Clair Shores, skidded on the same patch of ice and barreled down the hill toward Lindsay's car.

Lindsay saw the auto coming, pushed his companion out the passenger side and jumped out after him.

Stamer was taken to St. Joseph's hospital in Pontiac for x-rays.

Or, "Cars were funneling down the second lane over from the dividing strip," commented a Clawson man, "when I saw a car skidding broadside toward me."

Nelson McRoberts, 326 Huntly, Birmingham, was unable to stop on the ice.

Equipment Taken From Baldwin School To Be Increased

Burglars broke into the south wing of Baldwin elementary school Sunday night and took \$400 worth of school equipment.

Det. L. Merlin Holmquist said a det. microscope, two film strips of camera equipment, a typewriter and other school equipment were taken.

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The Rev. David J. Duncan, pastor at Holy Name Catholic church, Birmingham, for 12 years before retiring in 1955 because of poor health, died Jan. 8 following a stroke.

Fr. Duncan, 67, died at the rectory of Most Holy Trinity parish, Detroit, where he lived since retirement.

Requiem mass was held there for him Monday at 10:30 a.m. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre cemetery, Detroit.

PRIOR TO COMING to Birmingham in 1940, Fr. Duncan served 15 years as professor of English and public speaking at Sacred Heart seminary, Detroit. Before that he served two years at St. Vincent's, Detroit.

He attended Holy Cross college, Worcester, Mass., and did post graduate work at Columbia and the Franciscan House of Study at St. Bonaventure and St. Andrew on Hudson, N. Y.

He was ordained in December, 1924, and first served as an assistant pastor at St. Peter and Paul parish, Detroit.

During his pastorate here, Holy Name school underwent extensive expansion programs, including a new building in 1947 and additions to the school and convent in 1952.

He is survived by Harrison, N. J., the son of Henry and Catherine Duncan.

He is survived by a nephew and two nieces.

Bagwell to Speak At JC's Annual Award Banquet

Former candidate for governor, Paul H. Bagwell, will be the guest speaker at the Birmingham Jaycees' "Distinguished Service Award Banquet" at the Devon Golf Club Feb. 4.

John Coulson, Automobile Club of Michigan sales supervisor, will be the emcee.

The "Outstanding Man of the Year Award" will be presented at the banquet plus the "Key Award" for last year's outstanding Jaycee.

THIS YEAR the banquet will also be "Bessie Night," and each Jaycee will introduce his best friend.

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Birmingham's three incumbent city commissioners will seek re-election at the April 6 election, they told The Birmingham Eccentric this week.

Their nominating petitions now are circulating.

Mayor Carl F. Ingraham will be going for his second full term (three years), while Charles W. Reefle will be out for his third term.

William H. Burgin, named to the commission last July to succeed William Hutchinson, said he will run for the one-year unexpired portion of Hutchinson's term.

PETITIONS MUST contain from 25 to 50 names of registered electors, and be submitted to the city clerk by the March 1 deadline.

Birmingham voters also will elect two municipal court judges on April 6.

The two incumbents, John C. Emery, Jr., 132 Waterfall land, and his brother, Edward B. Emery, 755 Patton, were elected in 1956.

JOHN EMERY was elected associate municipal judge in 1953, was re-elected in 1957. In June 1958, the city commission named him to succeed John J. Gaffill, who retired.

Emery was named to the associate judgeship.

Renewal lives at 987 Arden lane, Birmingham, was elected in 1951, was re-elected to a one-year term in 1952. In 1953 he won the first full term, and was re-elected in 1956. He was mayor from 1954-56.

Ingraham was elected to his first term in 1956.

RENFREW is a Jam Handy executive. Ingraham is a lawyer. Reefle is a construction engineer.

Ingraham lives at 940 Harmon, Burzum at 1875 Winthrop.

Police Investigating Piggish Theft Here

Birmingham police are investigating the burglary of the John W. Mitchell residence, 1600 Bowers.

Mrs. Mitchell's husband was out of town for the weekend and she stayed at her parents. She returned home early Tuesday morning to find the front door smashed.

Careful investigation showed nothing missing—except the contents of a year and under the contents of Mrs. Mitchell's wallet how much money was in the bank.

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By BETTY PAYSNER Special Writer

A movie role with Lana Turner might be the next highlight in the many-sided life of State Supreme Court Justice John D. Voelker.

As author Robert Traver, Voelker wrote the best-seller, "Anatomy of a Murder" which will be filmed this March.

"I might become an actor long enough for a walk-on with Lana Turner," he grinned at the Bloomfield Democratic club reception in his honor Friday.

Putting a king-sized Marzetti cigarette, the powerfully built, 54-year-old justice expressed his surprise at the success of his newest novel.

"When I was writing it, I thought: Here's where I'll get five more readers in a telephone booth."

Quick wit, independence, and an enterprising spirit are remembered by Voelker's friends since his school days.

HIS COLLEGE roommate, Arthur Farrell of Birmingham, now head of The Detroit News advertising department, recalled, "Voelker's first law case."

"John was just a sophomore at University of Michigan law school at the time."

"One evening we decided to take off from studies and go to Detroit's old Graystone ballroom. As we boarded a streetcar to return to campus, a constable closed the door on my hand."

"I was taken to a hospital and had a fingernail removed. I thought that was the end of the matter."

"HUT A FEW DAYS later John asked me: 'Are you had \$50, would you give me half?'"

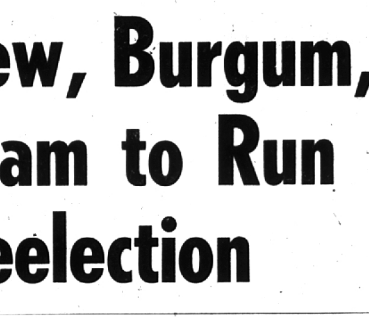
"\$50 was an unheard of sum for college students at that time," he laughed and said sure.

"Then John handed me a check for \$50 from the U.S.R. in answer to a letter he wrote threatening suit for my finger injury!"

"Now that I'm a book has been so successful," his one-time roommate added, "we kid him saying, 'John, if you had \$250,000, would you give me half?'"

is the piece of pork included in a can of baked beans. "A philosopher is a man who knows how to make himself comfortable behind the eight-ball."

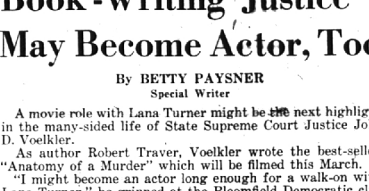
An old-time fellow who remembers when you had to crank a car to get it started.



Newly-elected State Representative James Clarkson, (Democrat, fourth district) talks with State Supreme Court Justice John D. Voelker (right) at the Bloomfield Democratic club reception in his honor.



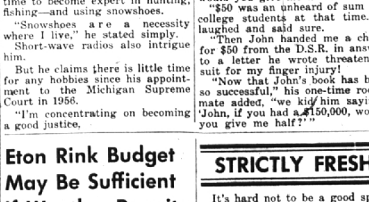
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## STRICTLY FRESH

It's hard not to be a good sport when you're winning.

Folks along the street from us are really getting it. An opener and home freezer broke down at the same time.

The smallest particle of matter

