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## This and That

by George R. Averill

One out of every five Americans who do not contain food in the armed services, climbed from 611,000 in 1958 to 2,400,000 in 1959—an increase of 290 per cent.

Several new electronic-type machines are being installed in U.S. postoffices to speed up the handling of mail. One gadget sorts out 100 letters per hour to destinations throughout the nation... but it will never recognize the postmaster's reading of each card, will heh yuh!

A new, volunteer organization known as "Bairingers" has been launched in Michigan, with the objective of boosting the political fortunes of Paul D. Nagwell, last year's unsuccessful Republican candidate for Governor. Temporary Dr. L. E. May, of Howell, the organization seeks to restore Michigan to its former reputation of state sovereignty, good industrial climate, etc., etc.

If our federal government can't balance its budget in times of prosperity, it certainly will see it topple when a bit of adversity hits us.

The major league baseball clubs use about 64,000 balls during a season—a small number of them resulting in complete agreement between batter and umpire as they cross the plate.

## Emergency Water Rate Talks Start

What should Birmingham charge for water it might sell in emergency to the South Oakland water authority?

City commissioners asked City Manager L. R. Gare to discuss a water rate with authority engineer-manager Donald C. Egbert.

Birmingham buys water from the authority for \$1.44, sells it to residents for \$1.87 per cubic foot. The city also maintains two city wells for emergency use.

## Read Our Toyland Tabloid

With Today's Issue  
... 16 Pages of News and Features  
To Make Your Yule Shopping Easier!

Mankind still has a great journey to make before it is able to place more of its members in that Biblical garden located eastward of Eden. It is declared that only those who have learned how truly to love their God and their brethren may populate this Heavenly spot. Therefore, it is lamentable that so few times in conversation, is the word "love" used in its spiritual meaning.

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## To Eat or Not to Eat — That Is the Dilemma

What'll it be on YOUR table tomorrow cranberries or a substitute? That's what Mrs. Richard O. Ruppel, 154 Guilford, Bloomfield Hills, was deciding when we spotted her this week before the jams and jellies shelves in the Wrigley market here.

After thoughtful consideration, Mrs. Ruffel chose the cranberries for herself, husband Richard, and daughters Pamela, 13, and Anita, 9.

Other housewives, however, still may be

a little skitterish over this national cranberry crisis, even though government re-assurances have been coming through for several days now.

In that event, such substitutes as pickled pears, peaches, watermelon rind, cherries, and other berries and fruits will grace Thanksgiving tables tomorrow.

Regardless what sauce you serve, or are served, may the day be a meaningful Thanksgiving!

## Nab Shoplifter—Lose Friend

Birmingham police today are on the lookout for half of a shoplifting team that was apprehended Monday afternoon at Kay Baum's, woman's apparel shop.

Two women, both about 25, were stopped by the store detective and buyer Leonard Kirshenbaum as they tried to leave the store by a rear door with two coats valued at a total of \$285.

ONE WOMAN threw the coat at Kirshenbaum's feet, and said, "Here take your coat."

She ran through the store and made a getaway in a taxicab. Detective Lt. Merlin L. Holmquist and Sgt. Charles Blushfield had followed. Two youngsters, boys got the cab's license number. Holmquist phoned the cab company, which radioed the driver and told him to bring the woman to the Birmingham police station.

The woman jumped out of the cab, on Woodward, north of 12 Mile road, the driver reported.

The other woman, in the Oakland county jail has been tentatively identified as Virginia Morris, 25, of 8922 W. Linwood, De Troy, Holmquist said.

## Drivers Escape Injury After Autos Collide

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Three drivers involved in a three-car collision Friday afternoon walked away without injury from the three cars that looked as if they were a total loss.

The drivers were, Clyde Myers, 45, of 1111 W. Waggoner, De Troy; Clawson, and William D. Wade, of Royal Oak.

THE ACCIDENT occurred at 3:45 p.m. on Woodward near Cranbrook road.

Myers and Hagemeister were driving south on Woodward and Myers told police he suddenly lost control of his car. Myers car hooked the front fender of Hagemeister's and flipped over.

Myers car rolled over the island and into the car driven by Wade who was driving north on Woodward.

All three cars were badly damaged and had to be towed away.

## Dr. Sockman Tells What He Wants for Christmas

Dr. Ralph Sockman entered his first parish 42 years ago. He still is there. In addition, he has been minister of the National radio pulpit since 1928. This month he digs deep into his Christmas stocking of understanding and takes out for us all the gifts that he looks forward to each year, and tells us about the kind of Christmas he wants.

You'll find this headline in December's issue of SUBURBIA Today, which you'll receive with NEXT WEEK'S Birmingham Eccentric.

And, as we look forward to the "just around the corner" holiday season, we'd like to give our readers a little something. The first is an article about how a group of our readers who are not at all satisfied with the present for \$1.87 per cubic foot. The city also maintains two city wells for emergency use.

THERE'S ALSO a story about a family who wanted a house that would give them warmth, charm, space, comfort, and convenience... they bought and remodeled a century-old carriage house... The next gift is for Suburbians everywhere. Famed poetess Phyllis Kelsey writes a tribute to her suburban town—but in singing of the many acts of kindness, generosity, and love that she finds among her own neighbors, she is saluting Suburbia in every part of the country. She says that in towns pretty much the same when it comes to good will?

And there are a series of portable fireplaces that fit like a charm, day. Santa may not like you, but we're sure that you will find

## ABA Governor Presents Award

Another law enforcement award was presented to Birmingham Monday night.

In a pre-commission meeting ceremony, an American bar association citation was presented Birmingham for making the greatest annual improvement in traffic law administration among cities of 25,000 to 50,000 population.

Henry Woolfenden, member of the ABA board of governors, presented the plaque to Judge John C. Emery, Jr., and brother and Associate Judge Edward Emery. John Emery in turn presented it to Mayor Harry M. Jones.

SAID WOOLFENDEN, who is a Bloomfield Hills city commissioner, "I am particularly proud to be able to present this to a sister city."

Judge John Emery praised the combined efforts of the city administration, police department and court for this new achievement.

## Businesses to Pay US-10 Alley Costs

When the city gets around to paving the alleys behind Woodward avenue businesses from Lincoln to 14 Mile road, the businesses will have to absorb the residential share.

This decision was made Monday night by the city commission, who added that such paving was not imminent.

Alleys will serve only commercial uses, City Manager L. R. Gare explained in his recommendation that this assessment procedure be followed.

# Beverly Hills Police Leak Teenage Drinking Party

## Lights On 'Payola' Got Him Excited? No and Yes

By GEORGE WM. RAYL, Managing Editor

A new word is getting into an American's slang vocabulary. It's "payola."

It's a word which radio and TV disc jockeys use to describe the cash commission some of them have received to place certain records issued by small recording artists and companies.

Let's of people are excited over "payola."

I'm not.

However, I AM excited over the nation's excitement over payola.

I'll better explain:

TODAY IT MEANS a disc jockey loses his job if he's received a bribe in New York state, or a new basement bar... or a can of sardines... or bottle of whiskey to DJ for playing a certain record or TV commentator.

A public official who accepts bribes, can be penalized by a jail term—if he's caught with the cash. A DJ who accepts a commercial bribe in New York state, to take a commercial bribe is unlawful.

Let's see, now this all seems to center around "bribery," what is that?

Webster's dictionary defines "bribe" as "a price, reward, gift or favor bestowed or promised with a view to pervert the judgment or corrupt the conduct of a person in a position of trust."

Who other inducements is a DJ subjected to each day — and for submitting to he receives no public criticism whatsoever?

The DJ is induced by a tank of gas at a certain station because he gets a gallon of gas free when he buys a certain record.

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WITHOUT THE inducement or incentive of a cash payment, the record would not be played.

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## 5 Accidents In 55 Minutes Along US-24

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — A freak series of five accidents occurred during a 55-minute period in Bloomfield township and sheriff's department officials scurrying Tuesday morning with ambulances to pick up a passenger in one of the accidents early in the morning.

ONE MISHAP involved an ambulance hurrying to pick up a passenger in one of the accidents early in the morning.

The 7:20 collision occurred in front of the township hall when John Saliers' 1954 Oldsmobile, Bloomfield Township, was turning into the Bloomfield headquarters on Woodward.

The crash involved two cars traveling south on Telegraph—Saliers' auto turning from the north and an auto behind him.

Saliers was taken to St. Joseph Mercy hospital where he was treated for cuts and fractured ribs.

JUST 10 MINUTES later Gerald Noe, 22, of 5420 Brunswick, Pontiac, rammed into the rear of Saliers' car, which was traveling north on Telegraph.

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THE THIRD MISHAP was a minor collision at Quarton road and Telegraph. It was handled by the sheriff's department. Officials reported injuries and damages were slight.

Accident number four at 8 a.m. involved an ambulance on a run to the accident at Meadoway and Telegraph. William Hill, 25, driver for the Superior Ambulance Company was hit at the Franklin-Telegraph intersection. Hill was taken to St. Joseph Mercy hospital and treated for hand and hand cuts and possible fractured ribs.

## We're All Rising To New Heights!

Special to the Eccentric

NEW YORK, Nov. 19—There's another kind of inflation going on in Birmingham, one that has nothing to do with money.

It's an inflation in people—size-wise, that is. Young people today are taller than their parents and considerably taller than their grandparents were at their ages.

The height of the average 25-year-old man in this country in 1959 is five feet nine inches, approximately one inch above that reached by his grandfather at age 25.

THE AVERAGE woman has made upward strides of about the same order. She now attains a height of five feet nine inches, compared with the five feet two of her grandmother back in 1910.

The figures are contained in studies reported by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in its 1959 yearbook and in data from Selective Service, actuarial and college sources. The national averages are assumed to apply locally.

Population studies indicate that there are 1,552 per cent more people in Birmingham at the present time than in 1907 that there were in 1910, when grandfather was in his prime.

THE INCREASING height of the population is more than a matter of light humor to industry. Clothing manufacturers have had to figure on more yardage per garment than they once did.

Beds and mattresses have had to be made longer. Shoes, also, have had to be made wider and deeper. More leg room must be provided in movie theatres.

But that's not the story. If the count were based on the standards of 1910, with their 67-inch men and 54-inch women and their children, today's population would actually be 1,709 per cent more than it was then —

## One Youth In Argument With Officer

A 17-year-old Beverly Hills youth, sought for three days on charges of assault and battery against a police officer and with being drunk and disorderly, appeared in Beverly Hills court early Monday evening.

Standing mute to these charges is Rodney S. McDonnell, 1158 Worthington.

McDonnell was one of seven Birmingham area youths arrested late Friday by Beverly Hills police who broke up a drinking party of 25 teenagers.

POLICE OFFICERS Peter Lutz and Gerald Hunter were patrolling the E-spring-Riverside area at 11:35 p.m. Friday when they found the crowd of boys near the lounge river being drinking beer.

When the boys scattered, officers Lutz and Hunter were able to grab only seven.

Five boys were released to their parents.

ALSO ARRESTED was Theodore G. Tarnay, 17, of 1950 Latham, Birmingham.

Tarnay was arrested for reckless driving when he tried to drive away from the party at a high speed. Officer Tom Good arrested him about an hour later.

Tarnay was taken before Judge Brian D. Ellis at \$250.

When he pleaded guilty to reckless driving, he was fined \$100 and his license suspended for 30 days.

WHEN OFFICERS brought the seven youths into the station, they tried to separate McDonnell from the others because he was causing a disturbance, it was claimed.

Officer Lutz and McDonnell room for questioning and McDonnell started a scuffle, according to police.

After Lutz subdued the youth and quieted him down, McDonnell asked permission to use the lavatory. After going into the room, McDonnell locked the door and escaped through the window.

POLICE OBTAINED a warrant for his arrest Saturday morning and notified his parents, who said he was not at home but they would bring him in as soon as he arrived.

The parents were told the argument was between McDonnell and the other youth at that time and was placed in the room for questioning and McDonnell started a scuffle, according to police.

## 100 Charter Families Join New Swim Club

Though Birmingham's first neighborhood club swimming pool got a setback last week on the site it had hoped for, the organization took a step ahead this week.

President Leslie W. Fleming, 1007 Molegan, Birmingham, announced Monday that all 100 of the Forest Hills swim club's available charter memberships have been sold. No non-charter membership applications will be accepted, Fleming said, until after the pool's site and site are definitely determined.

Fleming said the club expects to announce the site of the swimming pool site at a general meeting to which charter members will be invited soon. Several sites with the needed zoning are under serious consideration, Fleming said.

"WERE GOING to swim next summer," said Mrs. John H. Holmes, Forest Hills secretary.

Last week the City of Birmingham's attorney ruled that Manor park property near Adams road and Shepherdsburg was restricted to single family residences. The club had asked to purchase the site property for its pool site.

The 100 charter memberships were sold less than two months after the club announced its sale at its first meeting Oct. 1.

THE CLUB, which plans to limit membership to 350 families, proposes to build a pool within a five-minute drive from northeast Birmingham homes.

Fleming said the cost of the non-charter membership probably will be higher than the \$300 charter memberships.