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# This and That

by George R. Averill

The meek may inherit the earth but the fat shall not be taken to pay for that privilege.

So often one may listen to the sweet-sounding voice of a feminine virtuoso, yet be unable to understand what she is trying to say. Her voice may be as though filtered through Heaven's own electronic equipment. Her enunciation at though in a language never heard before. In such instances I seek to enjoy the brave, melodious sound waves she pours forth; shall not allow unintelligible audio to shroud the values of her harmonious tones.

You hear much, these days about "foreign policy". The lips of mere citizens quiver over discussions of the subject. The mouths of many politicians open and close as they transcribe their opinions to international problems. Alas 'tis so sorrowful to find that most of the political pronouncements include your pocketbook. Truly, it seems, the sound of coins appears to transcend the sound of wise words... wise words attended by wise actions.

Within 90 miles of Key West, our southernmost city, the monstrous revolution is taking place. Fidel Castro and his followers are what we usually call easy distance to place Cuba under the rule of communism. How powerless, it also appears, is this country's powerful nation to prevent a branch of the Soviet Kremlin to be installed at our front door. Truly, the nations quake and freedom for the moment shivers upon the scaffold.

A harried city editor once sat down at his beloved Remington and composed the following explanation for his old nemesis, the typographical error. "In case you find any mistakes in this paper, please remember that they were put there for a purpose. We try to get something in the paper for everybody, and some people are always looking for mistakes."

Sign outside a church:  
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(What's cooking?)  
Onion odor and flavor can be removed from cooking utensils by rubbing them with celery leaves. Application of Mica axle grease, slunk oil, and the odors and flavor of a stinkin' communist also accomplish the same effect. (When using the latter stuff, always throw the utensil away.)

Apparently, it now dawns upon much of the American public that a political platform is intended to be a very touching and moving document. Before election it sounds and looks pretty good; after the candidates get into office they often are loath to touch it... they find it quite easy to move away from it.

Manikind currently is trying an experiment in space. Maybe some day he will be able to span the stratosphere and visit another planet. Even higher and higher, into the infinite mankind wants to go—yet, right now, by the proper mental and spiritual development of the divine being, mankind can reach spiritual "spaces" (states of consciousness) that are more rewarding than space travel.

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## Reader Goes to Fire

WEST BLOOMFIELD—A Birmingham Eccentric reader, Thomas L. Dunston, of 1031 Ridgedale, Birmingham, caught this picture of a flaming house at 6935 Orchard Lake road, West Bloomfield township. Dunston happened to be passing the Floyd A. Geisler home Tuesday afternoon, grabbed the camera in his car, shot seven pictures left on the roll and brought them to The Eccentric's editorial offices. The fire started

when Kenneth Geisler, 12, and his brother, Roger, 10, poured gasoline into a power mower with the engine running. West Bloomfield township firemen speculate the boys dropped the can and ran, spreading gas over the garage floor, when a spark ignited the gas engine. The garage was destroyed, and early estimates place damage at \$7,000. The boys were unharmed.

## Elementary Starts Too Late, Parents Tell School Board

By DENI SCANLON  
Staff Writer

Some 50 parents Tuesday protested Birmingham school's scheduled starting time of 9:30 a.m. for elementary students. Bearing petitions with an additional 575 names of parents who want an earlier start for youngsters, the group amicably discussed the problem with board members, who tabled the issue until next Tuesday's special school board meeting.

Their prime consideration this week will be the school's promise of starting 15 minutes earlier. Because of pressure to economize, the board created the proposed schedule, trimming its transportation service to save \$35,000 and seven buses.

"THERE WAS nothing we felt we could leave out of the school program without sacrificing our transportation status," Board President Mrs. Kathryn Loomis explained. "We don't feel we can cut teachers—we need more," Richard

at 3:30 p.m. The change is based on the bus schedule approved by the board at its May 3 meeting. Nine of the 14 elementary schools receive pupils who travel to school by bus.

PARENTS who challenged the time schedule this week claimed it impractical for several reasons. Mothers with preschool children stated that it would be difficult to arrange early conferences with instructors to discuss any early starting youngsters who arise early, would be wasting morning hours better suited for learning studies pointed out at the 4 p.m. dismissal hour would cut down on the after-school recreation period, especially in the winter.

Parents of youngsters attending school without bus service asked the board to consider starting them at earlier times. The administrative council recommended that classes concluding

## State's Juvenile Curfew Effective in Birmingham

Birmingham police authorities this week reminded local residents of a law designed to help find the cause of juvenile delinquency in Michigan. It went into effect Wednesday.

The curfew law regulates hours for children under 16 years of age and provides penalties for violations.

THE LAW prohibits a youth under 16 from being on a public street, park or alley from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. unless accompanied by a parent or guardian or an adult delegated to accompany him.

The curfew applies to persons under 16 from midnight to 6 a.m. unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, delegated adult, or other legitimate business directed by his parent or guardian.

The law provides that any person assisting, aiding, abetting, allowing, permitting or encouraging a minor to violate the curfew will be guilty of a misdemeanor.

A COMMITTEE headed by State Rep. Henry DeMaio (R-Battle Creek), studied the state juvenile code during the 1959 legislative session. The teens who were the statewide curfew was necessary after hearing testimony from local enforcement agencies that

## Boy Drowns In Cranbrook Wading Pool

A two-year-old Bloomfield Hills boy drowned in a children's wading pool last Thursday just a short distance from his parents' home at Cranbrook school.

Jeffrey Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard L. Harris of Faculty Way, Cranbrook, was the child who was in the smallest of four pools used by Cranbrook personnel and with families, according to the

Harris, 38, is a history teacher at the school for boys. Philip Osborn of Livonia pulled the boy out when a neighbor woman screamed, police said. Peter DeWitt, lifeguard at a nearby pool, and Bloomfield Hills police and firemen attempted to revive the child with oxygen and mouth-to-mouth artificial respiration. The boy was pronounced dead at St. Joseph's mercy hospital, Pontiac.

POLICE SAID THE child apparently fell into the water from a small wooden platform at the pool's edge after slipping away from his home. The pool is only a few feet from where the Harris family lives.

Only the adult pool at Cranbrook is attended by a lifeguard, according to Detroit-Battle Creek. Children are not to use smaller pools unless accompanied by adults.

## Theatre Great Admires Will-O-Way

By JULIE CANDLER  
Staff Writer

After producing or directing 97 Broadway plays, Guthrie McClintic flew from New York to Bloomfield Hills last week. He plainly showed that at 67 he's still enthusiastic about the theatre.

McClintic laughed, cheered and applauded with the rest of the audience when he acted as emcee at Will-O-Way apprentice theatre on Long Lake road.

When each brief scene ended, and the young student actors and actresses sat on the stage, McGlincie got into office, they often are loath to touch it... they find it quite easy to move away from it.

Sunday night. After each scene, he gave his critique. "I had a thought of the apprentice theatre, McClintic said sincerely, "it's wonderful."

"OF COURSE," he added, "I've always been interested in discovering new talent."

He was rattled off an impressive list of movie, television and theatre stars to whom he gave first Broadway roles. The long list includes a Detroit girl, Julie Randall, Christine Ebersole, Gregory Peck, Charlton Heston and Tony Harris.

How does he detect talent? "It's instinct," he said. "He discovered his 'kit'" when he was a young casting director at the Detroit-Battle Creek theatre in 1920. He suspected then that she would be a great actress. He met her in a Broadway hit three years ago.

# Youth Protection Program Recommended For B'ham

City commissioners will review next Monday night a recommendation for establishment of a child protection and youth assistance plan in Birmingham.

The recommendation comes from a special youth committee of United Community Services following a study of the Birmingham area.

However, the UCS proposal differs from the county plan from the standpoint of organization. The recommendation is made in a report by the special committee and North Oakland planning division of UCS. This report will be submitted to the city commission Monday night, and a copy also will be sent to Judge Moore.

UNDER THE UCS proposal, the organization of a local youth assistance plan would have a board of directors with county-wide representation serving as a policy group under direction from the juvenile division.

Furthermore, there would be an executive director working under supervision of the board. He would have assistance from an agency advisory committee, composed of the administrators of county-wide social agencies.

A trained casework supervisor would oversee the social work staff. Under him would be the individual local advisory committees, each with a social staff worker.

"THIS organization plan," the UCS report states, "promotes uniform, county-wide policies; sound inter-agency relationships and understanding of procedures are created through the agency advisory committee."

The best possible service is developed with a trained supervisor overseeing the social work staff.

"And local community involvement is maintained but not as a policy-making body. Another recommendation is that UCS assume leadership in promoting money and more adequately trained personnel in the public and private agencies now serving children and youth in the area."

"This committee urges that the report be a study of child protection and youth assistance be a public or government responsibility in a community-by-community basis."

"OUR STUDY indicated that a system based on individual government units would not only pose a serious and confusing problem to the private agencies, but it would require more cost in both time and money to coordinate the efforts of many youth protection agencies."

Mrs. Harvey Greene of Birmingham, who is chairman of the special committee which studied the county youth assistance plan, said her committee's report on their study received "complete approval" of the general planning committee of UCS as well as the North Oakland planning division.

"This means," said Mrs. Greene, "that the leaders of social work planning in the tri-county area—Oakland, Wayne and Macomb—believed with our committee that an overall county organization is essential to the success of child protection and youth assistance services."

"WE ARE ANXIOUS to see the child protection and youth assistance plan in action in Birmingham, but recognize that the changes spelled out in the report are necessary before the plan can become an effective tool in preventing delinquency, both in Birmingham and in Oakland county."

The youth committee's study of the county plan and the local need was approved by the UCS general planning committee, headed by John J. Cramm.

It pointed out that protection services for children and youth are a public responsibility and must be available to all who need them.

Such services, the study stated, should be financed by tax funds and should be offered uniformly throughout the county.

GARE SAID the cost of widening the Grand Trunk railroad viaduct (Eton) to a width of 44 feet was estimated at \$39,900. This portion would be shared by both the city and the county road commission since it is entirely within Birmingham.

The cost of widening from the viaduct east to Coolidge was estimated at \$57,300, with the county, Birmingham and Troy to share in the cost. Total cost of the project would be \$97,200.

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GARE SAID possibilities are good that the county could include the project in its 1960-61 road construction program.

However, his report that the county likely would retain jurisdiction over the road evoked protests from disgruntled residents in the audience.

He claimed that they had been forced to put pressure on the city in order to induce the county to maintain the road.

Speaking in opposition to the plan, E. Maples residents: Louis R. Turf, 15671; Carleton

view of the recognized fact that there is urgent need for total area coverage and for service to the nonvoluntary, hard to reach cases of neglect and early delinquency not presently being served adequately.

MRS. HARVEY Greene of Birmingham is chairman of the special youth committee, which has studied Judge Moore's program since January of this year.

Her committee's report to the North Oakland planning division of UCS contained these conclusions listed in part:

1) That child protection and youth assistance services be used in the county.

2) That tax funds should be needed to support such a program, with perhaps special assistance from private funds to effect the program underway.

3) That these services should be effected through a separate public state-wide administrative agency.

(SINCE CURRENT state and county conditions seem to make it impossible at the present time to effect such a program, a compromise is necessary.)

4) Since individuality and variance among local communities is not good planning, there should be uniformity of program throughout the county.

5) There is a need for more money and more adequately trained personnel in the public and private agencies now serving children and youth in the area.

6) There is a serious evidence of a lack of communications among all agencies, public and private, now providing such services.

(THE REPORT claims that this problem "is particularly evident where individual cases are lost through failure to communicate among police, juvenile court, schools and the private agencies.")

7) Local citizen advisory committees are valuable in alerting the public to its responsibilities toward children and youth protection programs, two local committees are appointed by the local government to work cooperatively with the juvenile court. They work under sanction of city ordinance and court rule.

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## UCS Unit Explains Need Here

There is more "emotional neglect" than physical neglect of children in the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills area "because certain parents are not assuming their usual acceptable parental responsibilities."

This statement of need for youth protection services is made in the report of the special youth committee of United Community Services to the North Oakland planning division.

The report will be submitted to the Birmingham city commission next Monday night.

The report's committee explains that the North Oakland unit was asked by the Community Services to study the youth assistance plan, to ascertain the local need and to make recommendations.

IT POINTS out that under the county program two committees function: One, comprised of interested community leaders serving as a citizens advisory committee and the other, comprised of trained and skilled child welfare workers, serving as a casework executive committee.

"Child or youth protection is traditionally a function with authority given by law to a public agency or other than the private, voluntary agency," reads the committee's definition.

"This authority gives the right and imposes upon the agency the duty to enter into situations involving potential or actual neglect, and to continue service until conditions are improved or the child is otherwise protected."

"CASEWORK ACTIVITY of a more assertive character than that usually provided by private social protective agencies is essential."

One salient point is that child protective services are "nonvoluntary" in that the parent as a complainant against parental behavior or neglect.

"The authority is a vested community authority to investigate as differentiated from the use of agencies to prosecute and enforce... The services are for those who are amenable to unwilling to use agencies' services on a voluntary basis," the report states.

Explaining that the county program seeks the cooperation of private agencies to accept referrals of cases needing specific treatment, the UCS committee states:

"EFFICIENT, effective cooperation and coordination are important to the success of the plan."

The committee contends that "policies can and do vary among communities" now participating in the county program.

"Back to School News" is a section in the Birmingham Eccentric, and you will find all the information you need.

This section is checked full with news and pictures of Birmingham area school functions.

YOU WILL find enrollment dates for the various public and parochial schools. A calendar of school activities in the public school districts will prove a helpful guide throughout the school year.

Also in this section you will find news concerning new teachers, building alterations and remodeling, course changes, school population, administrators, school reports and bus schedules.

Parents, students, teachers and administrators will want to clip and save many of these items for reference during the school year. They will make bulletin boards more informative. Many people will want to save the entire section.

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When does your child have to start back to school? What procedure is to be followed in enrolling him? Read the tabloid "Back to School" section with this week's Birmingham Eccentric, and you will find all the information you need.

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