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Food always tastes best to who is hungry... for hunger itself prepares the taste buds to enjoy virtually anything prepared for mankind a "spiritual food", which, when eaten, develops and sustains that substance of Divine origin which makes man one with his Maker... and such "food", too, is best desired and best digested when attended by an inner hunger, to sit at Truth's table.

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This and That
By George R. Averill

At dinner a few evenings ago, I asked my wife who once taught English in a Detroit high school to recite that spelling rule governing the use of all-or-few. She followed the letter "e" would be ahead of the "i". "Remember the word 'he'," she reminded me, "although not a pretty word, it shows the rule." Then I said: "Explain why, in the word 'heft', the letter 'e' follows the letter 'i'." I was almost floored when she quickly replied: "Why not strange at all for the word 'surfeit'?" The letter 'e' does follow the 'i' (sea) for there's always a sea for isn't there a surf?"

Going through the new huge Chrysler Plymouth plant recently, and observing the almost incredible variety of color and style combinations of the cars seen along the assembly line, I said to my Chrysler guide-friend: "Boy! An assortment to choose from. More than a score of colors, whose combinations must run into the hundreds, and sand, enough to satisfy the whims and caprices of any female." To which my companion quickly replied: "Well... yes! In fact almost what many manufacturers have to do to sell their wares? And why not? After all, the ladies do love the merchandising fields in many segments of our economy."

If you were to hold an examination of members of Congress and State Legislatures on the subjects of economics, social and political sciences, I'll wager that few of them would get passing marks. There is only a democratic and fumbles so much of the time. Too many of our public officials in these places are ignorant of the problems and their solutions... and in this ignorance they operate in the mental environment of considerable ignorance; they exemplify portions of selfishness, intolerance of most anybody who cannot help them, and they also become so cautious to the truth that they find intellectual dishonesty an easy couch to lie on. Now remember this: what I only want does not apply to all public officials, or all citizens—only to those of both to prevent them from achieving its inherent harvest of goodness for more people.

We'll Wait and See What Habit Will Be

There'll be no restrictions on parking on the west side of Eton from Villa south to Lincoln. For the present, at least, Birmingham city officials have agreed to watch what kind of parking habit will develop there. It returns into the alleyway type, parking probably will be limited to an hour or two, the officials indicated.

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U.S. Getting Flabby in Math? Not If B'ham Can Help It

By AL SANDNER
Staff Writer

As American education works toward refining its science and mathematics programs, the Birmingham school system is playing a prominent role as a mathematics muscle-builder.

Two programs—unconnected yet closely related—have run their experimental course here and now are ready to stand with classic programs, if not better, in thoroughly tempered adults, at least as young adults undergoing the last part of a trial period.

BIRMINGHAM has been one of 270 schools working closely with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in a new physics program which emphasizes methods of learning, letting the material fall in step behind the new procedure.

The new method, which allows the student to "discover" the laws of physics for himself under closely supervised experiments, is the result of the studies and findings of the physical sciences department at MIT. Still being revised, its final form also will be used in Birmingham schools by high school instructors like Birmingham's Ross Schemm.

THE PSSC, organized in 1956, has made intensive efforts to develop a modern physics course for secondary schools. The program's "in-the-field" phase swung into operation in the 1958-59 school year. The program is designed to instill in the student a better knowledge of the basics, while getting away from the danger of flitting the young mind with unrelated facts, the new program includes the universe, light and wave theory, mechanics and "modern" atomic physics.

THE COMMITTEE said it found that in traditional methods of teaching physics, the material was covered in one year, 2) there was more application of theory than in the PSSC method, 3) the material was more antiquated and 4) there was a lack of cohesion. The PSSC method is being developed under the present plan, in-

Algerian Refugees Need Clothing and Blankets

There are 125,000 children. And there are 125,000 adults. All of them are freezing refugees living and dying in the mountains of Tunisia.

Algerian refugees who have fled east or west across the nearest borders, are clustered in makeshift shacks along the frontiers of Tunisia and Morocco. The number of destitute people in this mountainous area is increasing steadily.

More Algerian refugees than any other were Hungarian refugees, about 85 per cent of them are women and children.

Mrs. Malone wants help in helping them.

Mrs. Malone will receive any donations for the refugees at Gilbert Lake road, a few houses north of Maple road, opposite the Oakland Hills country club.

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children back into a traditional textbook program.

Forty-five teachers and principals recently took part in a three-day workshop—mostly on their own time—as Dr. Andrew Schott, curriculum consultant, started their curriculum, which will be used in the fourth grade.

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Pleasant, Eton Water Mains Get Tentative Okay

Tentative approval to bolstering Birmingham's distribution system in two places was given this week by the city commission.

THE OTHER 16-inch arterial main would extend up Eton from 14 Mile to Maple.

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Need \$569 More

A \$569,000 deficiency assessment roll has been confirmed by the city commission.

Special Issue on April 4 Ballot

Charter Changes Being Readied

There will be one special proposition and three—maybe four—charter amendments on Birmingham's municipal ballot April 4.

IN A VOTE 56 years ago, sale of the lots was approved for single family use. This time, the city has zoned the Maple lots for R-6 multiple family use.

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Syd Harris to Sub For Ogden Nash On Town Hall

Illness has forced Ogden Nash to cancel his Birmingham Town Hall date for next week. Columnist Sydney J. Harris will replace Nash, Town Hall announced Monday.

Nash, noted poet and humorist, was scheduled to speak at the Birmingham theatre at 11 a.m. Jan. 14 and 15. A Town Hall spokesman said Nash had cancelled all future speaking engagements, on doctor's orders.

HARRIS WAS THE MOST POPULAR choice of Town Hall goers who filled out a questionnaire at a recent lecture. His column, "Strictly Personal," appears in a Detroit newspaper. Through it, Harris has made philosophy popular to the average reader.

His book, "Majority of One," was published recently. Harris is a drama critic and lecturer on great books at the University of Chicago.

All tickets have been sold for this year's Town Hall season.

B'ham-Bloomfield Area Starts Off New Year Quietly

The new year may bring the biggest boom this country has ever seen, according to the experts, but 1960 started off quietly in the Birmingham area.

BIRMINGHAM police had their first accident report at 2:24 a.m. Monday. A rear-end collision occurred at Woodward and 14 Mile New Year's Day.

ACCORDING TO police, Kenneth J. Kirkey, of Royal Oak, struck the car driven by Paul J. Gencus, of Clawson. Kirkey was held for investigation of being drunk and disorderly.

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B'ham Has Secretive 'Citizens' Chapter

Romney's Hometown Follows Cheboygan

Birmingham will be the second official chapter of "Citizens for Michigan," currently being organized by American Motors President and Bloomfield Hills resident George W. Romney.

Romney went to Cheboygan Wednesday night to present the first charter to the chapter there. A CFM representative will present its charter to the Birmingham chapter Monday night.

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THE BIRMINGHAM group will begin its studies of the state's financial dilemma at a meeting at 8 p.m. Monday in the Birmingham Community House room. Co-Chairman with VonDrehe is a David G. Birmingham chapter Monday night.

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It Should B-1

The request of the Silco Building Company to rezone the site at 240 Daines from B-2 (neighborhood business) to B-1 (non-retail business) is being considered by the city commission.

COMMISSIONERS apparently will accept the B-80 because it can be walked on, climbed into, and climbed over.

City officials have not decided yet where the B-88 will "land" here.

THE NATION'S TOP SUBURBAN WEEKLY TEN CENTS