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## This and That

By George R. Averill

No wonder some of the current generation are not amounting to much! A six-grade pupil's examination paper made the open and vehemently declared statement that "in the United States people legally are allowed only one wife. This is called monogamy."

Said the learned, dreamy, long-haired politician: "We must learn that our near-future is wrapped up in the far-future, just as the past has emerged into the most recent past. It is this condition of 'past and future' that our generation must be concerned in, that unless one has always contended that unless one looks ahead, he'll never see what is likely to be around the corner. After all, life is a full of many curves, which means, in the final and last analysis, that one must be concerned and interested in the future. On these thoughts, fellow-Americans, I base my political dissent. On these thoughts, I shall go forward... so why not more of you want to go with me?" (Thus expounded this Statesman.)

As we write this Nelson A. Rockefeller continues to rock the Republican bandwagon with his vigorous demands that the GOP candidates (Vice-President Nixon especially) come forth thundering in favor of a more liberal life. By the time this paragraph is published, the Republican convention will have selected its President and Vice-President candidates... and maybe it'll be Nixon and Rockefeller. After all, a comparable twin was wedded at the recent Democratic convention.)

Confusion, widespread pillaging, looting, and even bloodshed in the Congo nation, has newly given its freedom from Belgian domination, must be of great concern to the United States. Under such conditions the Soviet sets itself to come in and take over.

Messrs. Kennedy, Johnson, Rockefeller, Symington, Stevenson, and all other millionaire politicians you can think of have put a new angle on American politics. Has the time come (excepting V-P Nixon currently) when only men with unlimited financial backing can aspire to top leadership in our nation? If so, 'twill be a menace to popular government.

Yes, we agree with many who hold that the modern televised national political conventions are too filled with dull, trivial, uninteresting episodes. Perhaps the networks will change the format of their broadcasting of such otherwise interesting events. Perhaps they will try to separate the wheat from the chaff... the corn from the cob...

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How many parents raise their children in a manner that results in something close to the maximum of real joy that is possible to attend such relationships? In comparison to the total, not a majority, perhaps. Is this because most parents are busy and have too little time to do it, both by example and precept from their own parents? Or is it because our lives exist upon so much self-interest?

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## Teen-Agers Create 110-mph Racer

Not all of Birmingham's teen-agers have taken to the beaches. Mike Duncan (second from left) and a group of friends are putting finishing touches on Mike's car which he re-built into a racing speedster from a shell of a 1932 Ford body. With financial assistance from his father, training assistance from several friends, and technical assistance from his father, Mike added a 400 hp. 1960 Chrysler engine, carburetor, starter, controls, wiring, new upholstery, and tires, seat belts and roll bars to the ancient body at a cost of \$1,500. He's now ready to take to the racing strip with his own car in lieu of racing his mother's 1950 Buick. Mike's

## Officials Squirm: 'BAA on Park' Too Expensive!

To pick up the bill on repairs to Shain park following the 2nd annual Birmingham Arts Festival June 11-19 cost the city \$1,297.75, it was revealed this week. City commissioners, who hadn't dreamed that much would be spent, silently forwarded the expense statement to the festival sponsors, Bloomfield art association and chamber of commerce. One festival official, who also is a former festival chairman, said the future festival events will be performed in a less-expensive-to-repair area.

## Blennan Resigns From Appeal Bd.

After nearly 11 years as a member of the Birmingham zoning board of appeals, Beverly Hills, Blennan this week resigned. He's moving the end of this week into new homes at 4100 Sandy lane, Foxcroft, in Bloomfield township. Succeeding Blennan is Thurston O. Shreve, 411 Pleasant, who is vice president in charge of the mortgage department of the De-Blennan went on the appeal board Oct. 10, 1949.

## Correction

In a July 14 story regarding the conviction of William Ashcraft, III, of 18221 Century Hills, on a charge of malicious destruction of property charges in a Roscommon (Mich.) justice court, it was erroneously stated that Ashcraft had a previous arrest record. Ashcraft has no record of previous arrests. The Eccentric regrets the error.

## Officials Warming Up To Maple Parking Ban

Restriction or removal of parking on Maple Avenue through Birmingham is coming much, much closer, it appeared this week. City officials' feelings and comments are getting warmer and warmer concerning traffic congestion along this important east-west artery.

Leading off Monday night's comment was Commissioner Lance C. Minor.

HE WARNED: "With the widening of Maple from Crankbark to Telegraph, more traffic will be attracted to Maple. I think we should pass along to the Birmingham chamber of commerce a resolution that perhaps we'll be forced to take off or restrict parking on the east side of Maple. Two weeks ago the CBCD al-though it has not yet received the most recommendations, it has withdrawn its request. It was decided there should be more merchant representation in the final decision of the committee."

COMMISSIONER William H. Burgum was less charitable with the delay in relieving the traffic congestion. "Recalling that as long as five years ago while he was on the plan-



## On US-10, It's Access 'Or Else'

Mayor Florence Willett said Tuesday she will meet with City Manager L. R. Gare and Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley to determine what "orderly steps" will be taken to restrict parking movements on US-10 in front of business establishments. This action will implement a three-year-old decision by the commission to remove a serious traffic hazard along this federal highway. The problem is the accidents involving traffic and local traffic, which is moving into and out of the parking area at the edge of the right-of-way. Moxley said Monday night that in the past three years, 39 accidents have occurred because of parking movements. These included three personal injuries. The commission's action this week called for Gare to notify US-10 property owners that "orderly steps" are being taken to prohibit parking on US-10 except where there are access drives. Three years ago, the commission said this action would be taken two years later—in April 1957. However, the city found itself negotiating with the state highway department regarding the highway access drives. The state since has agreed that such drives may be constructed with no liability to the state should greater traffic volumes require replacing the drives with a lane for moving traffic. ONE BENEFIT available to merchants three years ago has been withdrawn by the state. Highway officials will not pay any

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## New Fire Wagon Is on the Way

Birmingham is about to get its second new multi-purpose fire truck, replacing an old department-owned one. Before city commissioners accept the \$34,000 bid, Fire Chief Park Smith said he wants to double check a few of the bid specifications. A similar truck was purchased a few years ago. When the new truck (which also carries an aerial ladder) arrives, the old vehicle will go into standby service, city officials said.

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A DETOUR SIGN will be posted Monday at the intersection of Southline and Maple to warn drivers of the construction zone. The road commission recommends that motorists take Southline to 13 1/2 Mile road and 13 1/2 Mile west for access to Telegraph.

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SOUTHFIELD—A salvo of criticism and threat of a possible veto were fired at four members of the Southfield City Council Tuesday by Mayor Donald Swanson after the council quietly voted to fire City Administrator Robert J. McNutt.

"They don't recognize the council is a legislative body and not an administrative body," Swanson declared. "This is the crux of all of Southfield's problems. The firing of McNutt—who couldn't be reached for comment on the Council's Monday night action—was just the latest stone thrown into the already muddy pool of Southfield's troubled political waters."

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LAST WEEK A PUROR arose over an unannounced breakfast meeting between the four councilmen and McNutt at a Southfield restaurant where the administrator was "ordered" to fire DPW Superintendent Jack Adams. In a 10-page statement of charges McNutt, Hollywood charged McNutt with collusion and deceit of the council. He added that "When a newspaper article implies that four members of this council are corrupt and that their corruption will continue, this cannot be shrugged off as a mere publicity stunt. It requires an immediate and direct reply."

Hollywood also denied McNutt's charges that the council bloc had ordered Adams fired or that Dohany had asked that personal friends be appointed to city jobs.

Hollywood said that the breakfast meeting was held to discuss the possibility of McNutt's resigning.

"IT OCCURS TO ME," Mrs. McDonald declared, "that four members of the council could not meet with intent to ask for (McNutt's) resignation. They had someone waiting in the wings."

These councilmen—including President John Henry, Thomas Costello, Ohio D. Edwards and John J. Hollywood—were the four who voted in favor of Hollywood's motion to fire McNutt Monday night.

Earlier Monday McNutt conferred with the administrator to resign in line with the council majority's unofficial directive at the breakfast meeting.

He said he wasn't going to follow Dohany's suggestion that Dohany, a fellow employee at Detroit Edison company, Dohany later changed his mind and told him to "forget it," McNutt said.

## UF Names 17 To Key Posts

Seventeen Birmingham-Bloomfield area residents have been appointed to key positions on the advance gifts committee of the United Foundation.

Mrs. Theodore O. Yntema, 3960 Franklin rd., Birmingham, and Allan Shaden III, Grosset Pointe, co-chairmen of advance gifts in the UAW-CIO have moved in on Chrysler Corp. in the wake of Robert Wardrop.

Assisting Williams will be James K. Campbell, Carl W. MacFarland, Jr., Robert H. Taylor and Robert Wardrop.

MRS. GORDON'S co-chairmen are Mrs. Don E. Ahrens, Mrs. Howard B. Barker and Mrs. Edwin A. Tomlinson.

Serving as organization captains will be Mrs. Henry J. Phillips, Mrs. Roger M. Kyles, Mrs. Rogers I. Marquis, Mrs. George T. Trumbull, Mrs. Robert Wardrop and Mrs. Eugene J. Welker.

The inquiry was requested by Sol Dann, a Detroit attorney who owns 5,000 shares of Chrysler stock valued at more than \$25,000.

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THERE IS ALSO speculation as to whether the board may appoint the successor to Newberg's place. The company has denied it has any intention of appointing another director, saying that board chairman Lester L. Colbert has taken over Newberg's duties as president.

There are over 1,000,000 votes cast in more than 20,000 companies throughout the United States, and this month, SUBURBIA TODAY, Sun worshippers, for example, are warned by Dr. Hyman, "The use of easy-to-care-for materials and furnishings, if properly accumulated, slowly will full prepared for the dangers involved in too-tudden and intense baking."

THEN THERE'S a story by garden expert J. Van Brimer, who points out that now is the time to plan and seed a lawn that will be a beautiful mass of green in a few weeks. There is also a list, by zones, of things that grasses grow best in various parts of the country.

## Primary Regulars Seen Carrying Tuesday Vote

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Despite the magnitude of the issues and decisions on candidates facing the voters in next Tuesday's primary election officials expect a less-than-40 per cent voter turnout at the polls.

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Birmingham City Clerk Miss Irene Hanley said that probably only about 35 percent of the city's 13,386 registered voters (the average for quadrennial primaries) will show up in the voting booths. Bloomfield Hills Clerk Robert Stadler predicted 50 to 60 per cent of that city's approximately 1,400 voters will cast ballots.

WITH NO LOCAL candidate contests or special propositions to decide, Birmingham voters concentrate most of their attention on the hot contest for the Democratic standard-bearer in the Detroit Councilman Edward Conroy, Secretary of State James Hare and Lt. Gov. Swanson are vying for the honor of bearing the Democratic standard in the November final against Republican Paul Bagwell, unopposed in the primary.

The county has two propositions on the ballot. The first is a half-mill tax increase to finance completion of construction of the new county service building on Telegraph road west of Pontiac. The second calls for leaving the half-cent millage rate on the 15-mill county tax limitation.

IF THE PROPOSITIONS are approved, the County board of supervisors said, construction of administrative office wings adjacent to the courthouse tower (already underway) could begin by early August.

## DPW Tries To Mend Drain Rift

Oakland DPW boss J. R. Alexander last week notified Birmingham city officials that he is taking steps to unblock the impasse being talked in Detroit over the yet-unused Evergreen interceptor relief sewer.

Fifteen minutes before Glenn C. Richards, Detroit's water commissioner, left for a meeting Wednesday with Alexander, Richards told Birmingham officials that Alexander has asked to meet with the mayor and myself. I assume that it will be a discussion of the Oakland county sewer system and that he will again seek permission for a hookup.

Earlier, Birmingham officials had formally protested the county's seeming delay in seeing Detroit for violation of its contract to accept and treat sewage from half-dredge Oakland Alexander.

In a letter to Birmingham, Alexander said the "impasse" is "in the form of negotiations with Detroit."

THE STATE WATER resources commission, which several years ago cited Birmingham, Southfield, Bloomfield and several other communities for pollution of the River Rouge, is meeting today in Lansing.

One of the important agenda items is expected to be the dispute between the Oakland and Detroit DPWs.

RICHARDS HAS asked for 60 days more "study" of the impact of the Evergreen sewer on the Detroit system. Detroit already has constructed the pipeline capacity.

Richards is endeavoring to get Southfield to install a new main along Eight Mile road to relieve flooding in Detroit's northwest section. The water flows from Southfield across Eight Mile during heavy storms.

Last week Southfield abandoned the assessment district which would have paid for the Eight Mile drain.

THE FOOD PAGES include recipes for vegetables, soups, skewers, hot potato salad, and a half-dozen other delicious outdoor items that can turn the heat of any hot, muggy day into an easy-to-prepare excuse for a party.

Finally, there are the anecdotes that you might want to pass along to your neighbors at pool-side or at the beach, which you'll find in "Getting Around," the news-column, and the cartoon page, "Suburbia—Any Day!," where, this time, everybody but the subjects has a good time near the water.

All makes of lower priced motorcars are eligible for the contest. For more information, call TRUSS COMPANY, Dial "0" and ask for Enterprise 6310.

THE INTEREST in the Suburbia Today contest is growing. The contest is now in its third week and other critical elements.

Hand and Elton Kluck are the