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**World Prayer**  
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When some physical structure is to be erected, whether it be a humble cottage or a towering skyscraper, the builder first dips his pencil into the earth to locate a suitable place to begin laying the foundation. The larger and heavier the structure, the deeper he penetrates the earth... for the large structures he seeks solid rock. Each of us is building his own life-structure. Do we seek a solid foundation?

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## 2 Theaters, Classrooms Proposed

A several-million-dollar art center has been proposed for Oakland county—and it will be constructed in or near Birmingham, it was disclosed Tuesday.

The announcement was made by Robert B. Aikens, 1725 W. Lincoln, Birmingham, chairman of the group of nearly a score of interested persons who will serve on the board of the non-profit corporation.

A DOUBLE THEATER seating a total of about 4,000 persons, a classroom building, and an open exhibition area would be placed on a site of seven to eight acres, Aikens said. About an equal area would be desirable for parking, he added.

Names of the group will be announced after the final few persons have accepted board membership, Aikens said.

It is planned that the project will be financed both by public subscription and private gifts.

SHOULD THE project be realized and located in or near Birmingham, it would fulfill dreams of many area people who have long thought Birmingham should have a facility of this type.

More than a decade ago an auditorium was mentioned as a future possibility when the first units of Sealbirk high school were constructed.

Nationally-known sculptor Marshall Fredericks of Birmingham, present at the project's announcement, said it would fulfill a definite area need.

"WE HAVE BEEN most influential in the art development of Michigan, and it is most logical that such a project be located in South Oakland county," Fredericks said.

He said several other communities—namely Flint and Pt. Huron—have taken steps to develop and promote art facilities.

Next step for the sponsoring group will be to complete its organization and create a prospectus.

HE MENTIONED that several art development groups in the county for some time have been looking for ways and means of establishing art facilities.

"We hope to be a catalyst for these groups," the chairman said.

THE CORPORATION, to be known as the Circle Art Center, will include a theater auditorium with seating capacity of approximately 2,500 persons. It will be located in Birmingham.

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## First Look at Proposed Art Center

LAYOUT of a proposed multi-million dollar community arts center for Oakland county is examined by (from left) architect Robert Swanson, Robert B. Aikens, the project's development committee chairman, and Birmingham City Manager L. R. Gare.

## Proposed Center Is 'News' To Art Association Officers

"The proposed Art Center project (outlined in the column at left) is independent of any program involvement of the Bloomfield art association," emphasized Paul Neal Averill, president of the BAA.

He issued the statement Wednesday afternoon upon learning of the proposed art center.

"In fact," Averill said, "the project is complete news to our board."

"WE HAVE OUR OWN PLAN for the future and would be very happy to discuss with this other group what areas of mutual interest may exist between us."

"With our record of leadership in developing an art program in the area and with a membership of almost 500 local residents my first reaction to the news is that it seems strange that we were not approached or invited to discuss the further development of art programming in this area by this new group."

"OUR LARGE MEMBERSHIP also represents an established sounding board of experience and knowledge regarding the area's need and desires."

"And, of course, our own plans for the future should be of interest to the proposed corporation's officers."

western world. Few could challenge her.

SHE WATCHES the world from an unusual lookout. Ghana, Africa, she lives there with her four-year-old son and her husband, the British government's commissioner for development in the now independent nation.

She arrived at Town Hall Thursday, March and April heat. She arranged her lecture touch at Harvard for those months.

She arrived at Town Hall Thursday wearing a plain grey suit, a pearl necklace, and a Keltic green ribboned hat. Her only jewelry was her wedding and engagement rings.

SHE MADE three main points in her talk on "The Unity of the World." She emphasized, "we must work to build an educated world, because only educated people want to be free."

Secondly, the western nations must share their surplus.

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By RUTH VOGT  
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## This and That

by George R. Averill

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## Miss Ward's a Lady You Can Understand

By JULIE CANDLER  
Staff Writer

You look at Lady Jackson's delicate white hands, and you picture them pouring tea in Wedgwood cups. But far more often, the hands of Sir Robert Jackson's wife are gesturing gracefully to emphasize a point about international trade.

Lady Jackson's own known to her readers and lecture audiences as Barbara Ward—marks down her points with deft blows from a hammerhead of logic.

Even with Detroit suffering a slight case of foreign car pox, many an auto executive's wife at Town Hall listens receptively to her arguments for free world trade, unrestricted tariffs.

Her audience of 1200 women seemed engaged in the clear-cut discussion of a complicated subject. When she finished on Thursday, the speaker told a Town Hall officer, "It was a very good audience."

The writer (three books) and economist has been labeled "one of the most brilliant women in the world."

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B'ham LWV Favors Four-Mill Boost In School Taxes

The Birmingham branch of the League of Women Voters endorses the proposed \$-mill increase in operation millage.

Birmingham school voters will decide this extension at a special vote March 28.

The League's board of directors voted Monday to make this endorsement. The general membership approved this action at a meeting Feb. 22.

Library Asks More Phones

In the Birmingham public library's next budget request will be a \$40 item for additional telephone facilities.

This advance information came from the former occupation of the city.

Head Librarian Jeanne Lloyd on behalf of the library's former occupation of the city.

Commissioners said they'd consider the request during next May's budget session.

The proposed phone improvement would include an intercomunications system for the building.

Emily Post Admits To Some Social Goofs

Emily Post, the world-famous authority on etiquette, talks about social errors made by everyone from school girls to ambassadors, and including herself in the March issue of her book, "Emily Post's Etiquette."

The cover this month is a brisk, beautiful salute to the city, showing its most typical pastime—kite flying. There's also a story about how the city is becoming an international adult sport.

ON THE SERIOUS side, there's a feature by the distinguished architect, Edward Stone, on the merits of zero housing as opposed to the minimum house on the minimum lot. Also, a sober discussion on the effect of car-ownership has on the behavior and the grades of our teenagers.

"The Spash in The Backyard" is a report on the tremendous increase in private swimming pools.

A riotous skitlet the day-long meeting of March 12 at Michigan State University.

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Local Instructors To Attend MEA Delegate Assembly

LANSING—Frank Garland, Hope Linstroth and Mary Woodworth, all of Birmingham, will attend the annual delegate assembly of the Michigan Education Association, March 12 at Michigan State University.

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Patrons of the Birmingham theatre have seen the new 1960 Ford Falcon on display in the lobby, but for those that haven't, the car will be given away as first prize in the big Shop in Birmingham contest that is entering its third week today.

Simply follow the easy rules and you might be the lucky winner of this brand new car.

## Shop in B'ham Contest Enters Its Third Week

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Many of the merchants have reported, as well as talked about the contest with their customers.

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## They Scare Housewife, Commissioners Told

Birmingham housewives have had enough of offensive, intimidating magazine salesmen, City Commissioner Florence Willett charged at Monday night's commission meeting.

Her description of how these salesmen work and the anxieties they cause the housewife drew immediate support from her six male colleagues.

They ordered City Manager L. R. Gare to report on how other communities handle this pushy-salesman problem.

"Why not take in peddling and other street sales activities?" Gare suggested.

BRING IN THE whole situation, commissioners agreed.

An unidentified man in the audience seconded Mrs. Willett's statement.

"I've got a week-day off, so I've encountered these too-aggressive salesmen," he said.

"Anything Birmingham can do to keep them out of the city will be greatly appreciated by residents," he said.

MRS. WILLETT told how she and other women have been intimidated into buying magazine subscriptions against their will.

"They are so forceful, so intimidating—especially to a woman alone in the house," Mrs. Willett said. "One woman just today told me she added 10 weeks to a magazine subscription which already has five years to run, to get the salesman out of her house!"

"Otherwise you just can't seem to get them out."

POLICE CHIEF Ralph W. Mosley told commissioners his department does everything it legally can to discourage and keep this sort of salesman out of the city.

"We tell them in advance—when they get their permit—that even one complaint of high-pressure or unethical behavior will mean their license will be suspended and they will be cited for its revocation."

City Clerk Irene Hanley, who issues the license after the police have checked the applicant, said two salesmen and their crew manager were called in. They were only three hours before the commission meeting began.

TUESDAY MORNING Mosley revoked the licenses of his department. There had been four complaints filed against three of those men.

Mosley identified them as working for the Nationwide Circulation Co. of Philadelphia. They were selling popular and national magazines.

Commissioner Charles Renfrew suggested perhaps the city needs to become more restrictive in its ordinance.

Said Commissioner William E. Roberts: "Birmingham is a target area for door-to-door soliciting. We've got to protect our citizens."

Ex-Mayor Files for Council

A former mayor and city commissioner, two political newcomers, and four incumbents will contest April 4 for the four vacancies coming up on the Birmingham city commission.

The ex-mayor is Ralph A. Main, civil engineer, whose petition was among those filed by Saturday's deadline.

MAIN'S FILING was completely unexpected by local municipal circles. He was a commissioner from 1945 to 1954 and mayor during 1947-48. He subsequently was Oakland county drain commissioner for two terms.

The two newcomers to politics are attorney Robert B. Aikens, 1725 W. Lincoln, and Claude Kidd, manager for F. J. Mulholland Co., 2219 Dorchester, merchandising Birmingham.

Aikens filed for a three-year term and will be opposed by incumbents Mrs. Florence Willett, William H. Burgum and William E. Roberts.

KIDD WILL RACE with incumbent Lance C. Minor for the one-year vacancy.

Here are the candidates for the Birmingham library board vacancies: Incumbents Mrs. Katherine Smith and James Tobin will vie for Arthur J. Underwood Jr. for the two three-year terms.

Mrs. Carolyn Ashley Vogt is opposed for the two-year board vacancy.

Special hours for last-minute voters' registrations have been set up by Birmingham City Clerk Irene Hanley.

Mrs. Hanley also suggested voters, who have moved from one Birmingham precinct to another in the city ask her office for a transfer.

"Otherwise, they'll have to go to their former precinct to vote," she warned.

### Campfire Confab

LATHRUP—Little two-year-old Debra Groves gets a first hand explanation on how to build a campfire from 3-year-old Virginia Groves during the recent Lathrup Bluebird gathering at Northbrook school.

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