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Most women, and some men, like to bake and cook. The successful ones pay close attention to acceptable recipes; that's why most of the time they come up with very edible foodstuffs. How strange, though, that so many of us pay so little attention in applying "acceptable recipes" for the making of happy lives. So many people live without planning their lives.

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ECCENTRIC PHOTO

Moments like this will be missed by newly elected State Representative from Oakland County, Henry M. Hogan Jr., during the three-month session of the state congress. A devoted family man and busy Birmingham attorney, Hogan welcomed the holiday opportunity to spend a few relaxing moments with his wife, Barbara, and their children, Patricia (left), 4, and Kathleen, 1, between preparations for his trip to the state capitol Jan. 11.

Island View Lot Hearing Adjourned

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Birmingham city commissioners Tuesday night revised the assessment roll for municipal parking lot No. 6, but they will have to wait until Jan. 16 to vote on confirmation of the roll.

They voted, 4-3, to revise the roll on the basis of property owners paying 85 per cent of the $135,000 cost and the city paying 15 per cent.

Then they adjourned the public hearing on confirmation for two weeks.

Tuesday's hearing brought the same contentions voiced when the hearing started back on Nov. 7:

Commissioners insisting that the lot was being considered only on the basis of 100 per cent participation by the property owners and property owners contending they understood from the beginning that the City contribute part of the cost.

IN AN EARLIER public hearing Tuesday, the commission voted to vacate Island View Drive, Park St. and an access drive to make the lot possible. The lot is referred to as Island View parking lot.

Property owners and commissioners went round and round on the assessment matter, and then the commissioners got involved in a couple of motions which took interpretation from the city attorney to clarify what actually happened.

Commissioner William H. Burgum moved to spread the assessment on the basis of 85 per cent for the property owners benefiting from the project and 15 per cent for the City. He also moved that the assessment be in three payments, the first in 30 days, the second a year later and the third two years later.

COMMISSIONER Carl Ingraham moved to amend this motion to reflect 100 per cent assessment to the land owners, except for $8,000 to be paid by the city for parking meters.

Ingraham's motion lost, 4-3, with Commissioners Burgum, William E. Roberts, Florence Willett and Harry Denyes casting the negative ballots.

Denyes was absent when the hearing started at 8 p.m. but arrived at 8:50 to take part in the latter stages of discussion and the voting.

Burgum's motion was passed, by another 4-3 vote, with the same commissioners who defeated Ingraham's motion passing this one.

Ingraham, Renfrew and Robert Page held out for the 100 per cent plan.

City Attorney Dean Beier ruled that Burgum's motion actually constituted a revision of the roll, not confirmation, and thus necessitated returning it to the city assessor.

LATER, HE said Renfrew's motion to amend, in effect, changed the original motion and thus was not legal.

Ingraham then moved to adjourn the hearing on confirmation.

Even the 85-15 ratio was not entirely satisfactory to the property owners attending the hearing.

Edwar W. Pugh, representing H. & L. Reid, Inc., behind whose building on North Woodward the proposed lot would be built, submitted a petition calling for 60 per cent participation by the city and 40 per cent by the property owners.

Several owners spoke during the meeting in favor of this ratio and in opposition to the others.

BURGUM AND Roberts supported the 85-15 ratio on the basis that the lot would be a public improvement.

Mrs. Willett explained that the city has contributed in the 60-40 plan only in the central business district. The commission had decided to consider parking lots in all other areas in the city on an individual basis.

Said Commissioner Renfrew:

". . . The only principle I see here is that this is a facility of a nature that should be financed by the property owners."

Burgum agreed with Renfrew that the commission had initiated the project on a 100 per cent basis but felt that the City's expected $7,000 per year revenue from parking meters would repay its share of the cost.

SAID MRS. Willett:

". . . We have never said we would share in the cost nor have we said" we wouldn't share. It seems to me that with the revenue coming in we should have some share."

Roberts stated:

"This is the first parking lot in the city that we have had under consideration where I can detect a difference of opinion on the commission . .

"I think the ground rules have been changed on us a bit," he said, citing a recent income tax ruling.

Harry Cohen, lawyer representing some of the property owners, contended that a principel of equity was involved, that the lot was a matter of public safety from the traffic standpoint and that thus the owners, public and city should share alike.

ROBERTS SAID circumstances might make it appear that property owners were changing horses in the middle of the stream ("but it's a different stream they find themselves in"). However, a physician who said he never knew of the planned 100 per cent participation countered that he had "never changed horses—I was never on one."

If the roll finally is adopted on an 85-15 per cent basis, the city will be paying $20,250 toward the cost instead of $8,000.

Hogan: Anxiety over Unknown, Confidence in Achievement

By LES LANGLOIS
City Editor

Aside from the usual New Year's resolutions Henry M. Hogan Jr. will be facing probably the most exciting challenge of his brief career when the 28-year-old Birmingham attorney takes over one of the 110 state House of Representatives seats Jan. 11.

Elected to represent the third district of Oakland County's six districts, which includes Avon, Milford, Troy, Bloomfield, Commerce and West Bloomfield townships, the young, jovial Republican legislator awaits his trip to the state capitol with anxiety over the unknown but confidence in achievement.

Hogan's victory over James McNeeley of Milford in the November election made him the second youngest legislator in the House. Russell Strange of Clare is just nine months younger.

"I GUESS WE'RE the two babies of the House," said Hogan.

Hogan's house at 4253 W. Orchard Hill Drive, Bloomfield Township, has a couple babies of its own. His girls, Patricia, 4, and Kathleen, 1, are too young to realize what it's all about; but his wife, Barbara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul N. Averill, is as enthused as Hogan.

Mrs. Hogan recalls the excitement around the house the day before the election when Hogan swore he'd never run for public office again. But then, he said, this is a typical reaction with all candidates.

As state legislator Hogan will share an apartment at the Porter Hotel in Lansing with other legislators a couple nights a week while the Legislature is in session from January to April and commute the rest of the week.

"THAT HOUR AND a half drive from Lansing will do away with the five-minute trips home for lunch and dinner," he said, "but other than that, the job shouldn't affect my family life."

Although Hogan admitted he was counting on winning the election after taking the Aug. 2 primary, "The campaign took more time than I imagined," he said, "and I was an amateur."

Hogan resigned Friday from the Birmingham law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, in the Wabeek building in order to avoid any conflict of interest as an associate attorney and state legislator. He plans to open his own private practice down the hall during his two-year term. He will return to the firm when his governmental experience is over, he said.

ALTHOUGH HOGAN has been a Bloomfield Township trustee since April, 1959, his new post will be his first crack at professional politics.

"There's a definite difference between local and state politics," said Hogan, who describes the distinction as "local politics being warmblooded and the other being coldblooded."

Whereas the state legislature is concerned with everything on a statewide basis, local politics possess a more personal, community spirited atmosphere, he said.

Besides this grass roots difference, Hogan feels the rigors of being elected and the magnitude of jurisdiction are basic differences between the two levels of politics.

THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE Hogan expects to have to overcome is his age. And this makes his job more of a challenge than it is for the average legislator.

For this reason Hogan intends to "go up to Lansing and observe the first legislative session without pushing for any immediate reform." However, there are several areas, he said, in which he eventually hopes to institute correction and revision.

Alienating the wrong people or groups—especially the older, more experienced set — could deal a heavy blow to his effectiveness as a legislator.

"You've got to remember," said Hogan, "you need the support of 51 per cent of the legislators to pass a bill."

He's basing his initial approach on "trying to work with the legislators instead of telling them how to run their business.

"WITH TIME I HOPE to overcome the age handicap and accomplish things," he said.

"Since effective legislation", said Hogan, "is only the result of team effort, it's necessary to observe the views and needs of the more experienced legislators."

Hogan believes there should be

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Judd Named Speaker for Lincoln Day

Main speaker for the 71st annual Lincoln Day banquet in Oakland County will be Cong. Walter H. Judd of Minnesota, according to an announcement by George W. Kuhn, president of the Oakland County Republican Club.

The dinner will be held Feb. 9 at Glen Oaks Country Club, Northwestern and 13 Mile Road, Southfield.

Cong. Judd was keynote speaker for the GOP national Convention last July. He was a medical missionary from China and tried to arouse Americans before World II to the menace of Japanese military expansion, Kuhn related, and the threat of world peace of Communist subversion in China.

KUHN ALSO announced the chairman of the following committees:

Executive, George F. Taylor; decorations, Mrs. Dorothy Rowley and Ronald Dalley; elections, Ted Koella Jr.; banquet, Mrs. John Vis and Mrs. Daniel T. Murphy Jr.

Speaker, Cong. William S. Broomfield; music, Mrs. Helen Bonner; publicity, Mrs. Lynn D. Allen; finance, Ernest Crawford and Frank Clancy; time and place, Gordon Haupt.

Printing, W. J. Hardenburg Jr.; memorial, Ralph A. Main; invitation, Mrs. Harry Henderson; souvenir program, W. J. Hardenburg Jr.; tickets, David Lange; usherette, Miss Irene Giacobi.

This and That

by George R. Averill

U.N. Deteriorating As Communist Members Increase

From various presumed authoritative sources we are told that the United Nations "is on its last legs" —due almost solely to the manner in which Communist members, led by Soviet Russia, refuse to act like decent human beings. To close students of this world organization over the past several years, this tragic state of affairs is no great surprise.

Russia has been able to out-fox the western nations simply because Russia has no regard for the truth; her promises aren't worth a plugged nickel. She manages to win the support, or the neutrality, of too many UN members to provide the free world that support necessary to strengthen the defenses of freedom.

WITH THE constant addition of small new nations (many of them still semi-barbarous) to the UN, each with as much voting strength as even the United States, Britain or France, how can you expect decency, reasonable give-and-take to guide the UN's actions?

Let's hope that the new Kennedy administration will be able to reverse this sad state of affairs . . . if it doesn't, and fairly soon, our world will return to the status of a more uncertain future. (In the meantime, Uncle Sam had better maintain unsurpassed military might.)

IT SEEMS that a variety of styles of clothing is necessary for the variety of activities surrounding the inauguration of President-elect Kennedy. Hang on to your shirts, boys!

KHRUSHCHEV SENT Mr. Kennedy a Christmas message, hoping that better relations will exist between his and Kennedy's lands. Jack sent him a brief acknowledgment of the Soviet leader's tripe.

SURE — THERE'S plenty of need in America for the products of the farm, the factory, and business in general. All we need is the know-how to put together the several facets of our economy: with emphasis upon more productivity from all workers—if we want the old dollar to remain worth its present 46.7 cents.

BETWEEN HARVARD and Columbia Universities, competition still exists to "make America over." (However, a current inventory of the state of our nation and the world doesn't flatter either very much.)

Tree Pick-Ups Begin

Birmingham Christmas trees are being picked up by the Forestry Department on regular rubbish pick-up days until Friday, Jan. 13. Residents are requested to leave their trees at the curbs for pick-up.

BUYING OR SELLING . . . . CHECK THE CLASSIFIED COLUMNS

Classified ads are a home-maker's real budget-stretcher! Here you'll find a place to rent or buy, money-saving prices on appliances and furniture, a good car buy, dozens of other bargains for the home and family. Get dollars for the belongings you no longer use! They're worth money to someone who needs them, so let the town know what you have to offer with a low-cost, fast-action classified ad!

State Universities Honor B'ham Homemaker-Author

Two Michigan universities will pay honor Friday to a Birmingham homemaker and author whose programs in horticultural therapy have brightened the lives of thousands.

She is Mrs. Alice B. Burlingame, 3891 Oakhills, Birmingham, long a columnist on gardening in The Birmingham Eccentric.

In a ceremony at the University of Michigan's new Dearborn Center, Mrs. Burlingame will be awarded a joint citation of honor by the trustees of Michigan State University and the regents of U-M.

Her studies at both universities helped guide her into a novel and rewarding career which has aided in the recovery of the mentally and physically ill and the rehabilitation of prisoners.

NEARLY 400 area women are currently enrolled as volunteer workers in programs organized by Mrs. Burlingame at hospitals, homes for the aged, schools for handicapped children and the Detroit House of Correction.

Many similar programs throughout the country are based on research to which Mrs. Burlingame has contributed.

She is co-author with MSU Prof. Donald P. Watson of the book "Therapy Through Horticulture," recently published by the Macmillan Co.

Mrs. Burlingame studied phychology in the U-M College of Literature, Science and the Arts and Occupational Therapy at University Hospital, Ann Arbor. When her husband's job as an insurance executive took them to Lansing, she pursued her interest in gardening as a graduate student at MSU and taught a course there on horticultural therapy.

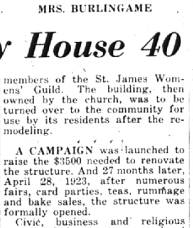
THE PROGRAM she instituted at University Hospital has been in effect for eight years. Others are conducted at Harper Hospital, Wayne County General, Pontiac State Hospital, and at schools in Royal Oak and Birmingham.

Projects for the aged are conducted at the Arnold Home and Presbyterian Village. The horticultural therapy program for women prisoners, particularly lifers, at the Detroit House of Correction, has attracted nationwide attention.

Mrs. Burlingame is busy now on new programs being started at Receiving Hospital and Sinai Hospital. Her tightly packed schedule will soon take her to Chicago, where she is a consultant for a program within the Chicago Public Schools.

She also has regular classes at the Birmingham Community House. Despite the demands placed on her by the mushrooming spread of the programs she has started, her enthusiasm remains unabated. She says: "I love every minute of it."

In the joint citation, the regents and trustees of the universities note that she has carried on the services of her unique calling "with profound personal devotion at once to the cultivation of plants and the well-being of persons."



MRS. BURLINGAME

Community House 40 Years Old

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It was on this day 40 years ago that a group of women proposed an idea to residents of the growing Birmingham-Bloomfield area.

The idea was to remodel a run-down frame home at the southwest corner of Bates and Maple. It then could be used, according to the Rev. Charles McCurdy, the pastor of St. James Episcopal Church, as a place "for our concerts and lectures . . . parties for children and dances for young people . . . a meeting place for any club or good cause . . ."

The year was 1921 when the city's population was about 3,700. Those who made the proposal were members of the St. James Women' Guild. The building, then owned by the church, was to be turned over to the community for use by its residents after the remodeling.

A CAMPAIGN was launched to raise the $3500 needed to renovate the structure. And 27 months later, April 28, 1923, after numerous fairs, card parties, teas, rummage and bake sales, the structure was formally opened.

Civic, business and religious leaders of the area were on hand for the ceremony which saw the white frame building turned over to area residents for their use.

"This institution is without endowment and must depend for its ordinary expenses on private gifts and upon rentals derived from the use of its premises . . ." stated one of the participating officials.

SAID THE Birmingham Eccentric in an editorial: . . . We should cherish this Community House. We ought to do everything in our power to make it a great success. Those who worked tirelessly to obtain funds for its erection should receive our vote of thanks. So, folks, use your Community House whenever you can. It belongs to you to make of it what you will . . ."

It has been used and something more of it!

An estimated 3,000,000 men, women and children have used or visited the Community House and its facilities in the 37 years since its 1923 opening.

THE OLD frame structure was replaced after a few years by a new and larger building. The present house, at Bates and Townsend, was the scene of 2,835 meetings by 1,402 different groups dur-

(See HOUSE, 2-A)

Election Results Top News Events in Last Half of '60

Elections — for national, state and county offices—provided the top news stories in the last half of 1960 in Birmingham and area.

As usual, Republicans scored heavily in this area in the Nov. 8 general election.

Bloomfield Hills residents for the second time passed a special sewer bond issue to finance a sewer system in the city.

Road improvement projects in area communities were announced. A State Supreme Court ruling on the 12 Town drain was rendered.

A jet plane was towed from Selfridge Air Force Base to Birmingham and was set up in Eton Park for the kids.

Highlights of the last half of the year, as reported week by week in The Birmingham Eccentric, follow:

Issue of July 7

Mrs. George N Seager and her daughter, 949 Woodlea, Birmingham, narrowly escaped suffocation in a fire at their home which caused an estimated $20,000 to $30,000 damages. Both escaped without injury.

Matthew Cammareri, 312 Adams, Birmingham, was honored by the president of the Italian Republic and people of Italy for his help in the reconstruction of Italy after World War II. He conducted many campaigns in U. S. to raise money for food, medicine and clothing for the people of his homeland.

A new modern office building opened at 800 South Adams. It was constructed by the W. E. Reid Development Co. of Birmingham.

Circuit court ordered the city of Lathrup to build both sanitary and storm sewers by June 1, 1962 and gave the city authority to finance the storm system without going to the voters for approval of a bond issue.

The Birmingham American Legion baseball team defeated both Royal Oak and Troy. The two wins jumped the legionnaires into a second place tie with Berkley.

Issue of July 14

Ernest R. Breech of Bloomfield Hills, chairman of the board of directors of the Ford Motor Co., resigned from his position as chairman in order to allow younger men to assume the responsibilities of the office. However, he continued as a member of the board and was elected chairman of the newly created finance committee.

The Cranbrook Gardens Summer Festival prepared for the arrival

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All makes of inner spring mattresses repaired. One-day service. ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY, Dial "O" and ask for ENterprise 6310.

Swan Contest Deadline Extended

Still want to enter that contest to name Birmingham's two white swans?

You can. The deadline has been extended from Jan. 6 to midnight Jan. 20.

The contest is being sponsored by three civics classes at Seaholm High School.

THEY DECIDED to extend the deadline to give an opportunity for more people to enter. General chairman Bill O'Neill felt that student participation has been low so far due to the long holiday vacation.

O'Neill said the judging committee is meeting this week to choose judges for the contest. They will be announced in next week's Eccentric.

Birmingham sculptor Marshall Fredericks will present the winner with a sculptured swan, in bronze. He gave the two swans to Birmingham for Quarton Lake.

ALL NAMES that were suggested to The Eccentric and in letters to the City must be resubmitted to be eligible in the contest, O'Neill emphasized.

Anyone living in the Birmingham School District, except members of the three sponsoring classes, may enter the contest.

Contestants must submit names for the male and female swans plus a written statement of 25 words or less of why they think these names are appropriate.

ENTRIES are to be mailed to: Swan Contest, Municipal Building, Birmingham, Mich.

If there is a tie, the earliest post mark will be the deciding factor.

Dr. Blanton Next Birmingham Town Hall Speaker

Fourth speaker in the series for Birmingham Town Hall will be Dr. Smiley Blanton, dean of modern psychiatry, author and co-worker of Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, religious writer.

The lecture scheduled for 11 a.m. Jan. 12 and 13 at the Birmingham Theater will be followed by a celebrity luncheon at the Kingsley Inn. Introducing the speaker will be Graham Shinnick, director of the Haven at Rochester.

Among the special luncheon guests will be Mrs. Graham Shinnick, Mrs. Norman James, Mrs. Robert Maxwell, Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Gass and Donald S. Bay.

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Officer Discovers Odd Flying Object

Strange things never cease in the life of a policeman. Take patrolman Richard Thomason, of the Birmingham Police Dept. for instance.

Thomason was patroling his usual beat Monday morning when he noticed a cluster of red and yellow balloons entangled in some brush near Lincoln and Arlington.

Upon investigating he discovered a self addressed post card from George Shannon of Omaha, Neb. tied to the balloons which read:

"Released Dec. 30, 1960 at 11:30 p.m. Please return and let me know how far it got."

OFFICERS AT the police station tried to map out the route of the balloons according to weekend winds and estimated the flying object must have made a 650-mile trip as the crow flies.

Thomason jotted down the answers to Shannon's queries and sent the post card back. No, he didn't return it the same way it arrived. As surprising as the incident may have been Thomason still has more faith in the mails.

"Since the winds in this area are usually blowing from west to east," said Thomason, "it would have been pretty difficult to return it the same way."

Next Teen Court Session in B'ham Set for Jan. 12

The next session of Birmingham Teen Court will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 12, according to Lt. Robert Schaule, teen court director.

Seven cases are slated for this session, with violations including:

Speeding 45 mph in a 25 mph zone, violating a stop sign, improper turn, violating a traffic signal, failing to yield right-of-way after stopping and becoming involved in an accident, driver's license never acquired, vehicle not under control and becoming involved in an accident.

SERVING AS referee will be Walt Dennison, a local attorney.

This will be the second session of the 1960-61 teen court. Other sessions will be Feb. 9, March 2 and 30, April 20, May 11 and May 25.

Oakl'd County Medical Group Honors Doctor

The Oakland County Medical Society rolled out the red carpet last night at the Birmingham Country Club in honor of Dr. John K. Ormond, 31060 Marlin Court, Beverly Hills, noted urologist and medical missionary.

Recently recognized by the OCMS as "Physician of the Year," the 74-year-old doctor was presented an engrossed wood plaque in recognition of his efforts and service in behalf of humanity and the medical mission at the OCMS and Woman's Auxiliary annual dinner.

Dr. Chauncey G. Burke, 1123 E. Glengarry Circle, Bloomfield Township, president of the medical society, made the presentation.

FOLLOWING THE DINNER and brief business meeting, Dr. Ormond addressed the group on "Five Weeks in the Belgian Congo" where he recently served as missionary surgeon en route on a missionary tour of hospitals.

Dr. Joseph A. Johnston, head of the department of pediatrics at Henry Ford Hospital and long-time friend and associate of Dr. Ormond, introduced his colleague.