Local Senior Men's Club Celebrates

Many years ago someone uttered a great truth when he said: "A human be-ing generally 'rusts out' faster than he "wears out'. "Tis better to be doing something, rather than just doing nothing".

This declaration, of course, has become the policy of millions and millions of men and women. In these latter days, with the retirement of men and women at ages earlier than in former times, most of the retirees still have years of strength and activities in their possession. Many of them find a variety of ways in which to "keep busy."

One Birmingham area pattern being followed by men past 65 is the four-yearold Senior Men's Club, which meets twice weekly at the Community House. On Fridays they have a light lunch served by a group of local women, who volunteer their

services-and, at the same time, "get quite a kick out of it", they say.

ON TUESDAYS THE MEN get togeth er for recreation, playing cards, shuffle-board in summer, holding discussion groups, and offering vocational guidance groups, and offering vocational guidance to local youth.

Two weeks ago they celebrated the be-

ginning of their fourth year, in fitting ginning of their fourth year, in litting ceremonies. Four years ago they started with three men; today their membership approximates 120.

We estimated the total years of 120

members close to 7,500. This cumulative sum of experience certainly runs the gamut of a variety of business and pro-fessional vocations. Making some of it available to our youth is, indeed, a con-structive and valuable voluntary service. Long may this Club live!

U.S. Water Supply Endangered

In most parts of the United States, water is taken only a little less for granted than air. The great majority of Americans use this common though precious fluid lavishly, with little thought for a not too distant time when use of water may be

subject to careful restriction.

Water is, generally speaking, what
might be called a constant resource. It is might be called a constant resource. It is not subject to irrevocable depletion, as are reserves of coal and iron ore; on the other hand, the basic supply cannot be increased. Approximately the same amount of rainfall which met the needs of about 97 million Americans in 1920 must now do for some 180 million of us— and will have to do for millions more in

HYDROLOGISTS SAY the total amount of water that can be made economically available in the United States is about 600 billion gallons daily. Present use is 270 billion gallons. This water use figure is expected to hit 600 billion gallons, the total available, only two decades hence. By 1980, says Secretary of the Interior Seaton, "our water requirements will have burst through the ceiling."

The situation is not as hopeless as those bald figures make it seem. Many of our most important streams have been fouled by pollution. It follows that much poisoned water can be made available again through pollution control. A coordinated program of water resources planning offers the best, and perhaps the only, chance of turning this vital trick.

Before there can be such a program. the public must become aware that one of the nation's basic natural resources is being seriously abused. The time to develop this awareness is at hand

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Uncle Sam repeatedly has reported that there are more women than men in the United States: that there are several million widows; and that women own a majority of the wealth of the nation. Which prompted a local chap to suggest that we importune President Kennedy to create a cabinet post to be called: "Wedded Bliss". The holder of this post is to receive the complete aid of the federal government in bringing about such a happy condition.

Now that there are more female than male voters, nothing is impossible of attainment for the ladies—if they really exercise their voting strength.

Always, in time of war, the college and university faculties of our nation are de-creased in numbers, as Uncle Sam requests many of the learned gents to accept im-portant posts in the government. Now, even though in shaky peace. President Kennedy has done likewise. The nation, and the world, will watch the degree-ridden academicians as they maneuver to out - maneuver non - desired conditions wherever they exist.

If you are an average American, you pay less attention to the duties and responsibilities of citizenship than you do in learning how to be a good bridge player, in learning now to be a good orange player, a fair golfer, time watching television, time spent "griping" about_"gov-a-ment", etc., etc. Do you ever stack yourself, as an average, along with millions of other Americans, and admit to yourself: "Really, I probably do too little to understand, then fend, the processes of liberty and

Michigan's new Governor Swainson "promises" to find ways to bring more jobs to Michigan . . . but he doesn't spell out how he'll do it. For whatever it may out how he'll do it. For whatever it may be worth, we'll give him this thought: "To improve Michigan's economic climate, give as much 'ear' to the employer as you do to the employee—specially if said employee's plight is revealed only by union beauter."

If the current recession throws enough more people out of work, it has been sug-

gested that Uncle Sam reduce income taxes by four or five per cent; this, assert taxes by four or live per cent, this, assert the Kennedy economic advisors, will allow people to retain and spend more of their earnings, thus injecting more pur-chasing power into the financial stream ... restoring "better times, more jobs." (If this be true, then why not continue to reduce income taxes to an even greater

Considering how negligent most of us are about responding to the demands of freedom and liberty, in a democracy, and considering how much real evil there is afoot on this earth . . . why wonder why so many problems plague the human family? After all, humans make 'em, don't

Come to think of it . . . it's really not the American people who are on trial to solve our national and international problems-it's Harvard University, since this oldest U.S. educational institution is furnishing President Kennedy with most of his top appointees to federal jobs.

Scientists tell us that in one second the sun sends out a million times more energy than is stored in all the earth's coal, pe-troleum and natural gas fields. (That ought to cause the Federal Power Commission to be humble.)

More than a million people have visited Greenfield Village during 1960. This knowledge certainly would bring warmth to the heart of the late Henry Ford, whose money and interest in antique America made Greenfield Village possible.

Contrasting situations can improve one's perspective—like, for example, how much worse it seems than a storm or a riot to have a group of youngsters suddenly become quiet.

Did you hear about the rich Texan's son who asked for a cowboy outfit for Christmas? He got it . . . a 20,000 acre ranch, 10,000 head of cattle, a pony, and a BB gun to hold off the rustlers.

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PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Investigation Asked Of Interstate Rates

To the Editor:

Every now and then, a situation forms in our country when all the people regardless of their circuit and the states of the country bearing to another human being, or sometimes a group of people who are faced with a distance which they are not response asset which they are not response asset which they are not response to another human being, or sometimes a group of the drivers, and it is still in the terrible things caused by nature, the conditions of the drivers, and it is still in the terrible things caused by nature, the conditions of the drivers, and it is still in the terrible things caused by nature, the conditions of the drivers, and it is still in the terrible things caused by nature, the conditions of the drivers, and it is still in the terrible thates it is still in the terrible things caused by nature, the terrible things and other travels is altered and the terrible things and the travels is altered and the terrible things and the travels is altered and the terrible things and the travels is altered and the terrible things and the travels is altered and the terrible things and the travels is altered and the terrible things and the travels is altered and the travels and the terrible things and the travels and th

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Student Demonstrations Film Called Misleading

To the Editor

The film "Operation Abolition" recently shown on a De-troit television program gave a highly misleading picture of what actually occurred during the May, 1960, student dem-onstrations in San Francisco during the hearings of the

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in the minds of many people seeing this film.

STUDENTS AT the University

Director Urges Use of Form 1040-A By Area Taxpayers

By Area Taxpayers

The Internal Revenue Service announced today Binta each system and the service announced today Binta each system and the service and the service and effort by using the "short form" 1040-A income tax return. Taxpayers can use the Form owithholding, are less than \$10,000. Up to \$200 can be shown on the 1040-A if it was from interest, dividends, or wages not subject to withholding. However, day up to \$10,000 or more, taxpayers cannot use the Form 1040-A.

R. I. Nixon, district director of internal revenue, urged all taxpairs and the service of the servi

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STRICTLY FRESH

When success goes to a man's head it usually finds plenty of room.

One thing about owning a sports car is that if the carburetor floods, you can just put the car over your shoulder and burp it.



Some people are no good at counting calories. They have the figures to prove it.

By the time folks collect a nest egg these days they find inflation has turned it into chicken feed.



One Thing or Another

coming extinct.
It's the gorilla.
Someone has determined that there are less an 10,000 of these creatures still roaming the

raising event, why not consider this:

A public-smashing of old TV sets?
It's a good bet that many people would pay a buck or so to take a swipe with an ax at one of these machines. Especially parents whose young-sters spend hours on stomach in front of the

There's a growing trend among companies and firms—both large and small—to rebate fees to their employees for taking space and courses to improve job performance.

What better way to obtain concentrated instruction in a short time at low cour!

In spite of all the hoopla and struggle for equal rights (?) with men, the ladies prefer to be led rather than lead. But what man has ever found a woman who will admit it.

If you give a piece of your mind to every-one you meet, you may discover some day that it is completely gone.

Poker players make poor horse bettors, and vice versa. The card players can't shuffle the horses, and the race track touts can't dope out the cards.

You can hardly lay down the law without



City Beat

KEN WEAVER

Shortly after her marriage, Mrs. Burton Van Geison decided to bake some homemade She got the ingredients and the utensils

And why? Because they fail to use the assets they are born with. His jaws are powerful. He could live off other animals. He remains a vegetarian. He is the animal kingdom's most powerful athete. But his defense consists primarily of

athlete. But his defense consists primarily of running away. He' just won't use what he has. He's doomed. He just won't use what he has. Contrast this situation with that of his close relative, the chimpanzee. This littler fellow has curiosity, initiative, willingness to experiment. In many respects mankind mirrors the big ape. Our weakest point is in failing to use our strong points.

What ever happened to Birmingham's old-time downtown police beat? The one where the officer walked it and enforced local ord-nances on such unlawful practices as jay-walking, making prohibited U-turns, double parking, etc.?

If some group is looking for a novel money-

sne got the infrareneus and are densits and went to work.

This was her first attempt, and unfortunately the bread didn't turn out so well.

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again.
Seventeen years went by. Then Mrs. Van
Geison read in a neighbor's cookbook a detailed recipe for making bread.
She went home and tried again.
Success this time.

FOR SEVERAL years Mrs. Van Geison baked bread every Thursday for her husband and thress ones.

Her husband, a radio engineer, is a husky man and eats heartily. And everyone knows how well growing boys like to eat.

So, the honemade bread was a weekly treat for them.

As the boys grew up, however, she gradually got away from the practice and now bakes bread only once in a while.

Baked some the other day in their home

at 1752 Humphrey, Birmingham — and brought us a loaf.

Quite tasty, Reminded us of years past.

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SPEAKING OF HOMES, a Birmingham resident was overheard remarking to his neighbor the other night something about bedrooms.

"When will they start building homes with bedrooms equipped with one-way windows so parents can peek in on baby at night without waking him?" he asked.

You know, those one-way mirrors used so often for observation in such places as hospital operating rooms and psychological

Talk of the Towns

By DENI SCANLON

Can he bake a cherry pie? You bet! Sixteen-year-old Ed Werner, a stud

I compliment Beverly Hills.

The village officials and the 70 persons who attended the Jan. 16 public hearing on sewers deserve a ned from Emily Post. It was one of the politers public hearings I've and the series of the politers public hearings I've Lan. remember earlier days in Beverly Hills when a controversy almost always drew caustic comments from the audience. I ever recall once when a female resident told a respected and capable attorney that he was "stupid."

But considering that the sewers are events.

"stupid."
But considering that the sewers are expensive items and that more than a half a hundred people attended, the questioning—and the answering—was efficient and cordial.
To those persons who have never attended a council or school board or plan board meeting; you've missing something.
Grass roots government is more educational than the late movie.

To those capable people who never think of opposing the unopposed in so many of the area elections: you're missing something

It may not be the most profitable job but it's rewarding to be needed by a community.

A lady friend of mine was discussing her adult son recently. Her companion couldn't say enough good words about him. Finally she asked his mother, "How did you go about making him so wholesome and well rounded?"

"You can't bring up a boy on bread alone, you know. You have to take time to give him some meat," was the reply.

Sixteen-year-old Ed Werner, a student at Southfield High School, took top bonors re-cently when he competed in a cherry pie contest at the school. A mathematics major planning a career in civil engineering, Ed just enjoys cooking. "I started to watch my mom bake when I was five," Ed said, "and I've had a hand in

was live, so said, and I've had a hand it it ever since."

Where did he find his recipe for success?

"It has been in the family for 50 years," he

answered.

Would he reveal the secret portions?

"Sure," he agreed.

This is it:

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Crust ingredients; 1 teaspoon of sugar, ½
teaspoon of salt, 1 and % cups of flour, 3
tablespoons of ice cold water, % cup of Filling ingredients: 3½ cups of cherries.

½ teaspoon pumpkin spice. 1 tablesness.

Filling ingredients: 3½ cups of cherries, ½ teaspoon pumpkin spice, 1 tablespoon butter, 1 tablespoon brandy and 1 and % cups of sugar. This flour, salt, sugar and shortening. Add 1 tablespoon of water, one at a time until dough lumps are the size of peas. Flour board. Take half the dough and

peas. Flour board. Take half the dough and roll it out, place in pyrex tin. For the filling: Mix sugar, spice and brandy. Combine with cherries and pour into crust. Drop butter in center.

Then, roll out top crust and put, in place. Baking instructions: Put into pre-heated oven at 400 degrees for 28 minutes. Then turn down heat to 360 degrees for 20 minutes. Take out and cool.

Happenings of Long Ago

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