

"Bearing false witness against thy neighbor" is a Commandment that is violated too widely by many of us. How prone some of us are to assume that others say things and do things about us... too often one assumes that our neighbor has gossiped about us when in reality what a neighbor told another is re-told in part only, thus twisted, thus "bearing false witness."

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## This and That

by George R. Averill

### Jack, Bobby et al Making Over U.S.A.?

January, since he took office in January, this newspaper has stated its hope that John F. Kennedy would become one of our "great Presidents." We still cling to this hope. However, in reviewing some of the programs of his administration thus far we are impelled to ask: "Have the United States' political and private business activities descended to such a low level that President Kennedy, Attorney-General Robert Kennedy, plus an assortment of cabinet and other top appointees, are required to conduct what, in numerous instances, appears to be an inquisition?"

To be sure, there are some elements of American business (and plenty in politics) that need close inspection and supervision. But to assume that the general political and business environment is an incurable fester on the civic and economic body is to do much damage to our system—not only within the U.S. citizenry, but perhaps more so among other nations. Certainly, such "inquisitorial" methods do little to defend our systems of government and business.

WE ALSO question the overall loyalty to the U.S. Constitution of any administration when it endeavors to take away from the 50 States some of their Constitutional duties and responsibilities, and then in Washington, D.C. This maneuver can be consistently accomplished, unfortunately, by the use of offering federal aid (taken via the tax method) to the States for a variety of needed or unneeded projects. (One need only forget that NO unit of government ever has power greater than the funds it has at its disposal—funds so often used as a bribe to subvert the States.)

Too, we believe that, in the case of Robert K., we detect that his aim against so many areas of American private business is triggered to some extent by the frustrations that one Tomaster Boes Jimmy Hoffa has brought into the life of Bobby.

YOU WILL RECALL that the Attorney-General was chief counsel of the Senate Committee that investigated Hoffa a year or so ago. You may recall, also, that Hoffa thus far has been able to outwit and out-generals the Attorney-General in the latter's efforts to prosecute Jimmy.

For all some of the Kennedy family have not acquired any "divine rights" to assume that they and they alone have been destined by Providence to re-shape the ultimate goals of the United States of America.

We still have a Congress, presumed to be the representatives of 180 million human beings.

## Ask Legal Opinion on Due Dates

To what extent should postmarks be considered in regard to the date for payment of bills to the City?

Birmingham city commissioners posed this question Tuesday and asked for an opinion from the City's legal counsel.

At the meeting of the City of North P. Meyers, Fla., formerly of 675 Purdy, Birmingham, complained of penalties added to their special assessments for the S. Woodward access drive on the west side from Lincoln to Huffard.

Commissioners objected to the tone of the letter from the Swartzcofs, but agreed to waive the penalties in view of the fact that their payment was postmarked before the due date.

THE LETTER read: "We feel it was morally wrong, if not legally so, that we should be penalized for late payment. Our check was in the mail and postmarked before due, but the same as paid on the same date to our Federal Government."

It is your city's job to see that it has to get funds in this way—no good will come of it.

We shall not discriminate as to whom we sell our property."

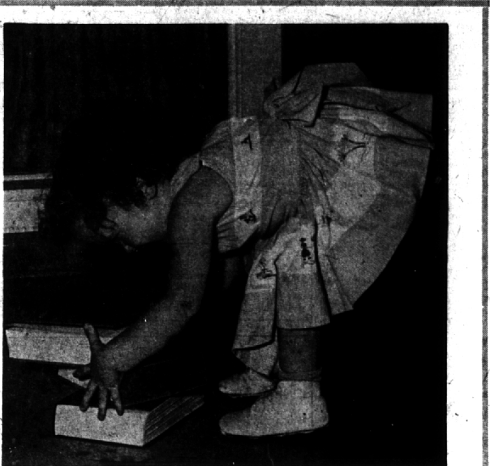
COMMISSIONER Carl Ingraham objected to the "intimation" in the letter and said the commissioners "recognize the right of anyone to sell his property to whomever he wishes."

Commissioner Charles Renfrew also protested against the letter but said he felt practice of accepting postmarks is so well established that perhaps the City should have a policy even in such governing circumstances.

It was thought the penalty should be waived on this basis and not on the basis of the contents of the letter.

Commissioners approved the waiver. (See DATES, 2-A)

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## Novel Way to Pass Her Time

So what if these books are heavy reading for a two-year-old. Curly, red-headed Carol Eckhout doesn't seem to mind it at all. Dressed in her best, Carol was just as enthused about going back to school this week as the rest of the children in her neighborhood. After a short conversation with officials (her parents—the Fred Eckhouts of Lanargan), Carol learned that she has three more years of basics before she meets the entrance requirements. She's resigned to the wait but is confident that when the time comes, "she can handle the book work."

## Architectural Wizard Dead; Structures Are a Monument

Birmingham's world-renowned architect Eero Saarinen died Friday at the University of Michigan Medical Center after a two-hour operation last Thursday for the removal of a brain tumor.

The 51-year-old architect who headed offices at 1300 N. Woodward, entered the Ann Arbor hospital Aug. 21. His condition steadily worsened following the operation.

Eero followed the footsteps of his famous father, Alvaro Saarinen, in 1950 after becoming one of the world's best known architects. From 1945 until his father's death, they worked as partners.

ELIEL WAS the designer of the buildings of Cranbrook and Kingswood Schools in Bloomfield Hills, and Eero, as a youngster, designed the furniture for Kingswood.

Born in Kirkkonummi, Finland, Eero spent his early life under the tutelage of his father. The elder Saarinen was Finland's leading architect and the National Museum remain as monuments to his genius.

Eliel brought his family to the United States in 1923. They lived first in Evanston, Ill., and moved to Ann Arbor when Eliel joined the faculty at the University of Michigan college of architecture.

He quit teaching after a few years and the family moved to Bloomfield Hills where the Saarinen home still stands.

IN 1953 Eero was named the country's outstanding architect for his design of the \$100-million General Motors Technical Center in Warren.

Others of the younger Saarinen's most noted structures are a hockey rink at Yale University, the new U.S. Embassy building in London, the Trans-World Airlines terminal at New York's Idlewild Airport, research centers for International Business Machines at Yorktown

heights, N.Y., and for Bell Telephone at Holmdel, N.J.

Survivors include his widow Aline; his mother, Mrs. Loja Saarinen; a sister, Mrs. J. Robert Swanson; and three children, Eric and Susan, from a previous marriage, and Eames.

AN EXCERPT from the salute to Saarinen read when he received an honorary doctor of humanities degree from Wayne State University Feb. 9, well states the recognition which the local architect had obtained:

"Internationally renowned as an architect of consummate taste and mastery skill, his public commissions have consistently demonstrated a happy fusion of sound structural engineering, imaginative designing, rich and varied materials, and skillfully ordered function.

"Recognized as a thoughtful analyst and writer on architectural matters; acclaimed as designer of a group of furniture embodying new and dramatic concepts of functional form; he is most noted as a specialist in solving the intricate organizational and aesthetic problems of large scale industrial, governmental, and educational complexes.

"Wayne State University salutes the creative genius of Eero Saarinen whose works have immeasurably increased the rich endowment of our present cultural heritage."

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# Expect Tight Vote Tuesday; Con-Con Doomed by Apathy?

See editorial Page 8-B; candidates' statements 1-D

Birmingham-Bloomfield area voters will go to the polls Tuesday to elect who will represent them in the rewriting of Michigan's constitution.

Both the Republican and Democratic chairmen for Oakland County, as well as some of the candidates, have urged voters to cast ballots in the special Constitutional Convention election.

Indications are that voting will be light in most area communities. Party officials have warned that voter apathy may doom the convention before it starts.

Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voters will cast a ballot for only one candidate.

ON THE BASIS of absentee voter ballots issued (61 as of Tuesday of this week), City Clerk Irene Hanley said it looks as if the turnout in Birmingham will be "very, very light."

However, she pointed out that the summer vacation period coming to an end this week may make a difference.

Miss Hanley reported that incomplete figures show 14,782 registered voters in Birmingham.

POINTING OUT that his city claims two top contenders, Republicans George Romney and Henry L. Woodford, Bloomfield Hills City Clerk Robert Stadler commented: "Supporting the vote will be fairly heavy."

Bloomfield Hills has 1,509 registered voters. Stadler said 18 absentee ballots were issued as of Tuesday and he didn't expect requests for many more, due to the end of the vacation season.

Deadlines to apply for absentee ballots is 2 p.m. this Saturday.

## Dickey States School Goals To Teachers

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Two ballot proposals may help draw out voters in Bloomfield Township.

One seeks authorization for purchase of property to expand town facilities, and the other asks whether the township's tax limitation should be increased to provide for enforcement of a dog ordinance and continued police activities. (For details, see story on Page 1-E.)

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IN THE FOURTH representative district Democrat Thomas G. Kavanagh, 32205 Faircrest, Birmingham, opposes Republican Richard C. Van Dusen, 32205 Bingham Road, Bingham Farms.

Comprising this district are the City of Southfield, Southfield Township, Birmingham, Oak Park and the southwestern portion of the county.

Of considerable interest throughout the county is the fifth district contest between Oakland County Republican Chairman Arthur G. Elliott, Jr., of Pleasant Ridge, and Democrat Avern Cohn, Royal Oak. Both have campaigned vigorously.

Romney, Woodforden, Van Dusen and Elliott all were rated "preferred" in ratings announced this week by the Oakland Citizens League's committee on candidates.

IN THE ENTIRE state, 144 delegates will be elected. They will convene in Lansing Oct. 3 to begin rewriting the state constitution, which has been termed out-moded and antiquated.

Each delegate will be paid \$1,000 per month up to seven and a half months.

Main issues in the campaign have been reapportionment of representatives and Democrats should win the election or appointment of state officials.

Chief point of difference between Republicans and Democrats has been exemplified in the Romney-O'Brien race.

ROMNEY, WHILE pointing up a need for basic convictions, has contended that delegates should attend the convention with an open mind regarding specific issues.

O'Brien, on the other hand, has challenged Romney to be more specific. (See CON-CON, 2-A)

IT'S GOING TO BE a busy fall for the little lady. In addition to serving as Miss Torch Lighter, Ann begins her formal education this month.

After two years' attendance at the nursery school of the Detroit Orthopedic Clinic, a U.P. agency, Ann graduated last week. Although it hasn't been decided, Tyler School in Berkeley seems like a good prospect for her grade school education.

Ann will be the second among her family's three children to enter school. Sister Sheila, 6, is a first grader at Holy Name in Birmingham, while brother Peter, 3, isn't quite ready for the "readin', writin' n' rithmetic."

Ann, who has been a victim of cerebral palsy since birth, will be aware of the significance and necessity of the drive as the dignitaries accompanying her to the torch.

Ann, who lives with her mother, Mrs. Frances Rule, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Lynch, 3522 Halla Lane, Birmingham, was named Miss Torch Lighter for 1961 yesterday at a meeting of the corporate leaders of over 500 corporations in the tri-county area.

Complimenting her curly, golden blonde hair and big, inquiring brown eyes, Ann's broad, innocent smile is an eye-catcher to all.

SUFFERING FROM a spastic condition, Ann is primarily handicapped in the legs and slightly in the hands. Orthopedic shoes with built-up heels replace a need for braces.

She toddles with a gait, and although not yet completely confident of her balance, she has been getting around without her walker for the past six months.

A very smart, alert and determined child, Ann can do and does almost anything other children do. "It just takes her a little longer," said Mrs. Rule.

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## Slow Down, Drivers! Schools Are Open

School bells are ringing again this week and children once more are crossing streets laden with automobiles.

It is our goal that the return to school period can be accomplished without a serious traffic accident involving a child.

This is an appeal to drivers to slow down whenever they see children walking along the sidewalk. Children, especially young ones, do unexpected things, as every parent knows, and drivers must be prepared for any emergency.

TEACHERS AND parents will be telling and instructing children how to cross streets safely. Our police officers are on the alert to see that everything possible is done to prevent a child accident.

Now we are appealing to drivers to join with all of us to insure that no accident happens during this period.

Police officers are patrolling residential streets to slow down speeding drivers as most of our children walk along residential streets on their way to school.

School's open—Drive carefully.

Lt. Robert Schaulie  
Birmingham Police Dept.

## Miss Torch Lighter Is Birmingham Girl

By LES LANGLOIS  
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