



Perhaps cultivation of the habit of self-denial of something that is tempting is an objective worth striving for. After all, developing the ability to discipline one's self regarding some desired thing strengthens one's ability to guard against other temptations... some of which could be harmful if succumbed to. Right self-denial in order to help another is an evidence of Good Samaritanism.

Face of a Township Changes in 10 Years

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the final story in a series of three articles on Bloomfield Township. The first dealt with the township, the second with the governmental structure. This one concerns the developmental characteristics of the township.

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BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—The face of Bloomfield Township matured rapidly in the decade between 1950 and 1960—and though it features as a township have been pretty well defined by the pattern of its growth during this time, there are still many more lines to be added during the '60's.

At the beginning of 1950 the township had a population of 3,851.

It was an area made up of large individually owned parcels of land.

One group of land owners were farmers. The other were wealthy estate owners who sought the tranquility of the countryside for their home sites.

TODAY, THOUGH some of the estates

remain, the operating farms have all but disappeared.

Where once acres and acres of fruit trees blossomed in the springtime, now new homes burrow forth on half-acre sites.

The population of the township increased to 22,530 in 1960. It is due to reach 40,000 by 1970. Eventually, when completely developed it will reach an estimated 67,000 people.

Then the transition from rural to suburbia will be complete.

The new population of the township has been drawn from the upper middle-class economic levels. At present the per family average income of the area is estimated at \$17,000.

Since this is an average income in an area where the very wealthy also reside, the median income of the area is probably a somewhat lower figure but still at least twice as high as the average national family income.

The high level of income is probably the single most determinative factor in the face of "new" Bloomfield Township. Homes

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County Budget Concerns Commissioners

Ingraham Raises Some Questions

Birmingham city commissioners are concerned about Oakland County's budget and budgeting process. Following up on a summary Monday night from Supervisor Carl F. Ingraham, the commission asked the city finance director to study and report on the proposed county budget for next year.

Ingraham informed the commission of comments he made at the board of supervisors' meeting Monday morning.

A tentative 1963 budget of \$16,555,202—calling for a tax rate of \$2.06 per \$1,000 of equalized valuation—was approved unanimously by the supervisors.

BIRMINGHAM IS concerned about the increasing cost of government," Ingraham told the supervisors, "and the tendency of units of government to raise taxes to the limit."

Pointing out that the county is a lot of chiefs and few Indians," and the proposed hiring of another man in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Questioning the estimate of non-tax income for 1963, he stated: "I find that estimated receipts for 1963 are about \$250,000 less than we collected in 1961."

Ingraham asked that in the future when budgets are submitted comparative figures from the previous year be included.

He also stated that the county should not levy the entire tax rate reserved for it by the Tax Allocation Board, he asked for reconsideration of several items.

For example, the budget men are expected to decrease in the patient load at the TB sanitarium due to the increasing efficacy of certain new drugs—"yet there was a \$23,000 increase in the same budget."

INGRAHAM QUESTIONED the size of the County Planning Commission, which he said has "quite" this year been included.

"People have accused this board of supervisors of budgeting so that we will produce non-tax funds," Ingraham said.

"We have a responsibility to ourselves to see that these questions are answered and to show the people that this is not true."

Ingraham said he and his fellow commissioners "feel that it is immoral and improper to budget unrealistically in order to get such funds."

AFTER INGRAHAM'S report on his remarks Monday night, Commissioner Charles Renfrew suggested that it might be "appropriate for us to ask Mr. (James H.) Parkiss (city finance director) to review the county budget in some detail."

Renfrew said he is sure "we can effect economies in the county government without impairing the efficiency of it."

Ingraham replied that the county is "governed in a very archaic, awkward manner."

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B'ham College Student Heads Romney Drive

Michigan's leaders of tomorrow were singled out for special recognition this week by George Romney when the Republican candidate for governor named a 20-year-old University of Michigan junior for Bloomfield Township as his campaign staff.

Steven F. Stockmeyer, 776 Arlington, will quarterback a drive, which was kicked off in January, to organize students on the state's university and college campuses to work for the election of Romney on Nov. 6.

A speech major who will receive his degree in June, 1963, Stockmeyer was the founder of the "Students for Romney" organization. The group presented Romney with petitions urging him to run for governor two weeks before his Feb. 10 announcement.

NEARLY 600 students from U of M, Michigan State, Wayne State and Western Michigan universities and from Albion, Adrian and Port Huron junior colleges had signed the petitions.

"This is only the nucleus of a group which will expand to other campuses throughout the state," said Stockmeyer.

Each college or university chapter will receive an official charter signed by the parent Romney Volunteers organization.

Many of the members of this youthful group of volunteers will be voting for the first time this fall. Stockmeyer will be one of them. He reaches his 21st birthday May 2.

"I NEEDN'T tell you for whom I'll cast my vote," quipped Stockmeyer, former leader of the 17th Congressional District and U of M Young Republicans.

The new campaign's active work will begin immediately and intensify after classes recess for the summer in June.

Beverly Rejects Sewer Connection Request by County

BEVERLY HILLS—A request to the village council from the Oakland County DPW to participate in the Southfield-Rouge Valley Sanitary System was voted down by the council Monday.

A report by Dr. Douglas J. Wood, councilman and chairman of the sewer, water and public health committee, stated that the village would have to pay \$24,000 to connect into the system.

"WE HAVE already put \$90,000 into pumping stations and so forth in that area," Dr. Wood stated. "At the time this was done, it was not anticipated that we would be able to participate in the other system. Nor could we have delayed while waiting for it."

He also said there is no way to finance the new measure.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT Marvin B. Cline instructed Village Manager Robert E. Murphy to direct a letter to the county department, stating that the village is not interested in entering the Southfield - Rouge Valley Sanitary System.

Residents 'Dust-Off' Complaint; Request Chloride on Roads

BEVERLY HILLS—A discussion of the dust-control program was highlighted in the village council by Valley Woods Association representatives who requested that calcium chloride be used in their area, instead of oil, to keep the dust down.

Oil tracked into homes prompted the group to request chloride and to authorize the road commissioner to make as many applications as are necessary to solve the problem.

Bids submitted for both oil and calcium chloride were accepted by the council.

ATTORNEY PREPARES Sidewalk Ordinance For Beverly Hills

BEVERLY HILLS—A sidewalk ordinance is being prepared by Village Attorney Thomas J. Dillon as a result of council discussion on repair of sidewalks in the village.

The village road commission has made a survey to determine which sidewalks needed repair. Council action will wait on submission of the ordinance.

A new system for reporting roads in need of repair is also under study by the council.

Quarton Improvement Unit Formed

A Quarton Road Improvement Association has been formed, uniting property owners who reside on or near Quarton Road between Lahser and Woodward. It includes residents of three communities: Bloomfield Township, the city of Bloomfield and the city of Bloomfield Hills.

The purpose of the association is to encourage civic improvements in the general area, to promote effective and safe traffic control

and to encourage the stability of residential property values as well as to cooperate with other organizations having similar objectives.

SPARKMAN D. FOSTER, of 2235 Quarton, has been named president of the group. Mrs. Henry C. Johnson of 3000 Quarton and George W. McCormick, Jr., of 1633 Quarton were elected vice presidents.

The post of treasurer went to Mrs. Richard Solits, 1945 Quarton,

and Mrs. Lawrence S. King, 102 Endicott, was chosen secretary.

The first step taken by the group was the naming of a reforestation committee with the announced purpose of trying to reinvigorate the area as the beauty spot is was before the trees were felled to widen and pave Quarton.

Named to the committee were Mrs. Henry C. Johnson, Mrs. George W. McCormick, Jr., Mrs. Lawrence S. King and Mrs. Raymond T. Ferring.

Committee members and government officials have met and agreed upon a plan to restore some of the fallen timber.

Norway Maples are to be planted at intervals of 40 feet on both sides of Quarton from Lahser to Woodward.

Slakes have already been placed along the roadway and the first of the trees are expected to be planted about Monday.

Seat Belt Saves Driver in Car, Truck Collision

SOUTHFIELD—Malcolm Johnson, 25-year-old Southfield resident, is reported in satisfactory condition at William Beaumont Hospital following the collision of his car and a heavily loaded gasoline truck early Friday morning.

POLICE CREDITED Johnson's safety belt with saving him from being hurled from the car to possible death. He suffered lacerations of the face and a fractured arm.

Norman Brown, 37, Pontiac, driver of the truck, told police he was stopped at the intersection of Telegraph and Northwestern Highway.

HE SAID the Johnson car rammed the back of his trailer, which was hauling 10,000 gallons of gasoline.

The Johnson car was demolished. Johnson lives at 26300 Nine Mile Road. Brown is an employe of Mobil Oil Co.

Easter Lily Sale To Help Crippled

The returns in the annual Easter Seal campaign show that approximately 68 per cent of the goal of \$50,000 has been received.

On Saturday, volunteer charitable organizations throughout the county will be seen on street corners in Birmingham and area communities selling Easter lilies to help the fight against crippling.

This and That

by George R. Averill

Prairies, Mesas, Canyons, Indians, Mountains: Southwest's Unique Lure

Seeing Arizona's Petrified Forest and its adjoining Painted Desert add a great deal to one's overall visit to that state's Grand Canyon (plus many other places of interest). For one may then stand in awesome contemplation, as these exposed geological chronicles, covering hundreds of millions of years, are revealed in all their colorful substance.

This forest, covering 40 square miles, is located approximately 225 miles east by south of the Grand Canyon, and the Painted Desert are in reality devoid of nearly all vegetation.

Geologists say that 160 million years ago much of northern Arizona was swampy lowland with shifting streams spreading sand and mud on vast plains. Dense beds of ferns, giant horsetails, clubmosses and swamp-growing trees grew in the marshlands and along the streams. These strongly resembled our pines. Other kinds of primitive tree remains are also found in the forest.

TREES THAT GREW on the hills and ridges rotted away, but most of those that were carried away by flooding waters eventually were deposited in bays or on sandbars where rapid burial by mud and sand prevented their decay.

These were buried under 3,000 feet of sand and silt, which contained much volcanic ash, rich in silica. This silica was carried in the wood by ground water and deposited in the cell tissues, the mineral filling the wood and forming the petrified logs.

Periods of great mountain-making

followed the burial of the petrified logs, resulting in the Rockies and Sierras, and certain areas became arid and desert-like. The forest and the Painted Desert are like this. Then came the wind and rain, which tore down the deposits that covered the logs, rivers carried away the remaining, exposing the petrified trees, and colored rocks.

IT IS INTERESTING, too, to note that only a small part of the forest is exposed, for much of the petrified logs are scattered below the surface to depths of 300 feet.

Countless shades of colors are found in the remains of this forest, including chocolate, red, vermilion, buff, orange, grey, purple and black.

Before learning what the Petrified Forest looks like today, most tourists expect to see something akin to a standing assortment of petrified trees. Instead, only fragments, countless thousands of portions of trunks, and some few 25 to over 100 feet in length of this most colorful rock-like, agate remain.

THIS FOREST COVERS a vast area, and geological explorations have uncovered many fossils of plants and animals, with occasional bones of giant amphibians and reptiles. Numerous Indian ruins and petroglyphs show that human beings lived there long before America was found and populated by white men.

The U.S. National Park Administration maintains an interesting and educational museum in the forest. Directly adjacent to the Petrified Forest is the Painted Desert. A colorful series of low undulating desert-covered surfaces, pierced here and there by shallow depressions. Dominance of strong winds pick up grains of the desert earth and thus continue the erosion process in the laboratory of that great of all sculptors: Nature.

Certainly, viewing the Petrified Forest (See THIS & THAT, 6-A)



GEORGE J. FULKERSON

Name Fulkerson Law Day Chairman For B'ham Area

George J. Fulkerson, a Birmingham attorney, has been appointed Law Day chairman for the Birmingham area by the Oakland County Bar Association.

Law Day, commemorated on May 1 of each year, is designated by the United States Congress as a day celebrating appreciation of the people of the United States for the liberties enjoyed and protected by law.

Fulkerson resides at 3011 Middlebury Lane, Bloomfield Township. He is a special assistant attorney general for the State of Michigan and is a member of the American, Michigan and Oakland County Bar associations.



Firemen to Stage Theater Party

Birmingham Fire Department Captain C. G. Nunneley, sells tickets to the Uniform Fireman's Association theater party to Eccentric employes Joan Runyon, of Waterford and Peggy Lee, of Detroit. The annual affair

will be held Wednesday, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., at the Birmingham Theater. Proceeds from the program will go to the recreational and family welfare fund of the fire department.

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