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He who would require the use of arithmetic law to aid in the operation of his business, or profession, or she who would need to "keep books" to show her expenditures—both he and she would have to comply with the mathematical science that governs such matters. Both he and she would have to make two plus two equal four. It is the art of successful living, there are moral laws that must be obeyed, too.

This and That

by George R. Averill

Kennedy Myth Should Include Thomas Jefferson

Who is the Democratic Party's "patron saint"? The reply, if you asked today's Democrats, would be thundered: "Thomas Jefferson." Both he and the Great American who authored the Declaration of Independence were the third President of the United States.

Proudly today's Democrats, from President Kennedy right on down to every New Dealer, Fair Dealer, and New Frontiersman . . . all would salute, pay homage, even reverence to that Great American. (Indeed, he truly was a true American.)

However, what do you suppose this Great American would say today, if he could observe our nation's Democratic Party as it there is into more and more of the Welfare State of Socialism?

WHAT WOULD HE say about centralizing "big government" in Washington? What would he say about losing portions of our sovereignty as we now to the control of the United Nations? What would he say about "States' Rights"?

Yes, he'd have plenty to say. He certainly wouldn't support today's Democratic Party; I doubt that he even would join the Republicans. All of which urges me to point out a truly, acceptable modern "political myth" . . . the Thomas Jefferson myth . . . whose principles and philosophy a generation ago were discarded when the New Deal took over, to be followed by Truman and Kennedy. Talk about a myth, also include Thomas Jefferson.

'Telling Off' An Official Between Elections Is OK

The men and women who comprise the various state legislatures, the U. S. Congress, governors and the presidency are given such offices by other men and women who, in the secrecy of a voting booth, elected them to office.

If the voters do not like how some of these officials act, how they spend the taxes they exact from the voters, the voters do not have to wait for another election to vote them out of office, by contacting some certain officials, they can in effect say:

"IF YOU DON'T QUIT taking more of our incomes, if you don't cease being extravagant with our taxes, if you don't quit taking away some of our traditional freedoms, if you don't cease supporting laws that drift us into more and more Socialism—then I'm going to quit voting for you, Mister President, Governor, Congressman, State Legislator."

"I'm going to do what I can, while I still have the right to vote, to undo what I foolishly or unwittingly did when I voted you into office. This is my sole weapon of defense—I intend to use it before I lose it! . . . you defaulter, you betrayer of the PUBLIC TRUST that I temporarily bestowed upon you."



Smooth Landing

A 12-year-old Beverly Hills boy landed an airplane on a Navy aircraft carrier Sunday. Incredible? Not when it's a model airplane. Ellis Brusch, Jr., 11, of 31655 Nixon, won the annual Division of the carrier landing competitions at the 31st annual Model Aviation Championship meet at Glenview Naval Air Station in Illinois. He received his trophy from Rear Adm. Paul Stroop, chief of the bureau of naval weapons. Ellis, a junior at Groves, won first place by putting his model through high- and slow-speed passes, then smoothly stopping on a realistic carrier deck. (Official photograph, U.S. Navy.)

How to Compute Taxes in Hills

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the first in a three-part series on taxes, form of government and characteristics of the city of Bloomfield Hills. It is an attempt to give residents a closer look into their community and how it works.

By WALLY FROMMHAET
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The average Bloomfield Hills homeowner living in the Bloomfield Hills School District will pay a \$1,097 property tax bill in 1962.

This figure is arrived at by taking approximately 30 per cent of the average home's market value and adding \$26.80 to each \$1,000 of value.

But who decides on the 30 per cent? Where does the \$26.80 come from? What is the market value of an average Bloomfield Hills home in Bloomfield Hills?

THESE, and other questions, such as who imposes extra millage on your yearly property tax; how the tax is divided into three different governmental groups; and how the city's yearly revenue and expenses is figured, will be answered in this article, the Bloomfield Hills tax system.

First, let's examine the property tax.

This is how it is figured: The average market value of your home is \$45,000. This figure is assessed at approximately 30 per cent of its market value by City Manager Elmer Kephart.

Since the tax bill is based on a 26.8-mill property tax, the assessed value on the home, about \$13,500, has \$26.80 added to each \$1,000, resulting in an approximate \$161 property tax bill.

THIS is how it's one-third of the amount mentioned in the first paragraph of this article. Where does the rest come from?

Your complete property tax is a combination of the 26.8-mill property tax imposed on taxpayers and millage voted by school district property owners. There are two school districts

in Bloomfield Hills, and taxpayers in each have voted a different rate on increased age to the base 26.8-mill property tax.

A third area, once the Hickory Grove School District, residents still a third different school district millage.

BLOOMFIELD Hills School District has a 44.37-mill increase, Birmingham School District a 46.67-mill, and the old Hickory Grove District 49.87.

In addition, Oakland County taxpayers voted 10.16-mills, plus 97 cents for special education. Therefore, by adding up the city, county and school district millage, we arrive at the actual 1962 property tax bill.

Bloomfield Hills school district residents pay a total of \$81.33 per \$1,000. Birmingham School District residents \$88.60, and Hickory Grove residents \$86.83. Bloomfield Hills district was used for an overall average because it comprises about five-sevenths of the city's area.

But we aren't quite finished with the tax explanation. Besides the assessed valuation of each home, there is an equalized valuation, applying to county and school district taxes only.

Since each suburban community assesses the market value of its homes at a different rate, the state imposes a separate assessment rate to each community to "equalize" final assessment. In Bloomfield Hills, this percentage is 1.54.

NOW that we understand the individual property tax of each homeowner in Bloomfield Hills, the next question is: "Where does this money go and how is it divided up between three governmental agencies?"

Working from just the average Bloomfield Hills homeowner's resident's property tax figure, we see the same amounts as before: \$26.80 allotted to the



GOP Names Speaker for Convention

Grant A. Reynolds, legal counsel to Republican National Committee Chairman William E. Miller, will be the speaker at the Oakland County GOP Convention Aug. 15.

According to Charles L. Lyle, GOP county chairman, Reynolds will speak at 8 p.m. at Pontiac Northern High School where county Republicans will be in convention.

Reynolds, who lives in White Plains, N. Y., is a former resident of Michigan, having attended public schools in Detroit.

A practicing attorney in White Plains, Reynolds is a Republican of long standing and serves as legal counsel to Cong. William E. Miller who is chairman of the Republican National Committee.

"WE FEEL extremely fortunate," Lyle said, "in being able to secure Mr. Reynolds as our leading convention speaker."

"Mr. Reynolds is considered one of the finest attorneys in the country which is proven by his position as legal counsel to our national committee chairman."

This man is noted for his political astuteness and we are looking forward to hearing his message to Oakland County Republicans on Aug. 15.

The Oakland County Republican Convention is open to all Republicans and to the interested general public, Lyle said.

Taylor Says Action Coming In Area Case

Oakland County Prosecutor George F. Taylor said "definite action" has been promised by Attorney General Frank Kelley on a year-old case involving an area woman.

Taylor conferred Friday with Kelley and with Joseph H. Bilzke, assistant attorney general, on a case concerning two men who allegedly kidnaped and raped a West Bloomfield Township woman.

Taylor said he wanted to know why the kidnaping and rape of the woman had been delayed for almost a year.

"I asked the attorney general what has caused the delay," Taylor said. "He told me his office is understaffed and the case had been overlooked."

"Kelley said he would now take action."

LAST WEEK, Taylor said he planned to ask the state supreme court to dismiss a motion by the attorney general's office which has held up trial of the two men, who

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Keynote Speaker

Dr. Walter H. Judd, 20-year Congressional veteran from Minnesota, will be keynote speaker for the Oakland County Republican fund raising dinner to be held at 8 p.m. Aug. 20 at Devoon Cables.

"Congressman Judd, Oakland County GOP Chairman Charles L. Lyle said in making the announcement, 'is right in the middle of his own campaign for re-election from Minnesota but has consented to address county Republicans at our dinner.' Tickets for the dinner are available from Republican Headquarters, 744 S. Adams, or by calling MI 6-8414.

S'field Road Widening Job Contract Let

A bid for the Southfield Road expansion project was awarded to a Detroit construction company Monday afternoon by the Oakland County Road Commission.

Six companies submitted bids, with the contract going to the Denton Construction Co.—the lowest bidder—whose bid was \$627,863.55.

The project is to widen Southfield along a 2 1/2-mile stretch from 2 1/2 Mile Road to 800 feet north of 12 Mile. It will run through Lathrup and part of the city of Southfield.

The road is to eventually include two lanes in each direction and a center lane for turning. (No agreements have been made yet on proposals to widen the road through Beverly Hills and Birmingham.)

NEXT MONDAY morning a pre-construction meeting between the Denton Co. and road commission officials is scheduled for discussion of construction plans and a timetable.

Norman T. Knapp, special projects engineer for the road commission, said last week that sewer construction in Lathrup, which will cross Southfield Road, might hold up work on the road.

However, Knapp said Monday there is now "every reason to believe that within two weeks construction should start."

"Preliminary work on Southfield should begin even though the sewer construction won't be completed," he said.

THE SEWER project in Lathrup is scheduled to start on Aug. 16. Road commissioners said they hope to have the Southfield project completed by the fall.

An attendance record of one million is expected at the Michigan State Fair this year. Walter A. Goodman, State Fair general manager, said the earlier dates for the fair this year—Aug. 24 through Sept. 3—should boost attendance, since fair-time won't conflict with school-time. The State Fair attendance record now stands at 825,989 set in 1960.



STANDING BEFORE the new Bloomfield Hills post office are Postmaster Herbert J. Dylbe (left) and Assistant Postmaster Bert Hobbeth. They and the rest of their staff will

move into the "roomy" building—8,054 square feet—as soon as the official "OK" is given from the Federal Government's regional office in Chicago.

New Post Office Ready

A new Bloomfield Hills post office at 71 E. Long Lake Road will begin operation as soon as the Federal Government gives the "OK."

A government engineer inspected the building Monday morning and filed a report with the regional governmental office in Chicago. If it gives the "go-ahead" operation will begin—possibly as soon as Aug. 6.

The new "roomy" 8,054-square-foot building will replace the old post office of 2,800-square feet at 51 W. Long Lake Road. Total area of the new post office—including surrounding grounds—is 25,000 square feet.

"WE'VE BEEN so cramped at our present location that we all are anxious to move," Postmaster Herbert J. Dylbe said. The additional exterior and interior space of the new post office will aid both customers and employees, Dylbe said. "Customers will be aided in parking by a large, black-topped

lot and by weighing scales for letters that will speed service," he said. "Employees will benefit from air-conditioning and more elbow room to do their work."

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OTHER FEATURES of the building will include a 328-square-foot lobby and a long counter with open windows, replacing the present older case styled booths.

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Outside, the east end of the building has been built with stones while the front has been constructed with tinted glass windows, stretching from the ground to the roof.

Construction of the new post office started in March.

Michigan Department of Mental Health reports current waiting lists for the mentally ill are now at 874; for mentally retarded 1,616; and both lists are increasing monthly.

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