

This and That

by George R. Averill

How refreshing to read the story of some of our kind, so exemplary, so respected and revered, so much loved, who spend hundreds of millions of dollars every year to enforce these laws. This immense project exists solely for the purpose of enforcing the Golden Rule and the Ten Commandments. Dedicated self-discipline, of course, is the best law enforcer.

Detroit's (and Michigan's, too) Tigers do have their ups and downs. During the early weeks of this 1962 season they were riding high — often at the top of the American League. But they have, alas, been almost to stay up. Often they appear unable to "throw away" a game, as their opponent emerges the victor. Yet one knows that every man on that (and every other good team wants to win. When they do, the loyal fans applaud. When they lose too often, now and then the fans boo . . . but, deep within their hearts the fans are loyal . . . For their being in proof of their momentary disappointment . . . and such disappointment only grows in the soil of hope for victory for the team. So, at the top, or somewhere down the roster, the Tigers are "our team"; they represent our city, our state on the diamond. If in victory they merit our vigorous applause, certainly in defeat they have earned our continued optimistic support. May it always be that way!

Map experts from 43 countries recently met in Bonn, Germany, to set the guiding principles for drawing a new kind of world map, the first such since 1913. I suggest that its boundaries be made of soft noodles to allow for the frequent shifting of national boundaries. Too, in some cases the soft noodles

Subdivision Gets 'Go-Ahead' from Beverly Council

BEVERLY HILLS—A new subdivision, "Wellesley," got the go-ahead from the council Monday when tentative approval was given Alfred J. Macksey for his plot for land west of Evergreen, south of Riverside and north of Beverly roads.

The planning board recommended approval, subject to three conditions. The proposed entrance must be suitably landscaped; deed restrictions must require residents of the sub to maintain the parkway and two islands; and an easement through Beechwood Court must be provided to allow pedestrian traffic to go through.

AN EMERGENCY amendment to the subdivision ordinance was then passed providing that a tangent of 100 feet be provided between reverse curves only on collective and arterial streets.

Mrs. Dorothy Balgenorth, 31565 Eastside, spoke to the council with regard to the easement.



From Little Seedlings...

No matter where the tall corn grows, there's always a sunflower to top it and Mrs. Charles Shallberg may very well have set a local record with this 14-foot spout. Charles Gale, director of the Birmingham Department of Parks and Forestry, says it's one of the largest ever brought to his attention. Young Ricky and Debbie Shallberg agree that that's really "saying it with flowers."

How Project HOPE Laboratory Functions

This is another in a series of reports on the goodwill hospital ship S. S. HOPE by Lee-Olive Harrison, a nurse formerly from Birmingham. Also serving on board the ship is Dr. Robert Nixon, 563 Lakeview, Birmingham, who practices internal medicine at Ford Hospital, Detroit.

This month's article has been contributed by Betty Whittington of Berkeley, Calif. Her teaching specialty in the laboratory is in the chemistry department.

The laboratory on the S.S. HOPE is a complete clinical laboratory doing all the usual procedures of hematology, biochemistry, serology, bacteriology, parasitology, blood banking and histology of tissues.

It is staffed by a pathologist (one of the team of rotating physicians who come for a period of two months) and seven technicians, who come from all parts of the United States.

OUR FIRST big job was to clean and inventory everything in the two large rooms which house the laboratory. This with the knowledge of what equipment and materials were on hand, each department within the laboratory was set up, ready for business.

This was no small task, for it involved looking up procedures, making up many kinds of reagents, solutions, stains, bacteriological media, etc.

Naturally, with seven technicians all coming from seven different laboratories and areas, there were several different ideas of the best method for many procedures. However, because we knew that the work would be busy, and would be spending much time with students, we looked for the most practical and simplest methods of doing the job and doing it well.

WITH THE arrival of the first patient aboard, we were at least basically ready to do the necessary lab work on them. With a heavy surgery schedule, one of the first needs was to build up the

Area Residents Named To UF Industry Posts

Edward N. Cole, 1962 Torch Drive co-chairman for corporate leadership, has named the industrial and business executives who will work with him to encourage corporate participation in the annual "give one for all" fund-raising campaign.

Sewer Unit Changing Rate Questioned

WEST BLOOMFIELD—How to determine the number of sewer units charged to the property owner and lying in the Maple-14 Mile arm of the Farmington Interceptor became the subject of a prolonged discussion at a meeting of West Bloomfield Township Board last week.

The question arose after board members Emmet DeConick questioned the number of units assigned to an eight-acre site having a non-conforming commercial use in a residential zone.

A TENTATIVE assessment roll made by township tax assessor Ed Heiron, Jr., had assigned units to the property's commercial use—a lower number of units than would be assigned if considered as a future subdivision site.

Supervisor John Bohard and Township Treasurer Sue Warner defended Heiron's assessment. Mrs. Warner stated that land may be assessed on "present benefits."

DeConick was equally as firm that the amount of acreage in the parcel should determine the number of units assigned to the land.

THE NUMBER of units assigned determines the landowner's share of the cost of building the sewer arm. Cost of the arm is divided by the total number of units in the sewer district. Then the owner would pay the figure multiplied by the number of units assigned to his land.

No agreement was reached by the board but the question of what policy of unit assignment it would approve.

However, board members will have to decide when the assessment roll comes before them for final approval. This is expected sometime in September, although no date has been set.

Illness Brings Postponement in Zoning Hearing

The Gunderson vs. Birmingham Farms residential zoning case has been postponed until Sept. 13.

This action was taken when the illness of Harry Dell of the Royal Blue firm of Dell and Shantz, who is representing the plaintiff, Gunderson, necessitated a halt in the hearing.

A mutual agreement between Dell's law firm, Judge William Reer and William Hartman of the Pontiac law firm of Hartman and Reer, who is representing Birmingham Farms, the Sept. 13 date was reached.

The case was to resume last Thursday but was cancelled at that time due to Dell's illness. The case has been in court for over two years.

ANDREWS AND Briggs Co., developers of Nottingham Forest Subdivision which extends to the western border of Beverly Hills, wants to extend the subdivision boundary into Birmingham Farms.

The suit was brought to circuit court by a group of property owners to knock out residential zoning on Telegraph between 12½ and 13 Mile roads.

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What It's Like To Be 'Orphans'

By KAY SMITH
Special Writer

This is the story of "Orphan Acres."

What's "Orphan Acres?" Let's go over to an office on 13 Mile Road and ask Township Clerk Mrs. Fannie Adams. She tells us it's a leftover part of a governmental unit—the township—right here in the Birmingham area. It's composed of a little dab of land near 14 Mile Road and a trailing strip of partial lots on Viernier Court and Normandale.

Its total population according to the 1960 census is 30, and total number of families, eight. It has its own tax rate, its own governing body. Have you guessed the identity of this Monaco of the Birmingham area? It's what's left of Southfield Township.

THE TIDAL WAVE of changes which left these two little islands of land high and dry started in 1956, when Southfield City began its move to incorporate the much larger area which was then Southfield Township.

Franklin had become a village in 1953, and just before it was too late, Birmingham Farms slipped out of the net and incorporated.

The rest of the township suddenly found itself part of the proposed Southfield City, with a commission elected to prepare a charter in two years.

WHEN THE first charter came to a vote, with a 20-mill tax rate, it was defeated. Beverly Hills saw its chance to incorporate as a village, if no charter was accepted by the voters within the next six months.

Residents quickly prepared a petition, so quickly that no one on the boundaries committee of the county board of supervisors noticed that four lots up at 14 Mile Road had not been included in the petition.

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charter commission presented its charter in December, 1956, this time with a 5-mill tax. This charter lost by just 43 votes.

Not wanting to become entangled with the Southfield City line, which went straight east and west, the Beverly Hills group followed lot lines for their southern boundary, thereby leaving partial lots still in Southfield Township.

AND WHAT of the poor orphans, the residents of Southfield Township? Poor indeed!

They pay the lowest tax rate in the area—this year's rate is \$51.91 as opposed to \$56.80 for Beverly Hills; \$64.91 for Birmingham Farms; and \$69.31 for Franklin. On the other hand, they don't have village services.

But somehow, they like it this way. As one resident put it: "We don't pay quite as high a tax, and besides, we can even use the Southfield library without having to pay a fee."

LEST YOU think, however, that this isn't the case, Under the law, villages are not permitted to spread school taxes nor conduct state, county and national elections. Nor do villages assess property; the township makes up the assessment role for them.

So the township performs many services for the 11,290 residents of the three villages of Franklin, Birmingham Farms and Beverly Hills, as well as its own 30 "orphans."

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Delay S'field Widening Till Next April

Widening of Southfield Road to five lanes has been postponed until next April due to complications.

Time, weather and storm sewer work in Lathrup are the main reasons for the delay, according to Sol. D. Lomerson, vice chairman of the Oakland County Road Commission.

The widening from the present two lanes would take at least three months. That means closing the road entirely until about Dec. 1. The road commission agreed the widening could wait.

Southfield Road eventually will be widened from north of 9 Mile to north of 12 Mile to ease the traffic flow on and off the interchange of the John C. Lodge Freeway and the Southfield Road Freeway south of 9 Mile.

New Zoning Classification Considered

BEVERLY HILLS—William N. Gilmore's Beverly Heights subdivision plan didn't make it Monday night.

Gilmore, 32075 Waltham, has been presenting plans to the council for a year for his property west of Southfield on 13 Mile Road and west of the village hall. None has met with approval.

Monday night's plan came close. With a majority of the property zoned Residential 2 and a buffer strip zoned Residential 3 — but with the Residential 2-house size of 1200 square feet—this plan may eventually make it.

THE CURRENT hitch in that the zoning ordinance has no provisions for the combined R-2 and R-3 zoning. The council directed Village Attorney Thomas J. Dillon to create a classification "R-2-A" as an amendment to the zoning ordinance. It will be presented at the next regular council meeting, Sept. 4.

2 Blocks South of Howard Johnson's

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'Routine' Night for Patrolman

By AL MITCHELL

Is the life of a policeman interesting? You bet it is, especially if he's on night duty.

Take Bloomfield Township Patrolman Donald Zimmerman on the night of Aug. 15, for instance.

Zimmerman, a hulking six-foot-six, 300-pound officer, came to work on the late shift—from midnight to 8 a.m.

no windows or doors disturbed, he approached the garage, forcefully lifted the big overhead door and peeked under it.

Only a car was inside. He checked it, then went to the house and tried the door. It was locked.

Heaving a sigh, Zimmerman walked back to his car and radioed headquarters that the house was secure and that he was clear for further assignment.

The patrolman then began a routine patrol of the township's streets and buildings.

Before long, the car radio crackled again, this time with a report that a refrigerator was on fire and its owner didn't know what to do.

and siren, Zimmerman look off. He took at the refrigerator upon his arrival, and he lifted it out from the wall, pulled the plug and stood by to see that no fire started.

Soon the fire department arrived and took care of the hot refrigerator.

Back on patrol Zimmerman decided it was time for a cup of coffee. En route to a restaurant, he saw a car traveling about 80 mph run a red light.

Pushing the big police car toward the hundred mark, he soon overtook the speeder, learned that the driver's wife was about to have a baby and escorted them to a hospital.

Once more on routine patrol, he checked the back doors of a group of buildings and came

across one that was open.

He called another police car, told what he had found and headed—with gun drawn—into the open building.

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