



In the entire lexicon of words that represent emotion, among the most important is "GRATITUDE." Certainly this word is a goodly part of another word "LOVE," which in its whole meaning expresses the qualities of goodness that the Christmas season is the symbol of. . . and when one is grateful for so many things that deserve such feelings, such thoughts, one has a foundation upon which to build many other kindred "pearls of great price!"

## This and That

by George R. Averill

Faster and faster comes mankind's ability to get from where he is to where he wants to go . . . travelling at the speed of sound now is available to passengers on the commercial jets . . . military airplanes go even much faster. But, as related to something else that people do, transportation of any conceivable type never can come within a million miles in speed as when an unfounded rumor is told by one human being to another. Yep, Dame Rumor never will be eclipsed in her speed in "getting around!"

Do you know that the United States spends at the rate of approximately \$100,000 per minute for national defense? Other nations, too, spend much of their earnings on this same type of project. Certainly, the negative qualities of hate and greed and lust for power, etc., are man's most terrible, wasteful, "wastings."

There is an old and tried and true axiom that "evil exists only eventually to destroy itself." This thought may be applied to every plan, scheme, system, or other similar device used by human beings to gain something for themselves. This is especially true among those politicians who resort to programs that seek to deceive the public—whether such plans be conceived dishonestly or by persons who "want to do good, but don't know how." Economic insolvency, bureaucratic despotism, labor monopoly, etc., are all finally destroyed themselves upon the ash heaps of "man's inhumanity to man."

Over in Wayne, Mich., a public school is having windows boarded up, so that the students cannot see out-of-doors. Next year, though, the boards will be removed so that the youngsters can look out upon the wide, wide world. The idea back of this stunt is to determine whether or not windows improves the morale and efficiency of the students. We suggest that the study also include research of what the students do when away from the classroom. That's mighty important, too!

If you are "the average American," you work one hour and 39 minutes out of each eight-hour day just to get the money to pay your federal taxes. Add State and local taxes and you spend an estimated two hours and 17 minutes each day just to meet your various tax bills. Unless enough Americans let their public officials know how they feel about taxes, more and more of your working day's money will be taken from you and your family.

Even though you may disagree with some of President Kennedy's policies, one is hard put to deny that he isn't "a hit" when it comes to television "rocking chair chats." His recent one, lasting an hour, certainly revealed him as a sort of (See THIS & THAT, 5-A)

## BALLOONIST ROSS IS PRESIDENT

### Space Research Firm Formed Here

Malcolm D. Ross, former General Motors research scientist, twice winner of the Harmon Trophy and aeronauts and holder of the world's altitude record for balloons, has announced formation of Space/Defense Corp.

The new corporation, with offices at 1600 N. Woodward, Birmingham, will perform basic and applied research and development in the areas of space and defense with particular emphasis on the relation of men to space and defense machines and environments, Ross said.

Applied research now under way in the Space/Defense laboratories includes an investigation of responses of men and animals to unconventionally high accelerative forces.

In this field, the group of scientists have used a space flight acceleration profile simulator similar to a centrifuge to expose monkeys to 430 G's for as much as 19.4 seconds, which is significant inasmuch as astronauts are currently arbitrarily limited to about 20 G's.



IRENE HANLEY is one of Birmingham's best known citizens and officials. Miss Hanley is the only clerk the city has ever had. When Birmingham became a city in 1933, she was serving as village clerk. "Just about everybody in Birmingham comes in contact with my office at one time or another," says the life-long area resident.

## Clerk's Office: A Busy Place

The following is another in a series of articles The Eccentric is presenting on the various departments in the city of Birmingham. It deals with the work of the clerk's office.

By LARRY EVOE  
City Editor

The clerk's office is Birmingham's girl Friday. Duties of the clerk's office range from keeping the records of Greenwood Cemetery in order to registering voters.

The clerk is the secretary to the city commission, keeps minutes of commission and plan board meetings, issues various permits and signs official city documents.

In Birmingham the position of clerk is held by Irene Hanley.

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in 1933, Miss Hanley was serving as village clerk. At the present time there are three people working in the clerk's office.

One of the biggest jobs handled by the office is the registration of voters. In Birmingham a citizen must be a resident of the city for 90 days before becoming eligible to vote.

The clerk is also in charge of conducting all elections in Birmingham, the hiring and supervision of election officials and the counting of the ballots.

OFFICE-SEEKERS must obtain nominating petitions from the clerk's office. When the petitions of a candidate contain the required number of names of electors the clerk certifies the names and notifies the candidate that he has been nominated.

The clerk, under the direction of the city commission, directs the printing of the ballots and sees that they are distributed to the polling places prior to the opening time of the polls.

Persons wishing to operate a restaurant or drive a cab in Birmingham must obtain a permit from the clerk's office.

MISS HANLEY and her staff have the job of recording all data important to the operation of the city of Birmingham and are keepers of the city's official seal.

The office has the responsibility of publishing proposed ordinances to be adopted by the city and also advertises for bids on city projects.

Miss Hanley believes that just about everyone in Birmingham comes in contact with her office during their residence here.

Next week's article will deal with a little-known department in Birmingham — the Health Department.

## Romney Appoints Two Men from Area

Bringing to six the number of appointees to his "cabinet," Governor George Romney named three more men to his team Friday.

### S'field Road Widening Plan Under Review

BEVERLY HILLS—The proposed widening of Southfield Road as it will affect the Wrigley Store at 1905 West W. is under review by the planning board meeting Wednesday.

Paul Van Rookel of the Oakland County Road Commission discussed the present and future plans for the road. Eventually, the widening program will do away with 79 of the existing 223 parking spaces in the supermarket parking lot and would affect parking for a proposed series of stores on the property. The planning board wanted the superintendent of the project to handle the problem.

TEP J. SIMON, assistant director of the State for Allied Supermarkets, which owns the Wrigley chain, and Norman Hyman, attorney for the chain, felt that the parking spaces meet the present ordinances, it was not necessary to discuss changes at this time.

The planning board requested that the matter be put on the council's agenda for Jan. 7 to discuss the problem.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, the planning board recommended that the council accept the rezoning proposal made by Coleman and Moss for the interior lots of the Westwood subdivision at 13 Mile Road and Evergreen from residential (R-1) to residential 1-A (R-1A).

The R-1 zoning requires a 1,600-square-foot house on a 16,000-square-foot lot with a minimum of 100 feet of front setback. The 1-A zoning requires a 1,400-square-foot lot with the same lot width.

The recommendations of Johnson and Anderson, village engineers, with regard to Metamora Green subdivision at 13 Mile Road have been accepted in formal form.

## Postage Rates Go Up Jan. 7

Those four-cent letters are going to cost you five cents in the new year.

Birmingham Postmaster Rollie Reese reminded citizens today that new postage rates for first-class letters will take effect Jan. 7.

The rate for first-class letters will be increased from the present four cents to five cents an ounce. Air mail letters will cost eight cents an ounce instead of seven.

FIRST CLASS post cards will cost four cents, instead of three cents, and second-class post cards will cost two cents, instead of one cent.

In addition, the postmaster continued, the booklets will contain a handy postage chart on the inside cover.

Reese warned residents that insufficient postage will be collected from the addressee or the letter will be returned to the sender.

Additional information on the new postage fees is available at the post office.

Two of them, Richard C. Van Dusen and Arthur G. Elliott, Jr., residents of the Birmingham area.

Also receiving an appointment was Richard L. Millman, former Lansing newspaperman, as public information assistant.

Elliott, who will become special administrative assistant, was Romney's campaign manager and is a former Oakland County Republican chairman. Formerly in the real estate and insurance business, he moved from Pleasant Ridge to Bloomfield Hills.

ELLIOTT WILL perform the duties of executive assistant for office management and appointments but on a temporary basis. The post replaces the present executive secretary's job in the governor's office, under the Romney setup. He will not be paid from state funds.

Van Dusen, Con-Con delegate along with Elliott and Romney, will be an assistant attorney general—a civil service post that pays

from \$14,156 to \$17,539. He is partner in the Detroit law firm of Dickinson, Wright, McKean and Cudlip and lives in Bingham Farms. He was a state representative from the county in 1955 and '56.

The statement that the chairman is desirous of making the maximum contribution to the party.

ZOLTON A. FERENCY, executive secretary to Gov. John B. Swainson, claims that the employee changes are a violation of state civil service rules. Quoting state civil service director Franklin K. DeWald, Ferency said the em-

The replacements are being made in the areas where confidential relationships will exist, Van Dusen noted, and said such employees must be under civil service rules. They will remain on the office payroll until they are placed elsewhere, Van Dusen said.

DeWald said efforts are being made to find jobs for employees who have asked for transfers.

JUST WHAT is going to cost the individual township resident? The initial cost to you as a resident will depend on whether you now live in a section of the township where a community water system is now in operation.

If you do, you have already paid for the installation of the lateral system servicing your community in the price of your home. Your community system will be connected to the transmission mains as soon as they are built with no charge to you.

In Antartica Navy Lieut. junior grade Henry H. Beam, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Beam of 331 Larchfield, Birmingham, had a "White Christmas" in Antartica with several hundred other Navy men, Marines and scientists. He is serving aboard the icebreaker USS Staten Island, part of the support forces for Operation Deep Freeze 63.

NO MATTER how of the three ways you get water, you will also have to pay your share of the cost of building the 21 miles of transmission lines which bring the water (See WATER COSTS, 7-A)

## Higher Water Costs Offset By Savings to Residents

By SAVILLA SLOAN  
Special Writer

City water is coming to Bloomfield Township. In fact, by this time next year it will be here, according to the expectations of township officials.

The water is being made available by the City of Detroit. The township will hook up at Adams and Square Lake roads to the Detroit mains. Three water transmission mains which the Oakland County DPW will construct for the township will carry the water to all areas of the township.

Starting at Adams and Square Lake Roads, one main runs west on Square Lake road, dropping south on Telegraph to Long Lake Road. Here it divides and runs west on Long Lake to Franklin Road. Another runs south on Squirrel Road to Quanton, then west on Quanton to Cranbrook, south on Cranbrook to a pump station in Westchester Village.

The third main continues from the pump station west on Maple to Franklin Road where it divides and runs north on Franklin to Quanton.

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## 3 Appointed To Positions By the GOP

Three new appointments to positions with the Republican Party of Oakland County were announced this week by Charles L. Lyle, county chairman.

Lyle named Alvin Balden, Huntington Woods, as convention arrangements chairman for 1963. Balden will be responsible for working with the six legislative representatives in establishing their legislative caucuses in 1962 and the county convention on Jan. 30.

Balden became active in politics in 1954 and served as a precinct worker, delegate and captain. He has worked on each campaign since that time and was appointed as state chairman for the Republican Party in 1962 and as chief assistant to the campaign manager for Gov.-elect George W. Romney.

He has served Oakland County as one of four GOP state central committee persons since 1961 and presently serves as research chairman for the Republican Party of Oakland County. Balden is a staff chemical engineer with the Chrysler Corp.

THE SECOND and third appointments came with the resignation of Mrs. George Hodges, 605 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, as county personnel director. Mrs. Joseph Hainline, 735 Robinhood Circle, Birmingham, was appointed along with Mrs. Mary K. Hain, 2820 Ambler, Birmingham, as co-directors for the position.

Mrs. Hainline is first vice president of the Oakland County Council of Republican Women Clubs and Mrs. Hain has worked as a volunteer for the party for several years.

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