

In every age, and from the pen and lips of every wise person have come the words: "Be patient . . . the possession and use of patience is a virtue, in worth beyond human calculation. How true this is—especially in these busy, busy days of this dominant superficial existence. Most of us do hurry, hurry, against our better judgment. Oh, to slow up a bit!"

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Oakland County's Constitutional Convention delegates review Con-Con ideas and progress at Friday night's press-public meeting in the Birmingham Community House. Delegates participating are (from left) Arthur G. Elliott of Pleasant Ridge, 6th District; Lee Walker of Madison Heights, 6th District; Richard C. Van Dusen of Birmingham, 4th District; Raymond L. King of Pontiac, 2nd District.

## This and That

by George R. Averill

### Romney Is Nearing Time to Announce 'Great Decision'

Readers of The Eccentric may recall that several times I have suggested that George Romney realize in announcing himself a Republican candidate for the governorship of Michigan. . . . I felt that such an announcement two or three years hence would be a better time . . . assuming that by then the state's new constitution would be approved, giving a governor four instead of two year tenure.

This, I felt, would enable a man of Romney's potential political talents to achieve greater success in leading Michigan into fairer political and economic pastures.

However, during the past weeks George Romney has attracted not only statewide but also national attention—the latter suggesting election to governor of Michigan might place him in the running for consideration as a Republican candidate for the presidency in 1968.

SUCH ARE THE vagaries and vicissitudes of politics—and, as Shakespeare once said, "There is a tide in the affairs of all men which, if taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; and, if missed, leads to the fall." In the case of Romney, the tide of his political life is bound in shadows and in miseries.

Thus far, Mr. Romney has not announced his final decision. If he does say "yes," he'll certainly put up a campaign selling himself as a man who has seen the need in this or any other state. That he probably would win is his forte. His record to date, in whatever activity he has tackled, is one of outstanding success.

HIS CURRENT dilemma is not one of easy solution. He is a dedicated man, and he will not give up public trust as a game of "promise anything to anybody and everything will go your way." Romney certainly doesn't intend to waste his talents and his future in a mere effort for personal "glory"—for he probably already knows that "honors gained as the result of playing up (to voters) to the fickle demands of voters are actually empty honors without those rock-founded bases so necessary to achieve enduring liberty and freedom for human beings."

So what will George Romney say? He has promised his final answer by Feb. 10. My own expectation is that he will say "yes." He does, he does, his own desire will be to concentrate on Michigan's problems . . . setting any example of moving into the White House in 1965 be placed in the limbo of indefinite mental banishment.

Merriman Smith for over 20 years has been the FBI newspaper correspondent attached to the White House. He has reported the comings and goings of F.D.B. Harry Truman and Dwight Eisenhower, and now is launched on a similar career for the Kennedy's. One evening last week Mr. Smith talked at the Michigan Press Association annual convention in East Lansing. His talk, for the most part, was acquainted with the "ins and outs" of White House occupants, with emphasis on the enormous side-effects of the "good that"—one that newspapers needed to balance the otherwise sensationalism that emanates from Washington, D.C. In a brief, serious-anxious period following his speech, I asked Mr. Smith, you have alluded to the modern acceptance by the public of wealthy men in high offices in government. Assuming that the Kennedy family's money

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trict; Henry L. Woolfenden of Bloomfield Hills, 3rd District; Richard Kuhn of Pontiac, 1st of Bloomfield Hills, senatorial district delegate and a vice president of Con-Con. The meeting co-sponsored by the Community House and the Oakland Citizens League, was the second of the Community House's "Meet Your Celebrity Neighbor" series.

## One Con-Con Forum Leads to Another

After two popular forums on the constitutional Convention, officials of the Oakland Citizens League and Birmingham Community House are giving thought to sponsoring a third one.

Nearly 200 people attended the second forum, at the Community House Friday night. The first, earlier in the month, attracted 125. "We have in mind to attempt another one," said John P. . . .

## 2 from Area To Aid Drive For Hospital

Birmingham area residents will play a leading role in the \$4,000,000 building fund campaign for a new Children's Hospital to be built south of Detroit's new medical center.

Hazel A. Swaney, 1153 Buckingham Road, Birmingham, vice-president of Detroit's branch of the Federal Reserve Bank, and a member of the hospital board, is chairman of the campaign, largest of its kind undertaken in this area in many years.

Swaney announced today the appointment as a co-chairman of the major fund raising group, the memorial gifts committee, of Mrs. William R. Yaw, of Wakelee Farms, Bloomfield Hills. Mrs. Yaw is a former president of the hospital board, a daughter of the late Sen. James Couzens, a benefactor of the hospital.

MRS. YAW told the Birmingham Eccentric Wednesday that the memorial gifts committee will seek the major gifts from individuals and families, under a plan by which contributions may be dedicated to selected portions of the hospital by subscribing the proportionate amount of such units. The selected units may be named in honor or in memory of a donor, or in honor of a person who wishes to pay tribute.

Mrs. Yaw described the memorial plans as "a means by which contributions are made for permanent generosity by designating a part of the new hospital to be named in honor of a person."

A booklet in which the floor plans of the proposed hospital are shown with the values assigned to each room is being circulated by the committee, Mrs. Yaw said.

## 'The Chief' Takes Leave

Moxleys Celebrate 25th Wedding Anniversary

FOLLOWING "THE" southern educational and recreational, visiting sites as well as relatives and friends, including former Birmingham residents.

Impressive natural sites like the Grand Canyon and breathtaking man-made wonders like Boulder Dam "plus a repertoire of photographic memories."

And the excitement wasn't lacking either.

"WE SAID HOW the other half lives," said the chief, "and they really live down there."

"Taking in everything from LA's TV shows to Las Vegas' gambling paradise, the couple made a clean sweep of the west."

"Yes sir, took nine days to drive out here, said the tall, slim Missourian with his slight southern drawl."

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# Comprise Souging Wideing

Will the Oakland County Road Commission settle for half a loaf now or a full loaf when it comes to the widening of E. Maple? It will be asked this question by the Birmingham city administration.

Actually, city commissioners Monday night rejected City Manager L. R. Gare to ask the road commission two questions: 1. Would it consider widening E. Maple from Eton to Coolidge and leave the stretch from Adams to Eton at its present width? 2. Would it consider a minimum width of 40 feet rather than the currently proposed 44 feet?

UNDER THE road unit's plan, the county will pay 75 per cent and each city 25 per cent of the costs of improvements within its city limits.

The road commission would like to see Maple widened to 48 feet in the stretch from Adams to Coolidge and to 44 feet elsewhere.

"Taking into consideration, however, that there are numerous trees in the portion between Adams and Eton that would have to be removed and that Maple from Hunter to Adams is 44 feet wide, the commission indicated it would accept a minimum width of 44 feet for the whole section."

BIRMINGHAM Commissioner Charles Rowfrew, pointing out that he has been an advocate of widening Maple all the way along, also said the removal of parking on west to Chester, suggested that the City inquire into the "half-a-loaf" proposition.

"Unless there is a two-step program, I see no reason to take this first," Rowfrew stated.

He referred to the fact that the county unit would retain jurisdiction of Maple and would prohibit parking only in the area to be widened.

Commissioner Ralph A. Main commented, "I'm afraid that if we widen it, it will tend to bring more traffic into the middle of town, where we don't want it; it's bad enough now."

He pointed out that there are some parking restrictions at certain intersections.

"(See MAPLE, 2-A)

## \$500,000 Project Under Way in Hills

A half-million dollar residential cooperative, "that takes a fresh approach to the problem of where-to-live-after retirement," is under way in Bloomfield Hills.

Located on a five-and-one-half-acre tract on Tiverton Road, the project is planned for construction each year, with the widening of Maple settled for 1962.

THE BUILDERS foresee a reduction to leave friends in this area upon retirement and a desire to simplify present modes of living.

1958, two per cent less on durable goods and five per cent less on non-durable. His overall outlay, however, is much greater.

IN BIRMINGHAM, local residents spent 54 per cent of their retail dollar for food and for automotive equipment and supplies in the past year. The total was \$46,100,000.

The figures are contained in the recent survey made by the Standard Rate and Data Service. It shows, for all sections of the country, that people spent 54 per cent of their money for food and for what in the 12 months ending July 1, 1961.

The volume of business done by local stores, exclusive of restaurants, amounted to \$138,890,000.

PURCHASES OF cars, boats and other automotive equipment came to \$20,048,000.

A retail store stations took an other \$6,068,000.

Other types of stores also did well, with some showing improvement over the prior year.

Those selling general merchandise, such as department and variety stores, accounted for \$1,399,000.

Department stores grossed \$1,146,000, home furnishings stores, \$3,891,000, and drug stores, \$5,512,000.

THE GRAND total, for all local retail establishments, was \$84,063,000.

This spending volume was at the rate of \$19,514 per household, which compares favorably with the United States rate of \$5,088 per household.

According to forecasts by the National Industrial Conference Board and others, an even better year is in prospect for 1962.

A public hearing on the matter will be held sometime in February at the Birmingham City Hall. The hearing will be held in accordance with the ordinance. Date of the hearing will be announced in The Eccentric and Birmingham Post.

According to Brownfield, the present ordinance only calls for parking along the side and not lots of a parking lot when it abuts a residential lot. Amendment to the ordinance would require screening of the front of such parking lots as well.

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## DB&T Opens New B'ham Bank Feb. 5

Detroit Bank and Trust will open its new drive-in office in Birmingham Monday.

Located in the heart of Birmingham, the bank will be the first "Motor Bank" in the state. It is being built in the heart of the downtown area. It will replace the temporary office that was used during construction of the new building.

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IN ADDITION to the drive-in window, the building is also equipped with a pedestrian walk-up window installed on the outside wall of the building. In the Oakland inside, there are two conventional teller windows. A fourth drive-in window will be added to the last island to assure individual year-round comfort for employees.

Beginning Tuesday, Feb. 13, the bank will observe the opening of the new building with a week-long Valentine celebration.

Five-year, Ralph A. Main; 10-year, Robert W. Page; 15-year, Edward G. Alward of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Mr. G. Nunnally of the fire department will be toastmaster. Entertainment will follow at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. E. Willett.

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