



Do you receive, in confidence, information of a personal nature from others? Do you, likewise, repose some of your confidential matters in others? This sort of relationship does exist among many people, and reliable and dependable are those who "keep such confidences to themselves." After all, people do so to confide in others—it's trusting one another.

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Mayor Serving Con-Con Group Organized Here

While Michigan Constitutional Convention delegates wrestled issues in Lansing Saturday, another group was being born in Birmingham.

Formally organized at a meeting

This and That

by George R. Averill

Presidents prior to Mr. Kennedy wanted regular press conferences. JFK did have a few last year, but during late months he had none. Why? The consensus of Washington observers is that he is smarting under some of his past misdeeds. . . . Kennedy is more careful for fear of injuring his public acceptance. Holding rare news conferences, he is less confronted with the give-and-take from sharp reporters. He is playing a "hone game" in this respect—a circumstance said to be evident among his top advisors. Kennedy is impatient. He seems always in a hurry. If only he'd pay less attention to so many details in the operation of the Federal Government, perhaps he might have more time to make better decisions and, of course, fewer mistakes.

Women's fashion editors reveal that Italian designers of women's sportswear are going to cause the lull in their work. They will have plenty of midriff. Saving so much on material, will the cost be lowered?

Economists say that, just as free trade among the states of the U.S. has allowed for the building of a great industrial and financial operation, the European Common Market should do likewise for Europe. . . . This means that U.S. business now protected by tariffs will have to lower prices to meet foreign competition. . . . and you can bet your hard-earned dollars that more men going out of business for many.

The frail old lady lived on the second floor of a rooming house. One day she fell downstairs and broke a leg. The doctor put it in a cast, and warned her not to walk up or down stairs. After several months of slow healing, the doctor removed the cast. "Can I climb the stairs now?" asked the old lady. "Certainly," he replied. "That's good," she chorled. "I'm sick and tired of climbing up and down that damned dandy pipe."

"Grandma Moses," who didn't "put up" painting until she was past 70, recently passed on at 101. Her paintings often sold for as much as \$4,000—and this kindly lady lived to see her fame spread world-wide. Perhaps her greatest contribution was proving that age is not necessarily a hindrance to the need not erudite, innumerate, and uneducated. What a splendid candidate for Heaven she became!

As you observed the case with which President Kennedy and his boys requests more and more millions of dollars for a variety of programs, did it occur to you that "easy spending" probably is no stranger in a family whose head is reputed to possess upwards of 200 millions of dollars—and who, over the years, gave each of his children enough millions so that they could "go to the store for anything they want, any time!" (This statement quoted as said to have been proudly uttered by the President's father some years ago.)

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Call it the SPGC—Sewage Plant Golf Course. The name's a natural for the nine-hole golf course Birmingham is contemplating for the site of the former sewage treatment plant in Cranbrook.

Commissioners approved an agreement Monday night with an architect to prepare at least three preliminary plans to show how a course could be laid out on the site. They appropriated \$300 to pay the architect, W. Bruce Matthews of Newago, Mich.

BIRMINGHAM owns 66 acres at the site, of which four acres have been leased to Bloomfield Art Association (including the former

sewage treatment plant) for its Birmingham Art Center. The police pistol range is situated in a small area in the center of the site on the eastern side, and a sled run is in a small area at the southwest corner.

Under the agreement, the architect is to submit the preliminary plans by April 2. Each plan will show a course of about 3,000 yards in length with large greens and tees, fairway watering, sand traps and a proposed planting arrangement.

Also to be included are location of a proposed club house, parking lot, entrance drive, and a practice green.

THE CSC is composed primarily of independent citizens who are active in Citizens for Michigan, League of Women Voters and other civic action groups.

Purpose of the CSC is to study recommendations of the Michigan Constitutional Convention, waging a vigorous public campaign for the sound elements of constitutional revision and opposing those outmoded provisions that are obstacles to good government at local, regional and state levels.

Wasting no time swinging into action, the newly formed committee Monday charged the Con-Con Committee on Local Government with taking a "big step backward" through its vote Friday in Lansing to freeze jobs for all county officials throughout Michigan despite widespread citizen demand for county home rule.

FOLLOWING SATURDAY'S organizational meeting, co-chairmen Barich and Petritz issued the following statement:

"We are deeply disappointed at the action reported by the Con-Con Committee on Local Government in Lansing on Saturday. We are determined to determine for ourselves the best way to organize for self-government."

"The alliance of Wayne County Con-Con delegates and outstate newly organized Committee for a Sound Constitution by co-chairman Dr. Dewey E. Barich (center), president of the Detroit Institute of Technology, and board member

"THE COMMITTEE for a Sound Constitution directors, who were among the prime movers in the convention call, are disturbed that the majority of local government committee members have ignored the mandate for progress given them. . . . We didn't elect these delegates to rubber stamp the outmoded 1908 Michigan constitution.

"The citizens have placed upon Con-Con delegates the grave responsibility of . . . (See MAYOR, 2-A)

Sociologist To Address Oak'd Clinics

A leading sociologist will be the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Oakland Child Guidance Clinic, Inc. Feb. 15.

Dr. W. H. Davis, associate professor of sociology and anthropology at Wayne State University and newly elected, will discuss "The Changing Functions of the American Family."

An invitation to attend the meeting is extended to the public by Dr. William J. Westmas, president of the clinics. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, N. Woodward and Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills.

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Education Associations

- 8-A . . . report there will be room in colleges in the future. Story on Page 7-B.

Return of Artist

- 8-B . . . marks 75th birthday of Birmingham artist and will star scholar Arthur LaBrew. Story on Page 1-C.

Nature Program

- 8-C . . . for youngsters to begin Birmingham area Cranbrook Institute of Science. Photograph and story on Page 1-D.

Swimmers Win

- 8-D . . . chgers lose on both Seaholm and Groves spots. Photos and stories are on Page 8-E.

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THE PROGRAM is designed to familiarize foreign educators with the American people and their way of life, thus furthering a better understanding of the nation's character and purposes. It also is conducted to acquaint the educators with the educational principles and methods of instruction, administration and organization as it is developed and practiced in the U.S.

Almatier, who will set up headquarters at Groves Junior Senior High School, will study and observe school administration for the development of an English curriculum for the Vocational Schools. He will be assisted in the planning of his visit by Mrs. Katherine Peters at Groves.

Oakland County Republicans Speak Out on George Romney

Romney's potential candidacy? Here are some of their answers: "I think he would be a REAL candidate for governor and after that the Presidency. He has ALL the qualifications, moral qualifications, business success and attractive personality—real ability." Mrs. Elmer Martin, Bloomfield Hills.

"Great for Romney; maybe not so great for the GOP line. I don't doubt that he could win by getting the Republican vote. Let's have him tell us what he believes."—Albert Metzler, Birmingham.

"HAVING HAD the privilege of meeting him and knowing his ability and pungent comments on the first person whom I can wholeheartedly recommend." (See ROMNEY, 4-A)

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Petitions Obtained For 4 Incumbents

Petitions have been taken out for two incumbent Birmingham City commissioners and two incumbent library board members for the April 2 general election.

They are: City Commissioners Charles Renfrew and Carl F. Ingraham; Baldwin Public Library Board members Daniel A. Nesbitt and Wm. W. Ogden Vogt.

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plans and Gare recommended Matthews to the City.

Matthews, he said designed the courses at Michigan State University and a recently opened nine-hole course in Royal Oak.

AT MONDAY'S meeting, Commissioner William H. Burgum suggested jokingly that the course could be called SPGC, inferring that a more appropriate one might best be considered before this more "natural" one became widely accepted.

Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham made the motion to sign the agreement with Matthews. He was supported by Commissioner Robert Page.

The motion passed unanimously.

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State OK's School Bonds

Two and one-half million dollars in school bonds to finance construction in the Birmingham School District has been approved by the State Municipal Finance Commission.

The bonds are part of a \$2,915,000 bond issue approved by Birmingham voters in the Nov. 20 special school election.

Earmarked for construction are additions of eight classrooms at Harlan, six at Franklin, and four each at Pennington and Bloomfield Village Elementary Schools. Additions are expected to be completed for the fall semester.

A NEW ELEMENTARY school, a new junior high school, and renovation of existing buildings are also planned for the year.

The construction marks the beginning of the school system's five-year building program.