England's famous poet William Wordsworth once stated a deep and universal truth that fits the lives of the vast majority of human beings: "The best portion of a good man's life is his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love." Knowing this, countless opportunities await each of us, every day, to "build our own monuments" in the thoughts and affections of others—while we yet live!

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Ever Try Washing A Ceiling Aboard A Rolling Ship?

EDITOR'S NOTE—Lee-Olive Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Harrison, formerly of Birmingham, is serving aboard the goodwill hospital ship S.S. HOPE. Following is the first in a series of dispatches she will send to The Eccentric explaining the work of the project ship.

By LEE-OLIVE HARRISON

The S.S. HOPE sailed from San Francisco on May 9 and turned south toward Peru. The trip down to Lima took 12 days and the entire time was spent getting the hospital in shape.

Every floor and wall needed scrubbing—all the beds, furniture, cabinets, cupboards, utensils needed cleaning—everything had to be ready for inspection by Sunday, May 20.

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I AM WORKING in the operating room and between eight nurses we had to wash the ceilings, furniture, walls, utensils, instruments, etc., etc. in all three operating rooms, the doctors' and nurses' dressing rooms, the two instrument rooms and the central supply room.

I wonder if any of the readers have ever tried to wash a ceiling while standing on a six-foot ladder on a rolling ship? It was quite an experience, and I can now say I am an experienced ceiling and wall washer.

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THE S.S. HOPE is a complete hospital in itself. Other than the three operating rooms and the service or supply room, we have four

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This and That

by George R. Averill

'Typos' Do Prove 'To Err Is Human'

"To err is human" is an old saying . . . and included among such are the typographical errors you quite often find in publications, especially newspapers. It has been estimated, for example, that the possible number of mistakes that could take place in a single line of newspaper type could run into many thousands—so maybe your newspapers should be excused for the comparatively few "typos" found in each edition.

For example, last week in The Eccentric a "typo" was evident in one of those philosophic "ears" I have been writing for many years, located at the tops of several sections. I was praising the part that the clergyman plays in human relations, and my own copy to The Eccentric's Linotypers read: ". . . His (the clergyman's) role is, perhaps, closer to human beings than any others', outside the immediate family".

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BUT THE Linotype operator spelled "role" like this: "roll". The proofreader read the proof copy, knew that "roll" itself was a correct word, but failed to remain conscious of the meaning and sense of the use of "role" instead of "roll" in the context of my thought; hence what was printed perhaps was discovered by the readers, some of whom may have felt a bit critical of the "typo" . . . while others (including the clergy, I hope) may have chuckled.

Then, when I received a copy of my son Bill's Tarpon Springs (Fla.) Leader, I read a classified ad he published, which also contained a "typo", though of a different and more humorous nature. Bill was advertising for a "full-time reporter . . . experience desirable, but will seriously consider enterprising beginner. Must at least be a high school graduate, know how to type, have above average grades in grammer (sic) and spelling . . . Contact Bill Averill . . ." (grammar—not grammer).

Of course, Bill knows how to spell . . . else my sending him through Northwestern University was unprofitable . . . which it wasn't, as his 14 years as The Ec-

(See THIS & THAT, 4-A)

GOP Women's Clubs To Hear Candidates

Candidates for the Republican nominations of lieutenant governor and state senator for the 12th Senatorial District will speak on July 10, before the combined Republican Women's clubs from Bloomfield Township and Bloomfield Hills.

An informal coffee at 9:30 a.m. will begin the session with Rockwell T. Gust, Clarence Reid and John H. Stahlin, all lieutenant governor hopefuls, speaking at 10 a.m.

At 10:45 an intermission is to be held and then Robert J. Huber, Richard D. Kuhn and Farrell E. Roberts will talk before the group. All are seeking the Senate seat now held by Roberts.

Mrs. Franklin Butler will be the moderator. The meeting is expected to adjourn at 12 noon.

A FAMILIAR SIGHT in Birmingham, "Chuck" Gale, takes a moment off from his many duties as superintendent of the Birmingham Parks and Forestry Department. Foot on rail fence, in city parking lot five, he is no doubt pondering his next stop in and around the city's streets, parks and public lands.

Gale Skillfully Blends Varied Duties and Talents

By NITA HARD
Special Writer

Charles W. Gale, superintendent of the Birmingham Parks and Forestry Department, is a man of many talents.

Naturalist, sportsman and family man, this 36 year-old administrator successfully mixes business with pleasure. With so many broad interests and demands upon him, he still manages time to enjoy his new patio at his home in Clawson.

It takes a very special type of guy to keep track of nine developed parks, miles and miles of undeveloped public land, countless trees and shrubs along city streets, a golf course and an artificial skating rink. In addition, he manages a Little League baseball team—and still finds time for skin diving and gardening.

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A WELL BUILT fellow with a sudden kind of laugh, he works closely with other city officials, the recreation board, the planning commission and the council. After supervising his full-time crew of 15 men; running training sessions for 15 extra summer park attendents; teaching classes in skin and scuba diving; conducting resource courses for nature study and civics teachers; and attending two to three municipal meetings a week, he's inclined to "duck out" on the week-end. It's at such times that he joins his fellow skin-diving enthusiasts for several hours of "wreckage" exploration.

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NO THRILL-SEEKER, he is just as cautious about his diving as he is about the safety precautions set up for his tree-trimming crews. Though he has done some ice diving, considered pretty risky business, he has no particular desire to go deeper than his mark of 110 feet.

"There's so much to see, so much to learn about fish and underwater plants and the layering of silt, I don't see how anybody can get bored with skin diving," Gale said.

A native of Colorado, later moving to Pittsburgh, he graduated from MSU with a degree in forest and park management, specializing in city trees and municipal forestry.

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MARRIED TO a former professional ice skater, who still likes to skate a couple of times a week, Gale has a special interest in Eton Park.

His daughter Wendy, 12, loves horses so he keeps in step with Dan, age 9, keeps Gale well aware Dan, age9, keeps Gale well aware of conditions on the various local ball diamonds.

An easy man to talk to, Gale remarked that Birmingham residents are surprisingly shy about asking for things. Having served as a consultant in forestry service to 12 communities around Mt. Clemens, before coming to Birmingham six years ago, Gale said Birmingham people make very few demands on the facilities that are available to them.

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"THE MEN who planned the development of Birmingham had a great deal of vision. Ample lands were wisely procured long ago to meet the growth of the commun-

(See GALE, 2-A)

Fund, Public Relations Officers Named by GOP

Oakland County Republicans this week appointed a public relations director and a general solicitations chairman.

The appointments were announced by Charles L. Lyle, chairman for the Republican Committee of Oakland County.

Mrs. Dore H. King, Rochester, was named public relations director.

Frederick Colombo, 1115 Country Club Drive, Bloomfield Hills, was appointed general solicitations chairman. He will be responsible for the organization and direction of fund-raising on a county-wide scale.

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MRS. KING, former editor of a weekly newspaper in Rochester, is also a principle in a public relations and advertising firm.

In making the announcement of the appointment, Lyle said, "Mrs. King has been assisting us since January, and now with the campaign drawing nearer we felt it was time to activate the public relations department to a full-time operation."

Mrs. King is a member of the Rochester Junior Woman's Club, the Rochester Area Republican Women's Club, the Rochester League of Women Voters, the Rochester Branch of the YMCA, Friends of the Woodward Memorial Library, Inc., and the Avon Players.

DORE H. KING

She and her husband, Keith, have two children, David, 10, and Bradford, 8.

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COLOMBO, 45, is a member of the law firm of Colombo, Colombo and Vermeulen with offices in Detroit.

Active in Republican circles for the past 20 years, Colombo served as an assistant attorney general for the State of Michigan from 1941 through 1943. He has served as a precinct worker and delegate for the Republican Party in every campaign since 1940.

FREDERICK COLOMBO

Survey Predicts 2,000 At Community College

Almost 2,000 Oakland students would attend a community college in the county, according to a survey of eleventh graders.

The Oakland County Community College Advisory Council conducted the survey to estimate how many students would attend a two-year institution.

The Council plans to use the survey results in its effort to secure voter approval of a community college proposal on county ballots November 4.

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THE PROPOSAL would ask voters to authorize establishment of an Oakland county community college district and approve a one-mill county tax to pay for operation and construction. Voters would also elect a board of trustees.

Gerald Boicourt, head of the group conducting the study, said 5,854 eleventh graders throughout the county replied to a questionnaire regarding their college plans.

Besides the 1,969 high school juniors who indicated they would attend a community college, another 2,168 said they would "probably" attend.

Over 2,700 parents replied to a questionnaire about costs. They would be willing to pay more than the average college tuition to send their children to a community college.

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THE COUNCIL has asked Oakland school districts to contribute five cents per child to finance the survey. About $4,000 has been collected to date for the survey, according to Boicourt.

Dr. Otis M. Dickey, Birmingham school superintendent, said the Birmingham school board had voted to contribute to the fund.

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"THE BOARD feels that the need for a community college is urgent and is going to be much more severe in the future," said Dr. Dickey. "They are anxious to contribute to a study."

Jean (Mrs. Lawrence) Martz, member of the Bloomfield Hills school board, said that body had taken no action as yet, but "we feel that the community colleges are important."

The College Advisory Council has suggested three college sites—one in Troy, one in Pontiac, and one in the Farmington-Novi area.

Township Man to Teach in England

By SAVILLA SLOAN
Special Writer

There's a lot of activity going on these days at the Stephen Velkoff home, 2355 Cheltingham, West Bloomfield.

Personal possessions are being carted to neighbors' homes for storage—trips taken to the doctors for vaccinations and shots—birth certificates collected and passports obtained—and prospective renters are being shown through the Velkoff residence.

Sound like a trip in the offing? Yes, there is, but no ordinary trip, for the family will be gone a year. Velkoff is one of 150 teachers in the United States to be selected for an exchange teacher program during the coming school year.

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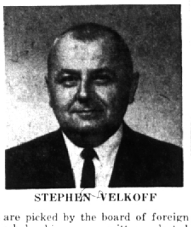
SINCE 1951, Velkoff has taught physics at Bloomfield Hills High School. This next year he will teach the same subject, along with a general science course, at Rothwell Grammer School, located in Lofthouse, Wakefield, England.

In exchange, Morris E. Cooper, Rothwell's physics teacher, will teach at Bloomfield Hills High for the year. The exchange program is made possible through the Fulbright Act. American appointees



STEPHEN VELKOFF

are picked by the board of foreign scholarship, a committee selected by the president of the United States.

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FOR VELKOFF, his selection is a three-year dream come true.

"My wife and I have been dreaming of doing this for three years. I first made application two years ago," he explains.

The trip almost came a year ago, but no exchange teacher to take his place here could be found at that time.

Going with Mr. and Mrs. Velkoff are their four children: Michele Ann, 7; Christopher, 5; Nicholas, 2; and Victoria, three months. Nicholas will celebrate his third birthday on Aug. 16—the day the family sails for England aboard the S. S. America.

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THEY ARE awaiting confirmation from Cooper that a home has been secured for them in England. In turn, they have made arrangements for the British instructor's lodging while he is teaching at Bloomfield Hills High.

There have been many "exchangers," via the mails, between

(See TEACH, 2-A)

Meeting Postponed

WEST BLOOMFIELD—The first of its July meetings, regularly scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month, has been postponed by the township board. The board will meet July 18 at 8 p.m. in the township hall to transact all current business.

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Booked for the Summer

Young Bookworms enjoying the "open door policy" at many Birmingham school libraries this summer include Mike Dustin, of 498 Merritt Lane, who checks out a book from mother librarian, Mrs. Arnold E. Hook, of 450 Merritt. Melanie Tobin, 756 S. Glenhurst, waits her turn at Midvale School. Eleven elementary schools in the Birmingham district are open several hours each week to enable young summer readers to take books from their shelves. Information about the program can be obtained from the Birmingham Board of Education.

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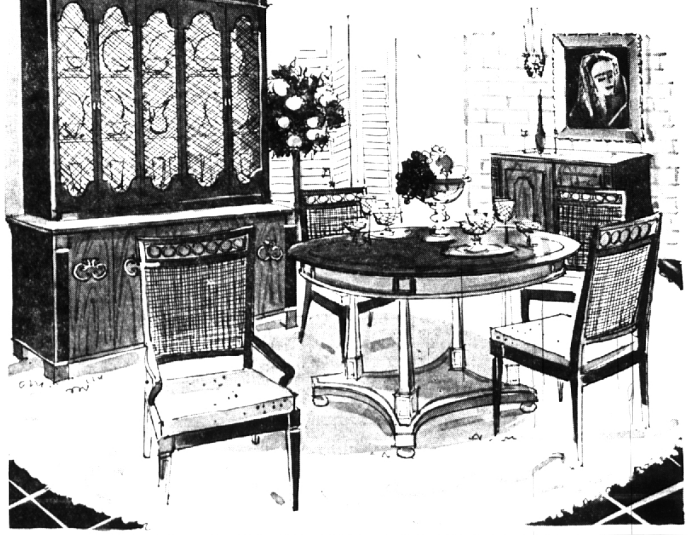
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