



If you have a son or daughter, or both, and if they appear to be drifting into a world of lassitude, a kind of indifference toward the serious phases of life... well, as a parent, you never will find a more challenging task than that of prayerfully finding a way to change such youthful patterns. Indeed, the very life of our nation, its survival, depends upon raising boys and girls to the stature of responsible, self-reliant citizens.

## Tax Deadline Time Here Again

### 'Coffee Cup' Chairman for GOP Named

Mrs. Robert Lowry, 1420 Ashover, Birmingham, was named chairman of "Operation Coffee Cup" this week by the Republican Committee of Oakland County's chairman, Charles L. Lyle.

As chairman, Mrs. Lowry will direct the organization and scheduling of the coffee klatches in each of the precincts of the county, said Lyle.

"We've found in the past that coffee klatches have been an effective way for candidates to meet voters and discuss the issues and with Mrs. Lowry having been our 1960 'Coffee Cup' chairman, it was only natural to turn to her again in this important election year."

### Area Cities Set July 31, Sept. 1 Dates

July 31 or Sept. 1 deadlines are in effect for payment of city taxes in the Birmingham area.

Birmingham city taxes at a rate of \$18 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, has an Aug. 31 deadline. A penalty of three-quarters of one per cent will be assessed after that date.

The city tax rate remains the same as last year. School taxes will be collected in December.

In Bloomfield Hills, the deadline is Sept. 1 and the tax rate is \$20.50. After the deadline, a penalty of three-quarters of one per cent per month will be charged. County and school taxes go out Dec. 1.

### Oakland Democrats Name Exec Secretary

Oakland County Democrats have named a full-time executive assistant, James M. McNeely, 32, Milford, Democrat and 1960 candidate for a seat in the state House of Representatives, has accepted the position of executive assistant to the chairman of the Oakland County Democratic Committee.

Committee chairman Sander M. Levin announced that McNeely was chosen from numerous applicants for the spot. Members of the executive board—comprised of officers of the county Democratic organization—unanimously approved Levin's selection.

"We are all pleased that we found a person with Jim McNeely's ability, vitality and experience," Levin said. "We're certain that he'll play an important role in helping Oakland Democrats build a stronger, more effective party. And it is this strength that will carry us to victory at the polls in the fall elections," he added.

McNeely, a veteran of the Korean conflict, taught in Farmington, Mich. public schools for seven years. He was executive secretary of the Oakland County region of the Michigan Education association and vice-president of the Farmington Education association.

He is a life member of the National Education association and a member-at-large of the Michigan Federation of Teachers. He was assistant publicity director of Green Bay, Wis. television station WRAY. A life-long Democrat, McNeely is founder and former chairman of the Milford Democratic Club. He is also a member of VFW Old Mill Post, Milford.

He graduated from St. Norbert College at West Park, Wis. and Wayne State University.

He is an engineer and lawyer, graduate of Notre Dame and Wayne State and a former Naval Officer in W. H. He is a member of local state and American Bar Assn. He is a past officer of the Michigan Patent Law Assn. and presently is serving as Chairman of the State Bar Section on Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law.

His civic interests have included the Boy Scouts of America, Mayfair and Bloomfield Village parent associations, Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and the United Foundation. He has served as a precinct worker, county and state delegate, and an associate member of the Executive Council of the Republican Party of Oakland County.

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## Calls for 'Just' Interpretation of School Prayer Ban

To the Editor: Now that the Supreme Court has pronounced its ban on the use of an official prayer in public schools, we are faced with the interpretation of this case by our local community.

As a resident and parent of school children in Bloomfield Hills, I am very much concerned—as are many others—with the decision which the Bloomfield Hills Board of Education will have to make regarding how this case may or may not affect our own schools.

It is very important that proper and just interpretation of the Supreme Court's decision is reached. I would like to remind the Bloomfield Hills Board of Education of several facts:

1. IT IS VITAL to remember that the recent Supreme Court case refers to one official prayer and does not abrogate the right of free speech to any public school teacher who may voluntarily wish to use a non-denominational prayer in his or her classroom.

2. OUR county was founded upon the belief that cultural and religious differences in people are part of American society, that these differences are the basic foundation of America's philosophy of individual worth and liberty. To be suddenly afraid to express or demonstrate these cultural differences among Americans is to deny the very core of America's heritage.

Our children must learn about and respect these differences between themselves and their fellow Americans. To deny religious differences by refusing to recognize them in our public schools, where Americanism is supposed to be taught, is one of the most dangerous and frightening

things which have ever happened to our country. I feel sure that the United States Supreme Court did not intend this dangerous interpretation.

3. THE BLOOMFIELD Hills Board of Education should also be reminded that nearly 700 concerned parents and patrons appeared at a meeting of the board last spring to protest the board's ban on prayer in our community.

Because of this show of public protest, the board reversed its ban and prayers were resumed.

Unquestionably, the major public sentiment in Bloomfield Hills is for strict adherence to America's traditional morality.

Today, the patrons of Bloomfield Hills would be just as opposed to a prayer ban on the public schools. Such a ban could be imposed by the board of education if its members did not arrive at a proper and true interpretation of the recent Supreme Court case.

4. IT IS NOT the intent of the writer to suggest that we defy any ruling by the Supreme Court. However, laws must be properly interpreted if they are to serve the best interests of the people.

Because Bloomfield Hills School District has no official prayer, it seems clear that the court ruling does not apply here and that in compliance with the wishes of the majority of our citizens, the Bloomfield Hills Board of Education must not change our prayer policy. There is every reason in favor of continuing our policy as the people want it.

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## Studious Trio

Richard Barnard (left), Mrs. Kathryn Loomis and Pell Hollingshead admire an architect's model for a proposed junior high school as they take a "breather" at the Birmingham Board of Education organizational meeting. Barnard, re-elected to the board this year, will continue to serve as secretary and Mrs. Loomis was again elected president. Hollingshead begins his first term as a board member. The model of the school will be considered for approval at the Tuesday meeting of the B. of E. The new school will be located at 14 Mile Road and Bell Vine Trail in the Valley Woods area. Its architect is Peter Tarapata.

## This and That

by George R. Averill

Though I have found it necessary both to praise and to criticize President Kennedy... deep within me I have desired that he would become a GREAT PRESIDENT—for our nation, other nations, are all bound together as we face today's menace of a Communist "Goddess" world.

The United States already has made unparalleled physical and spiritual gifts to other troubled peoples; we and they look to our leaders for the way out... and among our leaders none possesses greater leadership potential than the President of the United States.

Multi-millionaire Dave Beck, once head man of the gigantic Teamster's Union, has accepted Uncle Sam's "invitation" to spend several years in a federal prison for income tax evasion. Question: how does a comparatively poor man acquire great personal wealth as an officer of "the poor man's union"?

U. S. Senator Mike Mansfield, Democrat and leader of his party in the Senate, recently criticized the U. S. role and actions in the South Asian area. He questioned our nation's need and financial ability to support, practically alone, the defense of weak and alien nations. What he said required personal courage... especially when you consider the pressures made upon him by the Kennedy administration.

## Lathrup Obtains Extension of Time On Sewer Bid

LATHRUP—An agreement with Lakeview Excavating, Inc., low bidder for the storm sewer construction in the city, has been signed, City Attorney Everett Hayes reported to the Council Monday.

The agreement extends the time to Sept. 1, during which the contractor's bid of \$165,554.54 will remain firm. The agreement allows the contractor 240 days to complete the work, bringing the completion date to May 1.

Cleanup work and regrading will be finished by June 30, 1963.

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## Candidate Fights Two Designations On Primary Ballots

Hearing date on a restraining order prohibiting the distribution of ballots for the Aug. 7 primary was set for Wednesday of this week.

The order and the hearing date resulted from the similarity of names of two candidates for the office of county drain commissioner.

The court order, signed by Circuit Judge William John Beer, was sought by candidate Arthur Becker (R) who objected to ballot designations granted to Drain Commissioner Daniel W. Barry (R) and Democrat Daniel T. Berry.

## Council Studies Requirements for City Building

LATHRUP—Plans and requirements for a municipal building were to be the topics at a council study meeting Wednesday of this week.

A later study meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Kelley may be set up, council members agreed, after Mayor Richard K. Caggar has sent a letter to the Kelleys.

The letter will ask them to report on Kelley's new and improved plans for a municipal building site and on costs of such land. If the property proposed for the site is of interest to the council, the study meeting will then be scheduled.

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