



There is no doubt but what the best part of conversation is subject to by emphasis on the good qualities of others. To exaggerate about another's goodness subjects one into the classification of gossiper. As an expert on this subject one said: "The easiest way to make a human out of a model is to add a little dirt." Idle gossip has created incalculable harm and kindness is its best cure.

This and That

by George R. Averill

This recorded that once, when famed naturalist William Boeke was a guest of President Theodore Roosevelt at the latter's Sagamore Hill retreat. "They went out often to look at the stars. One day the other would say: 'That is the star of Andromeda. It is as large as our Milky Way. It is one of billions of galaxies. It is seven hundred and fifty million miles away. It consists of one hundred billion suns, each larger than our own.' Then, after an interval, Roosevelt would say: 'Now that we are small enough. Let's go to bed.' (We recommend the same sort of nocturnal observation and comment to another President of the United States. Perhaps the act of humility might work wonders for him in his own comparably smaller, but very important world.)

He thinks that so often John Fitzgerald Kennedy gets and talks like an "on-fire" high school valedictorian who thinks he already has found answers to all the human problems. So he bravely stands up before his audience and bravely utters his new-found wisdom. To be sure, there is a place for "on-fire" high school valedictorians — which properly is on high school commencement programs, certainly not as the resident of the nation's White House! (That occupant is presumed to have had his "valedictory" melted and leavened in the environment of empirical living.)

George Romney, successful industrialist-turned-politician candidate for Michigan governor, via Republican ticket, possesses that rare capacity to bring opposing viewpoints into a single compromise-agreement. Already he has been able to win the support of a number of Republican senators of the party who, not too long ago, were not in his corner. This is a rare feat for a Republican governor, will come in very handy in an effort to win legislative support for any bills he may introduce. Indeed, "the art of persuasion" is a valuable talent to possess in every walk-run or dog-trot of life.

Addressing a group of farmers, a congressman asked: "Why do some of you say that Congress, because it does very little to solve the nation's problems, isn't entitled to receive salaries? After all, hasn't Congress given you plenty of money for not doing crops?" To which, of course, the farmers had no logical reply.

A good-looking feminine face and form, known by the name of Norma Batriz Nolan, from Argentina, is the new "Miss Universe." She will hold this title for a year. "If only our own world were so well ordered as she is, what a fine face we could gaze out from, and what a dandy form we'd be in," said the Sage of Big Beaver the other day.

Study Rezoning For Golf Club

A proposed golf club with public country club facilities, to be located partly in West Bloomfield and partly in Commerce townships, was discussed at a meeting of West Bloomfield Township Board last week.

The club house location, at the northeast corner of Union Lake and Richardson roads, would require rezoning of the property. The township board referred the rezoning problem to the planning commission.

TO BE KNOWN as Walnut Lane Golf and Country Club, it is being promoted by Ernest Fuller, operator of Edgewood Country Club in Commerce.

Plans call for a public bar. West Bloomfield Township Board will consider issuance of a Class C liquor license after the rezoning of the property is cleared.

Lathrup PD Has First Sergeant

LATHRUP—With the promotion to sergeant of Bernard P. Whalen, formerly a police patrolman, Lathrup council members Monday night noted that Whalen is the city's first police sergeant.

The promotion was recommended by Police Chief Tom Telfer and approved by City Administrator Gerald Stone.

R-3 Lot Size Questioned in New Zone Law

By SAVILLA SLOAN
Special Writer

Possibility of a change in township zoning requirements for property zoned R-3 was discussed at a Bloomfield Township Board meeting Monday night.

Board members also voted to reverse their present policy on well sites.

Other action included expenditure of \$5,800 for road repair. A sanitary sewer contract was awarded.

THE BOARD referred R-3 zoning requirements to the township planning commission for further study. A joint study meeting of both the township board and the planning commission will follow.

R-3 requirements were upgraded in the newly adopted zoning ordinance. Square footage was raised from 20,000 to 22,000 square feet. Front footage was set at 150 feet.

The new requirements were challenged by owners of undeveloped acreage zoned R-3 at the public hearing held before adoption of the new ordinance. Representatives of the Couzens family, owners of Wabek Farms, claimed development costs of lots of this size would price the land above the market.

IN REVERSING its well site policy, the town returned to its previous policy changed within the past year.

New contracts for the development of community water systems within a subdivision will contain reverter clauses, returning well sites to developers when no longer needed for wells.

With city water for the township a distinct possibility within a few years, subdivision developers objected to the township policy of retaining the sites.

THE \$5,800 expenditure for repairs and maintenance of local roads authorized by the board will be used in part to regrade all roads in the township.

It also will be used to repair asphalt roads installed through special assessment districts.

(See ZONE LAW, 1-A)

Township Links Position To Family Outlook

By LARRY EYOE
City Editor

Almost 10 years ago, The Eclectic carried a series titled "They Voluntarily Serve You," which featured the biographies of volunteer community leaders.

One of those persons named was Florence H. Willett, wife, a mother and recording secretary of the Community House.

Today, that biography would read: Florence H. Willett, wife of another, grandmother and mayor of Birmingham.

"TWINK," she is better known, is in the middle of her third term as head of our city and her eighth year as a commissioner.

Wife of Detroit manufacturer G. Howard Willett, Jr., she is the mother of Mrs. H. A. Miller of Missouri, Howard and Gordon and grandmother of Eric Miller.

Mrs. Willett is a second generation mayor. Her father, Raymond A. Willett, was the first mayor of Huntington Woods.

A LETTER from the Richmond, Va. News-Leader prompted The Eclectic to find out if any special problems had arisen for Mayor Willett as a woman in government.

Richmond recently elected its woman mayor and its newspapers are conducting a survey among their women mayors across the country.

"Madam Mayor," or Mayor Willett as she is officially known, believed she must understand the commission meeting is "an enlargement of applying family living principles."

"Each member of the commission is an individual just as each member of a family is different," she says. "I must understand the individual commissioner and work with them."

WHEN QUERIED on the fact that being a woman might have made her job as mayor more difficult, Twink promptly replied: "I don't sit in a conference or meeting and think 'I'm a woman.' I feel that any projects I've undertaken have stood on their own merit and were not accepted or rejected because I'm a woman."

Her prime concern as mayor is to "represent the city of Birmingham as the commission would want me to."

HER MAYORAL duties take



DOUGLAS BROWN, manager of the Automobile Club of Michigan's Birmingham division, presented Mayor Florence H. Willett with the club's Pedestrian Safety Citation at Monday night's commission meeting. Birmingham has now gone over 576 days without a traffic death. Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham looks on.

Birmingham Honored By Automobile Club

For having one zero death year without a pedestrian death, a Pedestrian Safety Citation from the American Automobile Association (AAA) has been awarded to Birmingham.

Birmingham was among 22 Michigan cities receiving the award, which resulted from the city's entry in the 1961 National Pedestrian Protection competition.

Douglas Brown, manager of Automobile Club of Michigan's Birmingham division, presented the award to Mayor Florence H. Willett at Monday night's Commission meeting.

Birmingham competed against 21 other U.S. cities in the 25,000-to-50,000 population class in the contest, according to Vernon Martin, Auto Club safety consultant.

Martin cited the work of police, school and other city officials, "carrying out an obviously effective pedestrian safety program," but added that "the award was made possible mostly through the careful driving and walking practices of all citizens."

In addition to the no-death record in 1961, pedestrian injuries have been reduced from 15 in 1959 to only nine a year in 1960-61.

Township Creates Post to Handle Juvenile Cases

The newly-created position of Juvenile Officer, for Bloomfield Township will be filled by former patrolman Donald McLaughlin. His appointment was announced by Township Police Chief Norman Denkbe this week.

The post was created, according to Township Safety Commissioner Homer Case, to deal with increasing police problems involving minors.

McLaughlin has been a member of the Bloomfield Township Police force for the past two years. He is a 1960 graduate of the FBI school.

She also attends many meetings and conferences with other suburban mayors. Currently, she is serving as publicity chairman of the Metropolitan Mayors Association.

"The highest tribute paid to her since she took office,"

"When the commission asked me to serve as mayor for a second term," she "twinkled."

Fire Captain Sends Trucks To Own Home

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Early Friday morning the Bloomfield Station No. 2 fire captain answered an unexpected call from his wife.

"Our house is on fire!" she exclaimed.

Capt. Maurice Morey quickly rang the alarm and 25 men, including volunteer firemen, and three trucks from the township's three stations raced to his home at 1155 Humphrey, Bloomfield Township.

The put out the fire within half-hour but it caused an estimated \$12,000 damage to the house and its contents.

MOREY'S FIVE children and his wife escaped from the dwelling without injury. However, a son, Sam, 25, suffered from smoke inhalation when he helped firemen battle the blaze.

He was treated and released from Pontiac General hospital.

According to the fire department, the blaze started inside a newly-classed porch and spread to the draperies. Cause of the blaze is still undetermined fire officials said.

The Morey's 10-year-old son, Barry, was sleeping at the opposite end of the first-floor porch when the fire woke him. He called his mother and she called the fire department.

Then Mrs. Morey got the rest of her children, ranging in ages from 10 to 25 years out of the house.

Airlines Not Interested in County Jetport Plan

A move by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors aviation committee to revive plans for a jet airport in Oakland County received a jolt early this week.

The commercial airlines operating out of Metropolitan and Willow Run airports informed county officials they have no desire to plan for even a portion of their operations at any other existing or proposed airport in the area.

In a letter to Delos Hamlin, chairman of the board of supervisors, the airlines said: "We feel a second jet airport in this area is unnecessary and economically unfeasible."

THE LETTER was signed by William A. Glassford, special assistant to the president of United Airlines, representing the Willow Run carriers, and Jack A. Tompkins, regional vice president of American Airlines, representing Metropolitan carriers.

The letter pointed out that the Willow Run carriers will move to Metro by 1964, "bringing to an end what we hope will be the last instance of uneconomic and inconsequential practice of multiple airport operations in this area."

The note to Hamlin termed Metro an excellent air facility "and one which we feel will adequately and efficiently meet the needs and requirements of the certificated airlines and traveling public of this area for the foreseeable future."

Library in Lathrup Open on Tuesdays

The Lathrup Recreation Commission has announced use of the Lathrup School library on Tuesdays between 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. It has been open four days so far and has issued 63 cards. An average of 150 books per day are circulated.

Funds collected are donated to the Southfield Board of Education to purchase more books for the library. This is its fourth year of operation.

'Meet Candidates' Session Set by GOP

FARMINGTON—Residents of Oakland County can meet Republican candidates for county, state and local seats at a meeting July 31, planned by the Republican Organization for District 4.

The meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. at the Botoford Inn on Grand River at Eight Mile Road. Candidates will discuss the issues in the "informal atmosphere" of the garden area of the Inn.

Recreation Director Receives Pay Hike

LATHRUP—The council Monday night set the salary of the Lathrup recreation director at \$1,000 per year, payable monthly.

Mrs. William J. O'Brien, 18475 San Quentin, was appointed director last September.

Ray S. Heym and Thomas Munson were reappointed to two-year terms on the commission. Their terms will expire July 1, 1964.

Emotions Run Gamut On Floating Hospital

EDITOR'S NOTE—Lee-Olive Harrison, daughter of former Birmingham residents Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Harrison, is a nurse aboard the good will hospital ship S.S. HOPE. This is the second of a series of dispatches she is sending to The Eclectic describing various phases of the ship's work in HARRISON, K.N.

In this article I would like to give you some idea about our Admissions Office.

Bringing and admitting a patient to the S.S. HOPE is quite often a very difficult and involved procedure. We now have several clinics set up, the main one being the HOPE Clinic at Belton Hospital in Trujillo.

The patients are seen here by the HOPE doctors, screened for admission and then given an appointment for admission. One of the medical secretaries brings all admissions to the ship via bus and launch, usually around noon. Now the fun begins.

Ethel Black of San Francisco, Calif., is presently working in Admissions and she has to get all the necessary information such as name, address, age, next of kin, etc., and also get the hospital and operating room permits signed.

This would be easy if Ethel spoke Spanish fluently or if the patients spoke English but no such luck.

Here is Ethel's viewpoint on the whole subject. Next article will deal with another aspect of the Floating Hospital—the S.S. HOPE.

As seen from the Admissions Desk:

"We're dealing with different-sounding names down here. And we're dealing with a language that is strange to most of us. This creates amusing as well as frustrating experiences."

Fortunately, the Peruanas laugh with us when we say things that are really way out in orbit. Many times the wrong sense of the very comes out and we must tell them we wait yesterday when we really mean today.

"Miraculously, they understand and usually supply the correct word, and if we have time to absorb it we've learned our new word for the day."

We're having Spanish classes too, but sometimes in the classes we talk about burros, and so far I haven't talked with (See HOSPITAL, 7-A)

Bids Tabled On Southfield Road Project

All bids on the \$600,000 Southfield Road expansion project were tabled at Monday's Oakland County Road Commission meeting.

Whether the bids will be reopened at next Monday's meeting remains to be seen, according to Norman T. Knapp, special projects engineer for the road commission.

Knapp said the delay is being caused by pending sewer construction in Lathrup. He said this construction crosses Southfield and until it is completed the widening project cannot begin.

THE WIDENING OF Southfield is to run along a 2½-mile stretch from 9½ Mile Road to 600 feet north of 12 Mile. It will run through Lathrup and part of the city of Southfield.

The road is to eventually include two lanes in each direction and a center lane for turning.

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