

Darkness can never overcome light — for darkness is but the absence of light. It has been said, wisely, that all the darkness of the world cannot put out the light of one small candle. There have been many courageous people whose lives exemplify the analogy of the candle. People who, though temporarily bogged in unfavorable circumstances, have never, never quit striving!

This and That

by George R. Averill

OFFICE RULES: 1962

Though what follows fits not into today's business world, yet underlying some of these "rules" is more truth than fiction — for some of them relate to those self-disciplines that played no small part in shaping the substance of "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Actually, these "OFFICE RULES: 1962" were used by several employers . . . their names are lost in antiquity, as are the basic meanings of practically all of these "rules."

For what they are worth (at least a quiet chuckle), I give them to you and your posterity, as follows:

1. Office employees will daily sweep the floors, dust the furniture, shelves, and showcases.
2. Each day fill lamps, clean chimneys, and wash windows once a week.
3. Each clerk will bring in a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day's business.
4. Make your pens carefully, you may write nibs to your individual taste.
5. This office will be open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. daily, except on the Sabbath, on which day it will remain closed. Each employee is expected to spend the Sabbath by attending Church and contributing liberally to the cause of the Lord.
6. Men employees will be given an evening off each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they regularly go to Church.
7. After an employee has spent 12 hours of labor in the office, he should spend the time reading the Bible and other good books while contemplating the Glories and the building up of the Kingdom.
8. Every employee should lay aside from each pay a goodly sum of his earnings for his benefit during his declining years, so that he will not become a burden upon the charity of his betters.
9. Any employee who smokes Spanish cigars, uses liquor in any form, gets shaved at a barber shop or frequents saloons and public halls, will give me good reason to suspect his worth, intentions, integrity, and honesty.
10. The employee who has performed his labors faithfully and without fault for a period of five years in my service, and who has been thrifty and attentive to his religious duties, and is looked upon by his fellowmen as a substantial and law-abiding citizen, will be given an increase of 5 cents per day in his pay, provided he just return in profits from the business permits it.



'Welcome to Our City'

This sign which greeted Birmingham Mayor Florence H. Willett as she entered Children's Hospital typifies the reception she received throughout Detroit during her tenure as honorary mayor of the metropolis Monday. Mrs. Willett and her husband, G. Howard Willett, visited children in the hospital as part of their Government Day itinerary.

'You Get What You Pay For'

And That Includes Police Cars

Birmingham City Commissioner Robert Page was put on the spot Monday night.

Page's vote on bids for four police cars could have ended the issue at 3 to 3.

After commenting on the bids, Page considered abstaining from voting; then, on urging from Mayor Pro Tem William C. Buford, he cast a yes vote for the low bidder.

The low bid was for four Plymouth Police Patrolers at a total price of \$32,764 after trade-in. It was submitted by Ratigan Motor Sales, Detroit.

DJPW Supt. T. C. Ryan pointed out that the cars, with V-8 engines, met all of the City's specifications.

"ALL I CAN say," said Page half in jest and half in seriousness, "is that you get what you pay for."

Page is a Ford Motor Co. executive. Commissioner William E. Roberts was more serious, however, in agreeing with Page's comment.

He said the cars have a three-inch shorter wheel base and less horsepower than those offered by the second low bidder, Patterson Chevrolet of Birmingham.

"I believe the department would be better served by the second low bidder," Roberts stated.

WHEN PAGE suggested abstaining, Commissioner Charles Renfrew's motion (sup-

ported by Commissioner Carl F. Ingram) to accept the low bid, Buford commented:

"I don't see how you can." "I feel my decision tonight might be colored by my views."

"But you're not personally involved."

Page agreed and voted yes. Roberts and Commissioner Ralph A. Main voted no; but the motion carried, 4-2.

BCH Annual Meeting June 4

Thoburn H. Wiant, president of the Community House, today invited residents of the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Beverly Hills area to the June 4 annual dinner-meeting of the Community House Association.

Since the Community House, 380 E. Washington St., today operates without profit and is supported solely by contributions, all residents are automatically members of the association, Wiant stated.

The June 4 dinner—to which former Community House residents have been invited—will be served at 6 p.m. Reservations can be made by phoning the Community House.

FOLLOWING DINNER, the annual meeting will be held. Television personality and travel expert George Perrod, whose World Adventure Series films have been

shown at the Community House attraction the past two seasons, will be principal speaker.

Seven new directors will be elected to the 17-member Community House Board of Directors after the meeting.

In addition to Wiant, other board members include: Frederick B. Bouchard of Tooting Lane; Francis M. Fisher of Derby; Mrs. Raymond Giffels of Cleary Road; Ralph E. Hunt, N. Cranbrook; Mrs. Read Jenkins, Kennebec Court; Mrs. Alvin H. Knorr, Bedford; Mrs. Robert Kohr, Wilminton; Mrs. Lester Lempe, Kirkway Hills; Mrs. Robert Mason of Overhill; William McGehee, Guilford Lane; Mrs. John Fawcett, Fairfax; Mrs. Wm. L. Scherer, Cockmaker; Mrs. Mrs. George Squibb, N. Glenhurst; John K. Stevenson, N. Glenbury; and Robert A. Thom, West Surry.

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W. Bloomfield Steps Toward Master Plan

WEST BLOOMFIELD—A first step in obtaining a master plan for the township taken by the township board members at their meeting last week.

The board also amended the recently adopted township bonding ordinance to conform with Oakland County's uniform bonding code.

A RESOLUTION to apply for federal aid in financing a master plan was unanimously passed. Under Federal Housing Act 701, federal funds covering 75 per cent of the cost of planning are available to local communities.

"The resolution does not bind the township to go through with a master plan, but sets in motion the possibility of one," supervisor John Richard told board members.

IF THE TOWNSHIP should proceed under the federal act, its 25 per cent share of the cost for the first year would be \$5,312, according to Richard.

Vilcan Leman, planning consultant, are making preliminary planning studies necessary for township participation under the federal program, he said.

BEFORE MAKING changes in the township bonding ordinance, the board heard Don Cratz, of the Oakland County Planning Commission, discuss enforcement of the ordinance.

Cratz told them that he believed driver education of boat operators to be the answer to water safety and that the sheriff's department was planning a boating program on six lakes in the county this year.

"You do have a problem in West Bloomfield," he said. "Seventy per cent of boating accidents in the county occur on West Bloomfield Township lakes."

CHANGES MADE in the bonding ordinance allow water skiers to ski from 10 a.m. to sunset rather than until 6:30 p.m. The exception is on week-ends, holidays, and days preceding holidays, when the skiing day ends at 7 p.m.

It removes any time limitation for the operation of motor boats over 10 miles per hour. It also allows children under 14 years to operate boats of not more than seven-and-a-half horsepower.

Schools Offer Fitness Plan For Mid-Elementary Youths

"Children between ages 10 and 12 have a high energy potential, and they have a much higher muscular skill potential than what is generally supposed."

Upon these two conclusions the Elementary Youth Fitness Program for Birmingham elementary schools was formed.

The six-week program for boys in the 4th through 6th grades, an answer to recent protests that European children are far superior to Americans of the same age in physical fitness, will be held at Groves Junior and Senior High schools June 18-July 27.

"We have three criteria for the program," said Carl Pendracki, program director. "First, qualified instructors; second, proper use of time allotted plus adequate facilities; and third, training for children of all levels of ability."

AS A PART of the regular Birmingham physical education department, the program will follow a manual on physical exercise recently adopted by the department. The manual, called "The Blue Book," was written from results of recent tests conducted by President Kennedy's Council on Youth Fitness.

Registrations for the Birmingham program are presently being accepted.

"Parents may enroll their child at the school he is now attending," said Pendracki. "Registrations for non-residents are being accepted at Pembroke School." Fees for the six-week course are \$30 for residents, \$35 for non-residents. Registration deadline is June 1.

Pendracki explained that the program, which can accept 25 applicants, will consist of three-hour daily sessions, Monday through Friday. They will commence each day at 9 a.m.

"CONDITIONING, team sports, individual sports, and conditioning areas will comprise the four parts of the program," continued Pendracki.

He said the first session will be devoted to giving classification tests. This means children will be grouped according to their individual physical condition, and then will be placed in the proper training for the grouping, either A, B or C.

Pendracki described the program as being both "active and challenging."

"Emphasis," he stressed, "will be centered on improving both physical condition and skill level. Individual instruction will always be given a child whom directors feel is especially in need of it."

IN ADDITION to the Presidential Blue Book report, the program will be patterned after the efforts of Dr. Paul Hunsicker's project at the University of Michigan.

The program's four parts will include such activities as running events, both individual and competitive, and virtually all indoor and outdoor competitive and individual sports. All three groups—A, B, and C—will have daily instruction in swimming and gymnastics.

Late registration refunds, said Pendracki, will be made after June 10, but requests for refunds are due before that date.

Verification of registration will be made the week of June 11, and the only equipment required by entrants are towels, swim trunks and gym shoes. Gym uniforms, socks and lockers will be provided at the two Groves schools.

S'field B of E Selects School Superintendent

SOUTHFIELD — Appointment of a new school superintendent was announced Saturday at a special meeting of the board of education.

Dr. John W. English, present school superintendent at Joliet, Ill., was offered a three-year contract at an annual salary of \$20,000 for the position filled by Glenn Schoenhals until his death on March 7. Schoenhals salary was \$17,000 per year.

A REPLY to the offer is expected from Dr. English by June 1, according to Assistant Supt. Albert B. Howell. If an acceptance is received, Dr. English will take office about Aug. 1. Howell said.

Five applicants were considered by a B of E committee headed by Gordon Henderson, Dr. Ira A. Shuler, Theodore Mink and board president Mrs. Elsie Lloyd served on the committee. The board acted on the committee's recommendation.

FOLLOWING Schoenhals' death, the board appointed Norman Olmsted as acting superintendent. Olmsted, assistant superintendent in charge of instruction, and Howell, who heads the business administration in the school system, will continue in those capacities.

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Franklin — A Writer's 'Love Story'

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the last in a series of three articles describing the village of Franklin. The first dealt with the tax structure; the second, the village government. This one tells you about the community itself and the people who live in it.

By NITA HARD Special Writer

FRANKLIN—Jilted by the railroad a half-century ago, Franklin is still like a bride wearing "something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue."

Left standing at the altar of "progress," its three square miles heave heavy sighs of nostalgia to the delight of thousands who make the elder pilgrimage each fall. But, it is not unknown to take future glances and flirt with the twentieth century.

Clad in its hills, it demurs from "days" of the past, but it accepts its destiny as the "Town That Time Forgot." Forsaken by all but a handful of its natives, it has adopted nearly 2,300 residents from every part of the country.

Some sense of a time because they can and want to. Others only touch like birds in flight. There is a seasonal rush of

wings as job transfers and new opportunities beckon.

FUNDAMENTALLY residential, Franklin is a good nesting place. The young are well-provided for. Franklin School, under the substantial supervision of the Birmingham system, is modern in every respect but wears a facade of antiquity. Perched high on a hill overlooking the village, the oldest part faces the ancient cemetery across the road.

Forefathers rest easily as small children scramble up and down the grassy slopes. Nothing seems to have changed. But at the rear of the school, out of sight of the townstones, recent additions rise in smart sophistication.

THE FEW businesses in the valley at the hem of the cemetery have faithfully maintained the flavor of the "early days" architecture. However, the merchandise and services reflect the times.

Where there were once smithies, general stores, taverns, cobblers and grist mills, there are now a quality food market, a tea room, two hair dressers, a barber, gas station, cleaners, three realtors, a bank, dress shop, hardware store, interior

decorators and knit shop.

In the heart of town the village offers, two churches a library, fire hall and medical clinic . . . respectfully "early American" in appearance—provide up-to-date facilities for the physical, spiritual and intellectual needs of the community. Two baseball diamonds and a village green offer simple recreation and an area for gathering neighbors.

BY CLINGING outwardly to the past, Franklin residents take a cloak of simplicity. It is a foil for the complex nature of their daily lives. Here the hard executive who commutes daily to the turbulent city finds a few hours of peace. Restored, after tending an acre of lawn, servicing the water softener, attending meetings, cleaning out culverts and putting out grass fire, he seems to be able to cope with the atomic age.

IN FRANKLIN, where the homes are widely separated, "togetherness" is compulsive, innate.

Few have the stamina to belong to all the organizations, though some have tried. There are three organized bowling leagues, two garden clubs, the community association, a play-

ers group, Great Books group, library association, volunteer fire and police, boy scouts, girl scouts, a Franklin band, day camps, little baseball and Babe Ruth teams and road committees.

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