



Two basic types of thinking are widespread among people. One of them is formed, largely, from actual experiences with life; it is called "practical." Another may be found in the educational world, (outside of the sciences) where men and women, using the mental processes that are from practical responsibilities, speculate. The latter's method presumes that people always respond to "idealistic" how "it may be clothed"—so often with ragged garments!

## This and That Citizen Group to Study Health, Medical Services

by George R. Averill

No other course but to stand together in patriotic loyalty to program set by President Kennedy, in this Cuban-Soviet crisis, is possible for good American citizens. Though our people may disagree often vigorously and sometimes violently, on the subject of politics, when a national emergency comes we abandon most differences and pledge our "lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor..." in defense of our cause of liberty and freedom. The President's strong action to set up a naval blockade around Cuba, and to demand that its Russian military units be uprooted, is meeting with approval by practically every freedom-loving nation on earth. Let's let the President and other national leaders know that we know that "there are some situations worse than war" (as my late friend Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg often told me) and one of these "worse things" is how long it took to the ungodly, inhuman demands of the Soviet-Communism. Khrushchev's latest "agreement" to remove the missile sites in Cuba may appear good on the surface... but his words are empty. Uncle Sam uses military strength to see that it is lived up to.

Recently, I journeyed way up to an area north of Ontario's Port Arthur-Fort William area to engage in making a nice moose part of the Averill menu for the coming months. I also hoped to be able to give portions of it to a few friends and relatives. I tried hard... let me brief: "Over total area of 2,000 miles of nice moose. Moose often in dense Canadian forest. I stayed too soon or too late at forest areas to encounter moose. So I get no moose—only lovely auto trip over lovely road through beautiful Laurentian mountains and with wondrously colored autumn spectrum. So I guess we all eat no moose in coming months. Can't win every time. Otherwise trip very beneficial to body, mind and inner spirit. (Selah.)

Two men, one a Democrat, the other a Republican, are campaigning for the office of governor of Michigan, beginning next Jan. 1, for two years. One is Democrat John B. Swainson, incumbent of that office, ending his first term. An objective review of his administration reveals no achievements of any substance... though he now argues that, in spite of an overwhelming Republican legislature, he has made a splendid record on behalf of "the people." (But early in the campaign he launched the legislature and all Republicans for opposing most of his various ideas—most of which ideas were originated and defended by his political guardians, the UAW-CIO folks.) Republican George Romney, former president of American Motors, is making a very vigorous campaign to wrest the office from Swainson. As I write this, impartial polls show that Romney is slightly ahead of Swainson in popular esteem; that he stands a good chance of defeating Swainson. Question: As an employer, if you needed a man to manage your business, would you take Swainson, who never did operate a practical profit-making business; or would you hire Romney, whose success with American (See THIS & THAT, 5-A)

### Comprehensive 2nd Phase of Plan Completed

By LARRY EVOE, City Editor

Birmingham city officials have been presented with the second phase of the Comprehensive Development Plan Study. The report prepared by Villan-Leman & Associates, Inc., planning consultants in Birmingham, covers the projected recreation and community facilities for Birmingham.

The first phase of the study, covering population, existing land use and neighborhood unit plans, was presented to the city last spring. It established the framework within which the Development Plan is being created.

THE \$33,865 COST of the report is financed in part through an urban planning grant from the Housing and Home Finance Agency, under the provisions of Section 701 of the Housing Act.

The 24-month study will provide the city with a plan for future development based on a 20-year program. According to the report, the prime objective of the Recreation Plan is to propose, on the basis of established standards, a plan which will adequately serve the recreational needs of the ultimate population of Birmingham.

THE REPORT reveals the recreational concepts and standards, examines the city's existing resources and then proposes a long-range plan. In addition, the land need for other types of community facilities such as fire stations, police station, DPW area and a proposed Civic Center are considered.

THE REPORT urges that a comprehensive recreational program be developed so that it meets the needs of persons in all age groups from preschool to the elderly.

RECOMMENDED standards for total recreational space to be required within a city is one acre for every 100 persons, according to the National Recreation Association.

FOR FUTURE recreational needs the plan is broken down into two categories, the neighborhood and the community and city-wide facilities.

Projected population estimates show that Birmingham has a total holding capacity

### Hills Resident Heads County Panel for UCS

Appointment of a citizen committee to study Oakland County's health and medical services has been made by United Community Services. It was announced this week by Richard F. Hoegl, U.C.S. managing director.

Rogers I. Marquis of Bloomfield Hills heads the study panel of Oakland County residents and businessmen.

They are John Demman, Birmingham; Franklin Fricker, Ferndale; Mrs. Harvey B. Green, Bloomfield Hills; Marlin Hemphill, Ferndale; Carleton M. Higbie, Jr., Rochester; and Dr. J. P. Postle, Livonia.

UNITED Community Services, the metropolitan area's health and welfare planning organization, was requested last April by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors to prepare a study plan covering a review of the county's health and medical care programs.

Action on the part of the board of supervisors was prompted by numerous changes which in recent years have affected the county-supported health and medical services.

The board was confronted by "the tremendous growth" in the county's population, state and federal legislative systems and developments, rising costs and increases in the complexity of administration of the services.

As an initial step, it called on United Community Services to conduct a study and to recommend an integrated plan of administration.

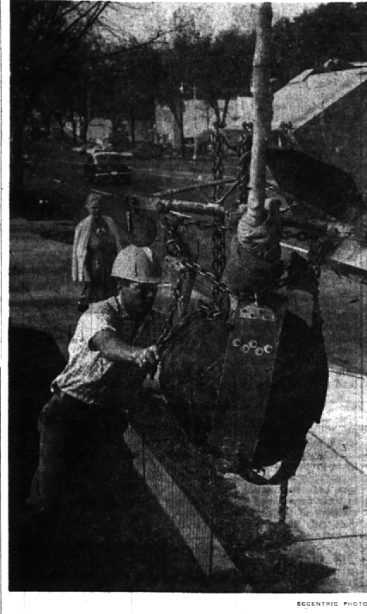
SCOPE of the study will include a review of health and medical care programs administered by Oakland County agencies for the care of bed and ambulatory patients, including the mentally ill.

Attention will be given to administrative procedures and relationships between agencies pertaining to the care of patients and the administration of public funds.

This includes arrangements made by governmental agencies for hospitalization of patients in public and private hospitals, the care of patients in hospital outpatient departments and nursing homes and the provision of medical and nursing services in the home of patients and in physicians' offices.

A portion of the study will dwell on a need for modernization and future uses of the tuberculosis sanatorium and the medical care facility.

The UCS study is expected to be completed by June, 1963.



Planting a Tree

LINDEN TRIMMER Luther Parker lowers a Little Leaf Linden into place at Parking Lot No. 5 on N. Woodward.

In the past few years the Forestry Department has been concentrating on improving the downtown area. Each year the city removes about 300 old trees and replaces them with around 500 new ones.

WHEREAS THE main function of early forestry department crews was the cutting down of trees, today's crews plant about 500 new seedlings a year.

Birmingham has a total of 307 acres of parks and City-owned property. These include developed parks, boulevards, lakes and rivers, natural areas and miscellaneous public properties.

The work of the forestry department is concerned with many phases of conservation. The planting of trees and shrubs, and their subsequent feeding, pruning and spraying, is part of the program.

Charles Gale, head of the department for seven years, has resigned to take a similar job in Salem, Ore. Darrel Middlewood, city forester, is now acting head of the department.

BEFORE LEAVING for the coast Gale told The Eccentric about his department:

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"We at all times weigh the ever-changing needs of a developing community for its open spaces along with the limits imposed by municipal budgets.

"Birmingham buys trees for planting on City-owned property out of the general fund rather than to bill individual citizens, as many communities do.

"This plan, along with being cheaper, allows for new trees to be planted on a block-by-block basis rather than on a spot basis. CURRENTLY, the city removes some 300 trees a year for various reasons and plants 500 new ones a year.

About 1,700 trees a year are trimmed by the department, and all trees are sprayed every year. Normally the department does not normally work on trees on private property, it does offer free advice to residents.

If a tree on private property is found to be diseased, the City will remove and bill the property owner.

### Preserve, Improve Natural Assets Is Parks Dept. Job

EDITOR'S NOTE — This is another in a series of articles The Eccentric is presenting on the various departments in the city of Birmingham. It deals with the work of the Forestry and Parks Department.

By LARRY EVOE, City Editor

Keeping Birmingham's 367 acres of parks and City-owned property in top shape and the 25,700 city trees trimmed and healthy is the job of the Forestry and Parks Department.

The primary objective of the department is the preservation and improvement of the city's natural assets.

Started in 1928 as a part-time operation, the department has grown until it now consists of 160 full-time employees and operates on a budget of \$96,500.

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### IN BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP Planners to Ponder Zoning Requests

The lengthy agenda for the Bloomfield Township Planning Commission meeting Monday night contains several matters of widespread interest in the township.

THE BIG BEAVER acreage, known as the Odoi-Brown property, is presently zoned residential. An appeal by its owners for a reclassification to multiple-dwelling was vigorously fought by neighboring residential property owners at the Oct. 22 public hearing.

IF no decision is reached on its zoning at the meeting Monday night, it will be because further study is needed on the issue by the four new members of the planning commission who have taken office since the public hearing.

SAM FRANKEL, owner of the Long Lake property for which the commission is set this Monday night, seeks to have the property rezoned from office building to general commercial.

It was reclassified from general commercial to office early this summer when the new township zoning ordinance was adopted.

AS CRAMPTON pulled Mrs. Breithart through the rear window of the car, township police officer Lyle Howard arrived on the scene. Crampton was given a ticket for failing to have his car under control, causing an injury accident.

### Driver Acts Quick—Still Gets Ticket

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — The quick action of a male driver is credited by police with possibly saving the life of a Pontiac woman Monday morning when he pulled her from the burning wreckage of her car.

Nevertheless, the rescuer received a ticket from police for his part in the accident which occurred on Telegraph Road about one-quarter mile south of Rotel Road.

Mrs. Lois A. Breithart, 49, Pontiac, suffered minor injuries in the accident and was treated and released from St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Pontiac.

POLICE SAID John Crampton, 34, Davisburg, struck the rear of the car driven by Mrs. Breithart as she attempted to make a left turn into the entrance of 2033 Telegraph. Mrs. Breithart's car was on the inside lane, police said. Both cars were headed south on Telegraph. The impact of the collision forced the woman's car into the northbound lane where it rolled over onto its top, coming to rest on the shoulder of the road, according to police. Both cars burst into flame.

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