



You often are with others when today's economic, political and social problems are discussed. Maybe you are opposed to some action of Congress, or of the Executive; you toss opinions back and forth. But most of us go no further in the exercise of our political freedom. We do not write our Congressmen, or the President, or important others to do so. We merely agree and grumble and our civic laziness allows us to lose freedom!

## This and That

by George R. Averill

### Cuba Yet Presents Tragic Menace to Security of USA

President Kennedy is credited with a lot of courage because of the declaration of the United States' policy concerning the recent Cuban situation. His use of the U.S. Navy to maintain a quarantine of Russian vessels en route to Cuba, plus the statement that we demand an "on-site inspection to see that those Russian missiles and launching pads etc. are removed"—these two utterances were widely applauded.

QUESTIONS: Will the United States stick to those demands... making very, very sure that the security of the United States (and other hemisphere areas) are not menaced by offensive weapons located on Cuban soil?

Has Kennedy really agreed, if Russia removes its weapons, never to invade Cuba later on—regardless of future conditions? Is the USA going to allow Cuba to become a sanctuary for the spread of Soviet Communism throughout the Western Hemisphere?

ASIDE FROM REFUGEE information about the Soviet missile build-up, will Uncle Sam depend mostly upon aerial photographs to determine the extent of Soviet maneuvers in Cuba, insofar as setting up weapons is concerned—even though it is reported that cloudy and stormy weather during most of September prevented our airmen from getting accurate ground pictures—and that Russia took advantage of this to rush the program of erecting launching pads and other apparatus for completing the means of launching nuclear weapons to most USA cities?

These and other most important questions remain to be explored, according to reports circulated in Washington.

Had our leaders not taken almost "eleventh hour" action against the Cuban menace, it is said that no less than 50 nuclear missiles could have been fired against the United States, flattening many cities, wiping out many of our military defenses, and killing up to 80 million U.S. people. (No wonder Russia had over 5,000 "technicians" working feverishly in Cuba! They're still there, too.)

### Sorry, Bump, That I Can't Give You My Grid Secrets

I want to extend my deepest sympathy to "Bump" Elliott and his University of Michigan football team. Also to every loyal man, woman and child who toots and blares for the Maize and the Blue. After all, every coach can't be a Yost, or every team an aggregation of stars.

I had thought of offering "Bump" (See THIS & THAT, 5-A)



### LWV Gives Flags to City

Mrs. George N. Hilfinger, president of the League of Women Voters of Birmingham, presents flags for polling places to City Clerk Irene Hanley. The flags, 12-by-18, were placed near the voting places throughout the city for Tuesday's general election. They were donated to the City by the LWV.

### Forestry Dept. Job: Trees to Decorations

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

Not all of the work of the Forestry Department is concerned with the removing and planting of trees. Departmental activities range from collecting brush to decorating the city for the holiday season.

Most of the non-tree work is handled by the park and recreation maintenance division.

This arm of the Forestry Department works closely with other city units such as the Recreation Department, Planning and Engineering and DPW.

THE DIVISION is responsible for the mowing and general maintenance of all the city parks and properties, the control of weeds, landscape construction and fertilizing and leaf collection.

It also provides maintenance for all the recreation facilities on city property.

One of the major construction tasks of the division has been the building of 28 ball diamonds for the recreation department.

Keeping the fairways and greens at Springdale, Birmingham's Municipal golf course, in top shape is also part of the division's job.

In the wintertime, golf course manager Art Fitch and his crew

### City Approves Woodward-Oak Traffic Signal

The Woodward-Oak intersection is going to get a traffic signal.

Accepting a recommendation from Chief of Police Ralph W. Moxley, Birmingham city commissioners Monday night appropriated \$2,400 for that purpose.

Moxley recommended installation of two four-way overhead signals with a flashing red arrow for right turns from N. Woodward onto Oak and with pedestrian indicators.

PURPOSE OF the light is to provide a break in traffic proceeding south from Hunter at a high rate of speed onto Woodward.

The question came up during discussion on Oct. 1 pertaining to school children crossing Woodward at both Oak and Harmon.

Traffic moves from a 50 mph limit on S. Hunter to 50 on N. Woodward. Presently, there are no breaks between the Hunter-Woodward junction and the Woodward-Oak intersection.

CITY OFFICIALS have asked school children—mostly from Holy Name—who normally cross Woodward at Harmon or Oak to cross, instead, with the light at Woodward and Oakland.

Police are working with school authorities in a program to educate the children to using that corner prior to installation of the new light.

In his written report to the commission Monday night, Moxley pointed out that the Woodward-Oakland sign provides gaps in northbound traffic for safe pedestrian crossing.

But, he added, the closest stop light affecting southbound vehicles is at U.S. 10 and Quanton Road.

Commissioners agreed that placing a signal at Woodward and Oak would help to provide gaps in the steady flow of south-bound traffic.

### Apprehend 2 Boys In Franklin for Window Breaking

FRANKLIN—Two 11-year-old boys were apprehended by Trooper Francis Malitta of the Redford State Police Post after a window breaking spree last week at a home under construction on Willowgreen Court.

Police said the boys broke four large window walls and about 31 other windows in the house, owned by Marvin Goldman of Oak Park. The breakage was done the night of Oct. 30 by BB pellets and small stones, shot from a slingshot, police said. Damage was estimated as in excess of \$500, according to police.

The boys were turned over to their parents who will make restitution for the damage, according to police. Redford Post police said it was not known whether further action would be taken.

### Dog License Time In Beverly Hills

BEVERLY HILLS—Dog licenses for 1963 are now available at the Beverly Hills Police Station. Residents must provide a certificate of vaccination for rabies, the vaccination to have taken place within the last six months, police said.

Licenses may be purchased from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

## B'ham Schools to Observe American Education Week

"Education Meets the Challenge of Change" is the theme of American Education Week, Nov. 11-17. The Birmingham Public Schools extend a special invitation to all residents to visit their nearest school.

In general, almost all of the schools plan to hold open houses or to provide some opportunity for

visitation. Special announcements to parents will describe the type of program to be held at their local schools.

Birmingham joins with schools throughout the nation in the 42nd annual observance of this event. The purpose is to encourage every citizen to become aware of his school's accomplishments and

### BEVERLY HILLS:

## Water Main Bonds Sold; Set Date for Road Review

By KAY SMITH  
Special Writer

BEVERLY HILLS—Water mains and roads came important steps closer to becoming concrete realities Monday as the council took action to implement both programs.

The opening of bids on the \$272,000 special assessment water main bonds, district No. 62-1, was the first item on the agenda.

The First of Michigan Corp. bought the 15-year bonds for an interest rate of 3.65 percent or a net interest cost of \$61,889.82.

Village Manager Robert E. Murphy reported that the work on the water mains would begin shortly after Nov. 25.

### Two Oakland Farms To Show Livestock

Two well known Oakland county herds will be represented by exhibits at the 1962 International Live Stock Exposition, to be held in Chicago November 23 to December 1 in the International Amphitheatre at the Stock Yards.

Windrow Farm near Birmingham lists entries for a show held of Ayrshire cattle; and Stuart Hutchins, of Rochester, will be exhibiting in the purchased Holstein classes of this event which will celebrate its 63rd anniversary as the country's leading stock show.

THE GENERAL theme is specifically related to seven daily topics. These are Nov. 11, our American heritage; Nov. 12, a modern curriculum; Nov. 13, effective teaching; Nov. 14, school-community partnership; Nov. 15, lifelong learning; Nov. 16, international understanding; Nov. 17, a look ahead.

Open houses or related events will be held at Adams School at 8 p.m., Nov. 14; at Beverly, 8 p.m., Nov. 12; at Bloomfield, 8:10 p.m., Nov. 13; Franklin, 8 p.m., Nov. 12 (PTA); Greenfield, 7 p.m., Nov. 14; Harlan, 5:30 p.m., Nov. 14 (pancake supper, followed by open house); Midvale, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 14; Pomboke, 8 p.m., Nov. 12, 14; Pierce, 8 p.m., Nov. 21 (PTA); Quanton, 8 p.m., Nov. 12, grades 3-4 and 8 p.m., Nov. 14, grades 5-6;

TORRY, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 13 (Father's night) and Nov. 12 to 15, open house only; Walnut Lake, Nov. 12 to 16, open house daily; Westchester, 8 p.m., Nov. 14; Bar-num, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 15; Derby, 8 p.m., Nov. 15; Groves, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 13 and 15; Seaholm, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 13.

Baldwin School held an open house Oct. 15. Open house for parents of first and second graders at Quanton School were held Nov. 5 and Valley Woods School's open house was held Oct. 17.

### Fair Is Planned By Church Group

The Presbyterian Village of Detroit, Redford Township, will hold a fair on Friday from 1 to 9 P.M. President of the board of directors of the village is Herbert D. Hunter of Filgrim Avenue, Birmingham.

Items on sale, all made by residents of the village, will include oil paintings, ceramics, silver jewelry, enamel on copper, aprons, fancy work, knitted wear, quilts, Christmas decorations and miscellany. The village serves the senior citizens from Birmingham First Presbyterian Church, Kirk in the Hills, Northminster Presbyterian Church and Church of our Saviour in this area.

Whoever pleads for justice helps to keep the peace.  
—William Allen White



ACTING DEPARTMENT of Forestry and Parks Supt. Darrel Middlewood and his men have as one of their duties the responsibility of conducting tours of the city's natural areas. Here, Middlewood and a troop of Girl Scouts are about to embark on a tour of Manor Park.



'Twas the night before Christmas / And all through the house / Not a bill was outstanding / By either spouse

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