



Other than little babies, perhaps the widest bits of fluffy life that has the greatest human appeal are brand new puppies. Certainly, like little children, little puppies are playful, friendly, without a single evidence of marauding selfishness. In the household that shelters them, they bring much relationship that is just "me & dandy". Happier, too, are youngsters in a "doggy home."

This and That

by George R. Averill

Neil Staebler Is A Disappointment As a Candidate

Neil Staebler, for many years the chairman of Michigan's Democratic State Central Committee, is a man credited with astute political acumen who helped to keep Soapy Williams in the governor's chair for so many years, is now campaigning for the office of Michigan congressman-at-large.

He was in Birmingham recently, speaking to members of the League of Women Voters. He urged strong support of President Kennedy's foreign policies, reminding his audience that "The President's recent calling up of the military reserves helped to relieve the Berlin crisis."

When asked by a reporter "what about the Cuban crisis," Staebler replied "Well, we must think about the greater hemispheric problem, that of all of South America."

Just how the United States can help to keep Communism out of South America by ignoring it in Cuba, he did not say. And we are disappointed in Neil Staebler. We had thought him a strong defender of the democratic processes—he may be an able party political manipulator, behind the actual campaign battle-front, but we hardly believe him a strong and able candidate for a congressional office.

Certainly, his attitude and comments in Birmingham did not, in our opinion, reveal him the equal in either eloquence or theme as some other Democrats we have seen and heard.

It's being reported that the Soviet-Cuba bloc plans to bring some very terrible charges against the United States, and that the U.S. plans to invade our neighboring island. So, look who is making such charges! All of which proves that the Communist world is motivated by lust for power, and will lie, cheat, steal and murder to have its way. Indeed, the United Nations can never rise to its goal as long as the majority of its members tolerate the methods of Communism.

Now that Teddy Kennedy has won the Democratic nomination of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the U.S. Senate seat his brother exchanged for the White House, there's little doubt but what this 30-year-old scion of wealth will get to Washington. . . . It is, unless the Massachusetts Republicans succeed in electing young George Cabot Lodge, another offspring of Boston's Upper-Crust. Well, that's the way the cookie crumbles, as they say in the nation's best bake shops. If and when Teddy gets to the Senate, most certainly his "voice will be heard." To complete the Kennedy pattern, why not have one of the sisters run against Republican U.S. Senator Stalworth a few years hence. . . . and, come to think of it, why not a Kennedy sister as a candidate for governor of the Bay State? If such were to come about, the Kennedy family would surpass the famous Adams family in contribution to the important public offices held.

Bingham Farms: Village of Prestige, Economical Government

By NITA HARD
—Special Writer

BINGHAM FARMS — The singular simplicity of this suburban Shannara is reflected in the modest village millage assessed against its property owners, a mere three mills per each \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Incorporated in 1955, this verdant mile-and-a-half square northerly segment of Southfield Township is growing older gracefully and frugally—carefully avoiding such conveniences as would spiral living costs in the usual fashion.

The village of Bingham Farms is divided up into about 390 parcels of which only 35 per cent is "improved" property. Yet, the total assessed property valuation hovers around \$1,750,000 and personal property evaluation is assessed at \$550,000.

It is a community with homes ranging from demure village cottages to great sweeping estates. The high end of the assessed valuation is about \$10,000.

Only two family-owned businesses, Outland's Riding Stables on 11 Mile Road and Adams Greenhouse on Bingham Road, discreetly vary the strictly residential nature of this quiet area.

A MUTUAL determination to maintain almost total domesticity takes a considerable chunk out of general funds to legally stave off repeated attempts of commercial encroachment on its western border, Telegraph Road.

By actually aligning itself with the Birmingham School System, Bingham Farms needs only to pay its proportionate share in the education scheme of things. It has no municipal obligations. . . . no DPW, no fire department. . . . just lovely miles of hills and woods.

It lives comfortably on the approximately \$3,100 from annual state sales and intangibles tax rebates, gradually building up a bank balance that permits a fiscal budget.

PROPERTY owners contend that it is expedient and prudent to augment state road funds, running about \$5,000 annually, with another three mills or around \$5,200 to assure them of a dust-controlled road in front of each home. So the only village tax that is presently levied end up as a General Highway Fund—a strange nomenclature for a narrow scenic strip of gravel.

Parent company, Southfield Township serves as a collection agency for county, school and township taxes, and its assessment rolls provide the base on which village stipends are formulated. Thus, the village assessors job is relatively simple and his only official act is to send out the three-mill statement late each spring and hold a hearing on some.

ADMINISTERED by a volunteer "payroll" group of residents elected annually, the village austerity begins at home. The village office is in the village clerk's home. Evelyn Whybrew keeps all the records.

and building permits at her residence, 3180 Telegraph Road. Contractors may not find this completely convenient, but a hot cup of coffee in such pleasant surroundings spothes the most disgruntled.

The village also has a rent-free meeting place for its council every fourth Monday of the month. The anteroom of Outland's Stables provides ample space for hearings and public gatherings, and the village has never been charged for its use.

AS A RESULT the \$6,000 general operating budget fiscal year goes a long way. A monthly rubbish collection is the only service the village provides. With many residents equipped with mechanical garbage disposal units in their homes and others hiring private weekly pickups, only \$400 a year is spent for this.

More than half of the general funds, or \$3,600, is budgeted for legal fees. The allocation clearly indicates the high regard Bingham Farms has placed on its stringent residential zoning.

The primary function of the Municipal League is to guard against threats of commercialism. Except for the two businesses inherited with the incorporation, Bingham Farms is truly a "Home Rule" village.

ABOUT \$250 is budgeted for elections costs, and this only because of state regulations. Polling and posting ordinances and legal notices run about \$300, while membership to the Municipal League and village costs \$50. Insurance costs \$300; "salaries" and offices expenses, \$500, treasurer and assessor expenses, \$100; and travel approximately \$550 for "contingencies" which generally winds up as a cash bank balance.

For fire protection and library facilities, property owners voluntarily subscribe to the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department and the Franklin Library. Police protection is close at hand, through the effective and intricate organization of the Michigan State Police Department. It's just as simple as that.

BUT, IT may not always be so simple. Voters recently approved a proposal to join the Evergreen Interceptor System by "buying" capacity rights as provided for future sewage disposal, which will tack about \$15 a year for 30 years on tax bills. And neighborhoods are beginning to sound out for high toping of roads and motivating special assessment districts.

Development of village property is slow because holding restrictions are rigid, but little by little Bingham Farms is reacting to the many outside forces that influence its residents.

Lacking resources of its own, it generously supports adjacent community activities—some day it may have to provide some of these within its own boundaries. Right now, however, Bingham enjoys the "effortless existence" of a suburban town. It is older and wiser than some. As a village it is still too young to smoke. . . . very much.

Double-Bill At Township Zone Hearing

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Some 70-80 residents presented a double-feature at a public hearing preceding the regular meeting of the township planning commission Monday night.

Most of the group were members of the Rouge Manor Improvement Association who objected to the possible rezoning of about 10 acres of land on Big Beaver Road near Woodward for multiple dwellings. The land, now zoned residential, is composed of two, separately-owned sites.

MEMBERS of the audience presented moves of the area in which they live, near the property.

The other half of the double-bill was the presentation by the Rouge Manor group of architectural drawings showing possible subdivision layouts of the sites.

No action on the rezoning matter was taken at the Monday meeting. At a study meeting Oct. 15, the township planners will consider further the proposal to reclassify the property, owned by Emerson C. Brown and A. A. Adol. The developer is Carl E. Larsen.

THE PROPERTY is undeveloped with the exception of a nursery which Brown owns and which is operated under a nonconforming zoning classification. Township Clerk Dolores Little said. The land is located at the rear of business buildings on Woodward.

Both Brown and Larsen are township residents. Odol lives in Royal Oak.

The planning board, in other business, set Nov. 5, for a public hearing on the petition of Sammie Frankels to rezone his property near the northeast corner of Long Lake Road and Telegraph.

The land which was originally zoned commercial, was changed to office use when the township adopted its new zoning ordinance in annual one made by the trustees of the Harmon International Properties to an aviator, aviatrix and aeronaut for an outstanding feat made during the previous year.

A REQUEST by Ivan Frankel, developer, to rezone a portion of section one, just north of Square Lake Road and west of Adams, was sent to Gillespie, planning consultants. Frankel wants the present residential classification of the property changed from R-2 to R-1. The change would allow smaller homes on smaller lots.

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Hills Post Office Dedicated

A couple hundred persons witnessed the dedication Sunday of the new Bloomfield Hills Post Office. Donald L. Swanson (at the rostrum), director of the Chicago region for the U.S. Post Office Dept., delivered the dedicatory address. Other speakers were Postmaster Herbert J. Dyble and City Commissioner Henry L. Woolfenden. Music was provided by the Bloomfield Hills High School Band.

The award is being made to Malcolm D. Ross, 831 Redding, for his May, 1961, flight to an altitude of 113,740 feet. The award is an annual one made by the trustees of the Harmon International Properties to an aviator, aviatrix and aeronaut for an outstanding feat made during the previous year.

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New Heights to Be Reached By Malcolm Ross in Capital

For his feat in reaching the highest altitude in space in a balloon, a Birmingham aeronaut will go to the White House, Oct. 19 to be presented the Harmon International Trophy by President Kennedy.

The award will be a joint one. In addition to Ross, it will be made posthumously to Lt. Cmdr. Victor C. Prather, Ross' flight partner, who drowned while being transferred from the balloon's gondola to a helicopter after the flight had been completed. Mrs. Prather, of Bethesda, Md., will accept the award.

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60 Turn Out on Zoning Issues

By KAY SMITH
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BEVERLY HILLS—Are people in this area becoming more interested in local government? It would appear so in this village as some 60 people turned out Monday at the village hall to support their positions on four items on the council's agenda.

Following two public hearings, the council approved a new residential zoning classification, overriding a suggestion from the village planning board.

The first hearing concerned an amendment to the zoning ordinance which would permit residential 2 houses (1,200 square feet on one floor or 1,600 in one-and-a-half and two-story dwellings) to be placed on Residential 3, or 60-foot front lots. The new classification would be R2a.

CHARLES E. QUICK, 19321 Devonshire, Charles H. Baker, Jr., 19163 Devonshire, and others objected to the new classification on the grounds that the 60-foot lots were too small and the houses would be crowded together.

Edward F. Dolan, chairman of the planning board, spoke for the board in objecting to the new classification. The board recommended that application be made to the zoning board of appeals for a de-

viation from the existing classification North rather than the introduction of a new one.

William F. Nern, attorney for William N. Gilmore, 32075 Waltham, who wants the new classification for his proposed subdivision, Beverly Heights, at 13 Mile Road and Southfield, east of the Village Council's agenda.

Birmingham Police Will Play Host to Area Sharpshooters

Birmingham's police department will play host Friday to 106 law enforcement officers in the annual South Oakland Police Chiefs Pistol Match.

The police sharpshooters from 15 municipal police departments in the South Oakland Police Chiefs Pistol Match will compete on the Birmingham pistol range on Cranbrook, south of Lincoln.

Berkley's team, which recently won the government's trophy in statewide competition, will be among those taking part.

The competition will be divided into classes according to the age of the department. Class A departments are those with more than 20 men. Class B departments with less than 20. Birmingham is in Class A.

Hall, spoke in favor of the classification.

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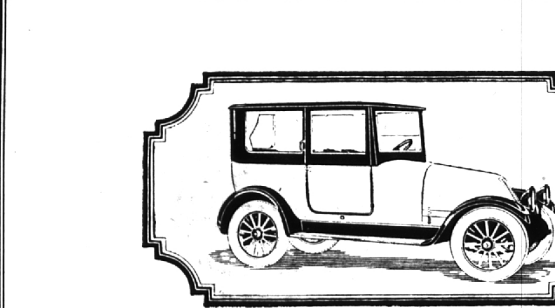
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Teen Reporters To Question Geo. Romney

George Romney will face probably the largest press corps he's ever met at one time, more than 1,000 reporters, Saturday at the University of Detroit Memorial Building.

The reporters will all be high school correspondents for campus publications. They, and 100 journalism advisors, will be attending the fourth annual Detroit Area Student Press Association conference.

In competition for scholarships to the Association's summer journalism session at U. of D. they will write stories on the morning press conferences with Romney and a Democratic candidate.

AMONG THE students taking part in the all-day session will be the journalism pupils at Bloomfield Hills High School.

Thomas Hammel, Seaholm High School instructor, will conduct a workshop on newspaper layout and design.

The appearances of the two candidates will be the keynote of the convention that will draw students from as far away as Ohio. The candidates theme will be "The Role of the High School Journalist on the Contemporary Political Scene."

Romney will be introduced by the Rev. James Magruder, S.J., chairman of U. of D.'s journalism department and Association director. The Democratic candidate appears has not yet been named.

The delegates will also hear newspaper editors, advertising and public relations executives, printers, journalism teachers and student editors.

SECTIONAL meetings will deal with problems of high school newspaper and yearbook production. Association lectures will cover journalistic fundamentals.

Harvey Patton, Detroit News managing editor, will speak on censorship in the high school and metropolitan press at the Convention's closing assembly at 2:30 p.m.

Following his talk, Patton will present the Association's annual awards to newspaper and yearbook editors.