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This and That

by George R. Averill

Orville Freeman, U.S. secretary of agriculture, is so inflamed against Republican congressmen, who, with some Democratic help, recently killed his farm bill, that he will "take my case to the people during this fall's election." He will, of course, along with President and his various aides, try to defeat every Republican who is up for reelection.

This man Freeman, while governor of Minnesota, proved himself definitely prejudiced against business, and for labor. During a strike in a small Minnesota community, when he was requested to protect non-strikers by providing state police protection, he instead declared the community under martial law... which is quite different, add not in keeping with normal processes.

He didn't want that factory to keep running. So he closed it. That's what we read about just one instance of his methods when governor. Apparently he's a gent with a bosom filled with political reprisals.

Here is a question we recently read in The Chicago Tribune's "Voice of the People" column: "Where is the other Mr. Kennedy, the superior campaigner, dedicated to the preservation of American prestige at home and abroad, to the encouragement of private enterprise, to strengthening the dollar, balancing the federal budget, and reducing the national debt? That is the Mr. Kennedy America voted for. We need him in the White House right now." Yes, where is that Mr. Kennedy???

"Perhaps the very best thing that could happen to a chronic pessimist whose countenance frames many frowns, is for him (or her) to learn to stand on his (or her) head. This will place him (or her) in an upside-down position which, of course, results in a smile," says our Manchester St. humorist.

I don't recall just where I heard or read this, but it's too good to keep: "Today's 'Gee, Whiz' is tomorrow's 'Ho, Hum!' And if that doesn't prove that people are becoming more sophisticated, more satiated with ennui (which latter is another name for boredom, lack of interest) than what further proof do you require?"

For persons whose jobs require that they remain on their feet many hours daily, Danish footwear manufacturers recommend orthopedically carved wooden shoes. This allows the foot to get the best understanding, also resulting in better circulation. "This said that half of Denmark's doctors and dentists so attire themselves... and barbers are getting in to the stride, too.

Talk about being "between the devil and the deep blue sea"... President Kennedy has plenty of economic advisors, some of them very liberal, a few conservative. He gets plenty of advice from both sides... but the experts say that his refusal to go for a tax cut comes from the conservatives... which, I presume, proves JFK less of a "heller" than Walter Heller, (his chief liberal advisor) wants him to be.

Very soon France is to put on sale a stamp with mint-flavored glue. "Maybe the U.S.A. ought to flavor-up its stamps with something that would increase their use," said the sage of Big Beaver, who wants a self-supporting postal service.

S'field Man Robbed Of Cash and Car
SOUTHFIELD — A Southfield man told Oak Park police that he was robbed of \$124 and his station wagon when he stopped for a traffic light at 1:30 a.m. Friday at Eight Mile and Greenfield.

Melvin Slovin, 29, of 55150 Pierce, said two men forced their way into his car. One of them had a knife. Slovin said.

Police reported recovery of the station wagon several hours later in front of the Avon Center Hospital, Rochester. \$200 missing were a briefcase, an attaché case, credit cards and two pair of glasses, according to police.

It's in the Sack
Kathy Lynn Richards, 5, almost got lost in that big potato sack, but that's a victory smile she's wearing. Kathy won the sack race for youngsters up to five years old Friday at the Michigan State Fair.

The University of Michigan libraries circulated a total of 774,071 books last year.

It's Noes to the Knees, Schools Tell the Girls

Back-to-school fashion ads are featuring skirts with knee-top hemlines.

But knees are an issue which must be skirted by feminine students in most Birmingham area schools. The Birmingham Eccentric learned this week.

While Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Southfield board of education spokesmen said there was "no skirt policy" on students' skirts, several schools have ruled that the popular stadium or "shortie" skirt fashions cannot be worn to schools.

THERE MUST be some schools allowing the girls to wear them," said Aaron Kershbaum, director of a clothing store popular with high school girls. "We have been selling a lot of them to our back-to-school shoppers. The stadium skirt which just hits the knee is very popular."

Kershbaum expressed surprise when informed that a number of schools forbid the wearing of the skirts.

"There's nothing indecent about them," he said.

SEVERAL MOTHERS said they had purchased the stadium skirts, unaware of the regulation against them. Later, they learned of the regulation.

New Parking Problem Goes To Committee

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night agreed to refer to the Chamber of Commerce parking committee a report on the operation of Municipal Parking Lots 1 and 4.

Commissioners had been asked to consider coordinating the hours of meters in the lots with the operation of on-street meters.

Street meters operate from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. (6 p.m. on Fridays) except Sundays and holidays. Meters in the two lots are in effect from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day, except Sundays and holidays.

"It seems the police department gets numerous complaints from motorists who do not realize the lots have night meter requirements."

CHIEF OF POLICE Ralph W. Moxley pointed out that a change in hours at the lots would result in a reduction of meter revenue of \$1,857 per year. And the change in signing would cost about \$75,000.

Commissioners decided to turn the problem over to the merchants parking committee, with the stipulation that any solution offered should not call for a reduction in income.

that their girls would not be allowed to wear the skirts to school.

Schools which require the hemline to be below the knee include Bloomfield Hills High School, Derby Junior High School, and Burnham Junior High School.

At Seaholm High School, Dean of Students Carol Darling said, "We don't have any written policy. We just say that it must be in good taste, but I would say that a hem just to the knee is too short."

AT THE SAME TIME, Mrs. Darling said, "Just to the knee and just below the knee is awfully short, but I think you can't change the mores of the country, and they are doing it all over the country."

The final decision on regulation of skirt lengths rests with school principals, according to spokesmen for the Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Southfield boards of education.

Franklin Vote On Sewers Due Monday

FRANKLIN—Village voters will decide Monday, Sept. 10, whether or not they want an "insurance policy" for sewers at a special election. It will be held at the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department hall on Franklin Road.

The question will appear as an amendment to the charter. It authorizes the council to contract with Oakland County DPW authorities to have Franklin become a part of the Evergreen Sewage disposal system.

A TOWN HALL meeting was held Wednesday at the Franklin Community Church to answer questions on the issue. The council and Oakland County DPW authorities, along with road committee members and road engineers, reviewed the conditions which appear to be causing sewage problems.

If the amendment passes, residents will pay up to 1.5 mills, or approximately \$15, per \$1,000 assessed valuation per year for 30 years. This will assure capacity rights to the Southfield arm to be constructed through the Rouge Valley from Eight Mile Road to approximately 12 Mile Road and Telegraph.

THE AMENDMENT will not bring sewers into the village. Another election will be necessary for the construction of mains and laterals.

According to DPW authorities, Franklin must decide now if it is to be included in the system which will serve Hingham Farms and Southfield.

LATHRUP: Where City Gets Its Taxes And How the Money Is Spent

(First of 3 Articles)
By IRMA N. DAVIS
Township Editor

LATHRUP—City, county and school taxes add up to a tax bill for the average property owner in Lathrup of \$463.50 per year.

How is this figured?

First, the assessor takes 27 1/2 per cent of the average home's market value, \$27,373.74, to arrive at its assessed valuation, \$7,500.

Then he and the city treasurer get to work. They take the city tax rate of \$9.80 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation and multiply it by 7.5, coming up with a city tax of \$73.50 per year.

BEFORE ADDING the county and school taxes to this figure, let's pause a moment to find out what the \$9.80 rate includes.

For city operating expenses, Lathrup levies 1 mill, the storm sewer at 700 mill and the Evergreen Interceptor at four-fifths of a mill add another \$2.30 per \$1,000 to the taxpayer's share of city taxes. These rates vary from year to year depending on principal and interest payments required.

In addition to this, costs of retiring general obligation bonds for the sanitary sewer at 1 mill, the storm sewer at 700 mill and the Evergreen Interceptor at four-fifths of a mill add another \$2.30 per \$1,000 to the taxpayer's share of city taxes. These rates vary from year to year depending on principal and interest payments required.

BUT THE county and school district need support; so the Lathrup taxpayer is billed for his share of the cost of services provided by them.

The county, at a rate of \$11.42 per \$1,000 assessed valuation and the Southfield School District, at \$40.58, will add \$55.55 and \$304.35, respectively, to the tax bill of the average property owner.

Because local assessment rates may vary from one community to another, a formula has been worked out to equalize assessments. In Lathrup the factor used is 1.9. Thus the city's total assessed valuation, \$8,744,730, equalizes out to \$16,720,192.

The 1.9 factor is used in computing total property taxes for county and school taxes.

BUT THE money to run Lathrup comes from still other sources than city taxes.

Lathrup's 1962-63 budget lists revenue of \$64,270 from the municipal levy. The budget allows for \$28,700 from state sales and intangibles taxes and another \$34,100 from state highway taxes.

Other revenues come from fees and penalties, \$7,700; court fines, \$8,000.

With other miscellaneous income, the city figures it will have a total of \$152,870 in revenues for general fund purposes, including the DPW total of \$32,500. DPW monies have been helped (See LATHRUP, 5-A)

AFS Student Delayed by Quake?

By IRMA N. DAVIS
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The Birmingham "family" of Seaholm High School AFS student-teacher Nahid Kiemuehr have been delayed in their return to Birmingham during the last week as they anxiously await the overdue arrival of the 17-year-old Tehran girl.

The possibility that Nahid or members of her family may have been caught in earthquake-shattered Iran, Mrs. Jensen said she was nevertheless somewhat easier in her mind after receiving a letter from the girl Tuesday. Nahid had written that she had experienced yet another delay in her original plans but should be home about Aug. 25.

Nahid's father had already made arrangements to have his daughter fly to this country later than the scheduled arrival of other AFS students in the area. Had that date stood, she would have been here Aug. 7.

But, in order for Nahid to enter the University of Iran, following a year at Seaholm as a 12th grader, she was required to pass entrance examinations this summer. Taking the university's tests, however, has led to several changes in plans. Nahid's latest letter said the graduation procedure had further held her up.

Although Aug. 25 has come and gone, the Jensen's still find the picture a bit brighter after checking news of Iran. Kermanshah is apparently not in the disaster area. Transportation difficulties, as an aftermath of the earthquake may also account for the delay, they felt.

In previous letters from their daughter, Iran, Mrs. Jensen said she and her family often visit Kermanshah, Mrs. Jensen said.

Nahid and four other foreign students are scheduled to be seniors at Seaholm during the coming school year. The others are all present and accounted for, according to Dean of Students Carol Darling.

Mrs. Jensen said that Galatti, Birmingham, had indicated he would call her back as soon as he was able to contact the Kiemuehrs.

The Jensen have already learned that an overseas telephone call is a time-consuming affair. They spent hours last Friday afternoon and evening trying to contact Nahid's family but could not get their telephone number.

The operator was unable to understand the address given by the Jensen: Eisenhauser Avenue, Kiemuehr Street, Tehran.

Meanwhile, 16-year-old Chris Jensen is waiting to meet her "sister" as are the other Jensen children: Jim, 9, Cathy, 11, and David, 10. Chris will be a junior at Seaholm.

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Hills Post Office Set for Dedication

Dedication ceremonies for the new Bloomfield Hills Post Office will be conducted at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29.

Delivering the dedicatory address will be Donald L. Swanson, Chicago regional director for the Post Office Department. He is a former mayor of Southfield and former director of the Michigan State Fair.

THE HOUR-LONG program will include, besides Swanson's address: Music by the Bloomfield Hills High School Band, Wayne Tilton conducting.

Welcoming remarks by Postmaster Herbert J. Dyble.

Invocation by the Rev. Gerald O'Grady, Christ Church, Cranbrook. Remarks by Mayor John S. Bugas.

Does a City Have Power Over Schools?

What, if any, authority does the Birmingham City Commission have over the Birmingham School District?

This was the overriding question as city commissioners debated a portion of a proposed amendment to the fire prevention ordinance Tuesday night.

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CITY MANAGER L. R. Gare explained that the school district's legal counsel had requested that the City not include the schools and stressed the cooperation the schools give the City in notifying the fire department of any meetings involving decorations.

Commissioners differed as to whether that cooperation was sufficient reason not to include schools in the ordinance and as to whether the City has the right to regulate the schools.

THEY VOTED, 3 to 2, against adding the portion regarding notice to the fire prevention bureau.

Voting no on Commissioner Charles Renfrew's motion to delete were Mayor Florence H. Willard, Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham and Commissioner William E. Roberts.

Voting yes were Renfrew and Commissioner William H. Burgum.

Then, Ingraham's motion to refer the amendment to the city attorney for rewording carried unanimously.

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Building Ordinance Amended by Council

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Special Writer

WOOD CREEK FARMS—Village business flowed smoothly and briefly Tuesday night as the council adopted an amendment to the building ordinance and heard that the court date for the zoning suit brought by developer G. W. Smith and Mrs. Smith has been postponed until January.

The amendment, a second one for this ordinance, simply establishes a building department to approve and stamp construction plans in the village.

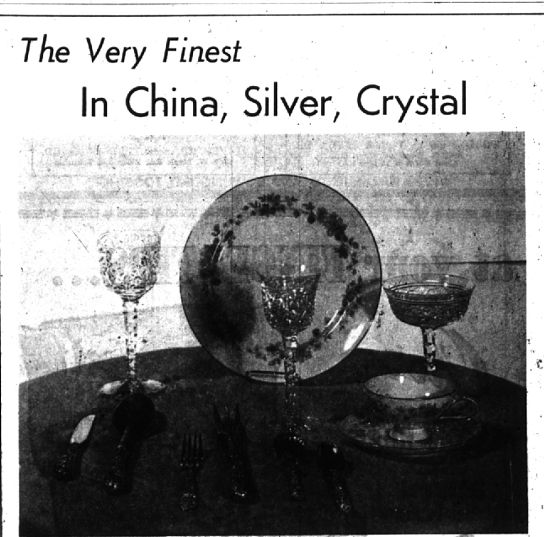
The department will have four members and a zoning inspector appointed by the council; one member will be named Building Commissioner to serve for two years.

In the past, building plans have been approved by a committee of the Wood Creek Farms Civic Association.

THE COUNCIL, at the suggestion of Philo Wright, chairman of the committee who drafted the amendment, will have the authority to contract for professional services.

\$30,000 in Jewelry Stolen from House
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Jewelry estimated at about \$30,000 in value was taken from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Alpert, 1260 Ardmore Drive, Sunday evening. The house was ransacked.

Police said that 13 pieces of jewelry and an undetermined amount of cash was taken from the home. The Alperets operate the State Fair Recreation, Inc., Detroit



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