

Now close the calendar on the year 1962, and the new 1963 opens up pages each of us. Actually, such periods of time, in and of themselves, contain nothing of greater value to people than any other day in a year—only that custom points them out as times to reflect on the past, and to resolve to make improvements in ourselves for the future. Every day is, after all, only what you resolve to make it, at the time!

Charter Amendment Okayed for Balot

By KAY SMITH
Special Writer
BEVERLY HILLS—Two highly controversial issues proposed for placement on the March ballot dominated interest at Monday's council meeting.

The proposal for a charter amendment to make the office of village clerk appointive rather than elective, and the \$200,000 road program both are nearing deadline for inclusion on the March 11 ballot.

This and That

by George R. Averill

What a contrast Boston, Mass., reveals insofar as the history of the United States is concerned! There was the famous Boston Tea Party and the "shots heard around the world" at Lexington and Concord—all emblematic of the Colonialist determination to win independence and freedom from the British Crown. Now cometh new people from the Boston area—the Kennedys, Galbraith, Schlesinger, Jr., etc., who are equally determined to place the American people under the yoke of centralized government and its twin, state welfareism. Thus, Reader, you witness the closing of the cycle of mankind's fight to escape bondage and its return to that enslaved condition. (Yes, Harvard College is Boston's next door neighbor.)

A country boy who had gone to work in the city painted a glowing picture of the joys of urban life in his letters to the folks at home. On one occasion he wrote, "Thursday we motored to the club where we dined in the dark, after which we week-ended at the beach."

Not to be outdone, his younger brother replied: "Yesterday we bargued to town and baseball all afternoon. Then we suppered and piped for a while. After that we straddled up to our room and bedsteaded until the clock fived."

—Sunshine Magazine.

John B. Swainson, Democrat who on Jan. 1 relinquished his office to Republican George W. Romney, says that he is the youngest former Chief Executive of any state. (See THIS & THAT, 6-A)

THE CITY'S, THAT IS

He Handles Lots of Money

Editor's Note—The following is another in a series of articles in the Eccentric is presenting on the various departments in the city of Birmingham. It deals with the work of the Treasurer's Office.

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

Russell T. Berger is a man in an enviable position. He has money—lots of it, in fact—but unfortunately it doesn't belong to him.

Berger is the Birmingham city treasurer and it is through his

hands that all of the City's monies eventually pass.

LAST YEAR the city tax levy was \$1,277,883. In addition, Berger and his staff have handled a county and school levy of \$3,196,198.

That wasn't all the money that passed through the office. The treasurer bills and collects for special assessments for capital improvements, miscellaneous services performed by the city such as weed control and all proceeds from water bills, licenses and permit fees. Up until 1961 the treasurer's office not only collected money, but also paid the City's bills. When

COMMENTS CAME from the audience, such as by Don Bradley, 18176 Beverly Road, which drew applause: "We haven't asked for more paving, we want better maintenance of the roads we've got."

Martin Burke, 17880 Beverly suggested that the building of new roads would flood the sewers and that the sewer system would have to be looked at, too.

The council voted to have the village engineers, Johnson and Anderson, give them an estimate of what road-building costs will be and to place the matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

Democrats Start Drive For Members

Oakland County Democrats will launch this year's membership drive Friday, according to the county Democratic Committee membership chairman, Mrs. John McVay, 1678 Yosemite, Birmingham.

U.S. Senator Philip A. Hart will be keynote speaker at the kickoff meeting at 8 p.m. in the Birmingham House Hotel.

Hart will speak on "The Value of Membership in the Democratic Party."

THE GOAL of the committee in the next three months, explained Mrs. McVay, is to contact every known Democrat in Oakland County to solicit his financial support of the party.

"It is a known fact," said Mrs. McVay, "that few people make financial contributions to the party of their choice. This is tragic since the two-party system is the basis of our Democratic system and politics is everybody's business. We are interested in obtaining support, no matter how small, from as many persons as we can to give our party a strong, broad base."

"IF ANYONE interested in becoming a registered member of the Democratic Party is not contacted by one of our area representatives, he should get in touch with the county office, 17 Water Street, Pontiac."

Members of the membership committee include David Lees, 35 Vermont; Troy; Burdett; 20750 Sherman, Southfield; Donald Culver, 28233 E. Larkmoor Dr., Southfield.

Lathrup Man Appointed by Gov. Romney

Gov. George Romney initiated his first week in office with the appointment of a Lathrup man and five other certified public accountants whose function will be to keep a close check on state expenditures.

John J. Fox, 28051 Woodworth Way, Lathrup, has been a resident partner in the Detroit office of Lybrand, Ross Brothers and Montgomery since 1955 and has been associated with the firm since 1942. He is a CPA in Michigan and in several other states.

THE MEN serving with Fox on the board of the task force on expenditure management are John W. McEachern, Detroit, chairman; and Paul F. Ierlman of Ann Arbor; Secretary: Mark D. Littler; Arthur P. Bartholomew, Jr.; and Don Edwards.

L. William Seidman, who first proposed formation of the task force, is an ex officio member of the group. Seidman is special assistant to the governor for financial affairs.

ON MONDAY, Romney announced that he will appoint an advisory panel of religious and lay leaders to advise him on the moral and ethical aspects of state problems. Romney appointed a similar panel, comprised entirely of clergy advisors, during his tenure as president of American Motors.

About 10 to 15 individuals will be invited to serve on the governor's panel, meeting quarterly, probably. The group would have no official authority or responsibility, Romney said, as separation of church and state must be maintained.

PROBLEMS COVERED, for example, the governor said, might be the question of heavier taxes versus needs or the priority on the use of state funds in education, school, mental or welfare problems.

Romney pledged his full support for a bipartisan civil rights commission at a speech at the Metropolitan Conference on Open Occupancy. The commission would be established under the proposed new constitution.

MEANWHILE, the governor was a member of the first general (SEE APPOINTMENT, 6-A)

Jack Sanders Named Head Of Candy Co.

Jack Sanders of 1415 Epping Lane, Bloomfield Hills, was elected president of the candy and bakery company founded by his great-grandfather in 1875, the Fred Sanders Co., at the company's annual meeting Friday. The retirement of Charles H. Welch, Jr., as president became official at that time.

Fred W. Sanders, retiring from active participation but remaining as chairman of the board, Welch, Jack Sanders, Edwin F. Sanders, Russell F. Brockmiller, 31820 Mayfair Lane, Birmingham, Harold J. Goldsmith, 1314 Pilgrim, Birmingham, all were re-elected to the board.

New executive vice president and secretary is Harold J. Meinke, who retains the responsibilities of treasurer he assumed in 1956. Goldsmith and Brockmiller are becoming secretary in 1959. A year ago he was named executive vice president.



ANNE LAWRENZ

Pierce PTA To Sponsor Third Panel

The Pierce School PTA will present the third in its series of panel discussions at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the school auditorium.

Comprising the panel will be M. W. McEachern, supervisor of the Birmingham branch of the Oakland Child Guidance Clinic; Mrs. Rheta Cope, visiting teacher, Pierce School; and Bernard Maslank, coordinator of special education in the Birmingham School District.

Principal Daniel A. Welch will serve as moderator.

EACH MEMBER of the panel will discuss briefly the areas in which he functions and the services and facilities provided.

A question-and-answer period for the audience will follow.

This will be the PTA's third and final in a series of meetings entered around the characteristics of the normal and the abnormal child.

The first panel discussion, on Sept. 19, was concerned with the question "Are Your Problems Emotional?" On Nov. 28, the topic was "Minor and Physical Behavior of Children."



BETTY SCHWAB

Four Girls Chosen For DAR Awards

Four Birmingham-Bloomfield area girls have been chosen by their high schools to participate in the DAR Good Citizens Awards program.

The girls, measured on standards of dependability, service leadership and patriotism, are Anne Lawrenz of Groves High School, Betty Schwab of Seaholm High School, Pat Remy of Bloomfield Hills High School and Mary Johnson of Clawson High School.

The foursome will go to the DAR State Conference at Lansing in mid-March. In April, one girl will be chosen from Michigan to attend the Continental Congress in Washington where she will compete with girls from other states.

Each senior class nominated three members, and from these the faculty picked the one to represent the school. The girls have from now until March to fill out the Good Citizens questionnaire. Their answers will determine the winner. Each state winner will write an essay, and the winning essay will determine the national winner in Washington.

IN OTHER young people's activities this week, the Piety Hill Chapter DAR observed Youth Day on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Harry G. Hamilton, 6570 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Township.

Mrs. Erwin Darling introduced



PAT REMY

Southfield Blaze Caused by Wiring

SOUTHFIELD—A fire at the home of Bennie Gosicki, 29280 Leslie, caused about \$12,000-\$15,000 damage, according to firemen.

The fire, which occurred at 6:45 on Jan. 3, started underneath the floor of a stairwell and spread upwards, causing damage to the kitchen, living room, two second floor bedrooms and the roof.

The home was partially insured.



MARY JOHNSON

Dedication Program Set At Westchester

Principal Donald Burba today issued an invitation to the public to attend the dedication of the Westchester Elementary School on West Maple Road at Westchester.

The dedication program will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Richard Featherstone, assistant to the dean, College of Education, Michigan State University. Dr. Featherstone was administrative assistant of the Birmingham Public Schools prior to joining the MSU staff.

The program will open with an invocation by Rev. Thomas F. Shilda of St. Regis Church. The Westchester Glee Club, directed by Miss Edith Yoder, will present a musical selection. Following the Glee Club, a word of welcome will be given by Melvin Mermell, president of the Westchester PTA.

ARCHITECT Wendell Smith will make the presentation of the keys to Mrs. Kathryn Loomis, president of the board of education. This will be followed by an introduction of the guests by the principal.

An open house will follow the formal program. Guests will be invited to tour the building and talk with the staff.

BIRMINGHAM DEPUTY City Treasurer Alice Upward presents her boss, Russell T. Berger, with a check for \$254,428.17. The money was filed by the 1962 taxes. Berger has been city treasurer since 1945 and has been a Birmingham city employee for 27 years.

ECCEPIC PHOTO

Next week's article will deal with the man who now Birmingham's bills—the finance director.

Smoked Semi-Boneless LEG of LAMB 69c lb.

Smuckers STRAWBERRY PRESERVES 10-oz. Jar 3 for \$1, 20-oz. Jar 49c

Premier No. 2 1/2 Can BARTLETT PEARS 2 cans 85c

Star Cross TOMATOES 2 303 Cans 45c

York 100% Pure COLUMBIAN COFFEE 79c lb.

Salada TEA BAGS 100 Count 89c

Morgan Red Tart SOUR CHERRIES 303 Can 19c

Doeskin 400 Tissue Box FACIAL TISSUE 19c

BIRDSEYE Mixed Vegetables With Onion Sauce, Pkg. 39c
Stuffers Spinach Souffle Pkg. 39c
Stuffers Escalloped Apples Pkg. 35c
Pepperidge Farms Pastry Pkg. 43c