



One's tenure of life upon this earth does provide infinite opportunities for great adventures... for to achieve even modest financial success, continued good health, a cheerful outlook, the possession of many good friends, a hearty sense of humor... one could go on and on with this thought out to possess these things, these characteristics, these are real proofs that your life has been an adventure along Life's Good Highways!

## This and That

by George R. Averill

### Daddy Kennedy's Offspring Have No Interest In Money

"Born to the royal purple," insofar as material wealth is concerned, the children of Joseph P. and Rose Kennedy have never been schooled to the struggles that most human beings have in order to gain financial security.

Perhaps this may explain, in large part, the reason why President Kennedy already has given evidence that extravagant federal spending, with its attendant budget deficits, doesn't keep him awake nights.

With a daddy whose fortune is estimated to be between 300 and 500 millions of dollars, and with large trust funds bestowed upon them, the Kennedy offspring certainly can't be expected to fully understand how the average American family will meet the various economic demands made upon them.

This, too, will explain the situation—in an article in the January Fortune magazine, devoted to the business life of Daddy Joe.

FORTUNE TELLS that the "Kennedy children never had to listen to money matters in the household. Instead Kennedy educated his sons to relish the competition and rewards of public service. He saw that the lesson took."

In creating a "committee" to handle his widespread economic holdings, Kennedy senior did not place any of his sons on them. "None of my children has the slightest interest in making money; not the slightest," Kennedy Sr. says.

The last sentence above, to this newspaperman, clearly reveals why the President left his sons exercising even normal frugality with the American taxpayers' earnings that are siphoned into the federal treasury.

"I GOT JACK into politics, I was the one," Sen. Kennedy said in the Fortune article. "I told him Joe (the oldest brother who was killed in World War II) was dead and that it was his responsibility to run for congress. He didn't want to. He felt he didn't have the ability and he still feels that way. But I told him he had to."

Here, again, you may be impressed with the powerful paternal influences that bear upon the three Kennedy brothers: the President, the attorney-general, and the brand new United States senator—all the outstanding sons of Joseph P. and Rose Kennedy, of Boston, Brook-

### Bloomfield Places 8th In Building

Bloomfield Township placed eighth with 476 units as one of the 10 top building centers in 1962 in a five-county region, according to the figures released by the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission.

Southfield with 776 new starts was number one in building starts for Oakland County for the second consecutive year and also placed fourth in the region.

### HOUSING STARTS IN THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE DURING 1962 SHOWED A GAIN OF 28.7 PER CENT OVER 1961.

The annual summary of residential building activity shows that the county permitted 5,134 units in 1962 as compared to 3,989 in 1961. Oakland County led the region in both percentage and numerical increase but placed third behind Wayne and Macomb counties in total permits issued.

Unlike the other counties of the region, residential construction in Oakland was more widely dispersed. Together, the three Oakland top 10 communities accounted for only 38 per cent of the county's housing starts.

### City Administrator To Serve on Panel

LATHRUP—City Administrator Jerald Stone has been selected to serve on a panel for the annual Management Institute, meeting Feb. 6-8, sponsored by the Michigan Municipal League and the U of M Institute of Public Administration.

As a panel member, Stone will participate in a discussion of "The Multiple Role of the Manager in Small Communities."



### CNC to Meet In Birmingham

Henry S. Booth, chairman of the Oakland County Non-Partisan Committee for the New Constitution (CNC), announced that the committee will meet on Feb. 2 at the Birmingham Community House at 10 a.m. to discuss future programs and their proposed budget.

At last week's meeting Booth announced that the Oakland County Coal & Supply Co., represented by E. C. Bourns of Wixom, has joined the organizations comprising the membership of CNC.

To date, 20 participating organizations have pledged their support to CNC's efforts to promote the new constitution, he said.

Michigan's 83 winter sports centers make it the national leader in this respect, according to the state tourist council. An estimated 200,000 skiers will make an average of three trips to one or more of the areas, which are scattered throughout the state.

# Study B'ham Major Thoroughfare Plan

City officials in Birmingham are currently studying the third phase of the Comprehensive Development Plan Study.

The report, prepared by Villacian-Leman & Associates, planning consultants in Southfield, covers the projected major thoroughfare plan for Birmingham.

The first phase of the study,

covering population, existing land use and neighborhood unit plans was presented to the city last spring. The second phase, dealing with recreation and community facilities, was presented in November.

THE PLAN, which will cost \$33,865, 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.

A 24-month study, it will provide the city with a guide for future based on a 20-year outlook.

According to the report, the purpose of the thoroughfare plan is to review and analyze the present circulation system in relation

to the pattern of land development in Birmingham and the area immediately surrounding it, in order to determine a thoroughfare plan which will meet traffic requirements in 1980.

The report reviews the concepts and standards of road planning, analyzes the existing street conditions in Birmingham, discusses the

street carrying capacities and future needs and proposes a thoroughfare plan.

FACTORS WHICH should be considered to be of primary importance when considering future traffic patterns and thoroughfare requirements of Birmingham are:

The Central Business District as the major traffic generator and economic asset to the community.

The increase of "internal" trips because of the increase in vehicle ownership.

The development of the area around the city of Birmingham.

The extent of through traffic movement in the city.

## Law Firm Handles City's Legal Affairs

The following is another in a series of articles The Eccentric is presenting on the various departments in the city of Birmingham. It deals with the duties of the City Attorney.

By LARRY EVOE  
City Editor

Höwlett, Hartman and Beier is a law firm with more than 25,000 clients—the Pontiac-based firm handles the legal affairs for the city of Birmingham.

Although litigation involving Birmingham is handled by several members of the firm, Birmingham resident Dean Beier is usually referred to as the official city attorney.

"GENERALLY speaking we act as a legal advisor in any matter that involves the city in legal proceedings," Beier said.

In addition to the office in Pontiac, the firm has its city attorney's office on the second floor of the Birmingham Municipal Building.

The attorney drafts ordinances, contracts and many of the resolutions that are adopted by the city.

"We also furnish informal legal advice to the city's department heads," Beier said. "Hardly a day goes by that one of them doesn't call on some matter."

Beier or one of his partners, usually James Höwlett, attend all of the Monday night city commission meetings. In addition, they are often requested to sit in on plan board and zoning board of appeal meetings.

THE FIRM IS thoroughly familiar with the workings of Birmingham's government. Beier himself is a former Birmingham mayor and city commissioner.

Along with Birmingham, the firm represents the communities of Bloomfield Hills, Sylvan Lake, Franklin and Bingham Farms.

Höwlett, Hartman and Beier were appointed to handle the city's legal work in 1956. They replaced Forbes S. Hascall when he resigned.

The attorney works closely with city administrators in the planning of many projects, Beier said. Recently, the firm and the police department drafted the new Uniform Traffic Code which then was adopted by the city commission.

ALTHOUGH THE city attorney does not give out legal advice to individual residents of Birmingham, he often works with other attorneys who have clients that are involved in litigation with the city.

Most of the cases involving Birmingham are over zoning, Beier said. Currently several cases are in Oakland County Circuit Court which property owners have brought against the City involving zoning change requests.

The firm also tries any other cases concerning violations of city ordinances and sits in on cases in Birmingham Municipal Court when requested to do so by the city administration.

Next week's article will deal with the work of the Fire Department.



ONE OF THE main duties of City Attorney Dean Beier (left) is to be present at all Birmingham City Commission meetings. Discussing a point with Beier is Robert S. Kenning, assistant city manager. The attorney advises city officials on all types of legal matters.

### County Airport Plan Meeting Subject

The airport committee of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors will hold a meeting at 10 a.m. today in the County Office Building, Pontiac, to review an application to the Federal Aviation Agency to expand the Allen Airport.

Last week, the FAA acknowledged receipt of a proposal by the supervisors to expand the Orion Township site to a general airport by 1970.

Letters from the central region office of the FAA designed to show concurrence with or opposition to a proposed Oakland County airport near Pontiac have been received by area airports.

THE LETTER said that replies from private airfields received later than Feb. 13 will not be considered before final action is taken on the proposed airport.

Valid aeronautical reasons for objecting should be provided, according to James Dixon, regional chief of terminal air space. If the FAA deems it necessary the objections will be aired at a space study in Kansas City.

A proposed major jetport was rejected by the FAA last June because of "lack of air space."

### License Office Hours Increased

The Birmingham branch of the Secretary of State office will be open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning Feb. 2 and continuing through March 2.

Roy J. Russell, branch manager, said that starting Feb. 18 the office at 232 Park St. will remain open until 8 p.m. on week days.

Urging car owners to avoid the customary last-minute rush, Russell said:

"License plate tab sales are considerably behind sales of a year ago."

New tabs must be purchased before March 1.

A Slough, England, factory worker has solved the problem of how to save money while waiting to get married. He is living in a tent in his fiancée's back yard.

### Detroit Athletic Club Elects N. J. Fredericks

Norman J. Fredericks was elected president of the Detroit Athletic Club by the board of directors at its organizational meeting Friday.

Fredericks is president of the Koenig Coal & Supply Co., and lives at 4219 Lahser Road, Bloomfield Hills. He served last year as DAC's first vice president and chairman of the house committee.

He succeeds Simon E. Knudsen, a vice president of General Motors and general manager of Chevrolet division.

Knudsen tendered his resignation as a director at the meeting due to the press of business activities. He served five years on the board.

JOHN S. Pingel, executive vice president of Hoss Roy, Inc., was elected to fill out the term of Knudsen's unexpired second three-year term.

ROLAND A. Mewhort, 1083 Chesterfield, Birmingham, was chosen a director at the Jan. 22 annual election of six directors for three-year terms. Mewhort is executive vice president of Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit.

Other officers selected were first vice president, Arnold D. Froyll; senior vice president, National Bank of Detroit; second vice president, Frank E. Kenney, attorney; secretary, Jervis C. Webb; treasurer, Richard E. Cross, chair-

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