

It is a fact in the educational world that the so-called "science of economics" is a bit of mental confusion, even mystic, to those who sit at the feet of so-called learned economists. Ask a half dozen university economists "what are a few of the basic causes of inflation . . . how can one stop or just slow it down?" and you'll get a variation of answers that maybe you won't even get an understandable answer at all.

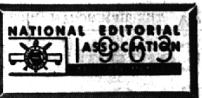
# The Birmingham Eccentric

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## This and That

by George R. Averill  
Here's a Man Who 'Humbleth Himself'

A few weeks ago members of the first resurrection Church of Birmingham gathered together, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. W. W. Harris. There were both a spiritual guide and leader. To it was fitting that Mrs. Harris was included in their affections.

It has been said that "No life is full unless it is linked to some thing that goes on after we are dead." Certainly the record of Glen Harris, since he took over a small local church whose membership totaled 750 and nurtured it to a congregation of 4,500, is illustration of anything but the quiet life of a village minister.

During these 25 years Dr. Harris has preached nearly 2,000 sermons, married 652 couples, baptized 1,468 babies, officiated at 976 funerals. In many other civic activities he has given of his time and talents. Signal honors from his church and fraternal affiliations have been bestowed upon him.

Harris is a quiet man, albeit dominantly a smiling one. Proud of his Texas birth, yet glowing with inner satisfaction to call Michigan his home, his life surely exemplifies the Biblical truth: " . . . he that shall humble himself shall be exalted." Indeed, Mrs. Harris' dedicated activities have been "linked to something that goes on after we are dead."

Each of us should be grateful that there is in our "inter-acture" a willingness to extend gratitude for everything that is good for us. That most U.S. citizens give evidence that they want to help others is a known fact. Reminds me of the humorous twist on an old adage: "Cast your bread upon the waters and it will return to you after a time and often than not it will return with a hot dog and mustard." (That's a good return, too.)

This Mme. Ngo Dinh Nhu, the fiery fanatic from South Viet Nam, is (to use the British statement of a famous World War II Colonel) "nuts!" At least that is what a good many Americans are reported to consider her. She has made numerous inflammatory statements about Uncle Sam and some of his soldiers; she's even bitten the hand that's "feedin'" her country, when she made a few negative remarks about our President—when everybody knows it's American dollars, soldiers and military equipment that keeps her country free from Communist control. Be all this as it may, Mme. Nhu certainly is entitled to speak her mind in our free country—maybe she'll speak enough to allow American taxpayers to refrain from supporting her messily and mously and too-much-mouthy little empire.

She doesn't wink, she doesn't flirt, she spreads no gossip, isn't curt. She has no line, and plays no tricks, but give her time—she's only six!

A Texas tycoon rushed to the airport and demanded a ticket in a hurry. "Where to, Sir?" asked the agent. "Anywhere, son," the Texan replied. "I've got business all over."

"The younger generation" has taken charge of the federal government's executive branch in Washington, D. C. Likewise many members of both the Senate and the House are young enough not to have experienced those ups-and-downs that accompany a nation's affairs when extravagance takes the place of thrift; when revolutionaries assume the pattern of evolution; when the centralization of government in a nation's capital always diminishes the normal procedure of democratic self-government. In this latter case, always the evidence of "dictatorship" moves its ugly head over the horizon of personal liberty and freedom—however "kindly and benign" it appears to be at first glance.

## But They Aren't Halloween Masks

Birmingham's fire department will now be equipped with heavy duty oxygen masks.

City commissioners appropriated \$1,000 for the purchase of the masks Monday night.

Four lightweight masks purchased by the fire department last year were found unsuitable for heavy duty work and were returned to the supplier and replaced by the bigger masks.

Monday's request was for the purchase of four additional masks.

## CAPITOL REPORT

# Hogan Tells How Romney Tax Plan To Affect Area

By BETH SHOTKA  
Special Writer

LANSING—The State Legislature resumed its special session Tuesday night amid controversy over Gov. George Romney's proposed tax reform program.

Comments overheard ranged from, "It will hurt the poor" to "Let's stop the stalling."

In an interview, Rep. Henry M. Hogan, Jr. (R-Bloomfield Hills), explained some of the ways in which the Birmingham area will be directly affected if the tax program is passed.



Beth Shotka, a senior journalism student from Troy at Michigan State University, served as a staff writer on The Birmingham Eccentric during the summer of 1963. This fall, she will write a "Capitol Report" from Lansing as part of her university course in coverage of governmental news.

The proposed two per cent personal income tax is a gross income tax. Whereas the federal income tax is figured on net income, its Michigan counterpart would be levied on income before deductions are made.

SINCE The Birmingham area comprises the richest 48 square miles in Michigan, it will be decidedly affected if families must pay a two per cent tax on personal income, Hogan said.

Through the intangibles tax, Birmingham residents are in a sense now paying an income tax, he said. Under the proposed tax plan the intangibles tax will be repealed. Instead, the personal and 3 1/2 per cent corporate income taxes will cover this area.

According to Hogan, the repeal of the business activities tax will generally not drastically affect the Birmingham businessman because area businesses are profitable.

The present tax is based on the existence of an enterprise, regardless of whether the red or black. Under the new tax system, a business would be taxed only on its profit.

SINCE MANY Birmingham residents work in Detroit, the new city-imposed income tax would appear to be a benefit to them.

Nonresidents of Detroit working in the city would pay a tax of one-half of one per cent on salary earned within the city, instead of the one per cent.

Along with the rest of the state, Birmingham banks would be paying a 1/2 per cent financial institution tax of the governor's tax proposal is passed.

THE REASON for the relatively high percentage, Hogan said, is because banks are taxed only once. Therefore, in order for them to share a reasonable part of the tax burden, the percentage must be high.

The proposed exemption of food and drugs from the sales tax has brought both criticism and favorable comment from the legislators.

"It is a political gimmick to get more people to vote for the proposal," Hogan said.

While the sales tax on food provides sales revenues of \$91 million from drugs contribute only \$1 million. Since the citizens receive (See TAX PLAN, 4-A)

## Postpone Trial On Pandering

The pandering trial of Birmingham restaurant owner Peter Nick has been put over to the November term of Oakland County Circuit Court.

Nick, 40, who is accused of soliciting an 18-year-old Pontiac girl to become a prostitute, was scheduled to go on trial last Thursday.

Both defense attorney Clarence Smith and Assistant County Prosecutor Robert Tempin asked for a continuance because they were busy with other cases at the present time.

Nick's \$500 bond was continued.

## Board Criticizes Plan In Road Cost Estimates

By SAVILLA SLOAN  
Special Writer

Cost estimates on which contractual agreements were made by West Bloomfield Township and the Oakland County Road Commission for repairing major township roads on a matching-funds basis were criticized by members of the township board at their meeting last week.

In a city-wide survey, officials learned that residents were hooking up to the drain system without authorization. The council decided Monday night to give violators two weeks to meet provisions of the ordinance.

WEST BLOOMFIELD board's criticism was the result of a request by the road commission for board acceptance of the low bids on the paving of Willow Road and Square Lake Road. The bids came in considerably higher than the cost estimates submitted by the road commission at the time the township entered into a contract with the county to repave the roads on a matching-funds basis.

Original estimates at that time were \$10,500 for Willow Road and \$6,400 for Square Lake Road as the township's share of half the cost of paving sections of the two roads.

(See BOARD, 4-A)

## Businessmen Learn Their Mail ABC's

Birmingham businessmen are being asked to attend a meeting at the Birmingham Post Office at 10 a.m. next Thursday to learn their ABC's.

The ABCD plan (Accelerated Business Collection and Delivery) will be instituted locally on the same day.

Regional postmaster Donald L. Swanson, a former mayor of Southfield, will explain the system at the Thursday morning meeting.

THE PROGRAM will provide four-hour, same-day delivery of mail deposited in designated downtown mailboxes. Mail deposited in any of the 33 special boxes in the Birmingham area by 11 a.m. will be delivered within the central business district by 3 p.m. that same day—Monday through Friday.

The ABCD collection area will extend from W. Maple and Southfield to the west of E. Maple and Adams on the east and from N. Woodward and Big River to the north to S. Woodward and Davis on the south.

SWANSON, WHO will explain the system, was mayor of Southfield from April, 1958, through April, 1961.

He also acted as secretary-general manager of the Michigan State Fair from January, 1955, through August, 1961, prior to which he was a teacher in the Detroit School System.

He currently is director of the Chicago region of the U. S. Post Office Dept. The region takes in 2,295 post offices in the states of Illinois and Michigan. Swanson lives in Arlington Heights, Ill., with his wife and five children.

## Okay New Court Clerk in Lathrup

LATHRUP — Appointment of Mrs. Jane Staudenrath of Berkley as an ad in The Eccentric's Golf Course and the new municipal course at Lincoln and Cranbrook roads.

The machine is expected to reduce the number of man hours required to dress a green from eight hours to one hour.

In the winter the machine can be used for spreading salt and sand on city sidewalks.

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# Beverly Resident Requests Action to Curb 'Hoodlumism'

By KAY SMITH  
Special Writer

BEVERLY HILLS.—Charges of "speeding" and "hoodlumism" were directed at two area teens Monday night by an irate resident who appeared before the village council.

A request by A. C. Holmes, 31745 Auburn Drive, for cuffs on such behavior was one of several items dispatched by the council in a record hour's time.

HOLMES APPEARED before the council with a request for help in flagging down speeders who use Auburn Drive between Greenfield and Beverly roads. He also described a practice of teen-agers in the area placing rocks weighing up to an alleged 600 pounds in the roadway and in driveways.

Specifically, Holmes asked for an extra police car to cover the village or some device such as radar to control speeding.

Councilman Edward F. Dolan replied, "You can't legislate into the home."

Both Holmes and the council suggested that perhaps The Eccentric

could run a series of articles on the problem such as it has with the "Woodwarding" speeding problem in Birmingham.

Council President Marvin B. Cline called for a report from the Safety Commission at a future meeting, and in the meantime suggested that Holmes take the problem for discussion to his area association.

IN OTHER business, a request by Dandy Drugs on Southfield north of 13 Mile Road, for an SDM license to sell beer and wine for

consumption off the premises, remained tabled until the petitioners could come before the council to discuss the request.

Mrs. Ralph S. Schroder, 2100 S. Cranbrook Road, was reimbursed in the amount of \$68.41 due to a change in interest in reassessing her property.

Marcel J. Dunn, 31183 Pickwick Lane, was appointed to the planning board for a three-year term to replace Maynard Buskema, who did not seek reappointment.

DUNN, an engineer with Minneapolis-Honeywell Corp., has had experience with municipal public works programs in Dearborn. He is president of the Huntley Improvement Association.

## County Has No Plans For Accident Corner

WEST BLOOMFIELD.—Although the accident-prone intersection of Maple and Middlebelt roads "leaves much to be desired," according to the Oakland County Road Commission, there are no immediate plans by the commission to make any corrections.

A letter to this effect was read by the township board at its meeting last week.

The letter was in reply to a request by the township board and West Bloomfield Planning Commission that the road commission consider erection of a traffic signal at the intersection and consider other remedies to make the corner less dangerous.

THE INTERSECTION has one of the highest accident rates in West Bloomfield Township and is described by township Police Chief Mel Willis as "a problem intersection." There were four accidents there in July, three in August of this year.

The township police are

presently giving special attention to the section by extra patrolling, with the result that no accidents occurred there in September. However, maintaining the patrol has been a drain on the township's police facilities of three squad cars and six policemen to a shift.

ACCORDING TO the road commission letter, the real traffic hazards at the intersection are bills on both Maple and Middlebelt roads which obscure the vision of oncoming motorists. The commission does not believe a traffic signal should be installed until this condition is remedied.

Plans within the next two to three years are to reconstruct Middlebelt Road to the way to Orchard Lake Road, the letter stated.

If that time schedule holds, the road commission remains out hope that the Maple intersection could be worked earlier. It did not commit itself to any date, however.

DUNN, an engineer with Minneapolis-Honeywell Corp., has had experience with municipal public works programs in Dearborn. He is president of the Huntley Improvement Association.

Councilman Dolan invited the council members to attend a road commission meeting Tuesday, Oct. 28, when the question of escrow accounts from contractors will be discussed.

## Agreement To Provide Service OK'd

BIRMINGHAM Mayor William H. Burgum was authorized Monday night to sign an agreement with Michigan Building Components for providing municipal services to the company.

Michigan Building is located east of the east end of Cole St. and is partly located in both Birmingham and Troy. About 30 per cent of the land is in Birmingham and the remainder in Troy.

Under the agreement, the firm will be taxed at the regular Birmingham rate for the portion of property in the city and will pay a fee equal to the city tax on the portion in Troy.

BIRMINGHAM will then refund to the company an amount equal to the Troy tax. Under this formula Michigan Building's tax bill will not be greater than if the entire property were in Birmingham.

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