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## This and That

by George R. Averill

### Eccentric's Former M.E. Now Detroit's Police Dept. Head

Back in August of 1927 I engaged the editorial services of a young man by the name of Ray Girardin. He assumed the responsibility of "managing editor" of the Birmingham Eccentric. He held this position until he resigned in November of 1929 to join the editorial staff of The Detroit Times.

The intervening years (count 'em 36) allowed a considerable quantity of "printer's ink" to flow in the vocational environments of Ray



RAY GIRARDIN

Girardin and Yours Truly. Ray became an outstanding reporter on The Detroit Times, perhaps among the best police reporters in contemporary American journalism.

So it is no surprise that Ray, last week, became Detroit's commissioner of police—a civic responsibility of great importance to the Motor City. Ray, who had served as Mayor Cavanaugh's executive secretary since the mayor's election, has acquired a host of friends in and out of government. His experience has provided him not only with considerable executive ability, but also with that valuable asset known as "diplomacy."

WHEN RAY CAME to The Eccentric, his "staff" consisted of one other person, a young woman as society editor. I informed him of The Eccentric's journalistic policies, then said: "Go ahead and apply your talents to this job. I want you to develop into the best managing editor of all U.S. weeklies—I will do what I can to help you become so good that some daily newspaper will offer you a better job."

Well, Ray's acceptance by The Times proves that he fulfilled my hopes. Indeed, several other former Eccentric managing editors and reporters achieved sufficient stature to catch the attention of larger newspapers. Among them are the (See THIS & THAT, 6-A)

## Township Adopts Benefit Program For Employees

BY SAVILLA SLOAN  
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Despite Christmas Eve being only a few hours away, the Bloomfield Township board not only held its regularly scheduled meeting Monday night, but also had three public hearings.

In a move appropriate to the season, the board adopted a schedule of employee benefits which will go into effect early in 1964.

Also to be effected in 1964 is the addition of three voting precincts to the present 15 township precincts. The board also approved the rearrangement of the boundaries of a number of the present precincts.

It authorized the expenditure of approximately \$12,000 to equip the new precincts with voting machines and registration books.

THE EMPLOYEE benefits program recommended by a board subcommittee headed by Frank Swindell said:

"They are a starting point—not a finishing point. We can add to them in the future."

Many of the benefits are presently given but will now become a matter of township policy.

They include paid vacations ranging from one week after six months' employment to a maximum of three weeks after 15 years. Additional holidays will also be given on New Year's, Memorial Day,

July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

EMPLOYEES may take five excused days a year with pay. After five years of good performance, employees will receive two weeks' pay upon severance.

A schedule of leaves with pay was adopted which is based on the number of years of service.

At the public hearings, the board confirmed the assessment rolls for three water main projects in the township, despite a few objections from residents in the special assessment district.

The mains will serve Oakland Hills subdivision and the Brookdale, Strathmore and Longdale areas.

## Start Project In Memory of Capt. Groves

A scholarship fund in memory of Capt. Michael D. Groves, who died of a heart attack Dec. 3, has been initiated in the Birmingham area.

Capt. Groves, a former Birmingham student, was commanding officer of the Presidential Honor Guard and played a vital role at the funeral of President John F. Kennedy.

Heading the fund-raising committee is Brenton J. Brantley, president of a local public relations firm.

"I have been asked to form a fund-raising committee for the purpose of erecting a memorial in Mike's honor by his many friends here in the Birmingham area," he said.

"RATHER THAN erecting a monument, I am firmly convinced that a scholarship fund would serve more as a living memorial, be more beneficial to the people in the community, and would give a deserving high school student a chance to achieve."

Unwin said he had contacted Mr. and Mrs. Donald Groves and they have given their approval of such a memorial honoring their son.

Two others who have agreed to serve on the committee are Associate Judge Edward B. Emery and Attorney Joseph Hardy, Jr., who will handle the legal details.

UNWIN SAID he will place the resources of his firm at the disposal of the committee and will contact other prominent people in the area to serve in the fund-raising effort.

Capt. Groves, who was given a full military funeral and was buried near his fallen chief in Arlington National Cemetery, attended Pierce Elementary School and was graduated from Birmingham High School in 1955.

Commissioners had requested a study of the intersection after Mrs. Stella Edgar, 780 Chestnut, reported she had narrowly escaped serious injury when she was attempting to cross Maple and Elm and had slipped off the curb.

She asked that some measure be taken to provide additional protection for pedestrians crossing at the intersection because of the high speed at which motorists travel along Maple.

BOTH MOXLEY and T. M. Vanderstempel, Birmingham consulting engineer, were opposed to putting a light at the intersection. Moxley said a survey showed that side street traffic volumes or pedestrian volumes do not meet the minimum standards to justify a signal.

He also said a signal at the intersection could not be synchronized with the signals on Maple at Hunter and at Adams.

"A traffic signal at the Maple-Poppleton-Elm intersection would also increase the problem of vehicles entering and leaving the Kroger shopping area," Moxley said.



## Cold Rotarians

Mayor William H. Burgum (right) and Rotary Club President Robert Thom were both on the scene at Maple and Woodward bright and early last Friday morning as the local Rotarians staged their annual paper sale for the Oakland County Crippled Children's Home. The near zero temperatures didn't stop the Rotarians from collecting a record \$1,920 for the crippled children. Burgum, who is also a Rotary member, served as chairman of the drive.

## Study Shows Concern With Off-Job Safety

Off-the-job safety is so important a concern to the vast majority of American industrial companies that they include it in their overall safety program, a survey by Howe Service, Inc., 207 National Bank Building, Birmingham, reveals.

Almost 9 out of 10 companies surveyed which have in-plant safety education cover off-the-job safety as well, and 80 per cent consider the man hours lost to a company due to off-the-job injuries an important operating cost, according to Lawrence C. Howe, safety expert. He said his firm's in-plant program promoting off-the-job safety, Howe reports.

Recognizing the need, 64 per cent of the respondents believe American industry should take the lead in off-the-job safety education; and 48 per cent avow to the need, in varying degrees, for a specific new in-plant program promoting off-the-job safety, Howe reports.

AS ONE company official stated: "The in-plant safety education program through the medium of our bulletin boards and poster materials is directed to a degree toward off-the-job activities."

"Because off-the-job injuries account for a significantly higher loss of man hours than on-the-job injuries, they require direct attention."

Howe Service initiated the study Oct. 1, 1963, by sending questionnaires to 140 leading corporations across the country to help test and relate Howe's total concept theory to the company's present in-plant safety representative. The 18 per cent returns received.

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## 21 Traffic Changes Made in Birmingham

City commissioners officially adopted 21 minor changes in traffic regulations in Birmingham Monday night.

Commissioners acted on a recommendation by Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley. Moxley said all of the regulations, which govern parking, stop intersections and turns, had been in effect at least 90 days but formal approval was needed from the commission so changes could be made in the traffic control orders.

The changes are:

- PROHIBITED PARKING**
  1. Bates Street—west side, from Maple to a point 130 feet south of Maple.
  2. Bates Street—east side, from a point 68 feet south of Townsend to a point 122 feet south of Townsend.
  3. Brown Street—north side, from Pierce Street to a point 112 feet west of Pierce.
  4. City Lot No. 6—east side, entire curb line 155 feet—370 feet.
  5. Cole Street—south side, from Adams to a point 45 feet east of Adams.
  6. Haynes Street—south side, from Hunter/Boulevard to a point 135 feet east of Hunter.
  7. Maple Avenue—south side, from a point 155 feet west of Worth street to intersection of Worth.
  8. Webster Street—south side, from Adams to a point 45 feet east of Adams.
  9. Worth Street—east side from

a point 80 feet north of Lincoln to Lincoln Avenue.

10. N. Woodward—west side, from Bloomfield Court to a point 880 feet north of Bloomfield Court.

**RESTRICTED PARKING**

- 15 Minute Parking 8 am-6 pm (Except Sundays and Holidays)
- Two Hour Parking 8 am-6 pm (Except Sundays and Holidays)
- One Hour Parking 8 am-6 pm (Except Sundays and Holidays)
- 1. Ann Street—east side, from Frank Street to north dead end, a distance of 200 feet.
- 2. Two Hour Parking 8 am-6 pm (Except Sundays and Holidays)
- 1. Haynes Street—north side, from Elm Street, to Adams.
- 2. Hunter Blvd.—east side, from Hazel to Chestnut.
- 3. Worth Street—east side, from Webster to a point 80 feet north of Lincoln.

**STOP INTERSECTIONS**  
1. St. Andrews traffic stops for Pembroke traffic.

**YIELD RIGHT OF WAY**  
1. Chester Street traffic yields right of way to Hazan traffic.  
2. Northlawn street traffic yields right of way to Shipman traffic.  
3. Northlawn street traffic yields right of way to Maryland traffic.

**RIGHT TURNS**  
1. Traffic entering Woodward Ave. from Demery Parking Lot, located at Woodward and Oakland, must turn right.

**PROHIBITED LEFT TURNS**  
1. Left turns from Melton into 14 Mile Road prohibited during hours of 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m., 11:25 a.m.-12:40 p.m., 3:10 p.m.-3:45 p.m., school days only.

## W. B'field Postpones Action on Ordinances

WEST BLOOMFIELD—Two ordinances scheduled for passage by the township board at its meeting last week were tabled after building association members appeared at the meeting to protest certain provisions in the ordinances.

Both ordinances control water and sewer development in the township. Ordinance 31-A sets up operational procedure and ordinance 49-B sets up engineering standards.

The township board directed that a representative of the builder's association meet with a township committee to discuss the objectionable features of the ordinance before the next township board meeting, Jan. 16.

Township Attorney Terry Brennan, Township Engineer Nerec A. Hall and Board Member Charles Forbes were appointed to the committee. Supervisor John Reardon, Clerk Dorothy Chamberlain and Treasurer Sue Warner will sit in on the meeting.

OBJECTIONS to some materials and engineering specifications were made before the township board by Roy Russell of Main-Fox, an engineering firm, who spoke on behalf of the Metropolitan Builders Association.

The builders also objected to a requirement that a 100 per cent maintenance bond be posted for a two-year period following turn-over of water and sewer systems to the township.

THEY ASKED that the ordinances protect builders who develop over-capacity water systems for a subdivision in order to add future home developments onto the system.

They want a provision in Ordinance 49-B that the extra work capacity will remain available to the builder who developed it after the water system is turned over to the township operation.



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## A Present from Santa

Santa (William Martin) Claus paid his annual Christmas visit to downtown Birmingham Saturday morning, passing out his usual gift of bright red rubber balls to children and merchants alike. Clare Scriven of Dickinson's was one recipient. Martin, 4772 Bradford, has been playing Santa in the Birmingham area for 16 years.