



Some will describe a book as paper with printed words and perhaps pictures on its pages, contained in a cover. More thoughtful ones will refer to it as an object that uses words and / or pictures to portray human emotions and ideas... which a book really is. What is a man, or woman? Not just so much bone and flesh, material possessions, status, etc. People have minds, souls, ideals, achievements; of such is greatness!

This and That

by George R. Averill Employment Most Important Problem For Gov. Romney

Of all the pre-election promises made by Gov. Romney, there's little doubt but what the most difficult one will be the getting of jobs for Michigan's unemployed. To effect progress in that category, what will have to take place in Michigan?

I'll try to answer that question with this statement: Michigan will never achieve desired, and required, improvement in the unemployment picture until the "labor-management climate" is improved.

Recently I talked with a friend of mine who, a few years ago, employed 500 people in his Michigan-located industry. Unceasing demands for wages and labor-fringe benefits forced him to move his business to two nearby states, Ohio and Tennessee.

"I COULD NOT grant labor's demands and meet competition, so I had to go where labor costs and material conditions were less expensive—though I'd rather have remained in Michigan," he said.

Of course, Gov. Romney, himself an ex-industrialist of no small stature, knows what industry is up against with labor unions. I certainly pray that he may find a solution to the problem... a solution that will not force industry to locate outside of Michigan.

It's not too difficult to understand why U.S. Senator Pat McNamara supports every possible federal biotechnology and program hatched in Washington, D.C.: Pat wants to win votes at any cost, and he expects to be governor familiar with the "truth and consequences" about the science of economics. But why Senator Phil Hart should be like Pat in this respect, I am hard put to understand. Phil is presumed to be a student, a man capable of standing the difference between thrift and prodigality—or is he, too, concentrating chiefly on votes?

Following World War II, you may recall, Germany was divided into four areas, each to be governed by one of the four victorious nations: United States, Great Britain, France and Russia. The city of Berlin also was to be so divided and controlled. What is the reaction of President Kennedy and his attorney-general brother Bobby to this wall erected since Jack became the White House occupant? They say: "I think that the fact that they had to put the wall around Berlin revealed to the world the weakness of Communism... they had to keep freedom around that that statement is but less than (See THIS & THAT, 4-A)

Accident Rate In January at Record Level

Birmingham traffic accidents rose to an all-time high in the month of January, according to Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley.

Moxley said there was a total of 118 accidents for the first month of the new year as compared to only 80 in 1961. Of those, 90 were of a property-damage-only nature. Forty-one persons were injured in the accidents as compared to 31 last year. This was the second month in a row in which a new record for accidents was set, Moxley said.

"INVESTIGATION of these accidents revealed that 'failure to yield right-of-way' was the most frequent violation that contributed to 66 of the total," Moxley said.

"In other words, more than one-half of these collisions could have been prevented; over one-half of the injured persons could have been saved from personal injury and property loss if the drivers had obeyed the law regarding the rules of the road covering 'right-of-way'."

MOXLEY SAID that in many cases drivers pulled into fast moving traffic before their car was properly warmed up and caused a collision when they found their car did not respond as expected.

"Drivers who clear a 'peep hole' in the frost on their windshield and then attempt to drive are another problem that often contributes to 'yield' accidents," Moxley said.

The chief noted that Birmingham police officers will be on extra alert "for the driver that merely slows for stop signs or speeds up to make the amber light."



L.T. MERLIN HOLMQUIST, head of the Birmingham Police Dept.'s Detective Bureau, is shown fingerprinting a suspect. In addition to criminal fingerprinting, the department fingerprints taxi drivers, armed forces personnel and naturalized citizens.

Detective, Juvenile Divisions Explained

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 detective and juvenile divisions of the police department.

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

Legwork, and plenty of it, is the main job of the Birmingham Police Dept.'s Detective Division. Legwork is police jargon for the follow-up work involved after a crime has been committed.

When a crime is committed in Birmingham, the patrol division is usually the first to arrive on the scene. After the initial report is taken, the rest of the investigation is normally handled by the detectives.

Detectives check for fingerprints, take photographs, investigate the leads, make the arrest and prepare the case for trial.

IN BIRMINGHAM, the detective bureau is headed by L.T. Merlin Holmquist. A graduate of the FBI Academy, Holmquist has been in charge of the bureau since 1954.

Richard Chambers also has been working full-time with Holmquist for the past six years. In addition, two patrolmen are assigned to the division on a part-time basis.

The bureau works closely with other departments in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area and with other departments within and outside the state.

IN 1962 there were 506 major offenses made known to the detective bureau. These ranged from three major robberies to 442 larcenies valued under \$100 each.

Arrests were made in 121 of the cases and another 53 were reported unfiled after investigation.

In addition to their duties involving crime investigation, the bureau handles fingerprinting, processes prisoners and is in charge of the department record bureau. Last year there were 306 persons booked for arrest in Birmingham.

The department also makes thorough investigation of all employees that are hired by the city of Birmingham.

ALTHOUGH the cases were al-

Parking Meter Revenue Is Record for January

The parking meter revenue in Birmingham reached the highest in January on record, city commissioners learned Monday night.

In his quarterly parking meter survey report, Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley said the average revenue per meter was \$1.70. Moxley said it was surpassed only by the October, 1962, average of \$1.72.

"It was interesting to note," Moxley said, "that the revenue in the 25 four-hour meters in Lot No. 1 rose to \$2 per meter." This was the highest revenue of any lot over the previous year.

Acting in Harmony, GOP Picks Elliott

Arthur G. Elliott, Jr., Gov. George Romney's unofficial choice for state party chairman, was unanimously elected Friday by delegates to the two-day GOP state convention in Grand Rapids.

Elliott, a resident of Bloomfield Hills, took the chairmanship when opponent John A. Gibbs, his former assistant in the Oakland County GOP, bowed out after losing a straw vote cast by the delegates.

Amid a harmonious atmosphere, the delegates went on to drive up their slate of candidates Saturday for the April 1 election.

Only 3 File In Lathrup; No Contest

LATHRUP—There will be no race in the April 1 election in this city with only three men filing for three council posts.

Candidates will be incumbent mayor Richard N. Cogger, 28440 Sunset Blvd.; David N. Reil, 27461 Goldensate; and Lawrence Till, 28510 Lathrup Blvd.

A single candidate has filed for the post of justice of the peace, incumbent James K. O'Leary, 28079 Eldorado.

EXPIRING ARE the terms of Cogger and Councilmen H. Earl Hanson and John R. Kohl. The two councilmen had already indicated that they would not run again for office in the coming election. Hanson was served on the council for five years, Kohl for three years.

The two candidates who receive the highest number of votes will serve two-year terms; the third candidate will win a one-year term.

The office of mayor and mayor pro tem will be filled after election when the council members meet and vote for the city's two leaders.

Commission Ends Deadlock On Rezoning

Birmingham city commissioners ended a week-long deadlock Monday night by voting to rezone property at 207 Charles St. from parking to single-family residential.

The commissioners had voted twice on the petition at the Feb. 11 meeting but the result was the same both times—a tie.

Commissioners William H. Burgen, Carl E. Ingraham, Ralph A. Main and Robert W. Page voted for the rezoning. Mayor Florence H. Willett and Charles Renfrew voted no. Commissioner William E. Roberts was absent.

THE PETITIONER, Dean N. Smith, had sought the rezoning because, he said, the parking classification with its high tax rate would have imposed a "great financial hardship" on him.

Earlier, the planning board had voted unanimously to approve the petition. The land is presently being used as a single family residence.

The planning board had felt that although the ultimate use of the property would probably be parking, its existing use is residential and in the immediate future will likely be maintained as residential.

BEVERLY HILLS—A change of wording on the charter amendment—which if passed will change the offices of village clerk from an elective to an appointive one—was authorized at Monday's council meeting.

Village attorney Thomas J. Dillon explained that the office of the attorney general, which must approve the amendment before it can be placed on the ballot, suggested that the amendment be worded "elected by and held office at the pleasure of the council."

The word "appointed" appeared instead of "elected" in the original draft.

Thus, if the amendment is voted in, the village clerk will be appointed by the council instead of elected by the people as is now provided in the charter.

Nominees for two seats on the State Supreme Court will be Circuit Judges Richard G. Smith of Boy City and Donald E. Holbrook of Clare.

Their major competitor would have been Leland W. Carr, Jr., son of the court's retiring chief justice, but he failed to gain enough support after a late re-entry into the race.

RAYMOND M. HATCH, professor of education at Michigan State University, was chosen to run against Lynn M. Bartlett, present state superintendent of public instruction.

Three former Con-Con delegates were among the six nominations for seats on the governing boards of MSU, the University of Michigan and Wayne State.

They include Stephen S. Niblett of Fremont, president of that convention, who will be up for the MSU board of trustees; William H. Cudlip, a Detroit attorney, and Ink White, publisher of St. John's weekly newspaper, both for U. of M.'s board of regents.

ALSO RECEIVING AN MSU board nomination was Arthur K. Rouse, Bay City businessman and one-time MSU trustee, from 1954 to 1960.

Paul Bagwell, who ran for governor of Michigan in 1958 and 1960, was not persuaded to run for one of the MSU posts although a

late drive was started toward this president of a door and window company in Detroit.

James F. O'Neil of Livonia was nominated for a vacancy on the state Board of Education. He is a taker, Detroit surgeon, and Marshall V. Noecker, accountant and ager.



Discussing politics at the Republican state convention in Grand Rapids over the week end are (from left) Horace Sheldon of Bloomfield Village and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Elliott, Jr., who live on E. Long Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills. Elliott was elected state chairman. Sheldon, regional director for Bloomfield Township for the GOP, was a delegate to the convention.

In his speech to the Republican delegates, Gov. Romney emphasized the contrast between the smoothly run GOP convention and the Democratic convention with its party split over the choice of chairman.

The governor's program for Michigan became the party platform: "To meet the state's number one need, for jobs, reduce the state's deficit, balance the budget and provide tax and spending reforms, all of which will restore confidence in the state government."

Expectant Mother Killed in Crash

WEST BLOOMFIELD—An expectant mother died Monday morning shortly after the car which she was driving left the road and struck a tree. Her two small daughters suffered injuries in the accident.

Mrs. Marcia Bricker, 33, of 6975 Pontiac Trail, was dead on arrival at Pontiac General Hospital.

Police said the accident occurred at about 11:05 a.m., on Pontiac Trail about 2 1/2 miles west of Orchard Lake Road.

Her daughter, Helen, 4, suffered a cut chin and was admitted to the same hospital. A second daughter, Vayz Marie, 2, was treated and released.

Beverly Authorizes Land Condemnation

BEVERLY HILLS—An authorization to condemn land on either side of Southfield Road between 13 and 14 Mile roads for the proposed county widening of Southfield was passed at Monday's council meeting.

L. W. McEntee, attorney for the Oakland County Road Commission, requested that the council authorize the condemnation. The 60 feet on the easterly side and the 27 feet on the westerly side, south of the Crystal Springs subdivision, for an overall width of 120 feet, are needed for the program.

Councilman Claude A. Shepherd questioned McEntee on the need

for condemnation and McEntee explained that they have been unable to negotiate for several parcels of the land.

He said the county expects to widen Southfield between 12 and 13 Mile roads this year and some extra work will be done at the 13 Mile Road corner.

IN OTHER business, the rate for election inspectors were raised from the present fee of \$20 a day for chairman and \$16 a day for inspectors to \$22 and \$18 respectively.

The public hearing, to be held April 2, to determine the necessity of building sidewalks on 13 Mile

blaine, was re-appointed to the board of review for a three-year term ending in February, 1966.

The board will meet March 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and March 26 from noon to 8 p.m.

THE EVERGREEN debt service for the new stores to be built by Allied Supermarkets at 13 Mile Road and Southfield was adopted by the council subject to their adhering to the original, intended use. Any deviation will be subject to reassessment.

The council also went on record against the increase of the salary of the county drain commissioner.

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