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"Our children are not only the most precious possessions of their parents, but they also represent the most valuable resource of our nation." It is a phrase stated, yet, when parents may lay claim to having raised their children to manly and womanhood, with never a single serious trouble created by them — what a splendid achievement belongs to the parent who has a wealth of less real value than characteristic offspring.

## 2 Local Attorneys Help Form New Democrat Group

Three attorneys, two from Birmingham-Bloomfield area and one from Royal Oak, announced this week that they are forming a new Michigan Association of Independent-group for Independent Democrats.

George J. Fulkerson of Birmingham, Leonard E. Bellman of Bloomfield Hills and Martin J. Swanson of Royal Oak make up the trio. Fulkerson was the Dem-

ocrat's unsuccessful candidate for Congress in the 1962 election. The new group will be called the Michigan Association of Independent Democrats (MAID).

EMPHASIS will be placed on dispersing the image of the Democratic Party as being in labor's pocket, according to the trio.

They hope to provide the public with information to make the party a more broadly based party of the people.

The organizers said the group has efforts to undertake with the Democratic State Convention in Grand Rapids that saw labor-backed ex-Governor John B. Swanson support Zolton A. Ferency as the new state Democratic chairman.

They stress that they are independent, neither acting on the part of labor nor big business. They said they are committed to the Democratic Party and do not intend for their efforts to cause a split in the party.

OAKLAND County Republican Chairman Charles L. Lyle told the trio in a letter that he was pleased with the announcement. He said that Democrats are firm believers in the two-party system in the United States . . . a system responsive to all of the citizens in the party.

"We are pleased to see the Oakland County Democrats leading this effort to recapture their party from its special-interest control," Lyle said.

IN THE LETTER Lyle urged MAID to join the GOP in nonpartisan support of the new Michigan Constitution.

"Certainly, no other action you could take at this time would so indelibly stamp your group as Democrats," Lyle said. "If you do no other action you could take would be so effective in bringing into your ranks those members of the party who were damaged by the power-play in Grand Rapids," Lyle said.

Members of the new group will be in Fulkerson's office at 159 Pierce, Birmingham.

## 7 Candidates File for 3 Franklin Jobs

FRANKLIN — Seven candidates have filed for three two-year council posts to be decided at the annual village election on March 11.

Two candidates will vie for the treasurer's seat, a one-year term. They are Vincent J. Boylan, 2280 Franklin Hills Drive; Dr. T. Manford McGee, 31208 Franklin Road; Edmond F. Webb, incumbent, 25001 Franklin Hills Drive; and Robert H. Winkler, incumbent, 25701 Franklin Hills Drive, for the three council seats.

COUNCILMAN DON HUNTER will not seek re-election. Vincent E. Boylan, 22800 Chatham Lane, will run against Richard M. Cuddeby, 26880 Captain's Lane, incumbent, for treasurer.

Polls for the village election will be located in the multipurpose room in Franklin School.

continue in a job he has held for six terms.

NEWCOMER TO the official family will be Min Harvey, 3015 Bristol Lane, for the one-year term as assessor, a post vacated by Donald R. Stany, 23712 W. 13 Mile.

Voters will cast ballots at Oakland's Riding Stables, 21475 W. 14 Mile, to decide if Beverly Hills Village should be allowed to annex a little better than 100 acres of Birmingham Farms property running along the easterly edge of the village. Developers of Nottingham Forest Subdivision, Andrews and Forest, initiated the proposed annexation and voters of both villages will give approval for the boundary change.



Birmingham's Judges John C. and Lawrence J. Emery

## How Municipal Court Functions

This is another in a series of articles The Eccentric is presenting on the various departments in the city of Birmingham. It deals with the Municipal Court.

By LARRY EVOE  
City Editor

Birmingham Municipal Court will celebrate its sixth birthday this month.

By state legislative action, the court was formed in 1957 to replace the old justice court.

The act specified that justice courts, with salaried justices, courts of over 15,000 population, shall become municipal courts and that the justices and associate justices shall become municipal judges.

Municipal courts have the same status as justice courts, plus additional powers, according to Birmingham Judge John C. Emery, Jr.

In municipal courts, judges and associate justices are lawyers. This gives them the right to sit aside a jury's verdict and allows them to instruct a jury on points of law.

Emery has been connected with the court since 1953. He was associate justice of the peace from 1952 until 1958 when he was appointed municipal judge. He was elected to a four-year term in 1959.

Emery's brother, Edward B. Emery, was appointed associate judge in 1958 and was elected to a four-year term in 1959. Both of the Emerys are seeking re-election this year.

The municipal court is a court of limited jurisdiction, according to John Emery. It has jurisdiction in minor criminal, civil and traffic cases. Appeals of municipal court findings are taken into Oakland County Circuit Court.

Original jurisdiction is given to the court in all civil actions where

the debt or damage claimed does not exceed the sum of \$100 and concurrent jurisdiction in all civil actions where the debt or damages claimed or the value of the property involved does not exceed the sum of \$1,000.

Court is in session on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Generally, traffic case arrangements are held on Monday, while trials and ordinance violations are held on Wednesdays.

The first and third Fridays of each month are usually reserved for state violations, and civil matters are handled the second Friday.

Traffic cases take up much of the court's time. Last year, 725 cases were heard in court and the violations bureau processed 16,184.

Since November, 1962, the court has adopted a policy of requiring all persons receiving moving violations to appear in court.

Judge Emery initiated the program after studying reports and recommendations of the traffic court program of the American Bar Association. Emery believes that all moving violations are dangerous and should be treated seriously.

Since the program has begun, the court has been hearing an average of 20 to 30 cases each session, but has heard as many as 42 violations.

Only adult cases are heard in municipal court; law prohibits the hearing of juvenile cases on a local level.

Because both judges have private law practices in the Birmingham area, a municipal judge from a nearby community is called in to hear a case if a conflict of interests arises.

Next week's article will deal with the types of fines levied for various offenses and will tell what an individual who is scheduled to appear in court on a violation might expect.

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## Beverly Hills, Wood Creek Voters Go to Polls March 11

By IRMA N. DAVIS  
Township Editor

Voters in Beverly Hills and Wood Creek Farms will line up at the polls on March 11 to vote on various candidates and proposals.

Deadline for filing nominating petitions in Beverly was Feb. 11, and in Wood Creek the date was Feb. 9.

Beverly Hills electors will choose four councilmen from among seven candidates and will vote on five proposals.

Wood Creek Farms voters will have a "shoot-in" race for two council posts and that of village president.

Beverly Hills

Three incumbent councilmen are running for re-election to council positions. They are Chester Guilmet, Edward M. (Ted) Shurtliff and Dr. Douglas J. Wood. Opposing them will be Edward F. Dolan, Albert Gatward, John Magee and Terrence Nagle.

The three candidates getting the highest number of votes will get two-year terms; the fourth highest in votes will hold a term for one year.

GUILMET, 55, of 19053 Riverside Drive, has lived in the area for 13 years and is a distribution manager for Chrysler Corp., Dodge truck operations. He holds a bachelor of arts degree and has two children.

He served on the original village charter commission in 1958 and has been on the council since 1959; he is chairman of the budget and capital expenditure committee in the village.

He says, "If re-elected to the village council, I will continue to work toward preserving our village atmosphere and keeping our taxes the lowest in the area. I feel that as it is applicable at the village level where problems of insufficient funds and lack of completely full-time government activities make absolutely essential the willing par-

ticipation of civic-minded, qualified citizens. . . . As the past president of my neighborhood association and as an active participant in many civic and private undertakings, I have been able to acquire significant firsthand knowledge of the needs and problems confronting the village."

ALBERT H. GATWARD, 50, of 31820 Bellevue Trail, is a nine-year resident and is president and owner of LaSalle Electric Supply Co., Detroit. He has three children and is a Southfield Township trustee.

EDWARD F. DOLAN, 37, of 31845 Carleider, has lived here five years and is a manufacturing engineering manager for Ford Motor Co. He holds a BS degree in mechanical engineering and is the other of five children; he is chairman of the village planning board and was appointed to the board in 1959.

JOHN MAGEE, 17181, Beechwood, holds a master's degree in political science. He was the first to file his nominating petition for council office in the current election.

He says, "Sound and efficient local government is the basis of our American republic. Because of the lethargy of local governments our nation has become overcon-

trized. We must assume responsibility at the local level by effective leadership and planning to meet the present and future needs of the Village of Beverly Hills."

Terrence Nagle did not submit a statement, nor biographical information.

OF THE five proposals on the ballot, three involve road improvement programs. One calls for borrowing \$146,000 to widen Greenfield, Southfield and 14 Mile from Greenfield to Southfield and also to pave 14 Mile from Evergreen west to the city limits.

The second road proposal calls for borrowing \$44,000 to pave 14 Mile from Southfield west to Evergreen and to extend the road from its deadend at the Birmingham Country Club.

The third road proposal calls for borrowing \$1,033,000 to pay for paving parts of Beverly, Pierce, Evergreen, Riverside and 14 Mile.

Two of the road programs are county and the third one is village-sponsored.

A fourth proposal on the ballot involves making the office of village clerk appointive instead of elective. The final proposal provides for annexation of nine acres of Bingham Farms by Beverly (See POLLS, 7-A)

## FITNESS COUNCIL PLAN

### Propose Summer Teen-age Center

The Citizens Council for Youth Physical Fitness has presented Birmingham Recreation Board with a plan to open some of the athletic facilities at Seaholm as a summer teen-age center.

The Fitness Council, under Mrs. William A. Compton, outlined its proposal at last Thursday's recreation board meeting.

Under the proposal, the swimming pool would be open six days a week from 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. In addition to the pool, the council proposed that refreshments, music and a sun deck be provided.

IT IS hoped that if the program is adopted the area merchants and service clubs would be able to donate patio furniture for use on the sundeck.

The center would be open from the middle of June to the middle of August under the council's plan. Although it would be maintained primarily for teen-agers, the center would be open to the general public.

Besides the pool facilities there would be tennis courts, ball diamonds and a running track available to the teens.

THE BOARD took the proposal under advisement and delayed any action on the matter until the March 14 meeting.

Recreation Director Donald Martin has been asked by the board to prepare an estimate of the cost of such a program. The recreation budget must be submitted by April 1.

Martin pointed out that such a program would mean a tremendous expansion of the summer swimming budget. He said that he would also present alternate plans that might be put into use.

## County Plan For Airport Twp. Subject

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Action by the township board at its meeting Monday night included the sale of bonds for the Miracle Field sanitary sewer, agreement to try to reduce traffic hazards on the Oakland County Road west of Telegraph and a discussion on the projected Oakland County airport in Orion Township.

On a low bid of 2,748,783 per cent interest, sale of the \$49,000 Miracle Mile sewer bonds was awarded to Ryan and Sutherland Co. An agreement allowing the township to receive \$8,000 worth of the late maturing bonds at par value was entered into the sale.

AT THE REQUEST of Bloomfield Hills Junior High School and Comant School PTOs, the township board will ask the county road commission to reduce speed limit in front of the schools to 25 miles per hour.

The board also agreed to erect street lights at the intersections of Quorton and Telegraph roads to further reduce hazards to school traffic.

The board reserved making a decision as to the township's approval or disapproval of development of an Oakland County airport on 445 acres already purchased by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor-elect Homer Case told the board that he felt the township should take a stand on the issue as it was an expenditure of county tax funds.

Trustee Robert Reid said that he felt the board members should not yet be informed enough as to the future possible need for a county airport to pass on the issue.

The township board expects to take a stand at its next meeting, March 11.

## Show Color Films Of Two Countries Planned For Tour

Color films of Portugal and Spain will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Birmingham Community House in connection with a program to reduce traffic hazards during Easter school vacation.

Two Derby High School teachers, Mrs. Jean Pierce of 2409 Buckingham, Birmingham, who teaches foreign languages, and Peg Carter, who teaches social studies, will conduct the trip.

Students and adults from the community are invited to join the tour.

## R. L. Kilpatrick To Guide Local Michigan Week

The Birmingham community chairman, Huber said he hoped the city would support Kilpatrick in making Michigan Week a success in Oakland County.

Mayor Florence H. Willett was county chairman in 1962 and F. Ward Ourduik was Birmingham chairman.

## This and That

by George R. Averil

### Leaders' Refuge: Create A Crisis To Quiet Citizens

Just why the Soviet Communist leaders are unable to understand the freedom-loving philosophy of our Western Nations has puzzled many people—apparently including President Kennedy. In his recent "rocking chair" White House TV interview Mr. Kennedy asserted that this subject caused him to wonder. But to me, (and maybe to many others who thought in terms other than superficial politics) the answer is found in the pages of history. These pages repeatedly shout that whenever a nation's leaders—be he King, Dictator, and now-and-then-leader-in-a-demos-racy—finds himself in a tight spot, the idea of welcoming an "emergency" comes to his mind.

Such a condition may be encouraged within a country's fiscal economy, and an international crisis (actual or imagined) may be engineered upon the public thinking. Fear, naturally, takes place in the thoughts of the people.

They then "herd up" and welcome a "loud and encouraging voice" to lead them out of the "crisis." They surrender their individual political and economic differences for the duration of the emergency.

IS THIS NOT what Stalin did with Khrushchev and his Soviet hierarchy have and now do? They are not compelled to do so, since their nation, for the most part, is held to a "hardship standard of living?"

Certainly, without the creation of some form of synthetic crisis, it would be difficult to keep millions of people under a state of bondage. Hitler and Mussolini found this trick. Mao Tse-tung finds it so.

History is replete with the records of many other past oppressive leaders who found the existence of "crisis-emergencies" a method in keeping the shackles of bondage upon their people . . . and acting as though they each understood the values of freedom and liberty is only an artificial device to try to fool others.

The United States, on so many phases of human existence, is challenged by the forces of evil . . . challenges that threaten the permanency of the free way of life. From all over the world come demands for aid, money, and food. Since World War II our people have given close to 90 billions of dollars to help war-impaired nations get back on their feet. Uncle Sam continues to exact billions from American wage earners, which is given to many nations (some of them Communist) to help them emerge from ignorance, disease, slavery. Certainly, no other nation ever existed on this earth that has given so much to

(See THIS & THAT, 4-A)

## There's No Contest In Bingham Election

BINGHAM FARMS — Civic leaders will offer voters slight shift of positions, but no contest at the annual village election March 11.

Former councilman James McGuire, 23600 W. 13 Mile Road, will run for a two-year term as village president as Haskell Wright, 31700 Telegraph, trades the gravel for a seat on the council.

Incumbents Walker Corbett, 23101 Saeger Court, and William Hyland, 30620 Telegraph, also will seek re-election to the council.

No one opposes Mrs. Evelyn Whybrow's bid for a second term as village clerk. James Washburne, the only candidate for treasurer is also an incumbent. Mrs. Whybrow lives at 31800 Telegraph and served one year. Washburne will

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