

## Lawyers Set Program on Constitution

The Lawyers Committee for the New Constitution will sponsor a comparison and evaluation of the proposed and existing Constitutions at 3 p.m. Friday in the Assembly Hall at Cranbrook Institute of Arts.

Richard C. Van Dusen, legal advisor to Gov. George Romney and a Constitutional Convention delegate, will present the affirmative side.


DR. MELVIN E. Nord, also a Constitutional Convention delegate and director of Nord's bar review course, will present the negative side.

Birmingham lawyers on the committee are: Maurice A. Merritt, chairman, and Patrick D. O'Connor, of Merritt and O'Connor, and Carl E. Ingraham, who lives at 916 Harmon.

All lawyers in Oakland, Wayne and Macomb Counties have been invited to attend.

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## As Days Grow Longer, Cold Gets Stronger

By CLEO SYMONS  
Special Writer

"As the days begin to lengthen, the cold begins to strengthen" is one weather prophecy on which we can safely rely.

Ask any Capricorn, Aquarius or Pisces, and they will likely go along with the theory. Their birthdays, they will tell you, coincide with the lengthening days, the year's lowest temperatures and the severest winter storms.

At first thought, this phenomenon seems like a contradiction. The sun having "crossed the line" and is closer to the earth, and it would seem only logical that warmer weather should result.

HOWEVER, SUCH IS NOT the case here in the Northern Hemisphere. The sun is nearer, yes. But due to the tipping of the earth's axis, its rays begin to fall on us at a more oblique angle after the winter solstice.

As a result of traveling a greater distance and of passing through a more extensive layer of atmosphere, the rays become enfeebled, because they have been robbed of some of their heat. Hence, with longer days comes colder cold.

There are other factors which sometimes disrupt the sequence of weather which we have come to accept as normal. But so limited is our knowledge of the cosmic forces involved that we are unable to account for freakish departures from the accepted pattern.

Take heat waves in January, frost in July, flowers blooming months ahead of schedule or twice in a season, for example.

THERE ARE OTHER noteworthy abnormalities—both of wetness and of drought—which are likewise unpredictable and unexplainable by man. They help to bear out the adage, "All signs fall in dry weather" (Or cold, as the case may be).

Our weather satellites may change all that in time. By increasing our knowledge of the facts which influence climate and control weather, one day we may at least learn to predict with a greater degree of accuracy.

Chances are, however, that we will never be able to disprove Mark Twain's charge that "nobody ever does anything about it."

Although no one has been able to do a single thing to change it, there have been overwhelming con-

plaints against our present infeasible winter—all legitimate. It has been murder on the fuel budget; miserable to endure; and responsible for untold sickness, accidents and suffering on a world-wide scale.

BUT AS WITH MOST miseries, there is usually an unexpected bright side. For one thing it has led to rest some of those questions about the mid-fashions winters.

Who says we don't have the kind we used to get back in the "good old days"? Not so much snow? It all depends on where you live, someone might point out from his Texas joy. Or his Alaska sundae!

Perhaps while you were abed with the flu you had time to speculate further about the strange and contradictory whims of Mother Nature. Did you conclude that among other things she must have become confused and wound up some of those mysterious, built-in time clocks a bit too tightly?

WE RECALL THAT weeks ago a row of hyacinths on the north side of the highway, the ones that shily fragile-looking heads through six inches of soil and a thick layer of ice and snow. Today they're going strong!

In the winter's most blustery day a half-dozen cedar wackings arrived to dine on the frozen viburnum berries outside the window. Already a pair of mourning doves are meowing happily among the backyard evergreens.

For the past month the crows—their wispy quizziks of bird-dom—have been clamoring like midsummer. Does that make sense?

THEN TOO, you must have noticed the coloring job that Dame Nature has been producing. The morning lints are subdued, beginning when "The sun, rising tardy and somewhat south of east" . . . is "Made known more by the meager light increased than by a disk in splendor shown . . ."

But those wide-screen sunset spectacles, so fiercely red and gold and purple—have you noticed how short-lived their blaze of splendor? How quickly they fade into the electric blue-green of twilight?

While the mercury plunged and the snow crunched under foot, perhaps you walked abroad in the darkness and watched the star-tremble like crystal drags against the velvet night skies.

We're all for the winter coloring book, enhanced by Nature's own crayons. It's all breathtaking and inspiring, and, of course, she knows she's about.

But we have one request (and it's right up to the minute): This overvalued cold-PLEASE, old girl, COLOR IT GONE!

## Commission Refers Request To Plan Board

A request to the Birmingham city commission by Leonard P. Gau to rezone property he owns at 627 Purdy from R-6 to B-1 has been referred to the plan board for study.

Gau, 644 Park, in making his request said the general area appears to be scattered with business zoning. He also noted that joining property on the north and east side is presently zoned and being used as B-1.

He said he bought the property as a business investment and he feels it might command a greater income as a business property.

Gau said, however, to attract business tenants would probably require some rehabilitation of the present structure such as painting, remodeling and landscaping.

Gau believes that this would tend to upgrade the area. "Daines Street seems to have benefited in this way during the past 10 years, as a result of zoning changes," he said.

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## Franklin WSCS Hears Speaker at Monthly Session

The March general meeting of the Franklin WSCS will be held at 12 noon on March 26 in the social hall of the church.

Ben R. Donaldson will speak on "Our Bible Treasury." Mrs. J. H. Holmes will give devotions with the Mary-Martha Circle hostessing for the afternoon.

The Esther Circle will meet with Mrs. Jack Steels at 32710 Susanne in Franklin. Mrs. W. Barringer and Mrs. Amy Caesar will co-hostess at 8 p.m. March 21. The Sarah Circle will join this group. The speaker of the evening will be a foreign exchange student.

Mary-Martha Circle will meet at 31001 Franklin Road with Mrs. J. Cutler at 10 a.m. Tuesday. Mrs. Carl Morse will co-hostess.

MRS. CLAUDE COOK of 25550 Seaside Drive in Franklin will entertain the Rachel Circle with Mrs. Norman Currin delivering the devotion. They will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Rebecca will meet with Mrs. John Holmes of 6880 Meadowlark at 12 noon Tuesday. Mrs. L. K. McCaul will assist.

Mrs. John Harma will co-hostess the Ruth Circle at the home of Mrs. Harry Rottiers, 25530 Tweed Drive. They will meet at 10 a.m. Monday.

## Redistricting Bills Before Legislature

Four Congressional redistricting bills were introduced in the Legislature Feb. 27, with intentions that Oakland County will be split into two Congressional districts as a result.

The plan most likely to be passed will put all the county west of a north-south line coinciding with Inkster Road, plus the City of Pontiac, in the new 19th district. Michigan received through the 1960 census.

Bills were introduced in the Senate by Sen. Farrell E. Roberts, Republican of Oakland County, and in the House by Rep. Henry M. Hogan, Jr., Republican of Bloomfield Township.

## Six Area Residents Enlist in U.S. Navy From Local Office

Six Birmingham-area men enlisted in the U.S. Navy recently at the Royal Oak Recruiting Office recently and were transferred to the Great Lakes or San Diego Naval Training Centers for nine weeks of recruit training.

They include Bruce R. Smith, 209 Polk Lane, Birmingham; Michael G. Mahoney, 3181 Polk Lane, Birmingham; and Russell S. Wells, 1406 Chesterfield, Birmingham.

Dennis G. Fortier, 21645 Frazier, Southfield; Alfred R. Greer, 25025 Farmbrook, Southfield; and Thomas N. Schimmel, 1611 E. Big Beaver, Troy.

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## Kelley Rules S'field Law Not Legal

SOUTHFIELD—Frank J. Kelley, state attorney general, has given as his opinion that a recent ordinance passed by Southfield councilmen in November and vetoed by the mayor, James Clarkson, is illegal. The council overrode the veto.

Kelley said Michigan statutes fail to reveal any grant of authority to a home rule city to appoint special policemen to enforce the laws of the city in a particular area.

The ordinance would have made Northland police special police officers of the city. Kelley said that the shopping center police were paid and controlled by Northland as a private employer, and therefore could not be appointed as special officers of the city.

THE LAW ALLOWS the shopping center police to be appointed as "special deputies" by the sheriff of the county. The ordinance would have been contrary to the charter of Southfield as a home rule city, Kelley said.

Southfield recently empowered Northland police to ticket parking violators. This is also proved illegal, according to Kelley's ruling. Kelley's opinion was in reply to an inquiry from State Rep. Raymond Baker who acted on Clarkson's request.

## Dwellely Belongs To Tactical Group

Army Pvt. George Dwellely, son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Dwellely, 621 Southfield, Birmingham, is a member of the 95th Civil Affairs Group, a unique Army tactical organization stationed at Fort Gordon, Ga.

Dwellely, a member of the group's 41st Civil Affairs Co., entered the Army in July 1962. He attended Seaholm High School.

## Banes Joins West Coast Movie Maker

A recent edition of the Hollywood Reporter, daily "bible" of the motion picture industry, carried a front-page story concerning the business activities of Birmingham resident Ken C. Banes.

Banes has been named vice president and a principal in a newly formed Hollywood motion picture company, Jerry Fairbanks & Associates.

The new company has been organized as the sales and service division of Jerry Fairbanks Productions of California, Inc.—veteran producer of theatrical, industrial and television films.

AS HEAD OF TV commercial production, Banes will establish headquarters in the West Coast studio and the family, which lives at 775 Kenneaw Ave., will move to the Los Angeles area this spring. Banes recently resigned from D. P. Brother & Co., Detroit-based advertising agency where he was assistant director of television and radio.

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