

# This and That

by George R. Averill

A few weeks ago President Kennedy's press secretary, Pierre Salinger, addressed the annual convention of the Michigan Press Association. At the conclusion of his rambling talk on the job he holds, he offered to answer questions from the audience. Here is what I asked him: "Mr. Salinger, we know that the Kennedy administration is opposed to monopoly in private business. We would like to know the Kennedy administration's attitude toward monopoly in labor unions. Will you please tell us?" Whereupon Salinger quickly smiled, then declared: "I'm going to avoid answering that question—instead, I will ask Senator Phil Hart (who had introduced Salinger to the audience) to answer it." Senator Hart got to his feet, uttered some words . . . but really didn't answer my question. And that's that! Of course, both the Kennedy record thus far and Salinger's failure to answer the question in reality did answer my question: the Kennedy administration actually ignores the existence of monopoly in American union labor. Why? To oppose monopoly in labor unions would result in losing the political support of union labor leaders. It's that simple.

Labor, in any nation, is necessary to the production and distribution of manufactured goods; also, for the performance of many services. Whoever manages to mobilize a segment of labor into a union, has thus created an asset that provides him, or them, with a job. Some labor leaders are idealistically honest; alas there are many others who use their leadership jobs solely as a means of acquiring much money. Some (See THIS & THAT, 7-A)

## Library Tax Levy Loses In Lathrup

LATHRUP—Voters here turned out in record numbers Monday to cast a tax levy of 30 cents for each \$1,000 assessed valuation to establish a library service for residents. The vote was 625-602.

Although a companion charter amendment creating a library board was approved, 667-553, it will not go into effect because of the millage defeat.

A third amendment giving the council more specific powers to provide library service by the purchase, development and maintenance of public facilities was okayed by voters, 801-388.

MAYOR RICHARD N. Cogger was re-elected to another two-year term on the council. He polled 1,643 votes to lead a field of three candidates, all of whom were unopposed.

David N. Reid, with 912 votes, was elected to a two-year term and Lawrence Till won a one-year term on the council with 846 votes.

Reid and Till, both newcomers, will replace H. Earl Hanson and John R. Kohl, both of whom resigned after serving five and three years, respectively.

IN A CONTEST sparked by interest in the library proposals and the new Michigan Constitution, 1,417 of the village's 2,164 registered voters showed up at the polls.

Lathrup cast 1,130 votes in favor of the new constitution and 134 against.

## 2 Elected Directors Of Oakland Citizens

The election of Mrs. C. J. Thomas and Durward B. Varner, chancellor of Oakland University, to the board of directors of the nonpartisan Oakland Citizens League was announced this week by William H. McGaughey, president.

At the same time, chairman for various League committees were announced.

Mrs. Thomas, 680 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Township, will be chairman for the Oakland Citizens League's annual dinner, to be held Thurs. May 16 at Devon Gables.

She is a director of the South Oakland YWCA and active in the Women's Auxiliary at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital.

VARNER has been chancellor of Oakland University since its opening in fall, 1959. He is a member of the board of directors of Pontiac Area Chamber of Commerce, and the United Foundation of Detroit. His other activities include service on the Detroit Olympic Committee.

Varner expressed interest in future mutual cooperation between the Oakland Citizens League and the research facilities of Oakland University's political science department.

The League is currently expanding its studies of Oakland County governmental problems and issues. The project is intended to increase informational services to citizens as the county's growing population

As a beginner, you probably made many mistakes in trying to learn how to spell, how to add, subtract, multiply and divide. You learned not to make mistakes by doing the spelling and the arithmetic correctly. You first learned the rules, then consumed use of them nourished your behavior-use of them. One is required to supplement every mistake thought with its opposite truthful, correct one. Only practice makes it a habit.

# Photo Contest Is Michigan Week Feature

The Birmingham Citizen's Action Committee in co-operation with The Birmingham Eccentric has announced the sponsorship of a photographic contest portraying the theme "Portrait of Birmingham."

Winning pictures and all other acceptable entries will be displayed throughout the city during Michigan Week, May 15-26. The prize winners will be honored May 24 at a luncheon at The Community House as part of the "Heritage Day" observance of Michigan Week.

Anyone is eligible to enter the contest regardless of his residence.

THE CONTEST is divided into

two divisions—Division I limited to persons of high school age or under and Division II for anyone over high school age.

Top prize winners in each division will receive \$75. Second place winners in each division will receive \$50; third place, \$25; and two honorable mention winners in each category will win merchandise.

The photographs may be of any subject on the "Portrait of Birmingham" theme. While the pictures may deal with the past or present Birmingham, primary consideration will be given to pictures of civic interest.

Technical excellence will be of secondary importance.

THE PICTURES must be taken within the Birmingham city limits and be mounted black and white prints. Color prints or slides will not be accepted. Names of the entrant and the division to be entered must be on the back of the photograph. All entries must be accompanied by a signed entry form and if the subject is recognizable individual a completed model release must accompany the entry.

The entry of a picture will be considered by the Citizen's Action Committee as authority to reproduce it for promotional purposes.

The minimum size accepted in Division I—one side of the picture must be a minimum length of seven inches, such as a five-by-seven print.

In Division II one side of the picture must be a minimum length of 10 inches, such as an 8-by-10 print.

ALL ENTRIES must be in camera-ready form by Friday, May 10, 1963. Winners will be announced in The Eccentric on Thursday, May 16.

Entries should be mailed to: Contest Editor, The News Room, Birmingham Eccentric, 1235 Bowers, Birmingham, Mich.



## Looking for Young Workers?

The High School Employment Service (HSES), with offices in The Community House, is open for business. The HSES board of directors—comprised of students from Seaholm, Groves and Bloomfield Hills high schools and civic representatives—staged a reception March 26 for student leaders, counselors, school administrators and board of education members to acquaint them with the service.

From left, Harris O. Machus, president, Birmingham Chamber

of Commerce; Mrs. G. Howard Willett, Jr., who represented the City; Edward Lerchen, member of The Community House board; Kathy Smurthwaite, Bloomfield Hills, president of the HSES; and Paul N. Averill, representing civic groups. The HSES offices are open from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays. People wishing to hire youths may call MI 4-0406.

## W. Bloomfield OK's School Change

WEST BLOOMFIELD — A decision to recommend conversion of the present West Bloomfield High School to a junior high school was reached at a meeting last week of the West Bloomfield Schools' citizens committee.

The committee also endorsed purchase of two additional junior high sites.

The decisions were reached after a discussion with Russell E. Wilson, professor of school planning at U of M.

Dr. Wilson opined that WBHS could not be expanded economically, but could make a satisfactory

junior high school comparing favorably with junior high programs throughout the state.

DR. WILSON also maintained that junior high schools with a 600-800 student body were the most satisfactory size.

He set a figure of 1,300 to 1,600 students as the most efficient for high schools to operate and offer the optimum setting for education.

No agreement was reached by the committee as to the number of high school sites it would recommend.

The committee was to meet again this week on Wednesday night at Green School.

RECOMMENDATION of number of sites and locations of high schools was on the agenda for discussion. Also on the agenda was location and size of sites for junior high and elementary schools.

## S'field Township Election Turnout Unusually High

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP—In an unusually heavy vote for an April election, voters Monday showed an unopposed slate of candidates and registered their approval of the new state constitution.

Of 6,917 registered voters, 4,401 made it to the polls to cast an overwhelmingly Republican vote in state contests.

Elected to township offices were: H. H. Allison, Jr., supervisor, 2,827; Fannie Adams, clerk, 3,063; Audrey S. Leach, treasurer, 2,606; D. Carlton Bell and Albert H. Gattward, trustees, 2,506 and 2,481 respectively; Theodore J. Sura, justice of the peace, 2,857; Arnold W. Peterson, board of review, 2,898; and Robert B. Bell, constable, 2,892.

Half the things that people do not succeed in, are through fear of making the attempt.

—James Northcote

A task force to prepare the committee's final report was to be appointed.

## Clarkson Wins Re-election in City of S'field

SOUTHFIELD—Mayor S. James Clarkson was re-elected to a two-year term in the City of Southfield, winning by a margin of 531 votes against Council President C. Hugh Doherty, as voters went to the polls Monday in a nonpartisan election.

Of a registered 16,859 voters, 9,490 cast their ballots in Southfield. Actual count for the mayoral vote was 4,904 for Clarkson, 23,025 Valley View, and 4,983 for Doherty, 20,827 Midway.

Returned to office for four-year terms were three incumbent council members, Clarence A. Durbin, Thomas Rowley and O. David Edwards. Jean McDonnell took the fourth council post, unseating John J. Hollywood.

VOTES RECEIVED by the elected councilmen in the order in which they placed were: Durbin of 19,741; Saxton, 4,738; Rowley of 29,070; Sturtz, 4,736; McDonnell of 19,860; Twelve Mile, 4,548; and Edwards of 22,525; Rougeau, 4,190.

The defeated council candidates were Hollywood of 27,898; Shagbark, 3,886; Oliver of 30,978; Beech, 3,752; Wells of 19,831; Saxton, 2,662; and Julian of 30,661; Bolewood, 2,555.

Vying for an unexpired council term, Robert Landers, held by Alex C. Perloff on appointment prior to Monday's election, Perloff was victorious running against Tom P. Saks. This term ends in April, 1965.

PERINOFF, 18,615 Greenwald, received 4,823 votes to the 2,544 tallied by Saks of 19,916 Greenwald.

Incumbent Pat Fleishner, 23,550 Koll Drive, was unopposed in his bid for clerk, 5,726 votes, and Clara Lane, 23,820 Twelve Mile, had an uncontested office for re-election as treasurer, 7,151 votes.

## George Whitehead Re-elected Head Of PTA Council

George Whitehead, 335 Norwich, Birmingham, has been re-elected president of the PTA Council.

Three other council officers were re-elected to serve additional one-year terms: father vice president, Robert Lorenzen, 176 Catalpa, Birmingham; recording secretary, Mrs. Kenneth Gage, 3441 Wendover, Troy; treasurer, George Grice, 255 Abbey.

Mrs. Richard Dickenshead, 1235 Dorchester, Birmingham, has been elected mother vice president. Mrs. Dickenshead was formerly historian and publicity director for the council.

OTHER NEWLY elected officers are teacher vice president, Mrs. Carol Darling, 955 Westchester Way, Birmingham; dean of students, Seaholm High School; corresponding secretary, Mrs. David Burnell, 949 Chesterfield, Birmingham; officer principals, Charles Lundy, Groves High School, and Richard A. Massingill, Baldwin Elementary School.

Whitehead said one of the most significant current efforts of the council's sponsorship of the Citizens Elementary Curriculum Study Committee and the Parent-Teacher Council.

## Hills Teachers Ask Increase in Benefits

Five proposals for additional teacher benefits were presented to the Bloomfield Hills School Board by representatives of the Bloomfield Hills Education Association at a special meeting of the board last week.

The proposals were taken under advisement. They will be acted on at a special meeting to be called in the near future, according to Supt. Eugene Johnson.

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1. Continuing contracts after a three-year probationary period.
2. Accumulation of the 10 yearly sick leaves from a total of 30 to 100 days.
3. Adoption of a written policy concerning teachers' military service.
4. An adjustment of salaries for teachers with 20 or more hours toward a master's degree to one-half the benefit awarded for a master's degree.
5. A raise from \$200 to \$300 additional salary to holders of master degree. Teachers with 30 hours or more toward a doctorate to receive one-half the benefit awarded for a doctorate.
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## House to Get Bus Measure Next Week

The State House of Representatives is expected to act early next week on the "Fair Play School Bus" bill.

The measure would provide bus transportation to private and parochial students in districts which now do so for public school children.

It was passed by the State Senate last week, 31 to 7.

To be adopted by this legislature, it would have to be on the House floor before Wednesday of next week, and veteran legislators said it probably would be brought out the first of the week.

GOV. GEORGE Romney reportedly has indicated he would sign the measure, that he believes transporting some school children and not others is discriminatory.

The law as now worded would become effective July 1, 1964. Therefore, there would be no appropriation on it this year. This would give local school boards a year to prepare for it, budget-wise.

The bill was introduced by Sen. Robert Vanderlaan (R-Grand Rapids). Twenty-eight Senators helped sponsor it. Sen. Vanderlaan and 21 Republicans voted for the measure in the Senate.

ACCORDING to the state department of public instruction, transportation costs would be increased by about \$1.4 million. Of this total, local districts would bear \$400,000 and the state \$1 million.

The Bloomfield Hills Board of Education has taken a stand in opposition to the bill, believing it too costly and impractical for the local situation.

## Fire Costs \$20,000

WEST BLOOMFIELD—A fire in the pro shop at the Knollwood Country Club Monday afternoon caused roughly \$20,000 damage, firemen estimated.

Firemen believe the fire started from cleaners used on the floor of the shop. The fire broke out at 2:35 p.m.

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