

This and That

by George L. Averill

Rome Has Its Ruins—Italians Today Interesting to Tourists

ITALY — We who live in the United States and have not traveled to lands that are filled with visible evidence of ancient civilizations are unacquainted with the antiquities of such a nation as Italy. Our U.S. holds within its lives far earlier than four centuries ago.

Italy can show you not only the ruins of man's building of a society that dates back hundreds of years B. C., but it also can take you into the tombs and the noted Colosseum — not to overlook the Vatican or the colossal Pantheon, built in 27 B. C. There are countless other works of the pre-Italian Greeks and Romans, many are found in Rome, as well as in many other areas of this sunny land.

BEFORE HERR GARDNER and I fly home to Birmingham, we expect to go back beyond Italy's ancient civilizations as we visit Egypt's pyramids at Cairo and the tombs of King Tutankhamen and King Sereh — plus numerous temple ruins in the vicinity of Egypt's famed Nile River valley.

"While on my trip, I said to Herr Gardner, 'Maybe it will be best to get back to the good old U.S.A., where we can look at large physical projects that have been constructed in the past five or 10 years.'"

Already, we have seen how in and near Rome to wonder how much it will be able to remember when we get home.

Library Board Appointments Expected Soon

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Appointment of a library board for the township's newly authorized public library will be made by the township board within the next 30 days, according to Township Supervisor Homer Case.

A list of 20 Bloomfield Township residents recommended as possible library board members was submitted to township officials last week by the Citizens Library Committee. The committee spearheaded the campaign for the special one-mill library tax which was passed at the April 1 general election.

SEVERAL OTHER citizens have indicated their willingness to serve on the board and their names also were submitted to the township board at its executive session last week.

The township board will select six library board members. Prospective appointees will meet with the board before their final selection.

The appointed board will serve until the next general election in 1965. At that time, the library board will be selected by the general electorate.

"SINCE WE CANNOT appoint all qualified and interested citizens to the library board, we hope that an active Friends of the Library group will be established in the township through which their services can be used," Case added.

He pointed out that funds will be available for library operation until after taxes are collected in December.

"In the meanwhile, the board will have time to enter into negotiations for operation of the library once the money is on hand."

Hearing on Parking Provisions Continued

A public hearing on changing the parking requirements for multiple family developments is continuing until May 27 by the Birmingham City Commission Monday night.

The commission agreed to continue the hearing for the two-week period to allow the planning department time to gather more information on requirements in other communities.

The commission had asked the plan board to review the problem in Birmingham and make specific recommendations. A major problem is beginning to arise in the city as more residents in multiple-family units become two-car owners.

THE PROPOSED parking requirements for residential projects which the plan board recommended to the commission Monday night were:

- Single-, two-family and multiple family based on rooms.
- 2-or-less room units—1.50 per unit
- 3-room unit—1.75 spaces per unit
- 4-or-more room unit—2.25 spaces per unit.

Several persons with undeveloped multiple-family zoned property appeared before the commission to protest the plan board's recommendations.

They felt the proposed changes would reduce the number of units that could be built on their property.

Gare, Kenning Named to Posts

City Manager L. R. Gare and Assistant City Manager Robert S. Kenning were appointed to represent Birmingham on the South-eastern Oakland County Water and Incinerator Authorities by the city commission Monday night.

Gare will serve as Birmingham representative on the Water Authority and Kenning as alternate. Kenning will represent the city on the Incinerator Authority and Gare will serve as alternate.

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The Birmingham Eccentric

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'Nice Brontosaurus'

"Hello, Brontosaurus; you're nice," says the 54 kindergartners of Harlan Elementary School to their giant Brontosaurus, a relative of the dinosaurs. The children made this pink-purple-orange-polka-dotted creature, themselves. It is 20 feet long, 7 feet tall. When the teacher, Mrs. Judy Mosdale, began teaching about prehistoric animals, she decided that the pupils might enjoy constructing one. Jack Smith, father of Connie Smith, made the wooden framework in the basement of their home at 3557 Kent Drive, Bloomfield Township. With Connie (right) is Chris Downing.

Drazick Denies Charge Of 'Adversary Meeting'

By KAY SMITH
Special Writer

BEVERLY HILLS — Norman Drazick, chairman of the planning board, took exception this week to a statement made by Thomas Kavanaugh, attorney for Melness-Desmond Financial Directors, at the May 6 council meeting.

Kavanaugh complained that a planning board meeting held April 11, which reviewed a petition to rezone five acres of land at 12 Mile Road and Lahser from residential to business for the purpose of building a funeral home—was, in his view, an "adversary meeting," which he had no notion of, and hence did not bring to his attention.

"I want to state that I did not contact anyone to attend this meeting," Drazick said. "I was called by one resident who asked me if I were at a meeting and I replied that it was."

"THIS WAS the first time the petitioner presented the plan. Residents of the area are ordinarily not contacted until a subcommittee of the planning board had a chance to study the plans and report to the board. Then the people who own surrounding property are invited to attend a second meeting."

(See FUNDS, 6-A)

W. B'field Gets Funds For Sewer

WEST BLOOMFIELD — Unofficial word has reached Township Supervisor John C. Behard that the township has been granted \$114,000 in federal funds made available under the accelerated public works program.

The funds will be used, Behard said, to solve the financing of Sylvan Manor sanitary sewer.

Development of the lateral has been held up for more than three years because some 20 per cent of the land in the sewer district, held by developers of the Sylvan Manor subdivision, could not meet financial qualifications for special assessment district bonding, according to Behard.

REHARD SAID that arrangements for construction of the \$253,000 sewer were already finalized with the Oakland County DPW, who have contracted to build the lateral.

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REVERSES STAND ON AERIAL SPRAYING

Township Board Rejects Hiring Clerk for JP Court

By SAVILLA SLOAN
Special Writer

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — The township board has refused reconsideration of a request made two weeks ago by township Justice of the Peace Alvin Gilbert.

He had asked that the Township pay for a court clerk to facilitate payment of traffic fines without necessity for court appearance.

In a discussion at the board meeting Monday night, Township Supervisor Homer Case informed the board members that both the township attorney and the corporation counsel had advised that a township has no authority to either hire or pay for a court clerk from township funds.

"The problem is really the judge's own availability," Case said.

Case said that present arrangements are that when a traffic violator cannot be present for Judge Gilbert's Tuesday morning court session, he can write a letter to Box 4 of the township hall. The court will then write and tell him what he can do.

IN ANOTHER DECISION, the board reversed its stand taken two weeks ago on aerial-spraying in the township.

It had denied a request by an aerial spraying company to spray Chapel Hills subdivision and adjacent areas because of numerous complaints by township residents.

After reconsideration, the board rescinded its previous stand and voted to allow aerial spraying where it was requested by a substantial association of citizens.

Standards, including the hours of spraying, can be done and under what conditions, will be set by the township board.

OTHER BOARD ACTION up held a recent planning board decision denying rezoning of property on Telegraph south of Long Lake Road to a less restrictive zoning.

The board voted, unanimously, against the rezoning to allow creation of a Holiday Inn Motel after

Road Program Hikes Tax Rate in Franklin

By NITA HARD
Special Writer

FRANKLIN — The council approved a \$26,985 general fund budget and a \$91,100 fiscal road budget Monday night.

Six mills of instead of eight mills, as in previous years, will be levied to complete the five-year road construction program.

A board of review will be held May 18. Final determination of the millage will be based on the \$7,812,390 assessed valuation of real property in the township.

JUNE 9 was officially proclaimed Jim Bowen Day.

The village council met Monday night and agreed to lend support to the community's plans to honor native son Bowen, who will be retiring after serving as Franklin School custodian for 33 years.

APPROVAL was granted for the scenic Hills subdivision plan submitted by Jack Roberts. The long narrow plot which had been considered land-locked for many years gained the approval of the planning commission after several requirements were met by property owners Donald Hacker, A. W. Grigg and W. Zierler.

Eight lots, each meeting the 30,000-square-foot zoning restrictions, will provide building sites in the scenic-Wellington roads area.

JAMES PEMBERTON of the Oakland County Drain Commission was present Monday to explain methods for possible relief of conditions in Helman Woods.

Child Clinics Send Hamlin Resolution

A resolution endorsing the principle of the Continuing Mental Health Bill was adopted by the board of directors of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, on May 9.

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THE BILL was introduced in Senate by State Sen. Farrell E. Roberts (R., Oakland County). Enabling legislation to establish county mental health services, it gives the county board of supervisors power to appoint a 12-man board to supervise various social services, including Child Guidance Clinics.

The bill offers communities greater responsibility for mental health and provides for greater expansion of services.

ROADS

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