

# This and That

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## Seeing Italy's Mediterranean Coast Areas from Naples to Famed Capri

Italy (Pompeii, Sorrento, Capri and Naples): A quite comfortable "Rapid Express" carried us southward from Rome toward Naples, a very busy industrial, agricultural and seaport city of 1,400,000 people. Soon after leaving Rome the train reached the beginning of Italy's farming areas. For most of the three-hour ride we passed through several wide valleys, almost every square foot of which is given over to the growth of a variety of citrus fruits and vegetables and the ever-present olive and orange groves.

Men and women and often children could be seen working in the fields, some of them plowing behind a horse, donkey or team of oxen. Too, there are enormous vineyards to be seen everywhere for Italy produces much wine for both domestic use and export.

IT IS ADMITTED that perhaps the poorest citizens in Italy are in the southern part of the country. As you go south, the more impoverished is the land itself, with mountains always in sight. This means that the people themselves are living on meager standards.

Italy's biggest national problem is the development of a middle-class group of citizens, one providing a balance between the comparatively few rich and the vast number of "have-nots."

In terms of income and education, the type of employment that will enable families to enjoy better food, clothing, shelter and some of the so-called "luxuries of life," Italy appears to be doing the way to doing this.

AT NAPLES, Herb Gardner, my traveling partner, and I were met by a pre-arranged guide (as we expect to be throughout the remainder of this trip) at each place of arrival. It was five in the afternoon when we piled into a taxi with four seats and baggage and headed for our hotel, facing the Bay of Naples.

Like most of Rome, Naples needs wider streets because of the increasing number of autos and trucks in use. At one downtown intersection, our small car was literally "sandwiched" into a stream of vehicles and it required nearly 30 minutes to progress three blocks. Actually, the native drivers weave in and out of traffic with an average distance between cars that seems less than a foot.

WE STAYED IN Naples overnight and the next morning, after viewing the rather uninteresting bay, we got into a car that was to carry us to Pompeii. We traveled over the famous Amalfi Drive, reaching Sorrento in the late afternoon. Incidentally, under the late Benito Mussolini, Italy did improve her highways.

Our first stop was at Torre del Greco, a town of 18,000 people and 24 spaghetti-manufacturing factories. This is only a part of Italy's total of such factories which gives you an idea of the great popularity of this tasty food, largely because of the many kinds of sauce that are available to cover it.

AT TORRE DEL Greco is located Italy's most famous, small cameo "factory." Here expert workmen transform parts of shells into lovely cameos. They may be the faces of both sexes who are numbered among the characters of mythology, or a beautiful maiden, a Roman warrior, an animal or bird. The finished cameo may be

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OUR NEXT stop was in Pompeii, a city of 20,000 inhabitants and the city of the thousands who were driven from their homes when nearby Mt. Vesuvius erupted in 63 A.D. Burning cinders, torrents of boiling rain and sulphurous vapors poured upon Pompeii, ashes to a depth of 24 feet covered the city.

Centuries later, when archeologists were at work, they discovered (See THIS & THAT, 5-A)



ELECTED TO office at last week's annual meeting of the Oakland Citizens League were: Nelson A. Kiehl, secretary, and Richard Wall, treasurer.

## League Accepts Challenge From Political Scientist

A political scientist served up some strong words when he spoke last Thursday at the annual dinner meeting of the nonpartisan Oakland Citizens League.

"This group is not representative of a cross-section of our population, most even of Oakland County," said Dr. Charles R. Adrian, chairman of the department of political science, Michigan State University.

In terms of income and education, the group is atypical. It reflects the values and therefore the prejudices of the upper middle class and of the business world, the professor told 150 League members at Devon Gables.

HIS SHARP-edged words and the advice he offered with them brought a favorable reaction from most Oakland Citizens League members including President William H. McLaughly.

"I think it is always good for a group of suburbanites to be stirred up and have any complacency dispelled. I think he performed a real service by getting us to analyze ourselves more closely. The fact that he did it somewhat humorously took some of the sting out."

"We are not insulted. We are ready to live to the challenge. We are reaching out to get people of varying social and economic backgrounds into the organization. We think we perform a somewhat unique service and we are going to make sure that we truly are county-wide in thinking and membership," McLaughly concluded.

## Preliminary Rates Set By County Tax Board

The Oakland County Tax Allocation Board, which began its hearings May 15, has set preliminary millage rates in dividing the 15-mill county tax levy among 24 township governments as well as among school districts, county government and the county board of education.

The board will have about \$33 million, on the basis of the 15-mill limit, to allocate to the four units of local government and education.

The \$33 million is the amount expected to be raised on the tax base of \$2.2 billion equalized property valuation approved by the state tax commission and the county board of supervisors.

THE STATE BOARD of equalization will decide May 27 whether or not to affirm the tax base. The allocating board will set final rates June 2.

Three items will appear on the ballot concerning community colleges. The first would establish a community college district in Oakland County plus or minus certain peripheral school districts which cross county lines into adjoining counties.

The second would authorize a one-mill property tax levy for 20 years to support the district.

The third item is the election of a six member board of trustees.

ALTHOUGH THIS issue has come to the attention of many people only in the last few weeks.

What would an Oakland County community college be? What kind of college would this be? What would be eligible to enter it? What other questions will be answered in a series of articles by Mrs. John May of Birmingham, a member of the Oakland County Citizens Advisory Council steering committee, which was responsible for getting the issue on the ballot.

Community colleges in Oakland County will be an issue on the June 10 school ballot all over the county.

This is a special election that is riding "piggy-back" on local school elections in order to save the approximately \$60,000 it would cost to hold it separately.

Dr. Adrian advised the League to be effective, not by trying to change voters' minds, but by getting to the polls people who support the League's position on an issue.

"Your primary purpose is to activate potential political supporters. Do not spend a lot of time trying to wash the unwashed."

ally, even the well-educated citizen doesn't really want to learn. He wants to have his preferences reinforced."

3. Most important of the conventional wisdoms, he said, is that you can have democracy without the ballot for long. Listening to records, playing cards and other activities. This club is sponsored by the Birmingham Recreation Board (See SWIM CLUB, 5-A)

## Electors to Meet School Candidates

A "Meet the Candidates" night is scheduled for Bloomfield Hills School District voters on June 8. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in the Little Theater of the high school. William Shephard will serve as chairman.

All four candidates for the two school board positions, have accepted the invitation to appear. They are incumbent Dr. Charles Bowers, Richard McGraw, Arthur S. Randall and Robert E. Rutt.

THE MILLAGE REQUEST by the county board of education was for 14 mills but the allocating board lowered the millage to 13. Last year, its rate was included in the county government figures.

Last year, 5.25 mills were allocated to county government; schools received an average of 8.5 mills; and townships were allocated an average of 1.25.

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# How Community College Got on Ballot

It is not a hastily conceived plan. The Michigan Legislature commissioned a survey of higher education in Michigan in 1962. This study recommended two community colleges in Oakland County. Subsequently, the six County Study of Community College needs conducted cooperatively by the University of Michigan, Wayne State University and Michigan State University with a group of citizens from the six counties of Oakland, Monroe, Washtenaw, St. Clair, and Macomb recommended the establishment of three Oakland County colleges.

A FINAL report of the Oakland County Citizens Advisory Council also recommended three colleges. This advisory council consisted of a group of about 150 citizens from all over the county who met weekly for three months in the spring of 1962 and submitted their report to the state superintendent of public instruction last June.

At that time it was hoped this issue would be on the ballot this November. However, special legislation was required to permit the college district to cross county lines, and it only became legally possible to do this on May 9, 1963.

COMMUNITY OR junior colleges present two types of two-year programs. One of these is a liberal arts program from which the student may transfer to a four-year college. The other is a technical terminal curriculum.

A survey of business, industry and hospitals in the county indicated a need for people trained in the following fields: secretarial, automotive technicians, business, engineering aides, industrial electronics, industrial mechanics, commercial mathematics, nurses, laboratory aides, dietary aides and nurses aides, technicians. Training in these areas could be supplied in community colleges.

WHY DON'T we see existing facilities? Why do we need community colleges when we have Oakland University?

Existing facilities would fall into two categories: High school facilities and existing institutions of higher education. High school facilities, of course, could only be used on a part-time basis, and we are talking in terms of full-time college students.

As far as institutions of higher education...

## Swim Club Registration Is Extended

The registration period for the summer long swim club has been extended through Monday, May 27. If the minimum number of registrations are not received by that date, the program will be cancelled and the Stasholm swim team schedule will be the same as in past years.

The ten swim club is planned for junior and senior high school students in the Birmingham School District. The pool and patio area at Seaholm High School will be reserved for teen club members from 1 to 3 p.m. each day for eight weeks.

IN ADDITION to swimming, the members will have access to the patio for lounging, listening to records, playing cards and other activities. This club is sponsored by the Birmingham Recreation Board (See SWIM CLUB, 5-A)

## Franklin Tax Rate Is Lower—Not Up

The headline on the Franklin council report on Page 3-A in last week's Eccentric erroneously stated that "Road Program Hikes Tax Rate in Franklin."

Actually, the rate was reduced from the eight mills of previous years to six mills for the fiscal year.

The Eccentric regrets the error.

## Area Police Graduate From Training Program

Graduation certificates were awarded to 14 Birmingham-Bloomfield area policemen Wednesday afternoon who have completed a six-week training program.

The program, introduced in 1951, is sponsored by the Southeastern Michigan Association Police Chiefs and the FBI.

The ceremonies took place at Devon Gables in Bloomfield Township. Nearly 150 policemen from five counties took part in the law enforcement training courses.

From Birmingham, Patrolman Russell J. Arndt graduated from the basic school and Millard Squires from the detective school.

OTHER AREA graduates included Robert Bloom, Curtis Grenier, Lyle J. Howard and Donald Zimmerman, Bloomfield Township; James Davis, John Knotts, James Farrell and Gregory Putnam, Beverly Hills.

James Kirkpatrick, George Tuoz, Gas Gaska and Jennings Shaker, Southfield Police Dept.

The graduating officers represented 40 departments in an area bounded by Durand, Motrow, Garden City and St. Clair Shores. Oakland County had the largest number of graduates with 63.

MORE THAN 200 hours of study were required from each officer before he could qualify for graduation from the basic school and 300 hours from the detective school, according to Birmingham Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley, chairman of the association's training committee.

The schools were conducted in Lincoln Park, Royal Oak, Grosse Pointe Park and Ferndale.

Bernard C. Brown, special agent in charge of the Detroit office of the FBI, was the principal speaker at the graduation luncheon.

## Building Inspector Quits in Township

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Long-time building inspector Earl Rhodes has resigned as head of the township's building department, it was announced this week by Supervisor Homer Case.

He will be replaced by Harold Schoof, who has served for the past nine years as building inspector for West Bloomfield Township. Schoof's salary has been set at \$7,800 per year.

Rhodes will continue to serve the township as an assistant inspector.

The change increases the building department's inspection staff from three to four members, Case said.

INGRAHAM felt that it might lend itself to "a more restricted type" of zoning that would provide for the present residences and new, high professional type of buildings.

This mixture of zoning "might work here but not elsewhere" in the city, he said.

City Planner William R. Brownfield cited as "one of the basic

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