



This and That

There is an inner peace and quiet that comes to the seriously sincere person who spends some time every day in prayerful meditation. For the bending of one's thoughts away from the superficial affairs of life does direct one's consciousness into mental realms far removed from the vanities and the selfish motives of living. A million dollars can't "buy" such peace and quiet... only a humble attitude can.

by George R. Averill

Applause to JFK Also for all U. S. A.

To be sure, the personality of a person who makes friends—but in the final analysis it takes more than mere personality to influence others to do what such a person desires they should do.

Take the head of a nation: John F. Kennedy, for example. Recently he visited Ireland, England, Germany and Italy, seeking to influence them to do at least part of his bidding. (Ireland, of course, was not included in JFK's basic objective.)

The President's great acclaim, great applause. Was this foreign approval intended solely for the personality of Mr. Kennedy? It was not, it was intended dominantly for the people of the United States.

THESE PEOPLE (you and you and you et al) are the ones who constitute the United States, who make up its wealth, its generosity, its integrity, its dedication to the cause of peace. No President, alone, achieves great, sustained objectives. People, great numbers of them, must stand with and behind such a leader.

So, American Citizen, when your President (be he Kennedy, Eisenhower, Roosevelt, Wilson or others) receives the wide acclaim of other nations, be it merely being present with a nod, or through what he may share greatly in them, basically belong to all of our people—180 millions of them—strong, dedicated millions, too!

Now and then perhaps you have read that suspicion of illegal monetary gains has accrued to certain persons connected with the federal government's nation-wide road program. Perhaps it's not to be shocked at such news, when you consider that billions and billions of dollars are being spent on this project, and that hundreds of millions of dollars are included in the use of thousands and thousands of public and private human beings. If it has been committed, how could it be discovered.

UNCLE SAM recently closed in (See THIS & THAT, 6-A)

Right of Way Abuses Raise Accident Toll

Failure to yield right of way violations have increased 33 per cent over the same period last year, according to Ralph W. Moxley, Birmingham chief of police.

In his accident summary for the first six months for 1963, Chief Moxley said failure to yield right of way was present in 123 accident investigations by police this year.

This violation is the top one accounting for 26 per cent of the accidents.

"WE ARE STEPPING UP our enforcement against right of way violations in an effort to reduce the rising accident toll," said Chief Moxley.

In the first six months of this year, increases were experienced in all accident categories. Fatalities jumped from none during this period last year to two this year.

Total accidents are up 18 per cent, personal injury accidents up 10 per cent and persons injured up five per cent.

Teens Entering Area Labor Force on Rise

(Special to the Eccentric)

NEW YORK — Teen-agers in Birmingham are entering the labor force at an increasing rate. They reflect the rising number of young persons in the 14 to 19 age bracket. These are the ones who were born during the baby-boom years following World War II.

Many of them, according to government reports, are dropping out of school and going to work. Others are moving into the labor force immediately after finishing high school.

How to provide jobs for this flood of teen-agers is a prime problem.

FIGURES COMPILED by the Department of Commerce and the Department of Labor indicate just how big a problem it is.

In Birmingham, they show, the number of youngsters who will have reached the 14 to 19 age group in the five-year period ending 1965, will total 2,580.

On the basis of recent experience, 12.6 per cent of them, or 325, will be looking for full-time or part-time jobs before 1965.

In some areas of the country, an even greater proportion of teen-agers are cutting short their education, creating an acute em-

City Comprehensive Plan Almost Finished

By LARRY EVEVE City Editor

Birmingham's Comprehensive Development Plan Study is almost completed.

City Planner William R. Brownfield told the plan board Tuesday night the preliminary fact-finding studies for the final phases of the survey have been completed by the planning consultants, Villan-Leman & Associates.

The overall study, which will take about 24 months to complete, will provide the City with a plan for future development based on a 20-year program. The \$30,000 cost of the project is financed in part through an urban planning grant from the federal government.

The City has already been pre-

sented with possible future needs for utilities, recreation, community facilities and the street system has been analyzed in a general manner.

BROWNFIELD SAID the remaining parts of the plan still to be completed deal with the future physical development of the city. These, he said, deal with the land use and the capital improvement plan.

He said the land use plan is an accumulation of the needs and wants of the community in both the near and distant future. It shows what improvements should be made and the approximate locations where they should be established.

The land use plan is not just one person's or group's ideas or

based upon one particular set of requirements for the development of the community," Brownfield said.

HE NOTED that the land use plan has to take into consideration the present development in the community and it has to attempt to achieve what are considered to be sound planning principles and land use schemes.

"Consequently, the land use plan is a synthesis of the various ideas and objectives of the community based upon existing development and sound planning principles," he said.

There are seven general objectives that apply to all land use plans, Brownfield said, although

variations of them are needed for individual communities.

THE SEVEN objectives are:

1. Improvement of the city as a place for commerce and industry by making it more efficient, orderly and satisfactory for the production and distribution of goods and services with adequate space for each type of economic activity and improved facilities for the loading and movement of goods.
2. An improvement of the city as a place for living by aiding and making it more healthy, safe, pleasant and satisfying with housing representing good standards for all families by improving adequate open spaces and appropriate community facilities.
3. Organization of the two principal functional parts of the city, the working areas and the community areas, so that each may be clearly distinguished from the other and yet be complementary so that the economic, social and cultural development of the city may be furthered.
4. Protection, preservation, and enhancement of the economic, social, cultural and aesthetic values that establish the desirable quality and unique character of the city.
5. Coordination of the varied patterns of land use with public and semi-public service facilities required for efficient functioning of the city, and for the convenience and well-being of its residents, workers, and visitors.
6. Coordination of the varied patterns of land use with circulation routes and facilities required for efficient movement of people and goods within the city, and to and from the city.
7. Coordination of the growth and development of the city and its growth and development of adjoining cities and counties.

HE ALSO cited three specific objectives that would pertain to the city of Birmingham.

1. Prevention of non-residential traffic from entering to and passing through residential neighborhoods.
2. Redevelopment of areas presently in a state of blight and with-out a foreseeable means of rehabilitation.
3. Development of areas for parking. (See CITY PLAN, 4-A)



Safety Slogan Winner

Valerie Traabuchi, 12, of 1722 E. Humphrey, Birmingham, was named the winner of the annual Birmingham Police Dept. and Kiwanis Club bicycle safety slogan contest. Presenting the prize to Valerie are Lt. Robert Schaula and Officer Darryl Brustle.

Laundromat: Local Meeting Place

By BETH SHOTKA Staff Writer

Ladies marched in with bundles of soiled clothes and children followed reluctantly. It was Saturday in the laundromat.

They were looks of boredom, if not frustration, as they walked into the large room, its walls lined with washers and dryers.

Housewives forgot formality as they arrived in Bermudas, sandals and brightly-colored scarves around the curlers in their hair.

A WOMAN CAME into the building with a false look of confidence on her face. She was oblivious, unfamiliar with the laundromat. Perhaps she was recently married; but whatever the case, she approached her task bravely.

Some "veterans" of the laundromat looked at her sympathetically. Others seemed to chuckle, remembering their first attempts at washing clothes.

The most popular person in the

Second prize went to Teddy Cole, 9, of 335 E. Frank and the third prize went to Clark Campbell, 10, of 319 Henley Drive, Birmingham. Valerie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Valentino Traabuchi.

laundromat was the repairman. Children followed him and adults seemed just as intrigued with his maneuvers.

PROBLEM washers were given his undivided attention. Some needed adjustments in back, some underneath. Occasionally he had to stick his head inside the machine.

He kept the children amused, which in turn pleased the mothers.

Men who were doing the family laundry tried to give the impression that they enjoyed their task.

A bulletin board in the corner displayed notices of services and articles for sale. Most anything desired was available.

THERE WERE notices for such things as waffles for two, poodle clipping, babysitting, all kinds of electrical appliances and furniture.

The laundromat is a meeting place for neighborhood ladies. While the clothes dried, they discussed the latest gossip, talked about their children and complained about the large bundles of laundry.

Power Graduates With Distinction

John W. Power, son of Mrs. John W. Power of Bloomfield Hills, recently graduated from Arizona State University with distinction.

He received a bachelor of science degree in finance and was vice president of the Association of Men Students. He was also a member of Phi Delta Theta social fraternity.

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Appointed by GOP

Vern M. Fitch, 2860 Middlebury Lane, Birmingham, has been appointed Legislative District Director for District 3. This includes Rochester, Troy, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, W. Bloomfield, Bloomfield, Commerce and Midford Townships. Fitch has been active in Republican activities. He is an attorney and vice president of Westchester School PTA.

B'ham Commission Delays Hearings On Zoning Change

Public hearings on the rezoning of property in the northeast section of Birmingham were postponed until Aug. 5 by city commissioners Monday night. Hearings had been scheduled for July 29.

The owner of the property, Leslie R. Schmier, is seeking an R-7 classification on the property at Eton and Yosemite so he can build multiple-family dwellings on the land.

He told commissioners on July 18 he is also considering similar plans for property he owns along Yosemite and Villa.

City Clerk Irene Hanley told the commission the legal advertisement of the hearings showed "two irregularities" in the description of the property and the attorney for the petitioner had requested the postponement.

Resources Group Holds Final Session Tonight

Diamonds and garage doors, pianos and stocks and bonds, early Birmingham history and the modern city building—these are only a few of the subjects which have interested the 49 teacher-students in the Birmingham Community Resources Workshop.

A Michigan State University summer school course, the workshop is now winding up its last week at Pierce School. The purpose of the course is to explore the community to find all the resources which may be used by classroom teachers to enrich their basic curriculum.

During the four weeks of the course, the workshop members have taken 13 group field trips and heard nine speakers.

In addition the students have made 200 individual, committee telephone or personal contacts and have turned in reports on these to

the catalogue committee which has kept an up-to-date file.

THE LAST WEEK of the workshop has been used mainly for committee work on projects, which in their final form will be available to interested teachers in the area for use in their classroom planning.

Final culminating event will be the open house to be held tonight at Pierce School from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend and view the results of the intensive work.

Dr. Albert Ayars, educational director for Hill and Knowlton, a public relations firm, New York, which originated the workshop idea several years ago, will be present at the workshop sessions today and at the open house in the evening.

Dr. Carl Horn, of the Dept. of (See SESSION, 2-A)

Group's Idea Accepted in Beverly Hills

By KAY SMITH Special Writer

BEVERLY HILLS—The work of several residents of Kirtkshire near Southfield paid off at a public hearing Monday, when the council adopted their suggestion that a wide greenbelt would protect their residential area.

The greenbelt was discussed in connection with approving the request of the Metropolitan Federal Savings and Loan Association to rezone part of its property at 14 Mile Road and Southfield from residential to parking.

The association plans to build a bank on the southeast corner which will abut on Kirtkshire.

H. C. Heuser, 12705 Kirtkshire, prepared a report stating that since all the houses on Kirtkshire were set back 40 feet, the 24-foot greenbelt proposed by the association was insufficient. Frank Laren, 12665 Kirtkshire, also pressed for the 40-foot belt.

The council adopted Heuser's suggestion and granted the rezoning request with the inclusion of the 40-foot line of shrubbery.

In OTHER business, Councilman John Marec, in connection with the approval of unpaid bills, again stated that he felt that the cost to the village of \$450 by Johnson and Anderson for a report on the village requested on the collapse of the roof at the new Berkshire Junior High School was excessive.

Reappointment of three members to the zoning board of appeals—Hugh C. Allison, Harry E. Brunk and Theodore DuCharme, whose terms expired July 1—was put off until they could be contacted to see if they wished to (See IDEA, 8-A)

the house that a little jack built

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