

Man's history is littered with the records of the rise and the eventual fall of many, many former dynasties, republics, democracies, dictatorships. Every phase of enslavement of the people and/or maximum freedom has been included in the various forms of government. Thus, one may realize that freedom is threatened. Great centralization of power precedes loss of freedom.

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This and That

by George R. Averill
A Joyful Moment

Few situations can equal in sheer poignancy, the restoration of a lost little child to its parents. A five-year-old girl strayed from her older brothers a few days ago, in the vicinity of Vanderbilt, Mich. She was missing for 36 hours. A Vanderbilt man and his faithful dog found the youngster, who was unharmed though a bit hungry. She was given into her mother's arms. "I was crying too hard when I saw her to do anything but hold her in my arms," she later said. (This mother's joyful moment expressed something of the environment of paradise—proof that "man doesn't live by bread alone." Oh, the great privilege of being able to express unselfish love!)

"The Bible declares that it took God six days to create the entire universe. 'Twas a good thing that Jack and Bobby Kennedy were around at the time—or they'd probably have tried to finish the job in a couple of days", opined the Oracle of Ocoosa this week. "Seems as though those boys have suddenly discovered that mankind still lives in an imperfect society, not yet having evolved into consistently good and wise people—and so, via the revolutionary method, they assume that the mere passing of laws will usher in the millennium. Gee, oh gee! gosh, oh gosh!"

For many years the various U. S. States have annually held contests to select "Miss Queens" after which the winners compete for the national title. Well, that's o.k. It certainly puts on display a heap o' femininity. But why not do the same for young single men in youth, too? While the male's figure may not be as carved—(See THIS & THAT, 7-A)

B'ham Tops Nation In March to the Altar

(Special to The Eccentric)

Marriage is popular in Birmingham. More of the local residents are married and fewer are single than in many parts of the United States.

The marital status of the population, as reported by the Department of Commerce's latest survey, shows that the percentage of bachelors and single women is much greater in some communities than in others.

Economic conditions, education, job opportunities, the rural or urban nature of the area and, in some cases, a marked imbalance in the number of eligible men and women, are the causes.

IN BIRMINGHAM, 78.8 per cent of the men and 61.1 per cent of the women, both over the age of 14, are married.

When these figures are combined, 74.0 per cent of the eligibles are married.

This ratio is greater than in



DRIVING THE 1909 Ford Tourabout is its owner, Dr. Charles L. Bowers, Bloomfield Hills. He is one of the antique owners who gave rides to 150 crippled children at the second annual antique car picnic and outing for Oakland County crippled children on Sunday. In the front seat is Cynthia Hendricks of Pontiac. In the rear seat are (behind driver) Robert MacDougal of Pontiac and Richard Teague of Franklin Village. Sponsors for the picnic were the Birmingham chapter of the Veteran Motor Car Club of America and the Bloomfield Rotary Club.

Crippled Children Attend Annual Antique Car Picnic

with the Oakland County Crippled Children's Society.

THE PARTY was held Sunday afternoon at Graham Lake Recreation Area. It is the second year that it has been scheduled and it borders on becoming a tradition.

First of all, the car club members assemble in Birmingham. With wives and children aboard they drive their ancient, but restored to glories-of-old, cars in procession to the park.

There they are met by the children who are the guests of honor. The children's parents are also included in the guest list. The Rotarians are there with their families, too.

THEY ARRIVED laden with picnic fare for the more than 400 guests assembled.

The food is important, but more important is the youngsters' getting to ride in the antique cars. There were Stanley Steamers, Pope-Hortford's, Buicks of ancient date, Model T Fords and Hummels to choose from.

However, they don't want to choose. Each child wants a ride.

City Rejects Truck Ban On Humphrey

The city of Birmingham will not ban heavy trucks from using Humphrey Street.

City commissioners Monday night accepted Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley's recommendation that there was not sufficient truck traffic on the street to warrant the ban.

The police department had been instructed to investigate the number of trucks using Humphrey after 44 residents of the street had petitioned the commission to prohibit the heavy vehicles.

Moxley said the police department conducted speed checks on the street on July 11 and 12 and had also taken an origin and destination survey on the 12th.

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THE TRAFFIC volume on the street, which totaled 291, must be considered light, Moxley said.

"The speeds of all the vehicles appeared reasonable also," the chief noted.

Of the 45 trucks found to be using the street (in a 12-hour period), 36 were light trucks and all but five had business calls on the street," Moxley said.

He said that all six of the medium-heavy trucks checked were performing a service on the street. Five of these were Birmingham Forestry vehicles being used to remove diseased trees in the block.

THREE MULTI-AXLE trucks were checked during the 12 hours, according to the chief.

"One driver was looking for an adjacent street to deliver building materials, a second driver was a long-distance mover from out of state and was lost and the third driver was using the street as a short cut," Moxley said.

He said the owner of a moving company at the corner of Woodward and Humphrey has instructed his drivers not to use the street.



Hello, Miss Torchlighter

Torch Drive leaders meet the 1963 Torchlighter, Nancy Dykstra. From left to right are Walter C. Laidlaw, 704 Tottenham, executive vice president of the United Foundation; Edward N. Cole, 1371 Kirkway, Bloomfield Hills, General Motors vice president and general chairman of the 1963 Torch Drive; Nancy, of Grosse Pointe, and Thomas B. Adams, 931 W. Harsdale, president of Campbell-Ewald Co. and Torch Drive co-chairman for general promotion.

Official Blasts Oakland Road Commission

WEST BLOOMFIELD—For the second time in as many meetings, West Bloomfield Township Board member Charles Forbes blasted the Oakland County Road Commission.

The second outburst came at the township board meeting last week, when Forbes complained again of the road commission's delay in paving Walnut Lake Road. A one-mile section of the road is to be paved this year on a matching funds basis with county and township monies.

"The Oakland County Road Commission does one awful job of planning," Forbes observed.

Township Supervisor John Richard told Forbes that the road commission had agreed to begin work by Aug. 1.

"I want a report at our first board meeting in Aug.—(Aug. 7)—as to how well they have lived up to that commitment," Forbes answered.

Brief Illness Takes Life Of Twp. Editor

Mrs. Irma Neilson Davis, 47, reporter, columnist and Township Editor for The Birmingham Eccentric, died July 18 in Mt. Sinai Hospital, Detroit, following a three-week illness. Her home was at 26309 German Mill Road, Franklin.

Preceding her joining The Eccentric staff in 1960, Mrs. Davis, who was born in Johannesburg, South Africa, had been a correspondent for the Four Corners Press in Franklin.

SHE WAS THE daughter of Mrs. Inez Neilson of Southfield and the sister of Raymond F. Neilson, also of Southfield; Howard F. Neilson, of Pleasant Ridge and Mrs. Darl Johns of Southfield.

Also surviving are three children, Roger and Jill Marce, and Courtney Davis, all at home.

Funeral services took place Monday in the Haley Funeral Home, Southfield, with interment in White Chapel Cemetery.

The family requests that memorial tributes be sent to the Cancer Foundation.

The University of Michigan was the first in America to sponsor a project designed to study and develop the uses of atomic energy for other than wartime purposes, the Phoenix Project, in 1948.

Police Raid Birmingham Coffee Shop

The Bloomfield Coffee Shop, 355 S. Woodward, was one of six locations raided for alleged gambling activities Friday by Federal agents and State Police, assisted by Birmingham Police.

Police said the betting ring netted \$1.5 million annually.

The Birmingham coffee shop was described as an extremely small operation by Birmingham Detective Richard Chambers.

He said bets were taken on a private phone in a narrow aisle in the back of the shop. Owner Steve S. Grappas of Pontiac answered the phone in Greek when taking bets, according to Chambers.

"THE RESTAURANT has counter-top seats for 15 persons, plus seating at three tables and three booths.

Three customers in the shop during the raid were not held by police. They were regular customers, police said.

(See RAID, 5-A)

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Council Hears Policing Request

A village marshal is appointed by the council to enforce ordinances and settle minor neighborhood disturbances. He is deputized but has no equipment other than his own car.

Hulett explained that the village could contract to have a two-man car or "ambulwagon" on duty at all times. With 11 radio units in his company, Hulett offered assistance in cases of emergency could be instantly available.

The scope of their authority would not necessarily be granted them by the council, and management details would be handled directly by the village president or his authorized agent.

STRESSING the service was primarily protection and security of residents and village property and not necessarily traffic control, Hulett estimated that such services on a year-around basis, 24 hours a day, might cost about \$20 a month per family. This could be paid per annum and would be tax deductible, he said.

He offered to submit a written proposal which would include approximate costs for several plans of protection.

The council agreed to consider the proposal.

STREET administrator Harold Speicher reviewed surface water problems of Bingham Road near Shagwood Drive and explained solutions suggested by the village engineers.

Two bids for ditching and culverts were submitted, the contract awarded to Sterling Garrett Co. Work will begin immediately to correct conditions creating hazards to drivers in the spring.

THE NEXT FRW Monday night will be devoted to close and close study of land parcels in the village to determine how equitable sewer assessments can be arranged.

An updated survey by engineers Giffels and Webster provoked a number of questions regarding the interpretation of "potential use" which will be the basis for assessment in the future.

Councilman Clayton Lemon indicated that a canvass study of the survey indicated that individual (See REQUEST, 4-A)

GOP Picks Neighborhood Fund Leader

Oakland County's Republican chairman, Charles L. Lyle, has appointed Mrs. John Pfister as a 1963 neighbor to neighbor finance chairman.

Mrs. Pfister, of 2849 Buckingham has long been active in politics and civic affairs. She served as a precinct delegate, a member of the executive board, and as office manager in Wayne County's 15th Congressional District.

Upon moving to Oakland County in 1961 Mrs. Pfister became immersed in Republican Party activities. She has served as a delegate to numerous county and state conventions. In 1961 she was ticket chairman for the Republican ox roast.

She is now assistant city director for Birmingham, secretary for the Third Legislative District and corresponding secretary for the Birmingham-Troy Republican Women's Club.

The neighbor to neighbor finance campaign is the Republican Party's effort for broad base financial support.

LAMB Sale!

Hills Bros. COFFEE 2-Lb. Cbn \$1.15

HILLMAN'S QT. JAR MAYONNAISE 65¢

Durke's, Ground 46 oz. Can BLACK PEPPER 39¢

46-oz. Can HAWAIIAN PUNCH 3 for \$1.00

Underwood 4 1/4-oz. Can DEVILED HAM 39¢

KLEENEX White Tissues 600 ct. 36¢ box

HELLMAN'S QT. JAR BUTTER 69¢

Borden's COTTAGE CHEESE 19¢ lb.

Borden's MILK 1/2 Gal. 39¢

PINCONNING-MILD CHEESE 49¢

Strohs ICE CREAM all flavors 79¢ 1/2 Gal.

Frost Bite & Eskimo SANDWICHES 29¢ pkg.