

by George R. Averill

Once upon a time there was an English king who gave up his throne "Because I cannot be your king unless I have the woman I love at my side." He abdicated and wedded a Mrs. Wally Simpson now the duchess of Windsor. This twin often get into the newspapers, most always in the status column. Wonder if the former prince of Wales ever sighs as he becomes conscious of his departure from a position of tremendous responsibility . . . a station from which he might have sounded his voice on behalf of trying to solve some of the problems of a troubled world?

So many little and larger tasks and chores are the lot of everyone here, the thing we ought to do now, if delayed, grows larger by the hour; we carry it in our thought and the mental burden is more fatiguing than the doing of it. Be the task, the chore only that of writing that over-due letter . . . again started, the larger challenge—yet, when written and posted, what a relief! POSTPONEMENT can blight the brightest life!

Recalling early American history, it is recorded that Thomas Jefferson, in his Declaration of Independence, mentioned a few words about the prevalence of "many tax collectors" being on the colonial premises. Compared with today's heaps and heaps of taxes levied, the colonists were let off easy. Yet, being of a different character cast, the boys and girls along the east coast rose up "and did something about it!" They threw off the British yoke of taxation . . . and the United States of America resulted. Alas! most unfortunate for a cause of liberty and personal freedom, a majority of U.S. citizens today appear perfectly willing to "let the government do for them." This, of course, is illegal (though immoral) form of civic bribery. It is a traditional pattern that spans the transition of freemen into bondmen.

Psychiatrists say that it's not good for a man to keep too much to himself. So does the Internal Revenue Dept.

Historical Note: Romance lasted longer in the "old days" because a bride looked the same after she washed her face. (See THIS & THAT, 7-A)

B'field Man Appointed To Wayne School Post

Dr. William Cook Miller of Bloomfield Township has been appointed deputy superintendent of schools by the Wayne County Intermediate Board of Education. The appointment becomes effective immediately.

As deputy superintendent, Miller's major task will be to coordinate the work and services of the curriculum specialists who assist the 43 school districts in Wayne County. Some 500,000 public school pupils are enrolled in the county's approximately 800 schools. He will continue to work with local school leaders, particularly those with curriculum responsibility.

PRIOR TO accepting the position of deputy superintendent, Miller had been an educational consultant with the Wayne County Board of Education for 11 years. This summer, for the second con-

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B'ham Receives Safety Citation

For having gone two full years (1961, '62) without a pedestrian death, the City of Birmingham Tuesday received a Pedestrian Safety Citation from the American Automobile Association (AAA).

Birmingham was among 27 Michigan communities receiving the award, which resulted from the city's entry in the 1962 AAA National Pedestrian Protection Contest. Douglas Brown, local Automobile Club of Michigan division manager, presented a plaque symbolizing the award to Birmingham Mayor W. H. Burgum at a special meeting of the Northwestern Safety and Traffic Committee. Birmingham competed with 220 other U.S. cities in the 25,000-to-50,000 population class in the national contest. To be eligible for the award, a city must record no pedestrian fatalities for at least one year, plus submit evidence that a well-balanced safe-walking program exists (a minimum of 25 per cent credit in six out of seven areas of safety emphasis).

IN PRESENTING the award, Brown cited the work of police, school and other interested safety officials for "carrying out an obviously effective pedestrian safety program," and commended Birmingham citizens for their careful driving and walking practices.

Other area cities receiving cita-



DR. WM. C. MILLER

tives were Berkley, Huntington Woods and Royal Oak. Ferndale received an honorable mention for an outstanding overall safe-walking program.

"These awards become much more impressive in view of the fact that the 10-mile stretch of Woodward from Ferndale through Birmingham is one of the most highly traveled local streets in southeastern Michigan," noted Robert Cullen, Auto Club area safety consultant, who explained their significance.

"It is even more amazing to note that, from a combined population of 175,000 residents in these five very transient communities, (See CITATION, 5-A)

Beverly Okays Water System Improvement

By KAY SMITH
Special Writer

BEVERLY HILLS—At a special meeting Monday the council took action to improve the water system in the village between 13 and 14 Mile roads from Greenfield to Southfield roads, at an estimated cost of \$23,900.

Councilman Claude A. Shephard, chairman of the water and sewer commission, originally called the meeting because the water pressure in this section was too low to extinguish a large house fire if one

should occur, and he felt new mains must be constructed.

MEANTIME, the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority, which is constructing mains with funds from a federal grant, came up with a proposal to construct a 24-inch main along 13 Mile Road from Greenfield to Southfield, and along Southfield from 13 to 14 Mile roads, provided the village would make certain improvements to its water system in the area to utilize the capacity of the new mains.

While funds are not available to construct the mains the county suggested, Shephard told the council that the village could handle the construction of an 8-inch main on Pierce at a cost of \$10,000, and a 4-inch main on Sheridan for \$8,000.

AN 8-INCH MAIN would be necessary on 13 Mile Road from Pierce to East Rutland, but laid in the same trench with the water authority main, would cost only \$4,800.

This would mean a total of \$23,900 for 1963-64, and the other mains could be constructed as funds become available.

Of the \$23,900, half the cost would be assessed to benefiting property owners, at approximately \$10 per home. The remaining \$11,950 could be paid by the water department without jeopardizing other programs committed or planned.

IN OUTLINING the plan, Shephard pointed out that construction under federal grant funds must start within 120 days of the granting and that if the village did not (See BEVERLY, 6-A)



MRS. ROBERT ARTZ
New Lathrup principal

Lathrup School Principal Is Prepared for Her Job

When Mrs. Robert J. Artz takes over as principal of Lathrup School next week, she will bring an unusual fund of knowledge to her new job.

She has experience in personnel, classroom teaching, curriculum development and teacher supervision. Del, as she's known to Southfield School District people, replaces Robert Catlin as head of the Annie Lathrup School in Lathrup Village. Catlin will be principal at Southfield No. 10 School.

MRS. ARTZ'S background in different grade levels and her last two years' experience in visiting classrooms in different schools has yielded extensive preparation for the job of principal.

Does she foresee immediate changes in Lathrup School's teaching program? "Not until we find better things than we already have," she said. "As we discover new materials and methods which would be an addition to the program, the teachers and I will talk about incorporating them."

"But the program is so soundly based now that no sweeping changes are anticipated."

MRS. ARTZ is no stranger to Lathrup School. She has known and worked with teachers there in her former capacity as elementary consultant for the 11 grade schools in the Southfield system.

She brings some strong beliefs to her new job.

"I believe the role of principal is basically that of resource person to the teachers and community."

"Although we play different

roles, teachers and parents hold the same goals for children—to provide the best environment for them to grow to their highest potential," she adds.

ON TEACHING:

"A valuable function of the schools is to teach how to learn, besides teaching the content of learning. We can't teach all the information in the world, but we can show students how best to learn all they need to know and hope we open doors to more learning."

"In the process, we hope our teaching carries with it the enjoyment of learning new things, and the security and independence of knowledge."

FOR THE children at Lathrup School:

"I hope we can provide a well-rounded elementary experience with respect for basic content and

Adjourn Suit Against Hills School Board

A circuit court suit brought by a construction firm charging that the Bloomfield Hills School Board wasted \$800 of public money in awarding contracts for a three-room school addition has been adjourned.

Representatives of the school board, the Schwanz Construction Co. and Tarapata-MacMahon Associates, Bloomfield Hills architects, will meet this afternoon in an effort to iron out differences that led to the suit.

Schwanz charged in the suit that the money was wasted when the school board awarded a contract for a three-room addition at Hickory Grove School to Berneche Construction Co., second lowest bidder, instead of Schwanz, the low bidder.

SCHWANZ HAD asked circuit court to stop work on the school addition and order the school board to show cause why the job should not be awarded to the lowest bidder. A hearing had been scheduled for Monday morning.

John Gilray of Canfield, Miller, Paddock & Stone, attorney for the board, said the adjournment had been asked with consent of both (See SUIT, 4-A)

Bad Check Artist To Stand Trial

Leonard J. Gerrard, 23, stood mute at his arraignment Monday in Oakland County Circuit Court on charges of writing false checks in Birmingham.

Gerrard, who lives in Berkley, was arrested Aug. 7 by Birmingham police when he tried to purchase a set of automobile tires with a false credit card.

When apprehended he had in his possession two wallets and several credit cards that had been stolen from autos in Berkley and Detroit. No date was set for Gerrard's trial.

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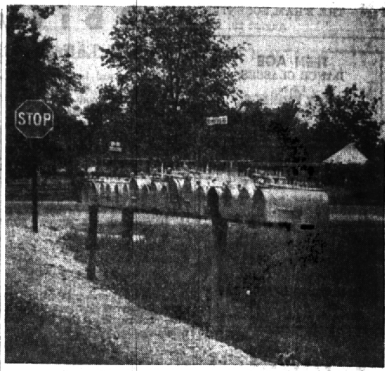
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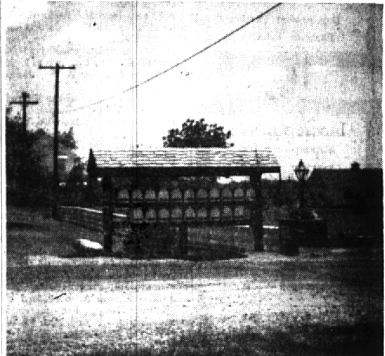
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Operation 'Mailbox'

An improvement of considerable pride to residents of Glencoe Estates subdivision (near Quarton Road and Telegraph) is what they like to term "Operation Mailbox." Pictures often speak louder than words and the one above might be captioned "before" and the bottom one "after." The plans were drawn by Theron Neir, design engineer for GM Truck and Coach Division; H. F. Smurthwaite was the "strawboss"; and many residents spent leisure time working on the project.



the house that a little jack built

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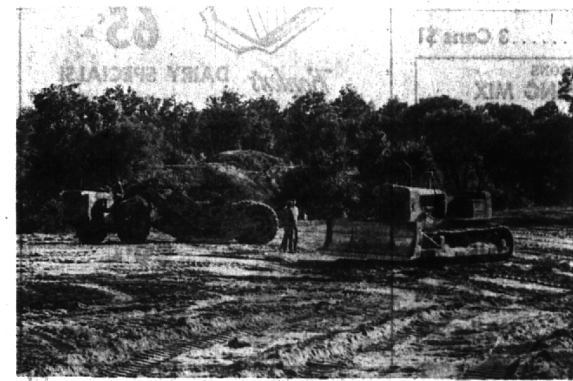
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Golf Course in the Rough

Construction of Birmingham's new municipal golf course at Lincoln and Cranbrook roads is moving along at a rapid pace, according to Parks and Forestry Supt. Darrel C. Middlewood. Along with the nine-hole course, recreational facilities will be included for a ski and sled run, picnic area, horseshoe courts and a natural ice rink. Huge earth-moving machines have been busy for the last week clearing the land for the new fairways.