

This and That

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'By God, Sir, I Am a Sick American Who Intends to Get Well!' He Writes

The following letter was written by a 50-year-old San Francisco homeowner, with three teen-age children, who never thought very much about his nation's problems or shared the feeling of frustration that many Americans have about their government's stand in relation to domestic and international affairs.

He was concerned primarily about paying off the house mortgage, meeting the car payment and all of the other things that nag the typical, responsible citizen. Then one day while rummaging through a trunk in the attic he found an old Bible owned by his great-grandmother who in it had written about the trials, heartaches, sickness and death she and her husband faced when they left the warm security of their home in the East and traveled by covered wagon across the mountains to look for a new life on the plains.

The San Franciscan was so moved he took pen in hand and wrote a letter "to the editor," which unburdened his soul:

"And, suddenly, I realized that I am a sick American. I mean really sick. I am sick of pampera and of backing up. I am sick of reaction where there should be initiative. I am sick of bureaucrats who tell me that my enemy is not really my enemy and that I should live together with murderers and tyrants. I am sick of government that hasn't the guts to clean traitors out of its own offices. And I'm sick of my Country being ridiculed all over the world. I am sick of slick-financed diplomats and flaccid personal careers above the fate of the 'Plains.'"

"I am sick of 40 years of resentment, creeping, cancerous, communitarian Godlessness that never once has wavered from its avowed purposes of consuming that Plains and seeing it trampled in the mud under Russian boots."

"I am sick of educators who teach tolerance of subversion and of eylemehen who would have me quail at the spectre of battle and turn my cheek in fear of what our enemies might do. In all honesty, the thing of which I am most sick is the man who let these things come to me myself. And by the living God who made me, Sir, I am a sick American who intends to get well!"

Newberg Tells His Version Of 'Ouster'

Writes Letter Refuting Article In Post Magazine

In a 15-page letter to The Saturday Evening Post, charging the magazine with libelous statements, William C. Newberg of Bloomfield Hills this week told his version of how he was "ousted" from the presidency of Chrysler Corp. in 1960.

According to Newberg, 1411 Kirkway, he signed a letter of resignation after being charged at a Chrysler board of directors' meeting with having had supplier affiliations that created a conflict of interest.

These affiliations had been severed the previous year, Newberg reported in the letter, and he claimed the fact was well known to the Chrysler board prior to electing him president.

IN THE POST article, "The Automakers and Their Mighty Works," which appeared in the magazine Sept. 13, Newberg said Armstrong stated that Newberg "... had been caught at the untypical practice of making a personal fortune through his business interest in supplier companies that sold mainly to Chrysler."

Newberg's letter said, "A true refutation as established by testimony already a part of court records, will show that my supplier affiliations were directly responsible for saving Chrysler Corp. as much as, or more than, \$10,000,000."

He also stated that he was not associated with Chrysler after his ouster in 1960—he had served as company president for two months. (See NEWBERG, 5-A)

Last Section Of the Lodge Opens Today

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Michigan's freeway mileage will pass the 1,200-mile mark today when the final section of the John C. Lodge Freeway is opened to traffic, the State Highway Department reported this week.

The 1.5-mile link extends from Greenfield Road just south of Eight Mile Road in Detroit north to a point near Nine Mile Road in Southfield.

The opening also signifies completion of the 14-mile-long \$44 million Southfield Freeway from its terminus at I-94 north to the Lodge-Nine Mile Road-Southfield interchange.

STATE HIGHWAY Commissioner John C. Mackie will participate in dedication ceremonies at 10 a. m. along with officials from Detroit, Southfield, Oak Park and Wayne and Oakland counties.

Work first began on the Lodge Freeway extension in September, 1960, with the paving of the temporary center pavement in the then existing 84-foot-wide median along James Couzens Highway.

The entire 10.4-mile-long project — from Wyomiting to the I-96 Freeway near Telegraph Road—cost \$39,951,103 to construct and \$14,015,913 for right-of-way, a total of \$53,967,016.

THE SECTION being opened today was built at a cost of \$8.9 million, including right-of-way.

The Lodge opening will provide a direct, nonstop route from downtown Detroit to Lansing, Grand Rapids and Muskegon on the west and to Flint, Saginaw, Bay City to Mackinac Bridge and Sault Ste. Marie on the north.

It will enable motorists to travel from the heart of Detroit's Civic Center area 191 miles to Lake Michigan at Muskegon via the John C. Lodge, I-96 and I-96 freeways.

The Lodge opening also will provide a direct connection to the Ohio-to-Soo Freeway — Michigan's 385-mile north-south superhighway — near Brighton.



Contestants Honored at Tea

It was a getting-to-know-you party Tuesday afternoon at Birmingham House when The Eccentric was host to the 15 finalists entered in the 1964 Suburban Homemaker Contest. Staff members and judges spent a rewarding and festive couple of hours with women pegged tops in their community. Among the honorees were Mrs. Richard Dickensied (seated from left), Mrs. William A. Basse, Mrs. John F. Musto, Mrs. William F. SaeRow and Mrs. Edward F. Collins. From the group of 15 a winner will be chosen to represent Birmingham in the national contest Nov. 19-20, in Chicago. Announcement will be made Nov. 12.



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Pumpkin People Like Country Life.

All pumpkins don't become jack-o'-lanterns, with candles shining eerily through the cutout features of their faces. Some stay down on the farm—almost—and here's one family to prove it. You might want to try something similar, creating father,

mother and child pumpkin outfitted in country clothes. They'd make an interesting Halloween party accent, or just be unusual visitors to welcome in your home through Oct. 31.

City Ponders Changes in R-7 Zoning

A public hearing will be held Dec. 14 before the Birmingham City Commission to discuss possible changes in the R-7, multiple family, zoning classification.

If regulations suggested by the plan board are adopted, the new classification would encourage the development of "larger luxury apartments," according to William R. Brownfield, city planner.

Brownfield added that the proposal would call for a greater percentage of open space in apartment developments.

"It also proposes a sight plan review by the plan board," Brownfield said. "This would mean each development would be considered on its own merits."

UNWILLINGNESS of the U.S. Senate, plus the President of the United States, to fully investigate the shenanigans of one Bobby Baker, has cast a dark shadow of suspicion on that august legislative body. In a few short years, Baker, secretary to the Senate Democratic majority, and a "protégé" of former Sen. Lyndon Baines Johnson, is said to have amassed about two million dollars—though his Senate salary was less than \$20,900 per year. When brought before a senate committee, Mr. Baker refused to answer more than a hundred questions, often taking the well-known Fifth Amendment. Yet the senate committee has (See THIS & THAT, 6-A)

Set Public Hearings On Deficiency Roll

By DAVE PHILPO
Township Editor

Two public hearings—for the purpose of approving a deficiency assessment for a sanitary sewer in South Bloomfield Highlands—have been set for Nov. 9 and Nov. 23 by the Bloomfield Township Board.

The hearings are necessary because a bid price of \$181,002.64 exceeds the original estimate of \$156,475.75 for the sewer by more than 20 per cent.

In May, 1963, the estimate of cost was \$740.96 per site; now the bid price is \$899.22 per site—which represents a 21.77 per cent increase.

Supervisor Homer Case said the area needs sanitary sewers immediately and that there is a "pollution problem" to be considered.

IN OTHER business, the board:

- Agreed to pay one-third of the cost of a sidewalk on the west side of Opdyke Road, north of Hickory Grove. The walk, to cost about \$1,200, will make it safer for children walking to and from school.
- St. Hugo Elementary School has agreed to pay \$400 on the sidewalk and either the Bloomfield Hills School District or the PTO is expected to bear the remaining cost.
- Awarded three contracts to Alana Construction Co., \$43,814.90 for Miller Estates Water Main No. 152; \$10,868.80 for Exeter Road water main extension; and \$12,571.60 for water main extensions on Lakeland Lane and Kirkland Court.
- Awarded a contract for \$157,398 to Mike Harabedian, Inc., for construction of a sanitary sewer extension in South Bloomfield Highlands, subject to confirmation of the deficiency roll.

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600 Go to Forum, Hear Candidates

Some 600 Oakland County residents jammed the Gold Room at Oakland University Wednesday night, Oct. 21, and deluged Michigan's 11th District, Oakland County and the county's top candidates with questions about campaign issues.

The occasion was the second annual Citizens Political Forum of the Oakland Citizens League.

"I don't think any other Michigan county has a unique program like this," said forum chairman George J. Fulkerson, 3410 Midbury Lane, Birmingham.

"Eighteen service and other organizations worked on the forum with the nonpartisan Oakland Citizens League, so that voters could hear and quiz both Republican and Democratic candidates at one session."

Jaycee Auxiliary To Report Vote Results Nov. 3

In an effort to speed up the reporting of vote results of the presidential, governor and U.S. Senate races at the precinct level in the Nov. 3 general election in Michigan, the Birmingham Jaycees Auxiliary will serve as special election precinct reporters for Network Election Service (NES).

The NES news group includes The Associated Press, United Press International and ABC, NBC and CBS radio and television networks.

Paula (Mrs. Roger) Crammins, president of the Birmingham auxiliary, said members of her chapter will call from their assigned precincts with results of the three key races to NES' news gathering center at the Leland Hotel in Detroit.

GOV. GEORGE Romney, introduced by WBBK-TV News Director Bob McBride, said, "Two years ago the whole campaign focused around the mess in Michigan."

"Today, the whole campaign focuses around progress in Michigan and who is responsible for it. What greater evidence of progress could there be?"

The Republican gubernatorial candidate defended the payment of cash for the state's \$200 million building program, instead of financing through bond sales.

"If we had to pay interest on bonds, it would cost \$30 to \$40 million more. We can use that money for other programs."

candidate said the \$57 million state surplus "came from a package of insurance taxes... which collects \$77 million per year... it's the beer drinkers and the cigaret smokers who deserve the credit."

Blaming Romney for failure to issue building bonds and divert available funds to other state needs, Staebler said, "The state is not meeting the needs of higher education, and the biggest failure is in not putting enough money into school aid."

"We ought to put it into the problem of school dropouts. By neglecting to do so, we are setting up a problem for ourselves 15 times as big as the saving the governor is making on interest."

WXYZ-TV newscaster Bill Bonds introduced Staebler.

(See FORUM, 7-A)

West Bloomfield OK's Riot Guns For Police Dept.

WEST BLOOMFIELD — The township is not expecting trouble; but if it occurs, the police department will have riot guns to handle it.

The township board approved a request from the police department last week for two Winchester riot guns, each costing \$75.16.

Police Chief Mel Will said the township department is part of the road blockade system of the state, and the officers on blockade should have more than a side arm for protection.

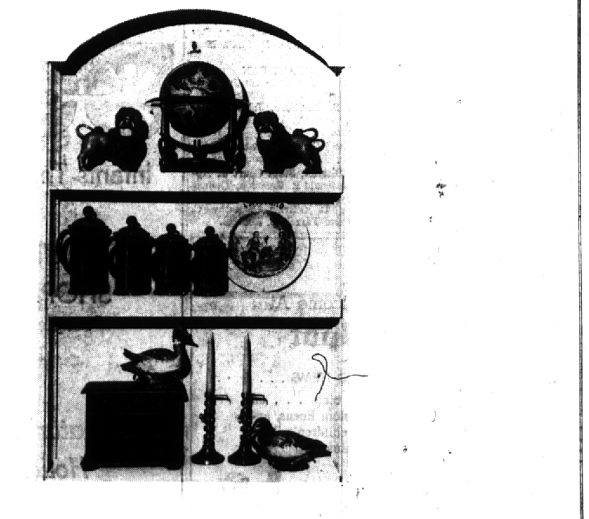
"I HOPE to make arrangements to carry the riot guns in the cars at night," Will said. "I also hope we won't have to use them; but they should be in our equipment."

Will said the 12-gauge guns use buckshot for ammunition.

"They're dangerous, do lots of damage and command attention and respect," he said.

Officers will carry the riot guns in canvas cases under the seats of patrol cars.

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