

# This and That

by  
George R. Averill

## He Stood Not Alone!

Alone! Alone? Some say alone He stood!  
Arrayed against Him in His quest for Good.  
Were ancient quarrels, hates, enmities fierce.  
With only spear of Love in hand He sought to pierce  
The armor of His foes. On consecrated Mount  
He Spoke Words that are sacred, living fount  
Of Wisdom's strong defence 'gainst all that's wrong!  
His Words have since become the joyous, wondrous song  
And hope for troubled mankind everywhere.  
Oh, say This Man was not alone! We dare  
To think and know His strength, support was One  
Whose Voice said: "This is my beloved Son . . ."  
And so, on every joyful Christmas Day,  
The world does pause, head hushed, to listen, to pray:  
"We thank Thee, Lord of all that's true and good—  
Thy Spirit heralds living Brotherhood!"

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## Special Hours Reported for 3-Day Holiday

A majority of Birmingham-Bloomfield residents will begin a three-day week end today. The Birmingham Public Schools dismissed the district's 150,000 students at the end of regular class sessions Wednesday. The schools will reopen at the regular time on Monday, Jan. 4.

Most of Birmingham's postal services will be suspended until Monday.

Postmaster Rollie Reese said there would be no mail delivery on Saturday and the post office would be open only for boxholders.

**DELIVERIES** of gift parcels, special delivery mail and periodicals will be restricted, Reese said. A number of employees will be working to perform the necessary distribution of incoming and outgoing mail, he added.

All mail deposited in the lobby and collection boxes will be picked up on the regular "holiday" collection schedule.

The Baldwin Public Library will close at noon today and reopen at 9:30 a. m. on Monday, Jan. 4. The secretary of state's office in Birmingham will close at noon today and will reopen for business at 9 a. m. Monday, Jan. 4.

On New Year's Eve, the office will close at 5 p. m. and it will reopen at 9 a. m. on Monday, Jan. 4.

**MOST BIRMINGHAM** stores will close at 5 p. m. today and reopen at the normal time on Saturday.

Residents were reminded, however, to check their gasoline gauges because many stations will be closed on Christmas Day.

Birmingham municipal offices will close at noon today and reopen at 8 a. m. Monday.

Bloomfield Hills schools suspended classes at noon Wednesday. They will resume at the regular time on Jan. 4.

Bloomfield Township offices will be closed from noon Thursday until 8:30 a. m. Monday. City offices in Bloomfield Hills will close at 5 p. m. Thursday and open again at 8:30 a. m. Monday.

A low-sick Indiana girl, 19, wanted to marry her 20-year-old sweetheart. So she mailed him, anonymously, five 100 dollar bills, one of them to pay for repairs to his car, the others for marital purposes, presumably. He got the money . . . but when it was learned that she stole the dough from the store where she worked, he returned the money and she was not prosecuted by the store manager. Question: if and when they marry, will she be tempted to go through his pants in search of the wallet?

## Contract Awarded To Detroit Firm

A \$6,300 contract for the maintenance of the Birmingham Municipal Building was awarded to a Detroit firm by city commissioners Monday night.

The contract, which covers the 1965 calendar year, was awarded to the Packard Maintenance Co. Packard and his bid.

Foremost Building Maintenance Corp., 311 N. Eton, Birmingham, the present contractor, submitted a bid of \$7,080.



**DIRECTOR OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION**  
William S. Corliss: "Why and how kids learn."



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## Propose Concepts For Hills School

By DAVE PHILPO  
Area News Editor

To meet the needs of a rapidly-changing education system, the second high school to be built in the Bloomfield Hills School District may encompass some teaching and learning concepts that now seem "way out."

This was the essence of a progress report submitted to the board of education Tuesday night by two educational consultants from Michigan State University.

Dr. Donald Leu and Dr. Richard

Featherstone have been working with teachers, principals, administrators and architects to develop plans for the district's second high school which will cost about \$2,280,950.

"SCHOOL DISTRICTS, such as Bloomfield Hills, who are in the midst of rapid growth, technological and physical changes, must constantly review, revise and improve their educational programs," Dr. Leu said.

"For example, automation, mushrooming scientific advances and the

international ideological war for survival of the American system of government and values obviously places increased demands on the public school systems."

Of 18 emerging concepts discussed, Dr. Leu eliminated three. They were computer scheduling (uneconomical for the district), a central storage and retrieval system (too complex and costly) and automated food services.

Other concepts strongly recommended by the consultants were:

- Schools within a school or the "little school" concept. These could

be broken down by grades or subject matter; for example, a school of 600 divided into two groups of 300 each with common science areas and physical education facilities.

Such a plan would help solve the problem of the district's school population. A school planned for 1,200 students could be expanded to 1,800 without harming the educational concept.

- Large group instruction. "This concept doesn't cost any money at all, if used properly," said Dr. Leu.

This involves better utilization of the staff and frees teachers for small seminars.

- Team teaching. "We have to plan and think in terms of differing teachers. Some teachers just can't work with other teachers. This doesn't mean they are poor teachers."

- Small group seminars. "We need more of these. Here small groups of from eight to 10 students can sit down around a table and delve deeply into subject matter."

- Guided independent study. "The assumption here is that we want to reach each student independent. There is not enough planned into schools for self-education."

Dr. Leu recommended more spaces in the classrooms in which the students could go further by themselves.

- Individualized programs. These would recognize that every child is different and programs would

be planned according to individual needs.

Instructional materials center. The library, Dr. Leu said, should be something like a living room, "a place where everybody wants to go." He said it should tie in with other activities and there should be many "library lanes."

- Nongraded school. Described as "one of the most exciting" concepts, this takes about three years of planning. "Students would no longer have to worry about whether they are in the 10th, 11th or 12th grades."

**OTHER CONCEPTS** presented by Dr. Leu were electronic learning, as designated by a star. The program, changing vocational-technical programs, teacher planning areas, informal learning and counseling areas, decentralized counseling agencies and outdoor research laboratories.

He suggested fostering a sense of competition between the two high schools, so that neither would become "stagnated."

"The present high school could not compete as far as facilities were" (See PROPOSE, 5-A)



**A SIGN OF FRIENDSHIP**  
Mrs. G. Ernest Thomas is greeted by Bwi Zhi.



**Mary Thomas and schoolmate Janie Katsando**

## PASTOR'S SON, FAMILY

### Spend Fourth Christmas in Rhodesia

By LARRY EVOE  
City Editor

The thoughts of one Birmingham more-grandmother will be thousands of miles away this Christmas Eve.

Mrs. G. Ernest Thomas, wife of the pastor at Birmingham's First Methodist Church, will be thinking of her son and his family living in the tiny village of Arnoldine in Rhodesia.

The son, Rev. Norman Thomas, his wife and their four children will be spending their fourth Christmas in that African nation.

"It's a great community and religious day that involves all of the people in the village," she said.

He is serving as director of Christian Education for the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Thomas said there are some 18,000 natives enrolled in her son's Sunday school and church program.

Although the recent trouble in the Congo occurred more than 800 miles from Arnoldine, its effects were still felt, according to Mrs. Thomas.

She said local white authorities are wary of native meetings, and a recent gathering of her son's to organize a Sunday school in nearby Salisbury was broken up by the police.

"The tension is sometimes very high," she said.

MRS. THOMAS visited Arnoldine in both 1963 and 1964.

Her last trip was for the purpose of babysitting while her daughter-in-law gave birth to the latest Thomas grandchild.

She said the family is treated with "great love and respect" by the villagers.

Her visits have been warmly received by the natives and on each trip she has taken home a live chicken—a sign that she has been accepted as a friend.

The Thomas' school-age children, Paul and Mary, 6, go to the local native school and are the only white children in attendance.

Her daughter-in-law, Winifred, is a registered nurse and runs a clinic in the village. Mrs. Thomas said natives often walk 20 to 25 miles for medical treatment.

Another member of the family is planning a trip to Africa next summer and expects to see his son and family.

## School Addition Bids Requested

By LARRY EVOE

Although the job of being a Birmingham city commissioner is time-consuming in its own right, Carl F. Ingraham finds time to do double duty as a member of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

Ingraham has served the City in the two jobs since he was appointed to the county group by the commission in 1956.

He is one of four supervisors that represent Birmingham on the 85-member board. The others are Duane Lovinson, Luther Hearcock and Clark Hagstrom.

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## Corliss' Job: Create Learning Atmosphere

Sixth in a Series  
By LARRY EVOE

William S. Corliss is interested in the "atmospheric conditions" of the Birmingham Public Schools.

His interest, however, is not along the scientific line but deals with the human element.

Corliss, 43, is the director of elementary education for the schools.

"My main concern is to create the best possible learning atmosphere for the 8,500 youngsters enrolled in our elementary program," he said.

"I'm primarily interested in why and how the kids learn," he explained.

**CORLISS** is the only director of elementary education the school system has ever had. His position was created in 1961 on the recommendation of the Secondary School Study Committee.

He is responsible for all aspects of the elementary education program, including administration, supervision, personnel and building plans. He reports directly to the deputy superintendent.

Corliss, building principals, coordinators and classroom teachers are continually reviewing, updating and changing the elementary curriculum.

Changes in the courses of study are not an overnight procedure, according to Corliss.

"IT USUALLY" takes us 12 to 18 months to introduce a new program fully into the curriculum and then it often takes four or five years to assess its value," he said.

This year Corliss is analyzing the reading program of the entire elementary system.

Since he took the job in 1961, several major innovations have been introduced by Corliss.

Although he refuses to take the credit, Corliss has been primarily responsible for the introduction and development of libraries in the elementary schools, the teaching of foreign languages and the starting of a remedial reading program.

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## Teen Board Formed; To Pick Center Site

Finding a home for a proposed Birmingham-Bloomfield teen center will be the main function for the newly-formed and organized Teen Center Board of Directors.

Members of the new policy-making board were selected by their schools through an invitation issued by a subcommittee of the Birmingham Youth Assistance Committee.

In an earlier letter to school principals and student council presidents, the subcommittee said that they had established last year (through a questionnaire) the need for a teen center in this area. They asked that the schools assist them in naming board members to represent the views of their schools.

**BORN** IN Carrington, N.D., Corliss was educated at Winona State. He has ever had. (See CORLISS, 5-A)

## Wants Agreement Beverly Says Widen Southfield in B'ham

By KAY SMITH  
Special Writer

**BEVERLY HILLS** — An often-repeated query by residents of this village regarding the widening of Southfield Road from 13 to 14 Mile Road influenced the council at the regular meeting Monday.

"We would like the bottleneck from 13 to 14 Mile, why not widen Southfield to Maple, or at least Lincoln?"

This is a question residents have asked again and again, and the council decided to incorporate this idea in a letter being sent by the village commission to Paul Van Buren, chairman of the county road commission, spelling out agreements pertaining to the proposed widening.

**IN DISCUSSING** the letter, Councilman Edward F. Dolan, chairman of the village road commission, stressed that it is not in any sense a contractual agreement, but just an exchange of ideas in writing for an orderly development of the Southfield Road program.

The problem with the widening proceeding beyond 14 Mile is that Southfield is a county road to that point and a city street in Birmingham from 14 to Maple.

The council decided to incorporate

## Many Festivities On Schedule for Inauguration Day

By DAVE PHILPO

More than 10 hours of entertainment, featuring marching bands, dance combos, choral choirs and a national Little League troupe will follow the inauguration of Gov. George Romney of Bloomfield Hills on New Year's Day in Lansing.

Despite the festivities, the highlight of Inauguration Day is scheduled for noon when Gov. Romney takes his second term oath of office. Chief Justice Thomas M. Kavanaugh of the State Supreme Court.

A record number of persons is expected to attend the inaugural ceremony. More than 75,000 invitations were mailed.

**THOSE** attending will hear Gov. Romney outline his program for the next two years and call for greater citizen participation in government.

With the governor will be his immediate family: his wife, Lenore; her two sons, George Scott and William Mitty; two daughters, Mrs. Lynn Keenan of Bloomfield Township and Mrs. Jane Robinson of Ann Arbor; and eight grandchildren.

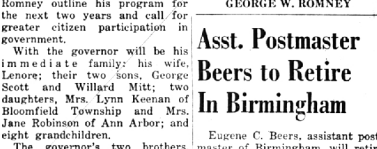
The governor's two brothers, Maurice and Miles, will come from Salt Lake City, Utah, for the inauguration ceremony.

Other out-of-state guests will include Mr. and Mrs. Isaac M. Stauter of Palo Alto, Calif.; Mrs. Romney's cousin, and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Marriott of Washington, D.C., close friends of the Romneys.

**BRONZE** medallions, with Gov. Romney's picture on one side and a map of Michigan on the other, will be offered as inauguration souvenirs. It will be the first time an inaugural committee has offered such keepsakes and they are expected to become collectors' items.

About 3,000 medallions will be sold to patrons of the inauguration and offered as gifts to visiting dignitaries. Another 2,000 has been ordered.

The side with Romney's profile will also bear his signature and the date. The other side, with the



**GEORGE W. ROMNEY**

## Asst. Postmaster Beers to Retire in Birmingham

Eugene C. Beers, assistant postmaster of Birmingham, will retire Dec. 30 after 36 years with the Post Office Department. The announcement was made the week by Postmaster Rollie Reese.

Beers started his career in the postal service Oct. 1, 1928, as a clerk, gained the position of assistant postmaster Sept. 16, 1936, and continued to the present.

Beers served in the U.S. Army in 1944 and 1945.

He is a member of the local Metropolitan Club, the Birmingham Auxiliary Police Force and has served the organization as chief of the Birmingham Post Office Supervisors Association.

Beers plans a period of relaxation and then some travel in a recently-purchased trailer.

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