

Our national holidays exist to commemorate events of great importance to Americans. Christmas, New Year's Day, Easter, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, and some others are for the vital purpose of reminding people that the self-sacrificing, dedicated labors of others really have contributed inestimable values to human society. Every day is a fitting time to renew resolutions for dedicated citizenship by each of us.

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## This and That

by George R. Averill

Secretary of Defense McNamara's intention to close down a number of outmoded, unneeded military establishments ought to win the approval of every American who wants his federal government to be more thrifty. To be sure, when some military unit is to be closed, the congressman in that district generally "puts up a holler"—even though he may have previously yelled "for more economy in government." The really honest and sincere congressman ought not to holler; but if he does, it's merely "playing politics" . . . or she doesn't want to lose any votes. For government to become frugal, thriftiness results in many "hollers" from those affected. This is the big reason why, once an "establishment" is created, with its "establishment" impact upon your taxes, it is difficult to get it off the payroll. This is one of the weaknesses of a democracy.

A large U.S. manufacturer of beds visions a tremendous market for his products in Japan and other Asian countries whose inhabitants sleep on this pallets on the floor. "At least," believes Big Beaver's Sage, "if the American is successful, there'll be a new place for storage of shoes and other needed equipment—right under the bed!"

Modern politics in the United States has provided politically-minded wives of politicians with places to express their views. Indeed, many a successful public official may justly say that his wife played a considerable part in his political success.

Each day's morning offers many hours of wakefulness during which human beings are afforded free opportunities to enrich, make glad their living. To acquire the valuable habit of viewing each day through the lens of optimism, of gratitude for health, friends and the right to be free—won't such attitudes enrich and make more glad one's brief stay on this lovely earth? What we think and desire makes one's life!

Detroit is having (and long has had) trouble in meeting its problems of juvenile delinquency. During the last several years problem boys and girls have gotten into situations that label them as "delinquents." Their misdeeds (and some worse) include robbing, being bodily injured to others, engaging in immoral escapades and even challenging the authority of teachers and principals in Detroit's public schools. Time and time again some of them have been taken to juvenile court, only to be sent back to their uncontrolled environments because there is no room for them to be taken into corrective custody; nor are there suitable laws in Michigan, to cover them. Neither Detroit nor the State of Michigan has provided space for the ever-enlarging number of delinquent juveniles. Police is at court, authorities believe that if only 200 of Detroit's unruly youngsters were sent to corrective institutions, most (See THIS AND THAT, 5-A)

## Gilmore Files Suit Against Beverly

By KAY SMITH  
Special Writer

BEVERLY HILLS—A suit has been filed against the village by William F. Gilmore whose request to allow the Alger P. Quast Co. to demolish a convalescent home on his property was turned down last spring by the council.

Village Attorney Thomas J. Dillon told councilmen of the action against the village at the regular council meeting Monday. Gilmore's property is on 12 Mile Road just west of Southfield.

The council quickly authorized Dillon to defend the suit. The case will be heard by Judge Stanton G. Bender.

The suit will first attempt to claim that a convalescent home can be built on the property under the present Business 1 zoning.

THE COUNCIL decided, on the advice of the planning commission, last spring that there was no classification in its ordinance to provide for a convalescent home.

In other business, two matters concerning property in Bingham Farms occupied the council's attention.

In one, Lester Taubman, attorney for Craftsmen Construction Co., advised the council of an intention to file a petition with the boundaries committee of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors for the annexation of two lots on 12 Mile Road west of Lahar in Bingham Farms.

THE REMAINDER of the subdivision which the company intends to construct, and which is as yet unnamed, is in Beverly Hills.

The council pointed out to Taubman that if the board of supervisors agreed to a special election on the annexation, Craftsmen Construction would have to bear the cost of it.

The council expressed its reluctance to be in any way involved in the annexation of any property in Bingham Farms or any other community.

They suggested that the village manager, Robert E. Murphy, contact the president of Bingham Farms council about arranging a joint meeting of the councils to discuss the matters of common boundaries.

ANOTHER MATTER of the boundaries came up later in the evening in the form of a request by Johnson and Anderson, village engineers, that the council approve its request to do the engineering for a new subdivision being built by William Pulte in Bingham Farms.

Johnson and Anderson wanted the council's approval because one small portion of the job would require the expansion of the pumping station in Beverly Hills, and the engineering firm did not want to be in the position of "tearing two hats," as Councilman John Magee expressed it.

Two of the councilmen, Magee and Chester Guilmet, felt that the engineers should turn down the job since there was a possibility of conflict of interest.

THE OTHER four councilmen present voted "yes" to a motion to allow the firm to provide the engineering services for the alteration of a part of the sewer system in connection with engineering services provided by Johnson and Anderson to the new subdivision in Bingham Farms.

Approval was contingent on future action by the council to extend the sewer and water systems to areas outside the village.

## Plan Fund In Honor of Mrs. Kelter

FRANKLIN—An original design in outdoor playground sculpture at Franklin School will be executed to commemorate the late Mrs. Theodore Kelter.

A memorial fund in her name has been established by the parents of the school where Mrs. Kelter devoted much volunteer time in the promotion of children's activities.

A committee headed by Mrs. Richard Kern, Mrs. Richard Barnard and Mrs. William Kahn have been investigating appropriate suggestions and searching for the talent that would interpret best Mrs. Kelter's creative artistry and her enthusiasm for children.

THE SCULPTURE will be big enough for the school children to climb and will become a permanent adjunct to the outdoor equipment.

Contributions to the fund should be mailed to the school and made out in the name of the Gloria Kelter Memorial.

## Two Reappointed To Tax Board

Perry G. Burnett and Barrett Mason have been appointed to the tax board of review by Birmingham city commissioners.

The pair, along with Clark Hagstrom, city assessor, will hear appeals on the city tax assessments which 9 and 10 in the municipal building.

This could be the last year that such a board will convene. Residents will be asked to vote on a charter amendment in April establishing a review board made up of three taxpayers appointed by the commission to serve staggered three-year terms.

If the amendment is adopted, the city assessor will act as clerk of the board.

## Farber Honored As Court Reporter

Clement Farber, 20315 Lodgestone, Southfield, has been awarded a special certificate for achieving 220 words per minute as a court reporter.

Farber, who graduated from the Elia Cooper School four years ago, also received the Scribe, a statuette which is an authentic reproduction of the statue of the Egyptian scribe, Nebemouf, who lived during the reign of Ramses II (1292-1206 B.C.).

THE PROPOSAL had been approved previously by all of the delegates to the Supervisors Inter-county Committee, as was described in the beginning of this series.

The document prepared by the Wayne staff, which will call the county proposal, is in the form of proposed enabling legislation, which the recommendations of the Hodge committee comprise a report.

## Mrs. Burgum Accepts Fund Drive Post

Mrs. Eleanor Burgum, wife of Birmingham Mayor William H. Burgum, has been appointed co-chairman of the 1964 Community House Fund Drive.

She will assist chairman Edward E. Wilson in efforts to meet a goal of \$50,000. The drive starts March 1.

Mrs. Burgum grew up in the Birmingham area. She attended the local schools and graduated from the University of Michigan.

She also has lived in the Cleveland and Chicago areas. While in the Chicago area, she was a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee, Women's Board of Evanston Hospital and the Cradle Board.

Mrs. Burgum resides at 1133 Westwood with her husband and their three children. She is a member of the Village Women's Club, Orchard Lake Country Club and the Birmingham Branch of the Women's National Farm & Garden Association.

## Franklin Town Hall Meeting Set

FRANKLIN—Residents are being invited to attend a Town Hall meeting March 5 at Franklin School to meet the candidates running for village office and to hear a presentation of the three questions on the ballot.

Sponsored by the Franklin Community Association, the town hall meeting will be a portion of the regular semi-annual business meeting which starts at 8 p.m.

INTRODUCING the candidates and acting as moderator will be Jack Roberts. Each candidate is invited to speak for three minutes. Statements pro and con for each of the three ballot questions will be heard with time for questions and answers following.

Members of the council, the special road study committee, the planning commission and outside road and bonding authorities will be on hand to answer direct questions. The meeting is being conducted by the Civic Affairs Committee of the association as a public service to impart factual information.

Refreshments will be served.

## City Approves Optimist Sales

City Commissioners Monday night approved a request by the Optimist Club of Birmingham to conduct a door-to-door sales campaign during March.

Optimist Vice President Arthur J. Lake said the products the club will be selling are produced by Michigan Bell Sales.

"We feel that this will help us to help others while raising funds for our boys' work activities," Lake said.

Club members will be conducting the sale on Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. during March. The salesmen will wear badges identifying them as Optimists.

Lyman Honored By Harlan PTA

William Lyman, chairman of the Birmingham Citizens Study of Elementary Schools Committee, was honored last week for service to the community.

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## S'field Leads County in Home Building in '63

Residential building in Oakland County during 1963 increased by 40 per cent over 1962 and was the highest annual total since 1957, according to the 12th annual report issued by the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission.

Oakland permitted 7,188 new dwelling units in 1963 as compared to 5,134 in 1962. The county's gain was the greatest in the five-county region which also includes Wayne, Macomb, Washtenaw and Monroe.

A greater incidence of multi-family housing was given as the reason for the large increase.

EIGHTY-FOUR per cent of the multiple units were concentrated in four communities, Royal Oak (714), Royal Oak Township (623), Bloomfield Township (276) and Birmingham (269).

Southfield, with 1,029 permits, led the county and placed fifth among the 10 major growth areas in the region behind Warren, Detroit, Livonia and Ann Arbor.

Royal Oak, Bloomfield Township (629) and Royal Oak Township also ranked among the top 10, placing 6th, 7th, and 10th.

Significant totals were also recorded for West Bloomfield Township (328) and Birmingham (305).

OTHER TOTALS for communities in the Birmingham area include 243 for Troy; 226 for Beverly Hills; 59 for Bloomfield Hills; 31 for Franklin; 17 for Wood Creek Farms; 12 for Lathrup Village; and 2 for Bingham Farms.

The total number of dwelling units permitted in the Detroit region during the 1963 calendar year showed an increase of 2,855 units over 1962 for a gain of 16 per cent.

Preparing for Duty

Marine Private Harry L. Rockwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Rockwood, Jr. of 6614 Country Club Lane, Birmingham, recently completed a week of testing and screening at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tenn.

"ALTHOUGH THIS program is one in which the City must engage," Middlewood said, "I feel that it has reached a point where it is a benefit for the property owners to violate the regulations rather than be penalized for their violations."

For the last two years the program incurred expenses greater than the payment into the service by the property owners affected. In 1963 the department lost \$857 on the program.

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