

# This and That

by George R. Averill

**With not a 'Hi!' or A 'How-Yuh?' She Perplexed People**

Some months ago (I believe it was late last summer) I published a brief comment in one of those small, black-face paragraphs that top some of The Eccentric's pages. I suggested that the average salutation between friends and acquaintances was too trite, too brief, too lacking in sincere meaning. I then suggested—but let the following "People's Column" letter from a Birmingham woman not only inform you, but also entertain, again splendidly—for this woman, again, certainly grasped the intent of my paragraph and, with a valiant and vigorous motivation, tried to apply it. Here is what she wrote:

To the Editor:

Again your advice, as found in an upper hand corner of a front page, got me into trouble. (Do you carry any insurance for your readers for protection from such errors?)

You printed: "Instead of throwing out a mere limp 'hi, or 'how are ya' to acquaintances—sentences calling for no originality of thought—you suggested we might spruce up everyone's day (including our own) if we'd dig deeper and come out with tid-bits showing we possessed mental faculties."

MR. EDITOR, I tried it for one day only. At the end of that one day, four different people carried away the opinion that "something was wrong upstairs." I just know they did. (That's why I wish to collect my insurance.)

Having to run up to the market for the evening meal whom did I encounter, around 10, but a butter 'n' egg gal who was replenishing supplies along this counter.

Instead of a trite 'hi, I halted my cart, paused, and asked her, point-blank, what she thought of the Cuban deal?

"ARE YOU AS worried over Castro as you are over Berlin?" wondered as a carton of eggs went (See THIS AND THAT, 5-A)

# League Board Takes Stand For College

**Urges Members: Support June 4 Ballot Proposal**

The board of directors of Oakland Citizens League is recommending to its members that they support the annual dinner meeting proposal on Oakland County ballots June 8.

Announcement of the move was made today by Oakland Citizens League President F. Ward Ouradnik. He said the members will vote on the board's proposal for support at the league's annual dinner meeting on Wednesday, May 18.

Ouradnik said the board plans to present an educational program on two-year junior colleges to league members prior to the annual meeting, set for 7 p.m. at Devon Gables in Bloomfield Township.

"THE BOARD members feel that they cannot bind the Oakland Citizens League members on an issue such as this," Ouradnik said, "until the membership has voted on it."

The board's program to inform members about the issue will be launched through the league publication, "Oakland Progress."

The directors acted on a unanimous recommendation for support of community colleges from the Oakland Citizens League's Issues Committee. The 20-member committee, headed by Troy Mayor Robert J. Huber, urged league support after several months study.

ALSO URGING the directors to recommend league support for community colleges were Dean Ronald Campbell of Henry Ford Community College and George R. Mosher, Jr., of 561 Mohegan, Birmingham, a member of the Citizens Committee for Community Colleges.

Wording of the board's resolution on community colleges was, "The board of directors accepts the report of the issues committee on community colleges and recommends to the members of the Oakland Citizens League that they support the community college proposal."

On a very dark night allow several thousand people to gather together—with not even a single candle to glow. Then ask each one, simultaneously, to light a match... and the area will glow like the second day sun. In a period when incompetent, greedy and grasping, even some of them dishonest, people hold the reins of government, let enough voters demand better government—and they'll get it!

# The Birmingham Eccentric

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# B'field Rents Telegraph Site For Its Library

The Bloomfield Township Library will become a reality within the next six months.

Location of the library was announced this week by Mrs. Harold Roehm, chairman of the site selection committee of the Bloomfield Township Library Board.

The library will be in rented quarters on the ground floor of an office building to be constructed on the west side of Telegraph Road just south of Long Lake Road. The lease agreement was signed last Friday.

Construction of the building will begin immediately with completion scheduled for midsummer. Library service is scheduled to start as quickly as furniture, shelving and other furnishings are installed upon completion of the building.

THE LIBRARY will have access both from Telegraph and Long Lake roads.

"We feel the location of the library is very advantageous," Mrs. Roehm said. "It is available by main roads from any part of the township and is strategically located to accommodate Bloomfield Township residents living farthest from Baldwin Library."

Mrs. Roehm also called attention to the fact that beginning April 1 the contractual agreement with Baldwin allowing free use of the library by all township residents comes into effect.

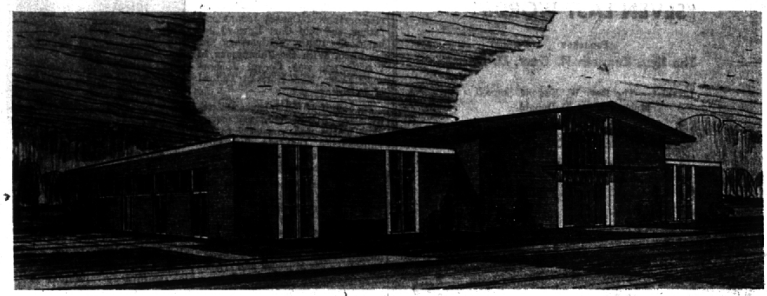
The rental agreement of the new library site is for three years with options to cancel should permanent facilities for the library become available during that time.

THE PERMANENT library will eventually be built only a short distance away from its temporary quarters. It will be located on a 4½-acre site donated by Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Green at the southeast corner of Long Lake and Echo roads. Mrs. Roehm is co-chairman of the library gifts committee.

"Selection of the Telegraph-Long Lake area as the most desirable site was made on the basis of mileage and time-distance on the highway," she stated.

"Furthermore, the population center is rapidly moving to the north. Long Lake Road is the only artery which serves both the east and west sections of the township in the northern area and we believe this location will find favor with all residents," she added.

LIBRARY BOARD plans call for 4,800 square feet of rental space to be occupied in the new office building. The building is under the development of the Devon Co. The company will rent out office space on the floor about the library.



# New Birmingham Masonic Temple

This is an artist's rendering of the new Birmingham Masonic Temple to be constructed at the southwest corner of Woodward and Chesterfield. In addition to serving the needs of area Masonic groups, the new facility will be made available to other civic organizations. Ground-breaking ceremonies are planned for Saturday, April 4. The plot plan of the new temple is to be used for a contest sponsored by the Michigan Association of Landscape Architects. The group is offering a \$100 prize for the best landscape design. Students in landscape architecture from several Michigan universities are competing for the prize. Officers of the Grand Lodge of Michigan will lay the cornerstone for the new building on May 2.

# Parking Problem Study Ordered

The Birmingham Police Dept. will study the possibility of removing parking on the north side of Midvale near Cranbrook Road during the morning hours.

City commissioners ordered the study Monday night, after receiving a request from six residents of the area calling attention to the number of Seaboard students who park on Midvale.

Samuel J. Mitchell, representing the residents, said that the student parking in front of the homes on Midvale causes a "certain" congestion and it was the neighborhood that it would be in the best interest of the public to remove parking.

MITCHELL suggested that parking might be prohibited between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. This, he said, would prevent students from parking all day on the street.

# Headmaster Appointed For Cranbrook School

Robert M. Sandoe, a former New Kent, Conn., and of Dartmouth. He received his master's degree in history, government and economics from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn. He is the son of Nichol M. Sandoe, a New York attorney.

Sandoe started his teaching career in 1953 as a history master at the Choate School in Wallingford, Conn.; he also was a member of the school's admissions committee. In 1957, he was named principal of the Upper School of the American School in the Philippines.

The following year he assumed the headmastership of the 1,000-student Manila school, a post which he held until the end of the 1960 school year when he resigned to return to the United States.

IN 1961, he was appointed headmaster of the Texas Military Institute, a graduate of the Kent School in



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tute, a 70-year-old San Antonio institution sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas. He is resigning as of July 31.

Sandoe interrupted his Dartmouth education to enlist in the Marine Corps during World War II. He was trained as an aerial navigator and flew as a technical sergeant and transport crew member out of Bougainville, the Philippines and China. He returned to the Corps as an officer during the

(See SCHOOL, 7-A)



TOWNSHIP LIBRARY WILL BE LOCATED NEAR TELEGRAPH AND LONG LAKE. PEOPLE'S COLUMN

# Hills Commissioners Give Views on Zoning Decision

**Related story 5-A**

To the Editor:

The press has recently reported criticism of the undersigned members of the Bloomfield Hills City Commission for adopting revised zoning regulations for apartment buildings.

Most of the criticism centers around the fact that the commission disregarded the results of a mail survey of public opinion conducted by three citizens who oppose the new zoning.

The commission felt that it should not be guided by the results of this survey because the letter that invited our citizens to reply by postcard did not explain the reasons for permitting three-story "town houses" and therefore could not possibly elicit an informed vote.

INSTEAD, THE letter received by the public was biased and written in a manner to invite only expressions favoring two-story apartments from people who had not had an opportunity to thoroughly study the town house proposal. For example:

The letter said: "The present ordinance limits apartment buildings to two stories." This is inaccurate, as an additional and undefined amount of basement may project above the ground.

The letter said the new ordinance will "permit apartments of three stories plus." This is not universally true, but only on sites of five or more acres and where 150-foot setbacks can be achieved.

ALSO, THE use of the word "plus" is vague and invites misinterpretation. If used here, "plus" should also have been used in the letter to describe the present two-story limitation.

The letter said the proposal "will change the unique single residence character of Bloomfield Hills." This is untrue.

The city already contains apartments on or near Woodward Avenue, E. Long Lake Road, Hickory Grove Road and Barden Road. Also we have had for years many acres of vacant land zoned for the construction of additional apartments.

THE COMMISSION was unanimous in deciding the number of apartments to be authorized in the city. Adoption of the town house proposal will neither permit more apartments nor reduce the number of single residences.

Instead, the purpose of the town house proposal is to improve the appearance and desirability of any new apartments built in the future.

The letter said that "others" (i.e., the proponents of the new zoning) "contend that a multiple dwelling is inevitable in the growth of any community, including Bloomfield Hills." This statement not only failed to give the true reasons for

# School Board Searching for Canvassers

A request for volunteers to serve on a board of canvassers for Birmingham School District elections was issued today by Supt. John Blackhall Smith.

This is in accordance with the new state legislation, Dr. Smith stated.

The board of education is required to appoint, from applications on file, two Democrats and two Republicans to the new four-member board. They must be qualified and registered electors of the school district.

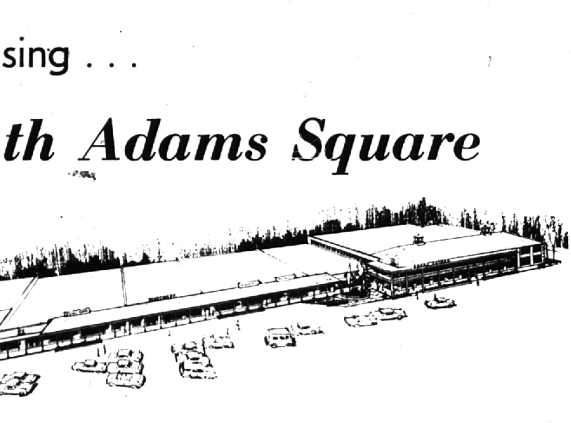
A person must cease to serve if he or anyone in his immediate family serves as an election inspector or becomes a candidate for or serves on the board of education.

THE INITIAL term for one member of each party will expire Dec. 31, 1965. The term for the other two members will expire on Dec. 31, 1967.

Essentially, the board of canvassers will be in charge of canvassing and certifying results of all board of education elections, according to Dr. Smith. Under the old law, the board of education was required to do this.

Interested citizens may obtain application blanks in Room 202 of the Baldwin Elementary School, W. Maple at Chester St. All applications will be filed with the secretary of the school board.

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only in rare cases do our constitutions and charters provide for public referendums. This system presupposes that the elected representatives will carefully study controversial issues and then judiciously the best course to follow.

THE FACT that two-thirds of the voters in Bloomfield Hills did not respond to the recent mail survey indicates that they preferred to leave the decision regarding apartments to their elected representatives on the commission.

In order that interested citizens may be better informed regarding the provisions about apartments in the old and new zoning ordinances, we submit herewith additional information about this subject.

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