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## City's Comprehensive Plan Is Finished

### This and That

By George R. Averill

#### Both Political Parties Need Soul-Searching

A very likeable young man I know has been a hard-working Democrat all his adult life. His father was before him, too. Recently I asked him: "Really, Jack, I know that you are acquainted with history and know how democracies have lost their liberty, their freedom, what too much civic and economic power was centered in its central government."

"So, Jack, aren't you really gravely concerned about the tremendous powers being centered in Washington, D. C., by your own political party?" My friend hesitated, then nodded his head affirmatively. Then I asked further: "You know that Socialism and Welfareism eventually makes the vast majority of a nation's people subservient, enslaved economically and civically, to its political overlords."

"Yes, I know that such a nation ultimately becomes financially insolvent... public enemies, the people freely try to revolt against the hand that was feeding them," and it is then that the "police state" finds it necessary to "take over."

"THIS HAS HAPPENED many times in mankind's long history. Jack. It could happen in the United States of America, too. Honestly, very seriously, Jack, how can you go along with a political party that is drifting toward this Socialistic-Welfare State?"

"My friend again hesitated, but made no reply. He merely walked away. I hope that our brief conversation provoked him to deep thought... indeed, the kind of thinking that might cause him to about his many fellow-Democrats: 'Hey, my friends, maybe we ought to engage in an objective appraisal of the road our party is taking—it certainly is a far different route than the one our beloved Thomas Jefferson would have traveled. Let's see what we can do to change this dangerous course.' (Come to think of it, such soul-searching would be used by some of the leaders in the Republican party, too.)"

Masking always has and let (See THIS & THAT, 5-A)

## Higher Sewer Costs Provoke B'field Group

By DAVE PHILPO  
Township Editor

Although the arrival of Detroit has dominated discussion of Bloomfield Township Board meetings in the last several months, sewers broke into the news again Monday night.

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## Students Win Scholarships Through Fund

Bennett W. Root, president of the Birmingham Student Loan and Scholarship Fund Association, has announced the awarding of scholarships to Birmingham students to assist them in pursuit of higher education.

A number of the scholarships have been established by interested individuals and organizations over the years and are administered by the association. The following students will receive \$100 scholarships: Joan Marie Finnen, Seasholm, Birmingham PTA Council; Thomas Grayson Dashiell, Groves; and Karen Louise Piel, Seasholm, Charles S. Kinnison awards; Barbara Lee Benton, Seasholm; Laurie Dykstra, Richard Krogsrud and Cheryl Lagers, all of Groves, the Birmingham Student Loan and Scholarship Fund.

JOHN P. O'HARA III is the recipient of the \$500 Junior Chamber of Commerce Award. The association has recommended Laurie Dykstra and Richard Krogsrud for the state Junior Chamber of Commerce award.

During the past year, the association has received contributions from the PTA Council, Barnum PTA, Quarron PTA, Derby PTA and two anonymous donors to the Charles S. Kinnison Fund.

The loan fund is available for students who wish to further their education. Loans are secured by a noninterest bearing promissory note, payable when the student's educational plan is completed or discontinued. If a student desires to defer payments, he may do so at 4 per cent interest per year. Loans are limited to \$400 in any one year, or when a total of \$1,000 is borrowed.

APPLICATIONS may be obtained through the counselors at the high schools or from the association Treasurer, Donald Upward, 208 Wabek Building, Birmingham.

Donations to the fund are welcome. Donors may designate whether they wish their contribution to go toward scholarships or if they desire the money to be added to the body of the fund for loans.

Contributions for the Birmingham Student Loan and Scholarship Fund may be sent to Dr. John Blackhall Smith, superintendent, Birmingham Public Schools.

health problem created by faulty septic tanks.

IN OTHER action, the board: Authorized Attorney Thomas Dillon to enter into a consent judgment allowing office zoning on a (See SEWER, 5-A)

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## Welcome to Our Town

Walter O. Briggs III, Birmingham resident serving as chairman of the Michigan Young Republican Federation, arrives former Vice President Richard M. Nixon on his arrival in Detroit Sunday night. Briggs, 320 S. 24th, accompanied the 1960 Republican presidential nominee on a whirlwind tour of Michigan. Behind Briggs and Nixon here (at the right) is Arthur G. Elliott, Jr., of Bloomfield Hills, Republican State Central Committee chairman.

## B'ham Man to Direct Campaign for Romney

Thomas T. Hart, 36, of Birmingham, has been designated by Gov. George W. Romney as manager of his campaign for re-election. Romney said the appointment is effective immediately.

Hart, who has begun a leave of absence from the public relations department of Michigan Bell Telephone Co. to become Romney's campaign manager, has been on loan from Bell since January of 1963 as a special assistant to the governor. His duties have been economic advisor, specifically in liaison between the executive office and the Department of Economic Expansion.

"I consider myself very fortunate that Tom Hart has agreed to take on this new assignment," Romney commented.

"HE IS A resourceful, energetic person who has a wide range of acquaintance around the state, and he has exhibited both competence in administrative matters and dedication to the type of public interest government to which this administration is committed."

"Tom will be in overall charge of my campaign for re-election. He will work closely with Arthur G. Elliott, Jr., and the Republican State Central organization, and with Dr. John T. Dempsey, who again will head the Romney Volunteers as he did two years ago."

"Tom also will work with district, county and precinct Republican Party organization people."

DR. DEMPSEY, a political science professor at University of Michigan Dearborn branch, several weeks ago announced resumption of the Romney Volunteers, with headquarters in the Industrial Building in Detroit.



## Work to Free Pilot

A stretcher is handed to rescue workers as they prepare to remove the body of Fire Chief George Scott from the cockpit of the plane that crashed Sunday. Members of the Troy and Birmingham police departments, Michigan State Police and the sheriff's office worked for nearly 45 minutes to free the trapped victims.

## Serves as Guide For Development

BY LARRY NYOR  
City Editor

Birmingham's Comprehensive Development Plan Study is completed.

City commissioners Monday night were presented with the final phase of the plan by Linn Smith, chairman of the planning board.

The overall plan, which took more than two years of study, was prepared by Vilcan-Leman & Associates, Inc., planning consultants. It provides the City with a plan for further development based on a 20-year program.

The \$33,865 cost of the project was financed in part through a grant from the Federal Government.

Smith said the implementation of the concepts and ideas of the plan would be a slow process.

"THE PLAN board, however, in an effort to accomplish this implementation will recommend to the city council necessary ordinance changes and methods of action," Smith said.

Results and recommendations in the report, Smith said, were based on past growth, existing development and future needs of a "community that is 95 per cent developed."

Smith said prime consideration was given to: Strengthening the single-family residential neighborhood.

Renovating multiple-family restrictions without substantially increasing the multiple-zoned districts.

Creating a restrictive office-service classification.

Implementing the concepts involved in the Central Business District Development Plan of 1961.

THE BASIC element of the development plan is the future land use plan. It looks toward ultimate physical development of the community.

Other phases of the plan previously presented to the commission included possible future needs for utilities, recreation and community facilities; and the street system has been analyzed in a general manner.

Vilcan-Leman cites five key proposals as the most important to the development of the plan.

They believe the character of Birmingham's residential areas should be preserved by maintaining a separation of residential and nonresidential uses.

Where this situation does not exist, such as the industrial and commercial areas mixed with residential property in the Hayes and Adams areas, the plan includes proposals for correcting the problem.

THE FIRM considers the majority of Birmingham's residential structures are in good condition but notes that deterioration has begun in some areas due, in large part, to structural age.

They recommend that the City correct the situation as soon as possible to prevent the "birth of neighborhood blight."

Birmingham's park system was termed "excellent" by Vilcan-Leman.

The plan does provide, however, for several additional areas to be set aside for recreational purposes which should fulfill Birmingham's ultimate recreational needs.

The new facilities include the ex-

pansion of the Barnum Junior High site and the provision of a neighborhood park in the Villa-Eton streets area.

THE GREATEST amount of physical change proposed in the plan is related to the central business district.

This is in the form of a perimeter drive to facilitate the flow of automobile traffic and to create a modern "shopping center atmosphere."

In addition to the proposed pedestrian malls and other shopping amenities, the plan reflects the future expansion of existing municipal facilities into a unified civic center.

The fifth proposal calls for a high-density multiple-family development surrounding the central business district and the civic center. This would serve as a buffer for the single-family areas and also provide a wider range of housing types within the city.

IN HIS letter to the commission, Smith said the plan should be utilized as a guide for any decisions involving the future growth and renewal of the community.

He stressed that the plan is not a "fixed document or ideal."

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"No, sir. It figures out to about 50-50," said Dehnke.

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## 'Who? Are They?

Beverly Hills' population was upped two notches with the addition of a pair of new-born owls, who didn't seem to give a hoot about taking over a tree belonging to Mrs. Lee Hamilton, 22542 Fiddler's Cove. Originally four owls were housed in an old oak tree, but two later died. Obviously delighted with their new neighbors are Jerry Daugherty (left) and Tim Hamilton.

The stations will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Worth W. Henderson, M.D., and Robert M. Bookmyer, M.D., co-chairmen of this drive, urge anyone who did not participate last April to take his first dose of the vaccine on June 14 and then, through his physician, obtain the second dose three to four months later.

The vaccine is in oral form, containing all three strains of the polio viruses. If taken in two doses, varying from two to four months apart, it will confer immunity from four to eight years.

THE DOCTORS said that anyone who has had his polio immunization in the form of a shot, should obtain the oral polio vaccine dosage—it will confer a much better protection for the individual. There are no contraindications to taking the oral polio vaccine except vomiting and diarrhea. Individuals developing either of these conditions within a week after taking the vaccine should contact their physicians as the doctors may wish to repeat the dosage.

Dr. Henderson and Dr. Bookmyer stated that there were no side effects from the oral polio vaccine following the first feeding nor are there any anticipated following the second feeding.

It has been proven to be a safe and effective way of protecting the individual and the community from the ravages of polio, they explained. They hope that the drive this Sunday "will be as successful as the drive two months ago," they stated.

ALL OF THE stations will remain the same throughout the county "with the generous help of volunteers," they said. "These volunteers, some 8-9,000 in Oakland County, have given unsolicitedly of their time—our hats are off to them."

"Each station will have vaccine in excess of the amount distributed during the first feeding in anticipation of an even greater turnout for the second feeding. Communications between central headquarters and individual stations will continue in an even more effective manner. Our slogan will be, 'We didn't run out of vaccine last time and we won't run out this time.'"

Raymond Jensen, R.P.H., coordinator (See CLINICS, 6-A)

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## End of a Tragedy

Attendants carry the body of Scott to the plane that was taken off from nearby Berz a waiting ambulance. Scott's vehicle had Alvin Karpis, Birmingham chief was the pilot of the twin-engine craft.

