



This and That

by George R. Averill
During the past three years, under Democratic "tax-more . . . spend more" policies, the national debt has increased \$1 billion dollars. When will it be halted? Only when a majority of voters install a more frugal and thrifty Congress and Chief Executive.

Because advance forecasting of a probable election result can influence voters whose polls close later than some of their eastern ones, thus changing many votes, the government may require radio and television stations to wait until all voting is concluded before releasing any data to the public. This is being talked about in Congress, as its members recall how the late President Kennedy's Western states' votes were helped by CBS-TV advance computer analysis. This criticism is based on the fact that many voters, when they believe a certain candidate may win, will also vote for him or her—thus "keeping on the good side of the winner."

It is widely admitted that the old-fashioned spirit of neighborhood existed a generation and more ago has largely disappeared in urban centers. What is responsible for this? Is it the auto, radio, television and motion pictures that have made so many of us so self-centered? Is it a greater sophistication toward life . . . a dependence upon superficial material gadgets and things? (GRA)
In Rice County, Kas., there are 200 good oil wells, and its 14,000 residents have more than 200 savings in banks; unemployment is practically unknown. Yet the U.S. Area Redevelopment Administration has declared that area a depressed area, and intends to pour some millions into it. Such is a typical bureaucratic device to allow it to expand and provide a fictional notion that an area needs federal aid. Of course, this all comes out of your taxes paid to a politically-manuevered Congress.

This may be a slight exaggeration, but it's told as a typical professional "memory achievement." The Prof. told his wife that he forgot to take his umbrella with him one morning.
"When did you miss it?" she asked. "Oh, when I reached up to close it after the rain had stopped," he said.

According to "Insider's Newsletter," there appears to be some sort of "arrangement" between South Vietnam French rubber plantation owners and the Communist Viet Cong forces. Though France was forced "to get out" of Viet Nam years ago, nevertheless some French landowners still remain, and are unharmed by the Viet Cong as these Comrades wage war against South Viet Nam. How come? Well, perhaps the remaining Frenchmen refused "to play the game" (paying tribute in various ways) they, too, would be forced to get out and turn the plantations over to the Viet Cong. Here, then, you observe how some "phases of integrationism" are handled. (Yet, the United States wouldn't do likewise under the circumstances? What about the sale of our wheat to Russia?)

Observe how little President Johnson refers to the late President Kennedy. Why? Simply because he wants the Federal Government to bear the Johnson insign, perhaps he cannot be blamed for so doing . . . with this being an election year, too. But LBJ really isn't performing unlike most of his party's predecessors, so he can't be criticized too harshly. Politics is politics . . . and those in office have to blast their own wards . . . it is their only "merchandise," offered too often at monopoly prices to the taxpayers whose votes give them jobs.

Wrong Zip Codes Can Bring Delays

Birmingham Postmaster Rollie Reese has warned residents that a recent mailing piece sent by the Disabled American Veterans containing local Zip Code numbers is incorrect.
Reese said that in addition to a solicitation for gifts to the organization there were stickers enclosed with names, addresses and Zip Codes for return address labels.
"These zip codes in most cases are erroneous," Reese said. "Therefore it is our advice that these stickers should not be used."
"Using incorrect zip codes could in some cases delay your mail," Reese said.
Birmingham residents may learn their zip code number by calling the post office.

Decline Round-Table Talk on Assessments

BY LARRY EVOE
City Editor
Birmingham city commissioners Monday night rejected a proposed meeting between themselves and a group of businessmen to discuss assessment procedures for the new municipal parking lot No. 7.

Such a meeting had been suggested by realtor Fred Pew in a letter to Mayor Charles W. Renfrew. Pew and several other downtown businessmen have objected to an upcoming assessment for the new lot in the block south of Shain Park. Renfrew said Pew's letter called for a "round-table" discussion be-

tween merchants and the commission.
Under present policy the cost of construction of parking lots is split between the City and the benefiting property owners. The City pays 60 per cent of the cost and the land owners 40 per cent.

wouldn't construct No. 7 at all," Burghum said.

COMMISSIONER Robert W. Page questioned what type of alternatives for paying for the lot the merchants had come up with.
Assessments are based on the area of the store of the benefiting property owners, distance from the lot and the ability to pay.

PEW HAS called for a review in the City's assessment procedures and has been backed by several other land owners in the central business district.
Renfrew said that at some point in solving parking problems the construction of lots ceases being a necessity and becomes a luxury but added that whether Birmingham had reached that point or not was a matter of judgment.
Commissioner William H. Burghum said that while he would be glad to discuss the problem with the merchants it wouldn't in his mind change the fact "they'll have to pay for the lot."

"At one time they objected to municipal parking altogether and then later they were concerned we

COMMISSIONER Charles F. Clippert said he would like to see a breakdown of the property owners in the assessment district and find out the income generated by each parcel.

IN ANOTHER letter to the commission, E. R. Rothman said multiple assessments on central business district property owners was causing an "undue hardship" on some.
He said multiple assessments had been placed on business property owners for many of the six municipal lots.

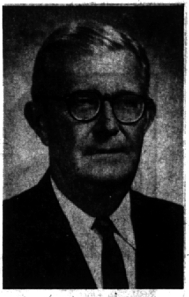
"The central business property can roughly be broken down into three major categories: property occupied by well-established stores, merchants who own and occupy their own property and small merchants.

"In the first category there may not be a real problem—these big branch stores can generate sufficient business to repay the landlord for parking lot assessments.
"Merchants in the second category who own and occupy their own property, are having a difficulty in generating increased business to pay multiple parking lot assessments," Rothman said.

HE SAID A general increase in business operations make it difficult for the merchants to make a proper return on real estate investment. (See TALK, 4-A)

Woolfenden Heads Judicature Society

Henry L. Woolfenden, former city commissioner and mayor of Bloomfield Hills, has been elected president of the American Judicature Society.
He was chosen for a one-year term at the group's annual meeting in New York last week.
The society has a membership of more than 22,000 lawyers and non-lawyers from all 50 states of the Union and several foreign countries. Its objective is to promote the efficient administration of justice.



HENRY L. WOOLFENDEN

Woolfenden explained that the society was founded by Herbert Harley in Michigan in 1913. Harley was a lawyer by profession but became a newspaperman, operating the paper at Manistique.
He formed a friendship with Charles Ruggles of Manistique, who made a fortune in the lumbering business.
Woolfenden explained that Ruggles experienced considerable litigation and Harley told him how he thought he could "change the course of justice" in the U.S. by broadcasting a pamphlet all over the country. Ruggles agreed to back him to the extent of \$100,000.

ideas as to how judicial improvements could be made."
Out of this effort grew the American Judicature Society with Charles Evans Hughes as its first president. The only other president from Michigan besides Woolfenden was George Brand of Detroit, now deceased.
Woolfenden, a native of Denver, Colo., was educated in the Denver and Detroit public schools. He attended the University of Michigan from 1923 to 1925 and received his LL.B. degree from the Detroit College of Law in 1929 and an honorary J.D. from that college in 1935.

HARLEY THEN set about interviewing as many judges, Supreme Court justices and leading members of the bar as he could "to get their

BESIDES SERVING as a member of the state bar association and several state commissions, he served as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, 1961-62.

Woolfenden was president of the State Bar of Michigan in the years 1954-55.
He served as a director of the American Judicature Society from 1942 to 1943 and from 1958 to 1960; a member of its executive committee from 1959 to 1960 and again since 1962, and was vice president of the society from 1962 until being elected president.
He also is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.
Woolfenden resides at 1575 Kensington in Bloomfield Hills.

Romney Volunteers Have Meeting Today

Howard Byrne, Oakland County chairman of the Romney Volunteers, has announced that an organizational meeting for the volunteers will be held at 8 p.m. today at the YWCA Building at Crooks Road and Normandy in Royal Oak.
Dr. John Dempsey, state chairman of the Romney Volunteers, will attend and briefly discuss the "need for a Volunteer group" in this election.
At this meeting committees will be set up, chairmen selected, and committee members assigned.

He 'Larned' His Lesson In Hoosegow

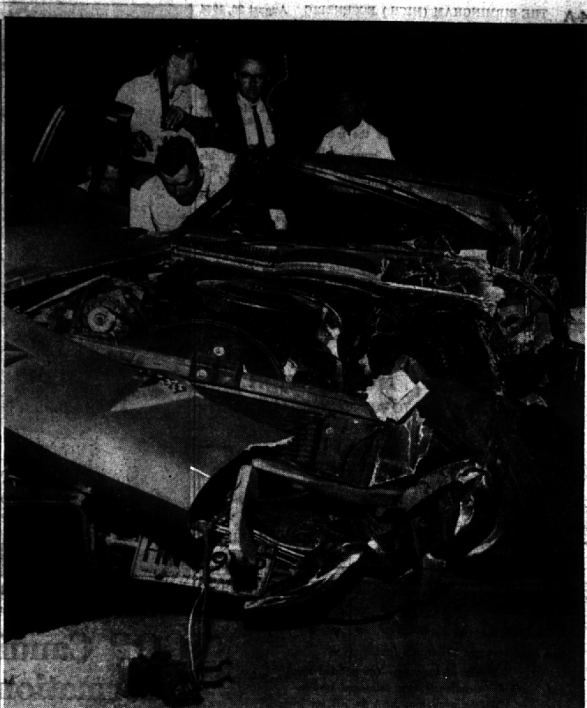
The almost finished Southfield Police Department jail had its first "almost" prisoner—Sunday school teacher Stuart S. Sclar, 19115 New Hampshire, Southfield, a young man of four.
The term was a short one—just 90 minutes.
In the meantime his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sclar, and two city officials searched for a key to open the cell door.
Then came the breaking and entering—when the rescuers finally broke a window in the construction superintendent's shanty to get a master key.

SOUTHFIELD Police Chief Milton Sackett had left town, and he had the other key.
City Councilmen Alex Perloff and C. Hugh Dobay were taking Stuart and his parents on a personal tour of the new police building when the lad wandered into a cell and apparently pulled the cell door closed behind him.
His mother, Donna, said: "He wanted to get out pretty badly."
And Monday she admitted, "He has never been as good as he has been today."

Two Dealers Ask Vacating Of Bowers St.

Birmingham city commissioners received but took no action Monday on a plan board recommendation that a petition to vacate Bowers Street between Hunter and Woodward be denied.
Action was delayed until the commission has an opportunity to discuss the matter with the petitioner, Richard Fisher.
Fisher and his brother Carl are owners of Suburban Motel, situated on Bowers Street. The pair have taken over the building previously occupied by Morris Stokes and are seeking to consolidate their property along Woodward.
One of the main objections of the plan board to the petition is the fact that the Bowers-Hunter crossing is the only signaled intersection between Lincoln and Maple.

LINN SMITH, plan board member, said the intersection was important in supplying access directly to the central business district from the Adams Fire Station.
"The state highway department, which has control over Hunter traffic control, did not object to the removing of the signal but would not install it at another intersection in the area."
In addition, Smith said the light provides controlled traffic movement from the Woodward area to the Adams area.
He said large volumes of traffic would be generated because of the supermarket at Adams and Bowers and the construction of a new shopping center in the same area.



A 19-YEAR-OLD YOUTH LOST HIS LIFE IN THIS CAR. One of two vehicles involved in 1-75 head-on collision. Photo by Doug Ashby

Faces Negligent Homicide Charge

A Detroit woman has been charged with negligent homicide in the death of a 19-year-old Lake Orion youth who was fatally injured early Sunday in a head-on collision on the I-75 freeway, near the Big Beaver overpass in Troy.
Mrs. Ruth Ann Forney, 54, stood mute before Troy Justice of the Peace Charles Lossy Monday and was released on \$500 bond pending an examination on Aug. 31.
Police said Mrs. Forney was driving south in the northbound lanes of I-75 when she collided with a car driven by Gary D. Strehl of Lake Orion. The youth died of injuries sustained in the accident.
Mrs. Forney, who was treated

for face cuts and bruises and released from William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, called police when she arrived home.
POLICE SAID she told them she "was confused."
A passenger in the Strehl vehicle, Patricia Pavlich, 19, of Detroit, was admitted to Beaumont with a broken left shoulder, face cuts and possible head injuries. Her condition was listed as satisfactory.
A 28-year-old Clawson woman and her 3-month-old son were also killed Sunday, in another traffic accident in Troy.
Mrs. Grace F. Carter and her son, Amos L., died when the fam-

ily car flipped end over end into a ditch on Crooks near Maple after her husband, Charles, 35, lost control of the vehicle at 10:41 p.m.
CARTER WAS admitted to Beaumont with a fractured shoulder and multiple cuts and was listed in fair condition.
Three other Carter children—Charles, 9; Mary Jane, 5; and July, 2—were treated at the same hospital for minor injuries and released.
According to Troy police, the Carters were on their way home from an AmVets picnic in Troy when the accident occurred.



Majesty and Maidens

"Miss Southfield Civil Defense" and her court will be introduced at a teen dance Friday at Southfield High School.
Chosen to represent the city is Jeanne C. Osborn, Runner-up in Pam Morrison, who with the two other girls, will compose "the queen's court": (from left) V. Dorcen Bamitz, 18, of 12933 Midway; Sandra Hendricks, 16, of 24495 Berg Road; Miss Morrison, 18, of 25165 Muerland Drive; and Jeanne C. Osborn, 17, of 29287 Northwestern Highway; Jeanne will represent the Southfield Civil Defense Department in the Michigan State Fair Beauty Contest Aug. 23-31 in the Music Shell.

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