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## Reflections on November 22

The rifle shots rang out, thousands gasped as they saw a man murdered in full view of his wife and a crowded motorcade, tens of millions of persons shared a common bond of grief and frustration while they watched in silence the casket being move from an Air Force jelt on a mabulance, a new leader's words to palm a nation; the crowds which streamed past the flag-draped casket in the United States Capitol, the stern faces of the word's heads of state as the followed the leatafailue from the capitol to Arlington Cemeter; the lighting of the Eternal Flame at the grave site; the convening of the Warren Commission; the heart-breaking pictures and films of That Day in Dallas; the personal problems of subsequent events involving the widow and might-club owner; the concean for a presidential widow and her two children; the uncompleted tasks of a young man whose idealism was scarred by the political cynicism of Washington big wheels; the flashbacks of the Inaugural ceremony and "Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country and of for you but what you can do for your country and of so you but what you can do for your country who was to pass on to him the mantel of leadership, responsibility, and power in a civilization which could be wiped out in a moment's hasty decision; the election night cliffnanger which saw a man elected by the margin of one vote per predient; the came

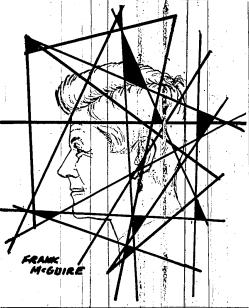
paign and The Issue of whether a man's religious beliefs were to be a determining factor of whether an Amrican citizen can be President; the Boston accent on the television screens which seemed a bit foreign to us midwesterners; the submerging of political hopes and fortunes of U. S. Senators from Texas and Minnesota which were to be relevened much sooner than they had expected, or dreamed; the subsequent volumes which told of the behind the scenes political maneuvering in July of 1960, November of 1963 and August of 1964 and still continuing as the survivors of The American Tragedy strive to pick up the broken pieces; the adoration of a family matched only by the political bitteress possessed by others; the marital problems incurred by the widow of the juan charged with the murder, the trial and appeal of the night club owner who shot the man jailed for the crime; and the Warren Commission first paragraph in its 15-volume publications which summed up the situations as efficiently as can be jummanly done.

"The murder of Precident John F. Kennedy was a crime against a man, a family, a nation, and civilization."

That's what goes through a person's mind as he ricalls the event, of Nov. 22, 1863—just these years ago y certaday.







## Letters to the Editor:

## **OBSERVING** the Scene . . By MYRA CHANDLER

This time of year thinking people automatically become appreciative of their blessings. The magic time of the year is fast approaching and most of us have to warm up to it slowly—so used to grumbling, as we are.

In time with the time, it occurred to me maybe it would be nice to pay homage to a few folks within our

scope.

Seed me my flowers while I'm here to enjoy them is the theory behind this—and so true when we think of how mary times we wanted to tell the perennial politician, Bev Poole of Livonia, how much we addired; the way he lost an election—his good humor and high spirit in the fare lof untold problems—we never did and now it is too late.

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The fire of people like this fortunately burns on—
but ofter in the hands and minds of those less talented,
less inspired.

Today let us erect a few paper statues to those, one
reporter believes, worthy.

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To Jene Duston in Redford Township, who dared
mention, live by, and join the Human Relations Committee
in his community. He lost the election but he proved he is
a man of his principles. He has courage, faith and the
encouragement of The Observer.

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To Jerry Raymond who dared breathe the words, income ax, as an elected official without turning pale, develop puavering of the voice, or sweat on his upper lip. John Dinan, Farmington City Manager who has been observed, lo these two years, as a man who has bourage of his own convictions and a voice to match, No little task facing opposition from a 5-man City Council on occasion.

To Ralph Lorenz in Plymouth, who though is often excitable, never, but never turned his back on his comminity where he lives. loves and invests. In apite of many teversals he remained a rock (sometimes a cussin' one), but nevertheless constant.

