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### Current Affairs to Be Discussed in Lecture Series

"Cross Currents in the American scene" is the theme of a series of six lectures to be given in Birmingham by the Birmingham Board of Education. Lectures will be held at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, beginning February 16, at the Baldwin Senior High School in room 101.

The State of the Free Enterprise System" by Professor J. Phillip Wernette, Director of the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Michigan will open the series.

Dr. Wernette holds a Ph.D. degree from Harvard University and was a member of the faculty of Harvard University from 1927 to 1945. During 1945-46 he was President of the University of New Mexico. In 1929 he was financial adviser to Republic of Colombia, and in 1931 Republic of Peru. He is the author of many books and a recognized authority in the field of finance and business administration.

Part of In-Service Training This lecture will be followed by "Trends in Labor Relations," by Professor William Haber, chairman of the division of social sciences, and the third lecture will be "The Work of the Hoover Commission," Professor C. Ferrel Hendy, Jr., of the political science department. Subsequent lectures will be announced later.

These lectures are designed by the Board of Education to keep the teachers in the Birmingham public schools informed on contemporary affairs, provided as part of the annual in-service training program for teachers. The program offered last year was so popular, not only among teachers but among those citizens who attended the series, that it was thought advisable to repeat the series this winter.

Citizens are invited to attend these lectures, which are free. A request is being made, however, that persons who attend the lectures attend the entire series if at all possible.

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### Drive Chairman



GLENN H. GRIFFIN

Glenn H. Griffin met yesterday with chairman of the county's 1950 Red Cross fund drive to map preliminary plans for the campaign which will start next month. The meeting was held at the Birmingham Community House.

Griffin's appointment as chairman of the drive in Oakland county was announced last week by Milo J. Cross, head of the Oakland county chapter.

Leader also of last year's drive, Griffin is active in many Pontiac and Oakland county groups. He is past president of the Pontiac Kiwanis club, the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Oakland county federal directors association. At present he is serving on the Chamber of Commerce board and that of the Red Cross chapter. He is also a member of the University of Michigan Phoenix association.

Mrs. Ferd Broeck, field consultant for this area, was in charge of the meeting and introduced Griffin to the various chairmen. It was announced that this year two divisions have been made of Oakland county, with 14 Mile road as the separation line. Mrs. Alfred T. Barnes of Royal Oak will direct activities for the southern area. The northern part will be in charge of Miss Virginia Richmond of Pontiac.

Tea was served by the members of the Pontiac Red Cross Chapter.

Birthdays, anniversaries, guests, births, parties are all news — call the society editor about them.

### Loan Association Ends Fine Year; Plans Expansion

A highly successful year has just closed for the Birmingham Federal Savings and Loan association, according to Walter L. Moreland, president.

The more than 3,600 persons dealing with the association during the year were approximately \$421,000. Moreland reported, for an increase of 16 per cent over the preceding year. "These savings," Moreland said, "were invested principally in home mortgages. These are loans to help people in Birmingham and vicinity build new homes, buy homes and to finance repairs, alterations and improvements."

Birmingham Federal loans helped finance a part of the 16,555 homes financed by Savings and Loan associations throughout the state.

Another Good Year Forecast Home loans held at the end of the year by the local office were approximately \$2,230,000. Approximately \$625,000 was advanced during the year to be used in financing homes.

Some 2,600 savers, according to Moreland, shared the more than \$50,000 paid through the declared dividends of two per cent.

"During the coming year the association expects to expand both the volume of savings received and the amount of money advanced for home lending," Moreland said.

"An analysis of the activities of the 300,000 accounts in all of the associations in the state, which is a good barometer of the financial health of those people, show signs of continued prosperity for the coming year."

### Panel Discussions by Quarton PTA

Quarton PTA members held two panel discussions on children's problems at the first office meeting. Serving on the panel were Mrs. Merle F. Bennett, Mrs. Donald Murray, Miss Cassius Miller, Mrs. Ogdin Vogt, Mrs. Covert Robertson and acting as moderator, Grant W. Barber.

The second meeting was held yesterday with Barber again moderator at Mrs. William Milligan, Mrs. Martin Butzel, Mrs. Bessie Ketchum, Mrs. Donald Murray and Mrs. Stanley Spiegel on the panel. Members were asked to submit written questions for the discussions.

The Quarton Carnival has been scheduled for Feb. 10.

### To Sew Cancer Pads

Mrs. Leland Hogan, newly elected cancer pad chairman for the American Cancer Society of the National Council of Catholic Women of the Holy Name Parish unit, urges all women to attend the first sewing session at the home of Mrs. Carl Hesse, 18484 Devonshire, today, Jan. 19 beginning at 11:30. Women may join the group anytime during the day and the hostess will serve coffee.

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### Last Rites Held for Fire Victims

Services for Donald C. three, and Greta Lee, 11 months, children of Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Erickson, were held from the Manley family funeral home Saturday afternoon. The Rev. Dr. W. Glen Harris, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiated. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery.

The children died last week Wednesday morning in a fire which destroyed their home at 1705 Opdyke road, and seriously burned their mother in her vain attempt to rescue them. Firemen said the two bodies were found huddled beneath their bedroom window.

Donald was born in Pontiac on Oct. 14, 1946. Greta Lee was born Jan. 17, 1949. The children, with their parents, had resided in the downtown village on Hunter boulevard until last spring.

Besides their father and mother, they are survived by their maternal grandfather, David Thompson, and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Erickson, all of Birmingham.

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