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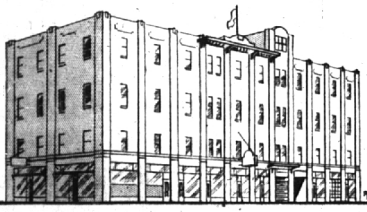
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### School Contracts in Southfield Twp. Awarded by Board

SOUTHFIELD TWP. — Contracts on the new high school's first unit at Lahser and Ten Mile roads were awarded last week by the Southfield school board at a meeting held in McKinley school. Contracts included: general to H. R. C. Construction Co., at \$84,373; plumbing and heating, J. D. Naylor and Son, \$21,910; electrical, Yauch-Miller company, \$7,674.

Construction will start immediately according to Glenn Schoenhals superintendent of Southfield Township schools. The unit includes a 16-bus garage, school shops, shop class room, founding room, tool crib, shop office, drafting room, band and instruments room and band office, two large storage rooms and lavatories.

"The building will be along modern lines, with utility as the main objective," Schoenhals said. "It will be constructed of cinder block faced with brick. Half of the building will be a two-story structure and half one-story."

A plan for city water is being studied by the school board attorney, working with Dudley P. Frame, Southfield township supervisor.

Eight school units are now under construction in this township.

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### 3 Inches of Snow at the Last Minute Permits Cub Scouts to Stage Carnival

It snowed! That was the most important thing in the right amount of snow, at the right time, delivered at the last minute. As a result the winter sports carnival of Cub Scout Pack B-8, Adams School, held at Birmingham country club Saturday afternoon was a success.

The Cubs take personal credit for the snow, a rectangular refrigerator pan, emceed as fastest pan. Once the boys had competed, nothing would do but the dads had to try the dish pans. A race was staged for them, down the hill, up and down again. Some complained the dish pans were bad fits and not designed for adult anatomy. Lawrence H. Quinn, the winner, snatched the top of the hill, instead of going up the ice face, and stole a march on the other dads.

Following the contests, the boys and their mothers and dads had an hour of sledding and toboggan events, some of the parents taking the punishing bumps with the vim of youngsters again. Mark Duffield and Alec Parrie were co-chairmen of the carnival, assisted by a large group of dads and mothers.

### Arthur F. Plant Elected President of Engineer Society

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Plant of Brookside drive attended the annual meeting of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers held in East Lansing last Saturday. At this time Plant took office as president for the ensuing year.

Nationally known in engineering circles, Plant has served as chairman of the Detroit chapter of the organization in 1947 and as vice-president of the Michigan Society in 1948 and '49.

Official business at the meeting included the engagement of J. H. Nimmo of Park street as executive secretary effective Feb. 1.

### Spokesman for VFW Against Socialized Medicine Program

"Socialization of medicine in the United States, if adopted, would prove to be no boon to the American public," Commander Orrin Clark, speaking for the members of the Birmingham VFW Post, 2645, said today.

"In effect, it would relegate the field of medical research to a secondary position," he stated, "and would eventually lower the high standard of health now enjoyed by the American people."

"The situation which has developed as a result of socialized medicine in such countries as England and New Zealand," Clark declared, "should be sufficient warning to us that 'free' medical care is but another step toward socialism which destroys initiative for medical advancement."

"In countries which have instituted socialized medicine the number of aches and pains of the populace have virtually doubled overnight. Doctors have been so busy prescribing for imaginary ills that they have little time left for further study and research, and many cases of real sickness have received inadequate attention."

"While it is not denied that all Americans do not receive adequate medical treatment," Clark stated, "we already have medical institutions which are rapidly bringing medical facilities to those who need it."

"The solution of the problem lies in expanding those institutions not in fastening upon the people another form of socialism, which has already proved inadequate and inefficient."

"If socialized medicine is forced upon us," Clark emphasized, "we must next get socialized food, socialized clothing or socialized housing. They are just as necessary to health as medicine."

### Kiwians 8-Point Program Outlined by George Martin

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP—Kiwians history, and its objectives for the coming year, was the topic of Leut. Gov. George Martin when he spoke at the Southfield Kiwians dinner meeting Wednesday. It was his first official visit here.

Kiwians celebrated their 35th anniversary this week and the lieutenant governor was high in praise of its achievements. Using a chart, he pointed out high ratings in various areas. He reminded Southfield Kiwians of the fact that "at their very doorstep, Detroit No. 1 sponsored Southfield Kiwians," and he stated that the chart indicated favorably rating here.

Ferndale Kiwians with consistent perfect attendance throughout the year, stood highest of all clubs. The 1950 program lists eight objectives according to Theodore Hoffmann publicity chairman:

1. To reinforce the foundation of our National home, church and school.
2. Intensely services to the youth recreation program—proper guidance. To further the effort for a "youth shelter," at Southfield Dodge park where a log cabin will be erected in the spring. A youth service committee assisted at the site Sunday.
3. Champion the teaching of representative government.
4. Initiate and support safety

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6. Work for economic stability and unity through honesty, and labor management.
7. Encourage all programs designed to forward friendship between Canada and the United States.
8. World Peace through international relations by strengthening United Nations charter.

All members of the Southfield club were present.

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