

**Community House Reopens Sept. 4**  
A new season will open at the Birmingham Community House Tuesday, Sept. 4.  
Staff members will return and the many organizations in the community will resume their regular meetings there.  
During the summer months the House has gone through its annual housecleaning and repair program. Plans for further work on the heating system are still underway.

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**Pontiac Man, Hurt In Freak Mishap, Dies Of Injuries**

Thomas Perke, 61, of Pontiac became Birmingham's first 1951 highway fatality when he died early Friday of injuries received in a freak accident the day before.  
Police were unable to determine how he was injured until a witness to the accident, Mrs. Margaret Mackenzie of Walled Lake reported to them a short while after the accident Thursday.  
Mrs. Mackenzie said she was driving south on Woodward near Quanton when she noticed a long pole sticking out of the right rear

of the truck ahead of her. As she speeded up her car to notify the driver, she saw the pole strike Perke as he stood in the bus zone near the curb.  
Another motorist followed the truck and stopped it some distance away. The driver, George Wright of Lincoln Park, was unaware of the accident. After making a statement to police, he was released.

Birmingham was cited by the National Safety Council in July for its excellent safety and no-fatality record for the first six months of this year.  
Hospital attendants said Perke suffered a brain concussion and severe injuries about the upper body.



**MAURIE HARRIS**, local representative of the Acushnet Golf Ball Co., discusses his new driving machine with Bob Fauteck, Springdale Park superintendent. Approximately 50 spectators attended the demonstration Saturday morning. (See story, Page 4, Part 3.) (Joe Wheeler Photo)

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**Preliminary Plans For New Oakland Hospital Approved**

Preliminary architectural plans for construction of the 200-bed Oakland Hospital at 13 Mile and Woodward, were approved this month by the Oakland hospital board, according to President E. A. Tomlinson, 484 Linden.  
More detailed plans will be submitted by the architects, Ellerbe and Co., St. Paul, Minn., at the next board meeting the last week in September.

The board hopes to break ground for the hospital in the spring of 1952.  
The hospital was originally slated to be constructed on the Porritt property off South Adams, but an agreement was reached this spring by the Oakland Hospital and Southern Oakland Hospital boards.

The contract stipulated that the Oakland board would take over the Southern Oakland group's 13 Mile and Woodward site and all assets which are over \$500,000.  
The Oakland board will receive \$3,500,000 from the Greater Detroit Hospital fund.

Want ads cannot be accepted after 5 p.m. each Tuesday.

**Study of Fire Hazards At Hill School Planned**

Swanson and Associates, Bloomington Hill architects, will make a study of Hill school to determine what measures can be taken to make it safer from fire.

Board of education members, at their Aug. 21 meeting, said a letter from Fire Chief V. W. Griffith had declared the building unsafe. He suggested a marked danger point would be reached when more than 50 persons were in the building at a time.

Griffith's statement was made after Supt. Dwight B. Ireland had asked his opinion as to whether or not it was advisable to house sixth grade children there until Baldwin elementary school could accommodate them.

Ross Campbell stated he felt it impossible to follow all a question made by the fire chief since it would mean practically rebuilding.

During the discussion, Dr. Ireland pointed out that the school lacks adequate storage space for records. The idea of a fire-retarding vault in one section of the basement was suggested. Architects' opinion will be sought on this when the survey is made.



**MEXICAN-GROWN CORTISONE**—Will the "miracle" hormone drug Cortisone ever be plentiful and inexpensive? Above, a Mexican laborer carries what scientists believe to be the answer, "Caboza de Negra," the root of a wild, poisonous plant. Synthetic Cortisone made from the vegetable source appears to be as effective as the Cortisone derived from ox-bile, being used at present in the treatment of arthritis, critical burns and some types of cancer.

**Potato-Tomato Mystery Solved; It's Potato Seed**

The Road's Mystery is solved. Last week Ralph M. Road, teller at the Wabash bank, reported small tomatoes on his potato vines. On Friday afternoon, H. C. Silverthorne of 22830 West 14 Mile came into The Eccentric office with a sample of this "salad phenomenon" from his garden and a copy of a national magazine to explain it.  
It seems the "tomatoes" are actually potato seeds and are quite rare.

Silverthorne said he had been told that it is through these potato seeds that new strains are obtained.  
He has marked two of the Irish Cobbler plants in his garden, planning to let the seeds ripen and plant them next year.

**A SALESMAN** for the Cadillac Electric Supply company in Detroit, he has taken several branches of these grape-like little seed clusters to his office and had found only one person who recognized ever seeing them before. Silverthorne said he could remember only one other time that he had seen them growing.

In the meantime, it appears that, while the Roads may be on the trail of fame and fortune with a new potato strain, Mrs. Road will have to continue using just plain tomatoes for her catnip and chili sauce this year.

**Birmingham Educators Take Part In Michigan's Adult Education Council**

Two Birmingham educators took part in the Michigan annual workshop conference at Michigan State College Aug. 28-29.

Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools, presided at the Wednesday session on "Education for Citizenship."

Richard L. Featherstone, director of adult education here, acted as recorder for the Health and Safety group, also held Wednesday.

Based on a community-wide approach to adult education, the two-day workshop took for its theme "Strengthening Democracy Through Adult Education."

It included lectures by numerous well known speakers on some 20 phases of adult education and displays of material and work.

Photos must be submitted by noon each Friday to insure publication the following Thursday.

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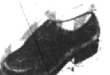
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