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## Vacationing 'Peppy' Bosses Neighborhood

Peppy has returned from his vacation. Like a lot of us in these days of congested driving conditions, crowded hotels and resorts, Peppy didn't take any extensive trip. He stayed around home, visiting with the neighbors and sitting in the shade.

"Peppy is the little blue bird belonging to Mrs. Irwin Hussey, 17825 San Rosa, in Lathrup. He left his cage one day and before Mrs. Hussey realized his intentions, he was out in the yard. For two days he literally ruled the roost, scurrying with the wild birds and driving them away from the premises.

Mrs. Hussey said he used his 10-word vocabulary freely and probably had his wild cousins on the verge of a collective nervous breakdown.

NEIGHBORS (the human variety) three houses away could hear him chatter as he sat in the wild pear tree telling everyone he was "Mommy's good boy Peppy!"

As Mrs. Hussey worked in the yard, Peppy would drop by for a visit, sit on her head and talk happily. Let her try to get him in the house and off he'd go to his perch in the huge old tree.

Finally, with soft words and slow steps, she did manage to keep him atop her head until safely in the house.

Peppy has not said whether he enjoyed his holiday or not, but apparently he did, for at latest reports he again was trying to get out of his cage.

## Blaze

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PARKS SAID the cause of the fire at the Shafer home was not known. Mr. and Mrs. Shafer had already left for work and their five children, Patricia, 15, Dolina, 11, James, 10, and Gerald and Robert were alone in the house.

A number of parakeets which the Shafer family raised are believed to have been burned. Parks said some had been removed but he could not be sure all had been taken from the building.

The three older children were able to leave the building safely, while the younger boys were trapped on the roof as they tried to escape.

When The Eccentric went to press Wednesday, no estimate of damages had yet been made nor an investigation to determine the cause.

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## Elm Tree Disease Suspects Found; Lab Report Due

City Forester William Lebold said this week that no laboratory report has yet been received on the 12 samples taken from elm trees, possible victims of Dutch elm disease.

Lebold said nine trees were within the city limits and three just south of 14 mile road in Southfield township.

"We should hear within the week how many of these samples were positive," Lebold said.

He added that state crews were making a thorough check throughout the entire area and returning numerous samples for analysis.

"The fact that more diseased trees are being found is not necessarily alarming," the forester said, "because more examinations are being made, but the increased number of positive cases gives us a chance to spot the disease and know where to fight it."

Lebold said a great many city elms which are showing brown branches are victims of the severe winds of a few weeks back.

"It is not difficult to tell the difference," he explained. "On the broken branch, the leaves brown quickly, while on the diseased branch the process is slower and begins at the tip.

"There may be a combination of brown leaves, yellow leaves, yellow and green and all-green, progressing from the tip to the tree. These are the signs that the disease may have started."

**Southfield Withholds SDD License Decision**

At an exceptionally light meeting Tuesday evening, Southfield township board members withheld their decision on granting an SDD license to Glen C. Penard to sell wine, beer and liquor.

Penard, whose establishment is at 12 Mile and Telegraph, will be notified after the board has had time to make a more thorough study of the location of such licenses in the township.

**Wants City to Pay For Walk Right-of-Way**

City Manager Donald C. Egbert has been asked to study the request of O. B. Peters, 756 S. Adams, that he receive payment for a 7 by 6 foot strip of land necessary for a sidewalk in the proposed widening of South Adams.

A survey shows, according to Wilson B. Severance, Rochester attorney representing Peters, that the walk will be located seven feet west of Peters' lot, situated on the west side of Adams.

## Parking

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situationality of the suggested ordinance.

Judson Bradway, prominent in the real estate development in this area and chairman of the Detroit plan commission when it adopted its zoning ordinance, claimed there were a number of flaws in the amendment and proceeded with examples to show the commission what he meant.

EVEN IF this was a good ordinance—and I believe it is totally impractical—any parking ordinance should be 2 1/2 to 1 or better, not 1 to 1 as proposed," he declared.

Victor Koch, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce's special off-street parking committee which for more than a year has been attempting to work out a solution to this city problem, said his group opposed the measure under discussion.

He outlined the steps which his group and the city had taken trying to work out the answer, then commented, "Perhaps the city feels we haven't progressed fast enough, and therefore seeks to pass this ordinance that would make every individual solve his own parking problem."

"IF THAT is the case, then we believe this situation is right back where it was several years ago," Koch stated.

Commissioner Minor suggested the city bring in some real experts to study not only off-street parking, but also traffic flow in the downtown area.

"The great majority of opinions the city has had have come from contractors' bids Tuesday night."

The two low bid bids are: general contracting—A. N. Hickson Co. of Detroit, \$87,409, and Ellis Construction Co. of Detroit, \$95,859; mechanical—W. W. White Co. of Detroit, \$29,800, and Conrad Co. of Walled Lake, \$30,000 (both were combined bids on plumbing and heating and ventilating); electrical—Peterson Co. of Pontiac, \$12,190.

Bids will be reviewed by the architect who will recommend subsequent contract awards to be made by the school board.

**Won't Solve City Parking Problem, Says Plan Board**

Passage of an amendment to Birmingham's zoning ordinance Monday night, which provides for the creation of "parking districts," is in no way a substitute for the basic solution of the city's off-street parking problem.

This was emphasized by the city plan board Tuesday night. The amendment was instituted, as the wording indicates, to permit the providing of additional street parking in connection with established business or public or semi-public use.

The amendment continues: "Only residential areas that abut directly or across an alley from a business or industrial district and extend continuously from said business or industrial district, may be used for parking districts. Parking in said parking districts shall be on ground level only and not in any enclosed garage."

If any such parking district shall cease to be used for this purpose it again shall revert to its original zoned classification.

News copy submitted early is necessarily given preference, so the "early bird" usually gets the space.

## Can't Recall Wild Shot at Police

David Burleigh, 24, of 1056 W. Glenhurst, Bloomfield Village, was arranged Wednesday morning on charges of firing a rifle while under the influence of liquor.

Burleigh was arrested at his home Monday night after he had barricaded himself in his home, telling a friend he had killed a man and stuffed the body in the back of a car.

As police tried to enter the home, Burleigh fired one shot from a 30-06 rifle, spattering them with plaster.

BURLEIGH TOLD Bloomfield Township Police Chief Clark Green, who conducted an all-night search for the body, that he had backed out and remembered nothing until he woke up in the Oakland county jail Tuesday morning.

Green said Burleigh admitted drinking heavily throughout the evening and when questioned said he could not recall having made any statement about a body, but did recall having an altercation in, he believed, a Royal Oak bar.

## Receive Favorable Bids On Addition To Walnut School

Construction of a 4-room addition to Walnut Lake school will be slightly below original estimates, says the Birmingham board of education believes after opening contractors' bids Tuesday night.

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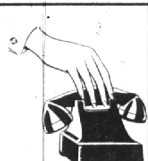
**HIDDERS INCLUDED** varying percentages extra for performing or supervising subcontract work. The board had estimated the cost of the Walnut-Lake addition at \$150,000.

At another meeting Aug. 4, the board will receive bids on a 5-room addition to Franklin school.

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