

The wisest men and women of every age stress the value of doing every thing around the necessities of one's own personal responsibilities. It is when you do a kindly, necessary act without the necessity that Heaven records your name in its books.

Blakeman Impressed By German Planning

By VIRGINIA COLE

WING LAKE—Unexpected honor and opportunity came to T. Ledyard Blakeman of Wing Lake road this fall. Blakeman is director of the Detroit Area Regional Planning Commission.

The German government invited seven men from the United States representing city planning and architecture to visit Germany and study and consult with them in the interests of Germany's post-war reconstruction.

The group consisted of four architects designated by Charles Dickey Bryant, president of the American Institute of Architects. The three city planners, including Blakeman were requested personally by German officials. They all left by plane Oct. 17 for one month as guests of the German government.

UPON ARRIVAL at Bonn, they spent a few days in consultation with German Federal officials about the post-war housing, economic and social welfare of the country. This was to give them a comprehensive picture of the planning and architectural needs.

From then on they traveled by train throughout Germany, stopping a few days in designated cities. They were always met by city officials and escorted to their offices in official cars. They would then consult with these men and German architects about the learning the local needs and building objectives.

The second day they would be taken on a tour of the area to review what had already been done and future plans. Blakeman's general impression of the Germans' progress so far is excellent, he said.

HE SAYS their thinking is definitely in the human train—in terms of the people, what they want and what they need. Better described, he refers to their planning as three dimensional thinking, how it would look, how the people would like it, and whether or not they would be comfortable and happy living with it.

"They are making a definite attempt at open-space planning. This, as it implies, is building with plenty of space between houses and buildings so people do not live and work in close, crowded surroundings.

"For instance, Hamburg was practically leveled during the war. This city has been rebuilt with sixty per cent of it in open-space planning," Blakeman stated. "Blakeman feels that their perception and foresight into future needs for the coming living and industry is exceptional.

MRS. BLAKEMAN joined her husband in Hamburg to enjoy the last two weeks of the European visit with him. While he attended business, she went sight-seeing and window shopping. Evenings were spent socially as they were royally wined and dined in every city.

She was particularly impressed with their visit to the reception

Cranbrook Award Is Presented To Harvard Botanist

CRANBROOK—The Mary Soper Pope Medal for distinguished achievement in the field of plant sciences was awarded this week to Prof. Irving W. Bailey of Harvard University by Cranbrook Institute of Science.

Both forestry and agriculture are included to Professor Bailey for his original studies of the cells of woody plants and how they develop. Experts are now able to predict growth rates of many trees and crops, and plan accordingly.

Early in his career he investigated primitive plants, intensively to determine the probable origin and evolution of forms common in the world today. The theories he devised in this work are the basis of much current research.

GRANTED internationally to outstanding botanists, the Pope Medal has been awarded seven times since it was established in 1946 by the late Gustavus D. Pope, philanthropist and Detroit manufacturer, as a tribute to his deceased wife for her life-long devotion to botany.

The award was presented by Dr. Stanley A. Cain, former staff member of the Institute, at the annual meeting of the Botanical Society of America in San Francisco this week.

Dog Licenses Go On Sale While Bd. Studies New Law

SOUTHFIELD—Dog licenses for 1955 are on sale at the township offices, 26080 Berg.

The license fee for both males and females is \$2, but an additional dollar is tacked to the fee after the March 1 deadline.

The applicant must present proof of the dog's vaccination during the previous calendar year to gain the license.

Township officials, meanwhile, are studying a new dog ordinance that has gained the support of South Oakland county mayors.

The ordinance is an attempt to standardize dog licensing and control in the county to further insure the area from outbreaks of rabies.

A uniform fee of \$2.50 for licenses would be assessed under this ordinance.

The township offices are open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and from 8:30 to 5 p.m. daily except Saturday when the office is closed.

Home From Tour

Robert N. Davis, teaman, U.S.N., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward N. Davis, 20650 Everett, Southfield township, and husband of the former Miss Lamont I. Sutton of Tulsa, Okla., returned from a tour of the world and a tour of duty in the Far East.

Hale, is scheduled to return here Dec. 18th from a cruise around the world and a tour of duty in the Far East.

Collectors Firm Chooses Rubbish

LATHRUP—A new rubbish collection contract, to start January 1, 1955, was awarded to the low bidder, Veterans Disposal Service, Rochester, by city councilmen last week.

The firm will charge 30 cents a house for each monthly collection and has its own dumping grounds.

First collection in 1955 will be on Friday, Jan. 22, with monthly collections scheduled for the third Friday of each month thereafter.

Over 500 Now

BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE—Latest count of residents in the village placed 532 families in the subdivision with home building in the area continuing at a high rate.

A HOME MADE HOME IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Family's hopes dimmed by pre-Christmas blaze



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Yule Fire Brings Twp. Aid

By WILLIAM ZACK

SOUTHFIELD—A township couple with their two young daughters this week discovered that the meaning of the Christmas season was not limited only to a formal observance of the day on the part of their neighbors.

Christmas found Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Saue, of 21000 S. Tuiler court, homeless, with the house they had lived in for more than three years, almost completely destroyed by flames during the night of Dec. 22.

Saue, a 30-year-old pattern-maker at Fisher Body corp. had built most of the concrete-block

When her husband returned from work the family was unable to locate a repairman, and remained at the neighbor's for the night.

In the morning they awoke to find the home, after too far damaged for firemen to save.

From the ruins they were able to salvage only a few of the Christmas presents that had been so carefully bought and wrapped.

Watching the smoking shell of their home, both of them felt almost complete despair, they recall this week.

Then, neighbors in the township heard of the plight of the family, and made plans of their own.

FIRST, THEIR next door neighbors, the Delbert Brewers, had the family stay with them for the holiday. During the night Mrs. Saue's mother in Wyandotte made Christmas a little more cheerful, and the board of directors of the Builders Association of Metropolitan Detroit.

He operates the Walter A. Wilson and Son custom building company, which his father started.

A former president of the Northwest Builders Association, he has been building homes in this area since discharge from the Air Force in 1945.

19006 W. 10 Mile rd. gave generously to a collection box in the store. The local boy scout troop, the Salvation Army and the Goodwill all rallied to the assistance of the homeless family.

At the Miller organization, truck drivers and other employees added \$110 to the growing fund. At last report, nearly \$1700 had been collected, and Cook and Lamb, a carpenter firm, had offered to donate a day's time of their crew to help rebuild the fire-damaged home.

Provided not only new footwear but a cash donation. Employees and customers at Chuck's market,

Nixon Pond Channeling Asked By Beverly Assn.

SOUTHFIELD—Nixon's Pond, long regarded as a smelly nuisance by residents of the fashionable Beverly Hills subdivisions south of the City of Birmingham's sewage disposal plant, may get some immediate attention.

The controversial swamp-like pond at a widening of the Rouge river near the Riverside drive bridge has gained the concern of both township and city officials who will seek to eliminate the

Academy Museum Takes New Name Under New Policy

CRANBROOK—The museum of Cranbrook Academy of Art will begin the year with a different title, a revised policy and a new head, the trustees of the Academy have announced.

Wallace Mitchell, registrar of the academy and for 27 years a member of its faculty, will be head of the Cranbrook Academy of Art building, Jan. when the resignation of Miss Eva I. Gatliff, present museum curator, becomes effective. He will continue as registrar, but will relinquish his duties as an instructor.

Under the new policy, galleries will confine to show selections from the great art and old world, but will place more stress than formerly on current activities in the fields of decorative and practical art, as well as sculpture and painting.

MITCHELL, who has won numerous awards in state exhibitions and has held one-man shows in his painting in New York and various mid-west art centers, first came to Cranbrook Academy of Art as a student in 1927. After receiving his A.B. degree (from Northwestern University), he earned his master's degree from Columbia University in 1936, before the Academy became a de-grading institution.

He spent a year as an instructor in art at Cranbrook School, a preparatory school for boys, before joining the Academy's faculty.

Basic in the galleries' exhibits are the objects collected during his long lifetime by the Michigan newspaper publisher, George G. F. Lathrop, and the six Cranbrook Institutions. The galleries are open free to the public from 2 to 5 p.m. on Friday excepting Mondays and major holidays.

ASSOCIATION members sided with Hugh Egbert and Bower that the only lasting solution was construction of the interceptor to carry sewage from the area and prevent the Rouge.

Both Egbert and Egbert agreed to contact building contractors to determine whether the pond can be channelled into a reasonable cost to provide immediate relief for the area.

Hugh G. Albrecht, Jr., 18585 Hillcrest, Highland Park attorney, is representing the city.

Museums Closed—New Year's Day

Although the museums of Cranbrook Institute of Science will be closed New Year's Day, Saturday, Jan. 1, they will be open to the public on Sunday of the holiday week-end.

Child Charles Cranbrook is expected to return from 5 to 6 daily except during services.

Wilson Elected To Detroit Board

B.M. VILLAGE—Julian Wilson, 135 Wadlington, Birmingham custom builder, has been elected to the board of directors of the Builders Association of Metropolitan Detroit.

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At Naval Academy

LATHRUP—U.S. Naval Academy midie, Kenneth P. LaFrance, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth P. LaFrance, 2500 Bankers Circle, is competing for the first term of the freshman year at Annapolis, Md. The class was granted Christmas leave over the holidays to visit families and friends.

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My Neighbors

It's a darn good thing you're my neighbor if you would let him associate with you!

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