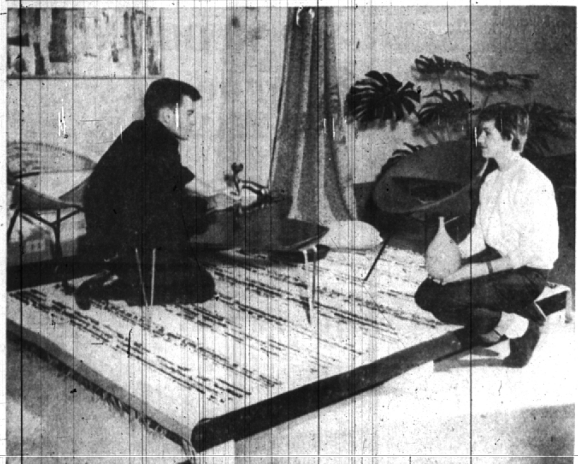


He is about Christmas means only a *stockingful of gifts never gets to understand what this day really means. He is destined to live an impoverished life... and though he may claim to be worth millions, that is all he really is worth!*



## Booth To Head Oakland Citizens League in 1955

Henry S. Booth, Cranbrook road, Bloomfield Hills, first president of the Oakland Citizens League and one of its founders was selected president of the county-wide organization at the December directors meeting. Frank R. Chapman of Rochester was elected vice-president and Mrs. Edwin V. Clarke, 792 Willets, secretary-treasurer.

Booth succeeds Joseph D. Savery of Ferndale. "Getting into the harness again," Booth said, "means I am convinced the need for a Citizens League is now far greater than it was in 1938 when the League was founded, and I shall do all I can to help it render services which citizens require in an ever-increasing complex situation."

"It is, by no means, the answer to all our questions. It can, however, help individuals who are powerless by themselves. It can be a real assistance to holders of public office and contribute to the solution of governmental problems."

**HOME FURNISHINGS** are among the hundreds of Christmas gifts now on sale at the annual sale of student work at Cranbrook Academy of Art. The sale, which will end Sunday, Dec. 12, in the ground floor galleries of the art museum, also is featuring textiles and art objects. The hand-finished furniture is a special line this year. Shown here arranging one of the many displays are Silas Higgins and Marge Burgstahler, academy students.

(Eccentric Photo)

### Optimists Ready Three Christmas Tree Sale Lots

**SOUTHFIELD**—To gain a share of the Christmas tree market in 1954, the Optimists will offer 2,000 selected trees from New Brunswick, Canada, at the northeast corner of Northwestern and Nine Mile, the southeast corner of Northwestern and Ten Mile and the northeast corner of Northwestern and Telegraph.

### Carriage Company Head Dies Dec. 1

Owner and operator of the Gordon Carriage Company in Detroit for 45 years, Alexander P. Gordon, 72, died Dec. 1 in Armore hospital, Ferndale. He lived at 30559 Northwestern highway, Southfield township.

### Gossett Named To Cranbrook Board

**CRANBROOK**—William T. Gossett, a vice-president of Ford Motor Co., was elected to the Cranbrook Foundation Board of Trustees at a recent quarterly meeting. Officers re-elected were Henry S. Booth, chairman, Harold A. Fitzgerald, vice-chairman, and Warren S. Booth, treasurer.

### Nine Shopping Centers To Locate in Oakland

Of the 25 new shopping centers, proposed, under construction or in operation in the Detroit metropolitan area, nine sites are in Oakland county.

### Keego Harbor City?

**W. BLOOMFIELD**—Residents of Keego Harbor will vote on incorporation of the community as a home rule city Tuesday, Dec. 14. Nineteen candidates will seek election to the nine-member commission at the special election.

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**Hills high school site.** Construction began on the \$1,500,000 school the past summer and school officials hope to have the building open for the September, 1955 term. The building, scheduled to hold some 700 students in its 22 classrooms, is being built on a 33-acre parcel at Andover and W.

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## Village Green Development To Start With New Church

**FRANKLIN**—Church members in a special meeting Friday, Dec. 3, voted to relocate the Franklin Community Church and erect a new building of colonial architecture at an estimated cost of \$195,000.

The move will place the historic village at the very center of the Village Green, focal point of the community, on four lots donated by Mr. and Mrs. George W. Smith. The church's decision launches a program to develop the entire Green as a center for the religious, business and governing activities of Franklin.

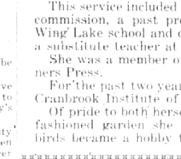
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The untimely death of a young woman has started spontaneous contributions from her friends and neighbors to build a scholarship fund in her memory.

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