

## Village Elects Harman President

C. B. Harman, 825 Glenary Circle, was elected president of the Bloomfield Village Protective Association for the 1954-55 year at the annual meeting last week.

Other officers of the association will be Joseph P. Balder, vice-president; Robert A. Reid, 344 Tilbury, secretary; and Morris Purdy, 215 Glenary, treasurer.

Reid and Purdy also join Harry Cunningham, 3540 Woodale as newly-elected members of the board of trustees. Reid has just ended a one-year term on the board.

Naming of board members to various commissions in the association will be made at the June meeting.

## Minister Continues to Show Improvement

Latest reports from St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac, state the Rev. Arnold F. Bunkel, DD, pastor of the First Methodist church continue to show improvement.

Dr. Bunkel has been confined to the hospital about a month, having been taken ill while visiting relatives in Ludington.

## Supt. Warns of Dangers Of Crowded Classrooms

Crowded classrooms, their effect on the quality of education of children, and their contribution to the increase of juvenile delinquency were discussed this week by Dwight B. Ireland, Superintendent of Birmingham schools, as he pointed to the need for more classrooms in the school district.

District voters will be asked June 14 to approve a bond issue for \$3,000,000 to finance construction of an addition to the high school and for a new junior high school.

Approval of the issue will not result in an increase in taxes, but will require a diversion of 4 mills, now retiring the 1950 bond issue, to the new issue.

POINTING TO the administrative problems resulting from crowded schools, Ireland said: "Secondary schools in the Birmingham district are the most difficult to administer at the present time."

"There is a point beyond which enrollment figures should not be allowed to go in any given building. If enrollments go beyond that point the administrative problems increase in geometric proportions."

"For Birmingham junior high school this figure approximates 350 students. Next year's junior high school enrollment is beyond that figure."

"The SENIOR high school will be seriously overcrowded with over 1,000 students in a building designed for 1,200."

This school will be difficult to administer if present secondary standards are to be preserved. But with immediate relief in sight by the addition of eight classrooms and a study hall, this situation can be endured for a semester or so, and a great deal is said these days about delinquency.

Certain children show signs of emotional instability, which indicates a serious need for help and sympathetic understanding. Figures in Birmingham do not indicate a big increase in the percentage of such cases. However growth in school population does increase the number of cases and this is reflected in the extremely heavy load of the visiting teacher.

CLASSROOM teachers are also at a serious disadvantage when class numbers reach 35 pupils or more. They have less time for dealing with these problems and two results follow. The child does not receive the sympathetic help and understanding he should have and becomes progressively worse until ultimately drastic measures have to be taken.

The conclusion, if it can be stated simply, is that overcrowding classrooms seriously affects the quality of a child's education. "If the proper educational opportunity is not afforded a child at the right time, it can never be adequately provided at a later date," Ireland said.



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## Troy to Launch Summer Program For Recreation

With a starting budget of \$2,000, Troy Township's new recreation board is set to launch a six-week recreation program on June 14. It will be the first such program in township history.

Finances for the venture have been appropriated jointly by the Troy township board and the Troy board of education, each contributing \$1,000.

Director of the program, Boyd Larson, high school athletic director, said further financing will be sought by public subscription but no charges for participating in the program will be made.

Present plans call for a full time playground activity at Big Beaver school.

DEPENDING ON the amount of participation, programs will run two or three days a week at Log Cabin, Poppleton, Smith, Troy, Two Troy Union and Colerain schools.

Playground activities will consist of arts, crafts, and organized play.

Also planned are two softball leagues and one baseball league for school age youngsters, and a softball league for adults.

Possibilities of including a swimming program at Salt Water pool, Rochester road near 18 Mile, are being studied.

"We hope this summer program will be the start of a year-around recreation program," said Larson.

OVERSEEING the program is a recreation board composed of school and township officials and citizens.

Members are Louis Hildebrandt and Frank Costello for the board of education, Wesley Smith and Fred Hildebrandt for the township board, and citizens William Decker, Howard Kern and Donald Flynn.

High School Coach Sam Tassio will assist Larson and three college students will be hired as supervisors, Larson said.

Advisors are Stewart K. Baker, superintendent of schools and Norman Barnard, township supervisor.

## Long Prison Terms Imposed in Fox- Hounds Robbery

Convicted of armed robbery in last November's \$5,500 hold-up of the Fox and Hounds Inn, Bloomfield Hills, two Detroit men were sentenced to long prison terms Monday by Oakland County Circuit Judge Frank L. Doty.

Charles Clark, 29, was sentenced to 20 to 40 years and John Graham, 37, to 10 to 20 years.

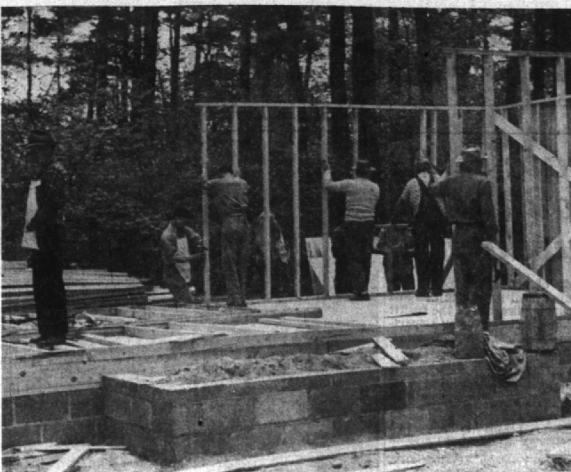
Judge Doty said the difference in the length of sentence was because Clark committed perjury on the witness stand.

Clark also is facing a second degree murder charge in Detroit in a hold-up killing that occurred following the Fox and Hounds robbery.

Another man, Theodore Sullivan, 36, now is serving a sentence of five to 20 years for the Bloomfield Hills hold-up. A fourth man still is sought.

No Need for Alley?

Our Shepherd Lutheran church on 14 Mile road would like the city to vacate an alley in the block to the west of the church, according to a petition submitted last week. The city plan board will be asked for a recommendation.



NEARLY 80 EMPLOYEES of the DeVlieg Machine company, "from vice-president to janitor," were on hand over the weekend to help build a vacation cottage for Oakland county underprivileged children in Camp Oakland near Lake Orion. DeVlieg employees not only are providing the manpower for the project, they also are providing the finances through payroll donations. The cabin will house 16 youngsters and two counselors and with volunteer labor will cost about \$2,200. Underprivileged boys and girls will use the cabin on alternate occasions for two week vacations this summer. Camp Oakland is supervised by Judge Arthur Moore and Camp Director James Hunt under the auspices of Oakland County Probate court.

## Obituary Notices

### Yacht Enthusiast Dies in Florida

A former Birmingham resident and retired business man, Harlow Noble Daugherty, died Tuesday, in Ft. Lauderdale. He was a former service manager and in charge of construction for Packard Motor company.

Born Feb. 10, 1886, he was graduated as an engineer from the University of Michigan where he was Delta Kappa Upsilon.

His ardent interest in yachting took him on many trips in South America and the Caribbean Sea. He had sailed on the waters of Lake Superior and Georgian Bay.

ONE OF the founders of the Torch Lake Yacht club, he was a member of the Ft. Lauderdale Yacht club, Detroit Athletic club, Grosse Pointe country club and Pine Lake country club in Michigan.

While he retired from active business only a few years ago, he spent a great deal of time in the Ft. Lauderdale beach development of Harbor Beach and Torch Lake, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Eloise Dickerson Daugherty, and a son, Harlow T., and two grandchildren.

Arrangements are pending at the Bell chapel of the William R. Hamilton company.

J. BEN TRAMER, 64, of 7440 Bingham, died May 19 in Mt. Carmel Mercy hospital, Detroit.

A manufacturer's agent, he was born Sept. 29, 1885, in Indianapolis, Ind. He was a member of the Mayflower Congregational church, Detroit.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; a daughter, Mrs. Hudson U. Beatty; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday from the Harvey A. Neely funeral home, Detroit. Burial was in Acacia Park cemetery.

JOHN R. SMITH, SR., 68, of 1828 Norfolk, died Sunday in Woman's hospital, Detroit, following a long illness.

Mr. Smith had retired as president of the Birmingham Products, Inc., Detroit, and formerly was associated with Buhl Die Company, Detroit.

A Birmingham resident for 25 years, he was born July 18, 1885, in West Bend, Wis. He was a member of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs parish and a former member of the Birmingham Country club.

Survivors include his wife, Melie; a daughter, Mrs. C. E. DeMarois of Detroit; a son, John R. Smith, Jr., and a step-son, Edward J. Sarnowski, both of Royal Oak; six grandchildren; two sisters, Miss Edna Schmidt, Mrs. John Marx and a brother Theodore Schmidt, all of Kewauqua, Wis.

Funeral services on Wednesday morning at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs followed the prayer service at William Sullivan and Son funeral home in Royal Oak. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

JAMES WILLIAM DOYLE, 73, of 536 Stanley, died at his residence Friday.

A Birmingham resident since 1925, coming from Hamilton, Ont., he was born March 17, 1881, in England. He was married there to Jessie Price on Dec. 24, 1902. Mr. Doyle was a carpenter and a member of the Shrine of the Little Flower. He was a veteran of the Canadian Army and a member of the Canadian Legion.

Survivors include his wife, five daughters, and a son, Mrs. Alexander McVean, Miss Jessie Doyle, Mrs. Charles Porter and James William Doyle, Jr., all of Birmingham; Mrs. Henry Vis and Mrs. Bernard Pariseau, both of California; three brothers and a sister, George, of California; Albert and Samuel, both of Hamilton, Ont., and Mrs. Charles Gilmore of Toronto.

Funeral services were conducted

Monday at the Shrine of the Little Flower. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Funeral services were conducted by Manley Bailey funeral home.

MRS. SADIE MAUDE HOLLOW FLOOD, 64, of 7200 Old Mill drive, died Sunday in St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac, following a brief illness.

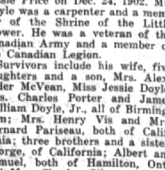
Born Oct. 2, 1889, in Crystal Falls, Mich., she was employed by a women's apparel shop in Dearborn. Mrs. Flood was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Crystal Falls.

Survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Frederick J. Guenther, with whom she resided; a brother and a sister, Frank Holm of Florida and Mrs. Clyde Henry of Crystal Falls; and one grandson, Frederick Guenther of Birmingham.

Mrs. Flood was taken from the Manley Bailey funeral home to Crystal Falls where funeral services were conducted Wednesday. Burial was in Crystal Falls cemetery.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

WILLIAM ROESSER, Southfield township supervisor, said "You couldn't replace Orrin S. Guiley on the township's zoning board. He is one of the most experienced men we have and his knowledge of the township's planning."



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### Final Polio Shots To Be Given Here Starting June 1

Some 662 first, second and third grade children from this area will receive their third and final shots this coming week in the polio vaccine program being conducted among 17,000 Oakland county school children by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Children in the first three grades at Our Lady of Refuge in West Bloomfield Township will receive shots on June 2. Vaughan, City and Country and Pine Lake in Bloomfield Hills, together with Pierce school in Birmingham will be given shots on June 3. St. Hugo of the Hills, Hickory Grove and Brookside schools are scheduled for June 3, also.

Spokesmen for the Oakland county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, have announced that children who received their first shot but missed the second, are eligible for this third booster shot.



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