



JOHN KIEFFER DAVID UNDERDOWN  
Enterprising salesmen check supply stock (Eccentric Photo)

## Can't Write Fin(is) To a Gill(t) Business

By ALICE E. MORGAN

This is a fish story that has nothing to do with a big fish and nothing to do with the internationally famous "one that got away". It's a simple little story about a simple little fish. The little fish, purchased several months ago at a pet shop in a nearby community, became the pet of John Kieffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Kieffer, 1001 Willow Lane.

The addition of the little fish to the family intended to cause no great change in their daily living. It simply meant there would be a glass bowl containing water and a fish, things that had not been around before. That's what they thought.

SUDDENLY the little fish—a fantail guppy—was swimming around in the company of numerous other little fishes. Eventually there were more little fishes and the glass bowl was in need of assistance.

John, too, needed a little help with his rapidly expanding "hobby" and enlisted the aid of his pal, David Underdown, son of Mr. and Mrs. David A. Underdown, 1029 Lake Park.

David's room became headquarters for the fish bowls and the Kieffers left on vacation. That was when commercialism came into the picture.

JOHN AND DAVID took a good look at the situation and saw what hopes that the guppy population would decrease or even remain at a standstill. They knew the jar question was reaching a serious stage and before long, so would the question of space for the jars. Sell guppies was the only logical conclusion.

Accordingly, a sign went up announcing that fish could be purchased. With an eye to business, John decided on a "package" deal—fish, bowl and plants (with of course some water) all at once. Returning from vacation, Mrs. Kieffer was a bit amazed to see the signs about the property and for the sake of greater delicacy, suggested that the boys adopt a French touch, advertising "The Poison Store," giving the business "an air".

It was done and business went on as usual.

THE BOYS, remembering the days when they were not businessmen and sometimes were short of cash, arranged a credit system for purchasers. An IOU form was drafted and things were set for their pals to start buying on the time-honored custom of a token payment on delivery and a specified time limit on the balance.

### Girl Scout Camp Studied in Troy

Site for a Detroit Girl Scout councilor training program is being sought in Troy township, board members learned Monday night. Tentative approval to allow Girl Scout officials to use a wooded area south of 20 Mile between Livermore and Crooks as a day camp was withdrawn by the lease, Albert M. Hill, when he found that neighbors in the area objected to the use of the property for "park" purposes. Board members agreed they did not object to the program if a suitable site was found.

THE CAMP, which would run from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily from June 29 to July 8, would train 300 Girl Scouts as councilors. Spokesmen for the camp stated that they would canvass the neighborhood in an attempt to gain resident approval or seek another location.

## Bids Run Higher Than Expected for Hills High School

Tight financing looms in the building of the new Bloomfield Hills high school, the board of education discovered as it opened bids at a special meeting Monday night.

The board presently is studying the bids and will meet next Tuesday night to award construction contracts.

"While we don't expect to be forced to cut down on our plans for the high school, bids are slightly higher than we anticipated," said Eugene L. Johnson, superintendent of schools.

The board's plans were for a \$1,500,000 high school. The lowest combination of general contract, mechanical and electrical bids taken Monday night amounts to \$1,353,929, Johnson said.

FURNISHINGS for the new building are expected to cost about \$110,000. Coupled with a possible expenditure of \$30,000 for improvement of the building site at W. Long Lake and Andover roads, this will result in the necessity of careful budgeting on the project, Johnson said.

"Improvement of the school site includes acquisition of about eight more acres; water and sewage facilities must be provided; drives, walks and parking lots must be built, and the whole area landscaped."

"We hope to cut over-all costs by about \$100,000 without materially changing the design of the school," he added.

BIDDING WAS described as fairly active. Eleven general contract bids were received as well as 13 mechanical contract and 11 electrical contract bids. Also received were nine bids on kitchen equipment for the new school's cafeteria.

Lowest bidders for the construction contract were the Ellis Construction company of Detroit at \$956,857 and Lerner-Linden company of Oak Park at \$955,000.

The Enterprise Heating and Power company of Detroit was low bidder for the mechanical (plumbing, etc.) contract at \$292,929, and Schultz Electric, Pontiac, was low bidder for the electrical contract at \$106,000. Bids on the kitchen equipment ranged from \$31,000 to \$42,000.

## BIRMINGHAM BUSINESS BRIEFS



KENNETH F. HARDY, 412 S. Glenhurst was general chairman of the annual May party held by the Detroit Chapter of the National Association of Cost Accountants on Friday, May 21, at the Western Golf and Country Club. Plans included golf for the men and informal bridge for the ladies.

### Shell Oil to Build Service Station at 14 Mile and Eton

Construction of a service station on the northeast corner of Fourteen Mile road and Eton will be started soon by the Shell Oil company officials announced this week.

Thought and planning has been put into the layout of the station to make it easily accessible and convenient to neighboring residents as well as most attractive, a spokesman said.

Modern design and newest type equipment will be combined to furnish the community with efficient

service and the best products available, he added.

### Troy Firm Buys Land To Expand

The McGregor Manufacturing corporation, 2975 East Maple, Troy township, recently completed the purchase of 8 1/2 acres of property at 2975 East Maple from the Charles Lyle family.

Estimated cost of the property to be used in future expansion of the aircraft manufacturing firm was set at over \$20,000.

The firm has now reached maximum growth at the present location and seeks more room to enlarge plant facilities.

Neil Reiske, Detroit realtor, handled the sale.

### Elected Member

Marvin J. Polewach, Birmingham certified public accountant, has been elected a member of the American Institute of Accountants, national professional society of CPAs. Polewach is associated with Mr. James F. Moore, CPA, 139 W. Maple.

### Dustproof Shoulders

Objecting to work being done on city streets on a private contract basis, Birmingham city commissioners have denied the request of Dewey street residents to permit oiling as a dust control measure. The nine petitioners were told the city may permit spreading of calcium chloride along the street shoulders to alleviate this nuisance.

## PTA Council Forms Permanent Group As Aid to B of E

Birmingham PTA Council has established a permanent committee consisting of a representative from each school PTA to work with the board of education.

Marvin Brokaw, council vice president, is chairman of the committee, whose first job is the dissemination to the PTAs and the public of facts concerning the forthcoming election on June 14 relative to the immediate need for additional school facilities.

First committee meeting will be at 8 p.m., Friday, May 28. A continuing activity will be the study of school needs as the community grows and conditions change. The group will work closely with the board of education and will be representative of the ideas of the entire school district, it was explained.

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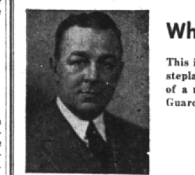
## Y Lists Overnight Camping Trips

A series of overnight camp trips to Camp Ohmya near Milford has been scheduled by the Birmingham Y.M.C.A. The first of these are for the Indian Guide Tribe who will visit the camp on alternate weekends, June 5 and 6 and on June 12 and 13.

On June 18 and 19 the Gray-Y clubs will hold their annual annual Lac-Dau weekend takes place June 19 and 20. The DAY group will visit the camp for an all-day outing on Wednesday, June 23. The programs for these groups will include rafting, canoeing, swimming, hiking, group games and nature lore.

The price is a per capita proposition which includes meals, transportation, and program. Reservations are being taken by the "Y" and only a limited number can be accommodated.

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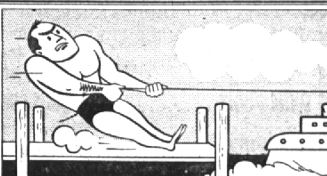
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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

### "High-Priced" Mistake

Maybe you noticed the big "ad" Red Smith's Furniture Store ran in The Clarion last week. One item caused some embarrassment around here. It read: "4-piece Bedroom Suite, regular price \$119.50, bargain price \$149.50." Guess I didn't "proof-read" too well, and when our pressman asked for the go-ahead, I yelled, "Let 'er go."

All kinds of jokes about the mistake. One fellow asked if Smith's was holding the price line so tight it just snapped. Turned out fine in the end—Red

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