

Today, throughout much of our city there is a feeling of jubilation regarding mankind's earliest invention, created by the A. B. H. bombs. This year's surprise is that ladies exist because mankind admits to itself that it is far from being miserably good.

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# Parents Join Protest Licensing of Cots

## THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

**Volunteers Bail**  
The Wm. Beaumont Hospital here  
If you have any doubt about the supremely valuable part that voluntary human effort contributes toward the safety, security and health of a community, just ponder the story of the new William Beaumont hospital, which has been built close to Woodward avenue and the Thirteenth Mile road, just south of Birmingham.

**AND EVERY DOLLAR**  
THE WENT INTO THE OBTAINED THROUGH THE VOLUNTARY EFFORTS OF SEVEN HUNDREDS OF HUMAN BEINGS! NO GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY HAS BEEN ITS BENEFICATOR, OR IS EVER EXPECTED TO HAVE ANY CONTROL OVER ITS OPERATIONS.

**ALL YOU HAVE** to do to appreciate this is to look about you, recall from memory the host of voluntary agencies that are supported and kept going by voluntary laborers. Without them, indeed, we would not have a society practically fall apart!

**Sweet must be their own sleep,** in the knowledge that they have measured up to a definitely named human service for countless human beings who will benefit by the institution's services.

**Down in Ohio, near a school house,** a very fitting sign has been posted alongside the road. It simply reads: "Use your eyes, save the public."

**Quoth a contemporary wag:** "There's a reason why you can't take it with you. It goes before you do."

**During 1954 an estimated 130,000,000 frozen chicken pies** were made up and then eaten in this country; a quarter of a million are expected to go the same way this year. (At least, says the nation will have two chickens in every pot.)

**Approximately 4,000 among all the hotels and motor courts in the United States** will accept guests whose names are on the "no vacancy" list.

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## Investigators Agree 'Pike Through Franklin'

**Willagers Determined To Fight It**  
By NORMAN DOUGLAS  
"FRANKLIN—The village council Monday night promised residents, to oppose the proposed route of the toll road through the newly-incorporated community.

**Transfer of the Secretary of State's branch office here from the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce offices to Edwin P. Dowd, accountant, with an office in the Briggs building is expected to take place some time this week.**

**THE CHAMBER** will continue its operations at 350 E. Maple. Transfer of the licensing business will mean an estimated loss of \$7,000 a year for Chamber of Commerce activities.

**Both his wife and oldest daughter will help in the operation of the** (See BIRMINGHAM, Page 6, Sec. 1)

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**HIS FIGURES** revealed that he handled 10 percent of the parcel post business while keeping the lines at a minimum in the post office lobby.

**The additional space provided in the annex also facilitated the handling of parcel post mail. Trucks could be loaded there in half the time it takes to load at the post office, Reese concluded.**

## 3rd Hills Man Wins 'Outstanding' Award

A 33-year-old patent attorney who lives in Bloomfield Hills yesterday was named Detroit's "outstanding young man of 1954."

**He is Don K. Harness, 1181 E. Long Lake, who becomes the third Hills resident to receive this award.**

**The first was John S. Bugas of Vaughan road, Ford Motor Co. vice president in charge of industrial relations, in 1943. The second was Walter O. (Spike) Briggs, Jr., president of the Detroit Base-Bank, in 1947.**

**Based on general personal reputation, community work, leadership in civic and educational activities, business standing and interest in state and national affairs, the selection is made annually by a committee representing the professions, churches and industries of this area.**

**PRESENTATION** of this year's award was made by Raymond T. O'Connell, president of the Detroit Bank. Principal speaker was Walker L. Osler, president of the Detroit Chamber of Commerce.

**Harness and his wife Florence have two children—Jay, 12, and Linda, 7. Harness is a graduate of the Cranbrook School and attended the University of Michigan Engineering College from 1939 to 1941.**

**IN 1941, he went to work for the engineering department of the Chrysler Corp. in Detroit. He studied in Wayne University law school. He entered the Army as a cadet in 1942 and was graduated in 1946, after termination of service as a first lieutenant, completed his law studies and was graduated with distinction.**

**Since 1946 he has been with his father's law firm of Harness, Buckley and Pierce, in which he now is a partner.**

**As a member of the board of directors of the Detroit Rotary Club, Harness sparked an investigation of ways, the club might sponsor and carry out new charitable youth activities. As a result of his studies and recommendations, the Rotary has granted to the Wayne juvenile court and the youngsters coming under the court's jurisdiction.**

**THESE SERVICES** were not only for children in the juvenile detention Home, but for non-indigent youngsters—abandoned and neglected children.

**During 1954, as chairman of the Detroit Rotary club youth service committee, he organized a "job service" to find work for youngsters who had quit school yet were still too young for Army service.**

**He is a member of the Michigan Bar, the Michigan and American Patent Law Associations, and Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity.**

## Buy First Parcel for New Park

First piece of the proposed new civic center park was purchased this week by the Birmingham city commission.

**It will cost \$9,000, and purchase details now are being worked out by City Manager D. C. Ebert and the property owner.**

**Commissioners hadn't planned on moving so fast to acquire the new site, but they wait until the city's appraisals had been reported.**

**But the property owner—who only a few weeks ago had acquired the property and intended to spend an additional \$40,000 to improve it—put the parcel up to the city this week for her original cost, \$2,200, plus \$300 for attorney's fees involved in its resale.**

**Present Shain Park in the block immediately north there would be sold for about \$250,000 to the business area for off-street parking of 142 cars.**

**Commissions have indicated they want an advisory vote from the public regarding the switch of the park to the block south.**

**A ballot resolution is expected to be passed by the commission next Monday night.**

**HOUSERS FOR** presentation of matters on the 232-ard municipal lot on Pierce street below Merrill alley.

**Motorists will operate nightly on 119 P. and that provide approximately \$1,000 to the city each year from theater patrons.**

**Commissioners fear street meters in the vicinity of the theater may have to be operated until 7 p.m. so motorists can find curb parking in the vicinity of businesses they want to patronize.**

**It was decided the city manager, Joe, as he told of his embassy, F-51 fighters planes that then were turned over to the Costa Rica government for its self-defense.**

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## 2 Churches Also Feel Cost Pinch

**By WILLIAM F. ZACK**  
Birmingham church and school groups this week joined with businessmen in protests against the city's parking lot licensing ordinance.

**The law, which became effective last July, has only recently been enforced. It calls for payment of license fees by lot owners and requires drainage and resurfacing with cement or a blacktop coating within two years.**

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**DWIGHT B. IRELAND, secretary of the city's parking lot only faculty members in the future will be allowed to use lots at Pierce and Howard to avoid licensing fees and resultant parking required under Birmingham's new parking ordinance.**

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**THE ORDINANCE** requires a fee of \$100 for each lot that is open to the public. Licensing is required each December, with application by the city building inspection department.

**While many of the city's parking spaces would be required to provide drainage and blacktop parking lot, the city would have to pay \$5,000, he indicated he believes the law is impractical.**

**TYPICAL OF** complaints by church and school groups of the Rev. Howard Albright, pastor of Our Shepherd Lutheran church on E. 14th street, who this week protested against application of Birmingham's new parking ordinance to churches.

**Rev. Albright pointed out that the church had been compelled previously to provide off-street parking for church members.**

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**People who turn smart before traveling in blocks on the nation's turnpike seem turn for the better.**

**Follow in New York City found he just wasn't suited for burglary. Scrupled at the way of thieves leaving his old suit behind for police. In the end, he was his picture, name and address.**

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## Southfield Buys 2 School Sites, Rehires Attorney

Purchase of two school sites for Southfield township was completed and the school district's attorney rehired.

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The total, plus charges for court costs, is not to exceed \$2,000 for Leonard.

The new school, which will be the fifth of the final 9-12 mile and which, says of the school, is to have 13 rooms and a multi-purpose room.

## Victory Over Young Blades Is Painful for Old Skates

WING LAKE—Did you arise Sunday morning with moans and groans and creaking bones? Did you crawl on your hands and knees to the breakfast table?

And did the kids get by with the unthinkable old day because they knew you couldn't move a muscle to do anything about it?

If you score 100 on this quiz, you are the dad of a sixth grader at Wing Lake school.

The kids all get goose eggs in penmanship at school trying to write with two fingers crooked in hopes of a passing grade.

Saturday dawned bright and brisk and 35 of the 49 sixth graders gathered at the home of the Edgar C. Barnes, Dakota Circle leader with pop and hockey equipment.

Something resembling a game dinner seemed to occur through the week. The kids got goose eggs in penmanship at school trying to write with two fingers crooked in hopes of a passing grade.

## Precinct 1 Poll To Be Taken at New Fire Hall

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## \$110,000 Ice Skating Rink Wins Commission Approval

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