

## 'Republicans Need Young People', Leader States

Clifford O'Sullivan, national Republican committeeman from Michigan, urged the first membership meeting of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Republican club Tuesday night to help bring young people into our party.

The Post-Huron attorney told 150 listeners at the Birmingham Community House there is a "compelling necessity" to have more young people working for the Republican Party in Michigan.

"THE DEMOCRATS in Michigan are the most highly-organized, well-financed political party in the United States," O'Sullivan said. "We've got to use as much color and personality as we can do a lot of hard work for the Republican Party in Michigan may disappear for a generation."

R. G. Counselman, 4730 Winthrop lane, president of the newly-formed club, read a telegram from Congressman George A. Dondero, extending best wishes to the club.

COUNSELMAN outlined the club's purpose which includes "to promote interest in good government through encouraging participation in the Republican Party." He said the club would be allied with the Birmingham Republican Council, but would function separately. Any person in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area, he said, cordially invited to become an active member.

## Announce Leaders Of YMCA in 1956

Action of the Detroit Metropolitan YMCA board of directors confirmed appointments of new members of the local Birmingham YMCA committee of management for 1956.

These appointments were: In the class of 1955, Everett W. Allen, T. C. Appel, Mrs. John C. Cowen, David Curry, William C. Gornell, Miss Elaine Jones, R. W. Kirkpatrick, Carl J. Nepper, Ernest Robinson, Wesley Stietbacher and Charles Thurston.

In the class of 1956, Robert W. Backstrom, James Baldwin, Arthur Blakelee, Ralph T. Cowan, Leslie S. Fletcher, Robert Gornell, Harold M. Kallifried, John Slater, Sidney M. Smith, Jr., Tom Ward and Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Jr. Members emeritus are Y. C. Smith and Dr. John K. Ormond.

The local committee meets the third Thursday of each month to discuss programs, set policy and administer to needs of members.

**Plan \$5 Million Shopping Center**  
TROY — Plans have been filed with the city for a \$5 million shopping center at the southeast corner of Maple and Livernois, it was announced this week by Norman R. Barnard, city manager.

Lawrence Land Co., of Detroit, wants the planning commission to rezone the land, 30 acres, so it can put in four major stores and 30 smaller retail outlets. The land is now zoned residential.

PARKING space for 10,000 cars would be provided. Another 40 acres has been purchased behind the site for residential building, according to Mitchell Smith, Detroit real estate salesman representing the company.

Planning commission will consider the request at a Feb. 14 meeting.

**Motorist Fined \$55**  
Justice John C. Emery in Birmingham justice court Wednesday issued a fine against Robert A. John, 19, of Royal Oak, \$35 and \$45 costs for driving with a revoked license. St. John was arrested Sunday by Birmingham police.

**Camera Fans Meet**  
Bloomfield Hills Camera club will meet tonight at 8 p.m. at Cranbrook Institute of Science. The assignment will be black and white prints of winter scenes and general prints.

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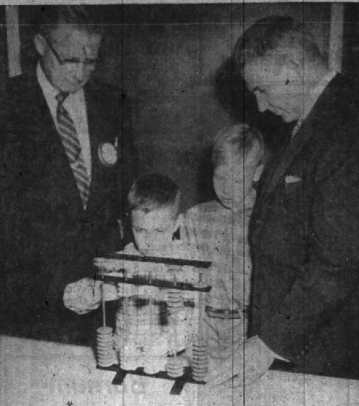
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**BEVERLY STUDENTS** Mark Christiansen and Gary Deising, second graders, helped Dr. Andrew F. Schott (right) explain a mathematic teaching aid, the Numberaid, to Birmingham Exchange club members. Beverly Principal Malcolm Ferguson (left) looks on.



**TOASTMASTERS** Invite Newcomers  
Birmingham Toastmasters club played host to Dale Johnson, Peter Rodgers, Ken Brango and Sid Coale at their meeting Tuesday, Jan. 31, when they inducted Robert Williams.

Rollie Gish, serving as master of ceremonies for the evening, introduced speakers Hal Bland, Clara Hellenberg, Lloyd Smith and Ed Kirbert. Roy Butler introduced the table topic of the evening, and the trophy was won by Jim Beal.

President Stuart Skelley said the speech contest would be held Feb. 14 to determine the club's representative to the district meet.

He also invited newcomers to the city to join Toastmasters, which meets each Tuesday evening at 6:45 p.m. at the Birmingham YMCA, 400 East Lincoln.

**William Seydel Gets Eagle Badge At Court of Honor**  
During an impressive Court of Honor ceremony of Troop B-12 held at Holy Name school last week, William Seydel, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Seydel, 6644 Vachon court, Bloomfield township, received the Eagle award.

The award was pinned on Bill by his mother, who in turn had a miniature Eagle Scout pin presented her by her son. Bill, an engaged Scout in 1953, joining Precious Blood Troop 170 in Detroit in September where the family formerly lived.

Coming to the Birmingham area in September he joined Troop B-12. He has served as patrol leader, den chief and Quartermaster in Troop 170 and has earned the Altare Dei award, Scouting's highest religious award. He is an eighth grade student at Holy Name school.

**Swanson Re-elected**  
J. Robert F. Swanson, of Lone Pine road, Bloomfield Hills, this week was re-elected chairman of the Oakland county planning commission. He has been chairman of the group since 1952. County Drain Commissioner Ralph A. Main, 19 Fairview, was re-elected secretary and Ferdinand Supervisor Roy F. Goodspeed renamed vice chairman.

**Jail Woman for 1-1/2 To 14 Years**  
Mamie June Smith, convicted forger of over \$23,000 from a local building firm, was sentenced Monday to 18 months to 14 years in the Detroit House of Correction.

Helen Smith, 34, former Southfield township resident, was arrested in December for the forgeries which occurred in the year and one-half preceding July, 1955, at the G. Carl Elder and Son, Builders, 1810 S. Woodward.

She admitted signing the name of her employer, Robert Elder, president of the firm, to the checks she cashed in various southeastern Michigan cities.

Discovery of the forgeries came in July when Elder, changing the firm from a partnership to a corporation, found a shortage in his accounts.

**Board of Review**  
TROY—City's Board of Review will meet tonight at 8 p.m. at Cranbrook Institute of Science. The assignment will be black and white prints of winter scenes and general prints.

**"Wife-Approved" MOVE!**  
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## Mathematical Teaching Aid Being Tested Here

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS  
Birmingham Exchange club members were given an insight into what might someday soon be a nation-wide method of improving mathematical abilities of elementary school children.

Principal proponent of the theory is Dr. Andrew F. Schott, an educational consultant at Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis., who has devised a modified abacus, much like those used in the Orient, for use in the first three school grades.

Schott's method allows the child not only to write and hear the numbers, but to see them and feel them as represented on the abacus, a counting machine which uses several strings of beads or wood-blocks as counters, each which reaches into five states.

Birmingham is one of these test areas along with Norfolk, San Francisco, Milwaukee and a small New Jersey city.

CHILDREN'S intelligence quotient (IQ) were taken at Beverly and Barnum schools. Children at two other Birmingham schools, who are used as control groups, were also given IQ test.

Malcolm Ferguson, Beverly principal, is enthusiastic about the new method.

He, with Barnum's principal, Herbert Hengel, reviewed the method in Milwaukee before the system was introduced locally.

"I saw first grade kids (at Milwaukee schools) doing arithmetic that our smartest first graders couldn't do," said Ferguson.

LAST SUMMER, teachers from the two local schools gave their time free in order that they might learn Schott's methods at University of Detroit.

Dr. Schott first felt a need for better teaching methods in the field of mathematics when, as an instructor of student teachers at Marquette, he found a marked lack of mathematical abilities.

Borrowing some adding machines from Burroughs in Milwaukee, Schott set about teaching elementary addition and subtraction to his students.

Following through, he learned that adding machines could be used in teaching mathematics down to and including the fourth grade.

BELOW THAT a different method was needed, and so was developed the modified abacus, which was in turn modified until it could meet needs of the young students.

"Results of the method in the first, second and third grade were almost 'unbelievable,'" said Ferguson, whose students are using the modified abacus while Hengel's students are being tested with adding machines.

Dr. Schott told Exchange members who worked the children's abacus that it gave students ability to count in figures in the ten thousands.

He also feels that children will more readily be able to make practical use of numbers than under existing methods.



**MARY NORTH**, third grade teacher at Beverly school, plays mathematical games with her class, with use of the Numberaid, a modified version of an Oriental abacus, Birmingham is one of five cities in the West Ab section of the teaching method developed by Dr. Andrew F. Schott of Marquette university, Milwaukee, Wis.

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