

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

NOWHERE DOES the significance of 'America' burst through than when parting a pair of curtains and stepping inside a tiny voting booth, according to Mrs. R. E. Vogt, 6922 E. Millerway, Gilbert Lake. She explained it further this way: "This gift of freedom focused itself more vividly at the recent election as a young blond giant of a handsome son guided his Dad up to the table where identities were checked. After writing their names on two slips, they both marched, like tall proud soldiers down past the row of tables and around to the row of booths. Very straight and carefully they walked. Suddenly, everyone started grinning, or smiling shyly to everyone else. The atmosphere seemed charged. Why? Because a blind father had risen up out of a comfortable living room chair and had come out on a wet, cold night in order to cast—his most important vote. Is it any wonder that as I grabbed my spouse's arm when we went down the old steps of the stone school house, that I, too, worked a bit taller and happier? For a few minutes earlier, I had seen close to Royalty. Not the kind that requires a Crown; the type that shines without-one. This blind man possessed it."

HERE'S A TEACHER who's going back to school! Birmingham high school teacher William T. Sweeney, of 1913 Henrietta, Birmingham, has been awarded a grant for nine months of graduate study at the University of Michigan. The grant, made by the university, is one of 50 in a program supported by the National Science Foundation, for advanced training of high school math and science teachers.

IT'S HERE AGAIN! Little League tryout time for boys 8 to 12 years of age. Tryouts will be held Saturday at 9 a. m. for boys 11 and 12 and at 10 a. m. for boys 8 and under. Boys living in National league territory, north of Maple and west of Adams, should go to Poppleton field for the tryouts; boys living in American league territory, between 11 Mile road and Maple, west of Woodward, should go to the Pierce school; and boys living in the Federal league territory, the area not covered by the other leagues, will meet at Etch field.

EXTOLTING THE MERITS of Vitamin B, a Birmingham man this Wanderer talked to recently cited an example of what vitamins do for him. One day last week this vice president of a nationally-known firm said he rose at 6 a. m. for a particularly trying day of speeches and meetings, was up until 2 a. m. entertaining visiting officials from New York. Next morning he had to be up at 6 a. m. again for more meetings and talks. "If I wasn't taking Vitamin B I'd have been flat on my face by then," he said, continuing, "but instead, all that happened was my knees were shaking!"

AFTER BEING ELECTED MAYOR of Bloomfield Hills at Tuesday night's city commission meeting Monday night, it stands that one of his first official duties will be exchanging posts with the mayor of Auburn for the annual Michigan Mayor Exchange day on Monday, May 20. Auburn is located 30 miles west of Bay City.

LOOK FOR THESE APPOINTMENTS to be made by the Birmingham city commission next Monday night. They are: elected commissioners Charles J. Delbridge, Jr., to go on the city recreation board, replacing William Hutchison to the police trial board, replacing Mayor William Roberts on those two boards; and Florence Willett named to the taxicab review board to replace ex-commissioner Manley Bailey.

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Patterson, Pratt Earn Fellowships
Two U of M students from Birmingham have received Howard IP Reckham Fellowships. They are Donald J. Patterson, 1304 Lake Park drive, who received a University Fellowship for study in mechanical engineering, and Henry J. Pratt, 2163 W. Lincoln road, who received a Community Seminar Research Fellowship for study in public administration. Both fellowships are of the amount \$1,550—\$1,800.

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Woman Injured In Cab Accident
A passenger in a cab received bruises when the vehicle in which she was riding collided with a car driven by Estrella C. Bolton of 3250 Brandingham, Franklin, Thursday on Woodward avenue near Georgia street. Injured was Estrella Ruckey, of Royal Oak, who was treated by a private physician after her arm broke a window glass. The cab was driven by Richard Madden of 2164 Deering, Birmingham.

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Station Owner Captures One Of 3 Bandits

TROY—One of three would-be holdup men was captured Tuesday night when the trio attempted to rob Walter Popovich's Mobile gas station at 18 Mile and Rochester roads.

The three came into the station to buy a candy bar, said Popovich and when he went behind the counter one of the men drew a gun and told him, "This is a holdup."

Grabbing a loose item on the counter, Popovich threw it at the gunman and a fight ensued. Two of the bandits escaped but Popovich managed to haul out Dewey Youngblood, 20, of Centerline.



GOING OUT IN the rain to shop last Friday night paid off for Mrs. Warren L. Small. She was the lucky recipient of \$100 in gift certificates from Birmingham merchants in a contest sponsored to encourage shoppers to visit local stores Friday nights. Here James Kilpatrick, of Himehlphe's, Chamber of Commerce promotion committee chairman, hands Mrs. Small her award, usable in any participating Birmingham store. Mrs. Small, of 12989 Dunblaine, received the award at the Community House, where she is business manager. "I'm certainly glad I went shopping and registered my name Friday night," said the happy recipient, who added, "This should be a wonderful inspiration to other shoppers." Contest continues from 6 to 9 p. m. each Friday for eight more weeks.

ACCORDING to Troy police, Youngblood did not know the identity of the other two who he said he met in a restaurant.

Youngblood's police said, has a previous breaking and entering conviction three years ago in Macomb county and served 21 days in jail and paid a \$50 fine.

Vernor

UPON returning from service in 1946, with the rank of major, he was named executive vice president of the James Vernor Co., resigning from this post at the death of his father in 1954. He remained a member of the board until last year when he severed his connections with the company.

Twice divorced, Vernor is survived by a son, James, and a daughter, Gray, instead of his first wife, the former Patricia Skully. His second wife was the former Ruth Kater, who died in 1954. He was a member of Palestine Lodge 357, F.&M., Detroit Athletic center, Detroit Golf and Tennis Club, Aero club of Michigan and Grosse Pointe yacht club.

Burial will take place at a private cemetery. Arrangements are being made by Bell chapel, W. R. Hamilton Co., 820 West Maple, Birmingham.

Tool Engineering Officials Named

In a pool ceremony, the new officers of the Birmingham chapter of the American Society of Tool Engineers were officially installed Tuesday night. The 14th annual broadcast which highlighted the society's silver anniversary meeting in Houshka, Tex.

The newly-elected officers stood with their right hands raised at the Berkeley Inn and recited the oath of office as Howard C. McMillen, ASTE's outgoing national president, simultaneously inducted 1100 new officers of each of the society's 144 chapters throughout the United States and Canada, including the Oakland County chapter.

The society's new national president and other officers were also installed at the same time.

The new officers of the Oakland County chapter are: chairman, Charles H. Bag, N. Woodward; Bloomfield Hills, Peninsula Grind Wheel; 1 vice-chairman, Edwin E. Frazier, Pontiac; 2 vice-chairmen, Erwin C. Brown, 5520 Brookdale, Birmingham; G.M. Truck and Coach division; treasurer, 1516 Lodge Hope; Morse Turist Drill and Machine company; national delegate, Andrew E. Forster, 4384 Vinewood, Birmingham; Forster Tool and Supply company and alternate delegate, Charles King, Pontiac Motor division.

Senior Men Elect Officers
Organization of the Senior Men's group, sponsored jointly by the Community House and the recreation department, has proceeded to the point where the group recently elected its own officers.

President will be Leo Stein; vice-president, Edward Clark; secretary, Triggatt, Hendrix. Other members have been named to hospitality, membership and program committees.

The group has increased regularly from its original four to an attendance of 40 or more. Men over 65 or retired are welcomed at the meetings every Friday from 10 to 1 at the Community House. There is a short business meeting. A program, and lunch.

'Hometown Boy' Tells Teachers Of State Aims

Speaking as a "hometown boy," as he maintains a Birmingham residence, Ed. Gov. Philip Hart was principal speaker at the Birmingham education association's dinner last Thursday celebrating the centennial of the national organization.

Freeing Hart's address, Mrs. Geraldine Rice, president of the BEA, read a telegram from Gov. Williams, expressing his regret at not being present and congratulating the teachers on their centennial.

Mrs. Rice was also entertained by musical groups of Birmingham high school, musical groups, the Madrigal singers, directed by Mr. Victor Ulrich of the faculty, and the Madrigal calypso group headed by Don Book.

Hart spoke mainly on the state of Michigan's educational legislation today and the teacher's responsibility.

Quoting from a speech being delivered by Gov. Williams at a dinner for elementary principals in fact lauding that day, Hart stated that the results of the April 10 election seemed to show the voters were backing up the Williams program for financing education.

This program deals with, among other things, a state grant to school systems of \$100 per child, and a state-manufactured minimum salary for teachers.

Continuing his discussion, Hart spoke of the teacher's responsibility to "put things in the proper focus," particularly in regard to government, politics and the racial problem.

Visibility Poor At Oak Corner, Says Commissioner
Poor visibility at the northwest corner of Oak and Woodward streets in the Commission's Florence Willett this week to speculate on advisability of stopping southbound Woodward traffic at that intersection.

Police Chief Ralph Hoyle said a traffic study might be made to see if a traffic light were a better solution.

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THE CITY already is utilizing firemen for police duty. The March report showed firemen had served 102 hours, 40 minutes of police duty.

The commission accepted the low bid of Detroit Concrete Paving Products company of \$24,170 for re-surfacing of parts of Lone Pine, Cranbrook, Church and Goodhue roads. This includes an additional inch of surfacing on Lone Pine and Goodhue west of Orchard Ridge road.

Cranbrook road will be resurfaced from Lone Pine south to the north line of South Cranbrook subdivision; and from Lone Pine north to Kingswood school entrance. Church will be repaired from Lone Pine south to Goodhue, which will be resurfaced from Lone Pine to Church.

THE COMMISSION agreed to have the city pay 20 per cent of the cost of blacktopping Epping lane, with the remaining 80 per cent being assessed against the abutting property owners, who have petitioned for the paving.

A state highway commission survey recommendation to have a delayed amber and a delayed red signal light installed at Woodward and Long Lake road to permit easier left turns was approved.

Instead of a highway commission recommendation for a \$300 three-way flasher at Woodward and Lone Pine road, the commission decided to see if the back of the present flasher could be re-oriented to permit visibility from the south.

A MICHIGAN State Police highway department request to increase speed on Labser road between Quator and Long Lake roads from 35 to 45 miles per hour was approved to permit a uniform speed on Labser.

Request was requested to see if temporary flagging islands could be installed to control curb parking on Woodward at Long Lake road.

Start sooner, drive slower, live longer, be home for the holidays—DRIVE SAFELY.

WANT ads cannot be accepted after 5 p. m. each Tuesday.



NAVY ENSIGN Duncan M. Laidlaw, son of the Walter C. Laidlaw of 704 Tottenham, Birmingham, has his "Wings of Gold" of a Naval aviator pinned on by his mother, as his brother Bruce looks on, at the Naval air station, Corpus Christi, Texas.

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