

# Former Skating Champ Supervises Ice Rink

By JULIE CANDLER

A former speed skating champ supervises activities at Birmingham's municipal ice rink. But 25-year-old Pat Husemann isn't skating anymore.

If you've been skating at the Eton park rink, you may have seen Pat. She's the freckle-faced girl with the pretty red hair. She wears dark-rimmed glasses and a brace on her left leg.

Pat, a Detroit, was named Birmingham's recreational supervisor in September. Some important dates loom up in the story of sports-loving Pat's former athletic achievements:

1947: ALREADY Detroit and Michigan state junior speed champion. Pat, at 15, became the junior national speed skating champ.

Fall, 1948: Made the All-American Indianapolis athletic club swimming team—began training for Olympic competition in relay, crawl, and free style swimming.

Along with these special dates, Pat remembers others. Not as important, but nevertheless wonderful days to Pat.

LIKE THE DAY she started competition in speed skating. She was five years old, and raced in the toddlers' class.

Pat's uncle coached her. And a better coach she couldn't have found, for her uncle is Arvid Friedlund, of Detroit, speed skating champion of the world.

Pat recalls the fun of days when she participated in inter-club competition as a member of the Detroit Turners, athletic and social club in which the entire Husemann family was active.

SHE TRAVELED with the Detroit Turners volleyball team, and added skill in track and field, plus apparatus like the parallel bars and the horse, to her athletic record.

Then Pat recalls, without bitterness, the watery night when her whole life changed.

It was in early January, 1953, while she was home for Christmas during her junior year at Indiana university in Bloomington.

The aching and stiffness began while she was loading her skis onto the car. Next morning she planned to leave on a ski trip. (Another of her activities.)

BUT WHEN PAT awoke that morning, she couldn't move.

It was a strange time of the year for polio, but polio it was, the doctors said. They told Pat's parents she would never walk again.

But Pat set out to prove the doctors wrong, and they added another to her many achievements. She spent a year in the hospital, returned for out-patient treatment

## City Park Rules Assigned to Gare

If neighborhood groups want to have "light refreshments" following recreational activities, it is all right with the city.

But use of parks for "highly organized activity attended by many people" shall require prior approval of the city manager's office. This new policy has just been established by the city commission.

Delayed for further improvement is an amendment to a city ordinance which would transfer to the city manager the responsibility for setting up regulations for use of city parks.

THIS NOW is assigned to the departments of parks and boulevards, a non-existent city department.

Reaffirmed was the city recreation board's responsibility to recommend the features which should be developed on the 60-acre undeveloped park site at Cranbrook and Lincoln roads.

## May Build Radio Station in Troy Soon

TROY—A public hearing will be held Jan. 13 by Troy city commission on a request by Garvin H. Meadowcroft, 1011 Forest, Birmingham, to build and broadcast from a radio station near Rochester and Badder.

The commission already has given the plan its approval but says the hearing is necessary because the zoning ordinance will have to be amended.

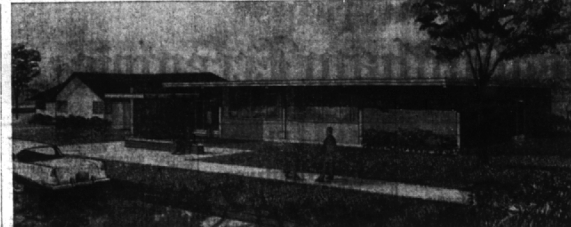
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## Ford Rotunda Tour Joins AFROTC

Cub Scout Pack B-12 of Holy Name church went to Ford Rotunda Saturday.

Thomas Thorson, 287 Puritan, has enrolled in the basic course of the air force reserve officers training corps at the University of Wisconsin.



## Things To Come

Here's how the Birmingham YMCA will look after construction of its new unit, according to a drawing by Architects O'Dell, Hewlett and Luckenbach. Ground has been broken for the new unit at Lincoln and Edgewood avenues. Future units proposed will house gymnasium, locker rooms, and swimming pool. A connecting hallway will join the new addition at right with present building at left.

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WHAT DOCTORS SAY ABOUT

- Age and Height
- Milk-On-The-Wrist Test
- Music Lessons
- Color Blindness

Q. People seem to get shorter as they age. Why?  
A. Between each bone in the spine there are moist, spongy discs (intervertebral discs) that act as shock absorbers. In later life these discs tend to lose water and shrink. Since there are 23 such discs in the vertebral column, a very slight shrinkage of each disc would cause loss of an inch or more in height. There is also a tendency for the shoulders to be more forward so that the elderly person becomes round-shouldered.

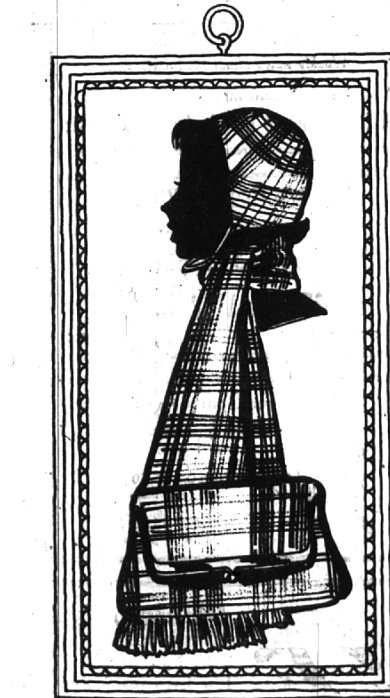
Q. Is the "milk-on-the-wrist" test a good way to test the temperature of a baby's formula?  
A. No, but lots of mothers use this method. To feel the warmth of the milk on the wrist, the mother's hand is held over the breast. The normal temperature of the liquid would be about 120° F. The normal body temperature is about 98.6° F. The milk should be at least 22 degrees hotter than the breast-fed baby.

Q. At what age should a child start taking music lessons?  
A. It would probably depend on musical talent more than any of these things. In general, the average child cannot follow or recognize complicated rhythm before the age of six or seven, but by personally attending the years. Youngest children can re-

produce only regular tappings or drum beats.  
Q. Is color blindness inherited?  
A. Yes, in most cases. The defect seems to be passed along from the mother to male children. About 9 per cent of all males are "color blind", usually by to red and green. Complete color blindness in which the person sees everything in shades of white to black is very rare. Material in MEDICAL MIRROR is based on various scientific publications and does not necessarily reflect the opinion of all doctors. The diagnosis and treatment of disease requires the skill and knowledge of a physician who can appraise the age of six or seven by personally attending the years. Youngest children can re-

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## THEY'LL HAVE SWEET DREAMS...

In these flannelette baby doll gowns. On the left, sailor shortie with middy collar and striped pants. Red with white and turquoise with white. On the right, embroidered and laced demure gown with matching lace-trimmed panties. Red and white and white with red embroidery. Both gowns come small, medium and large at 6.50.

## IF SHE LIKES PLAID, SHE'LL LOVE THESE...

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