

The trait of personal vanity is no doubt one of the most difficult hurdles one is required to overcome, if he would achieve wisdom. One cannot conquer and keep friends, or even the decent respect of others, unless he refrain from giving evidence of vanity. Many a man, too, have stumbled in vanity's coils.

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## President Of Largest Auto Club In World

Frank Howlett  
New Boss of Michigan AAA

Longtime Birmingham resident Frank J. Howlett, of 1160 Hillside Drive, was elected Automobile Club of Michigan president at a meeting of the board of directors at Detroit Club Tuesday evening.

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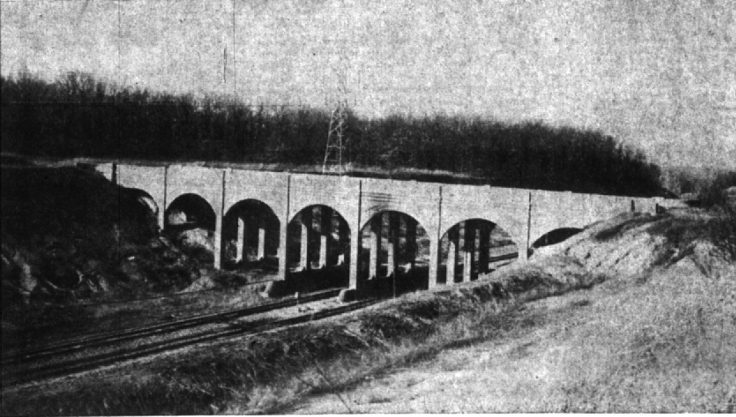
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## Skyhigh in the Middle of Nowhere

Towering skyhigh literally out in the middle of nowhere is this bridge that carries Northbridge road over the Grand Trunk tracks in North Adams. Built in 1930, the bridge sees little use. Northbridge, which runs from Woodward avenue to Kensington road, is a dirt road. Fields are on

both sides of the bridge. A few homes are being built and a small subdivision or two is nearby, indicating farsightedness on the part of the bridge builders 27 years ago. Note also that the bridge designers provided for two additional railroad tracks, one each side of the present double-tracked main line.

## Taxpayers Get Statements for School Operation

A bill for \$2,706,377.13 was presented to Birmingham school district taxpayers Monday. It was the district's share of the 1957-58 school budget of \$4,886,385.07. Remaining revenue comes from state funds and miscellaneous monies.

Current operation requires a total of \$28.1 for each \$1,000 of state equalized valuations on all real estate in the school district.

THIS COMPARES to a total of \$21.32 last year. Reason for the increase is the 2.5 mills in addition to special operating millage approved by the school electorate last year. The millage increase is only 1.25 mills over last year.

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Here is the comparison between the 1956-57 and 1957-58 millages:

|           |         |         |       |
|-----------|---------|---------|-------|
| Regular   | 1956-57 | 1957-58 | Diff. |
| Operating | 9.32    | 8.81    | -0.51 |
| Special   | 3.5     | 6.0     | +2.5  |
| Dist.     | 8.5     | 8.5     | 0.0   |
| Total     | 21.32   | 23.31   | +1.99 |

## Motorist Ticketed After Collision

A two-car collision at Adams and Maple roads Friday caused minor injury to Fred G. Weyermeier, 16, and considerable damage to the car he was driving. Weyermeier, of 27840 Lathrup, Lathrup Village, was making a left turn when the collision occurred with a car driven by Edgar J. Beck, of 1612 Greenfield, Birmingham.

Police ticketed Beatty for improper passing.

## Commission Speeds Through Agenda in 13 Minutes

Birmingham city commissioners left their regular meeting Monday night feeling they had hardly done a buck's worth of work. They got five dollars each meeting they attend, and normally the sessions last from two to four hours.

Monday night they handled their agenda in only 13 minutes.

Here's the rundown on the Mayor Pro Tem Carl F. Ingram's agenda:

A total of \$79,544.04 in city bills were approved. (Largest was \$42,042.74 to Detroit Concrete Products for asphalt surfacing.)

A couple of minutes already had flown, and commissioners were at "hearings", a portion of the agenda which in many instances has lasted for over two hours.

But it took only a few seconds for City Manager L. R. Gare to report that the Birmingham Y.M.C.A. had not yet furnished plans for an alternate easement for Detroit Edison poles and wires.

THE EASEMENT now cuts through Y.M.C.A. property, and the Y wants it shifted to the southern side.

So commissioners adjourned the hearing to Dec. 16.

Next agenda item: meeting opened to the public. No one took the floor.

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NOV FOM? The city manager's reports. Gare won immediate approval for present city auditors (Hogan, Jeungel and Harding, of

## YMCA Schedules Groundbreaking For New Unit

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Birmingham Y.M.C.A. will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday on the site at Lincoln and Edgewood avenues.

Executive Secretary Edwin F. Kirbert said contracts will be signed this week for construction of the \$144,000 building. Work is expected to get underway immediately.

Participating in the Sunday ceremonies will be Ralph Hileman, general secretary of the Detroit Y.M.C.A.; Jerome Remick, Jr., of the Metropolitan Detroit Building Fund; Colonel Leslie Fletcher, Birmingham Y.M.C.A. chairman; Kirbert, the Rev. Robert Graham and Rev. Allen Witttrup.

CO-CHAIRMEN of the Birmingham Y.M.C.A. permanent building committee, William Roberts and William Gordon, will also participate in the ceremony, which is under direction of Joseph Dalley.

The new structure will be the first unit of a proposed three to four-unit building. A connecting hallway will join the new addition to the present old building, where alterations will increase the youth department's space.

The first unit will house new offices, club rooms, a large meeting room, kitchen, teen-age room, and chapel.

MAJOR CONTRIBUTION toward the building comes from the Metropolitan Detroit Building Fund's allocation of \$100,000. Kirbert said other funds are expected to come from members and friends.

An agreement with the M.D.B.F. and the United Foundation precludes a capital funds campaign at this time.

Architect for the new structure is O'Neil, Hewlett and Luckenbach, Inc., who sought to enlarge that convenient home's facilities and to erect a three-story office building on the company's property on Woodward near Cranbrook Manor.

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## Merchants Ready For Dec. 9 Stag Shopping Night

'Men Only' Hours From 7-10 Monday

Birmingham area males who prefer to do their Christmas shopping on a "stag" basis will get their chance Dec. 9.

City merchants have set aside the hours from 7 to 10 p.m. for their sixth annual "Men's Night" next Monday.

That means that those men who like to shop in a strictly masculine atmosphere will get a break from the some 100 area stores taking part in the annual event this year.

Any women who try to "crash" the participating stores during the three-hour given over to "men only" shopping will find themselves unwelcome.

One store plans to have organ music played as the men look around, and, in addition, all of the stores will be decorated in spirit with the season.

Bob Faulkner of Grinnell's, chairman of the retail merchants' committee, is in overall charge of the program.

BOB CULVER of Jacobson's and Aaron Kershenbaum of Kay Baum's are co-chairmen of the men's night committee. Assisting them are Martin Frank of Higgins and Frank, Bob Ritter of Unusuals and John Martin of the Village Store.

Kershenbaum predicts the stag shopping spree this Christmas will be a "smash hit."

"All of the stores participating," he says, "plan to do more and better things than they did last year. Each year we gain more experience in how to make this special night better than ever."

## Hills Residence Zoning Upheld By High Court

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Two rulings have been handed down by the state supreme court upholding decisions of the Hills zoning board resisting commercial expansion along Woodward avenue.

Locally the rulings hold added interest as Birmingham city officials speculate on what effect, if any, these latest decisions may have on future cases.

Several months ago the supreme court affirmed a circuit court decision which upset the residential zoning of Elon road property just north of Maple.

The lower court said commercial zoning was the reasonable use. The Hills' rulings are seen as a reversal of this trend.

LI. HENRY TIMM

## Police Veteran Henry Timm Will Retire

A veteran Birmingham police officer has announced his plans to retire. Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley revealed this week.

Lieutenant Henry Timm, who joined the Birmingham force in 1929, will put in his last day of duty here Dec. 20.

On Dec. 21 Timm and his wife, Gladys, plan to leave for Bradenton, Fla., near St. Petersburg, where they are building a home.

Timm, 59, was especially active in work with children and young people for many years. When the Birmingham police juvenile division was organized seven years ago, Timm was named to head it.

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## This and That

by George R. Averill

Recently I read somewhere that some of the candidates for doctor of philosophy degrees at Britain's Cambridge University choose unusual and strange subjects for their respective theses. One mentioned the subject of "The impact of the wave movement of the tails of the sea fishes upon the shores."

Another said something about "the sex life of spinach..." I vaguely recall. And there were others equally different. Several that occur to me could include:

"The spiritual reactions of a hunk of wood when carpenter's nails are driven into it." Or, "Why so many people merely smile at the evidence of humor, when by laughing right out, loudly and long, they would excruciate their lungs and stomach muscles, thus reducing their waist size." Or, "How many said what are the various tonal qualities of squeaky shoe leather, and how can they be harnessed to help Mr. Or, "Just why should a newspaper man wear out typewriter ribbons writing such stuff as this?" Truly, the available subjects for a Ph.D. degree are beyond counting.

A very considerable thought was uttered when somebody said that no man is ever so tall as when he stoops to help a little helpless child.

In a family where all members really love one another, where thoughts and actions seldom, if ever, cause frictions, where harsh words and misunderstandings are rare, ... in such a climate you will find much peace and harmony. If you are perplexed that world society is filled with enmity, greed, covetousness, hostilities, intolerance, domestic and international strife, well, be no longer perplexed. Were the family referred to above filled with the same negatives, that family would not be being in peace and harmony. This world strife in evidence merely reflects the attitudes of a majority of this earth's population. ... individual attitudes which in turn merely spawn the international strife. You cannot legislate good motives and loving thoughts in human beings. Other means, beginning with mothers and fathers, continuing through church and school, must be depended upon to bring out the best life.

USE POSTAL ZONE NUMBERS

Avoid the Last Minute Rush—Be Sure Your Christmas Cards and Gifts Arrive on Time.

It is reported that the present annual per capita consumption of meat in the United States is 160 pounds — more than any other country on earth. We not only consume more candy per person than other nations, too. Any unorthodox observer of this might suggest that it is our appetites that bulge our waist lines—thus creating many opportunities for various businesses to sell us ways to slim up... and down, all around.

Juvenile delinquency is nothing new. The first suburban neighborhood grew from the seeds of parent delinquency, religious delinquency, judiciary delinquency, and general delinquency. — DR. VINCENT P. MAZZOLA.

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## Greenfield's Opens \$1/2 Million Restaurant

Greenfield's Suburban is open. The million and a half dollar restaurant on Hunter boulevard opened its doors today on a seven-day per week service basis.

Greenfield's Suburban is the largest suburban restaurant in America, serving close to 400 patrons with a cafeteria, dining room, table service and carry-out facilities. The restaurant will house the national offices of the Greenfield-Mills chain of six establishments. Parking is provided for 500 cars.

More than 200 civic and business leaders, attending a press party at the new restaurant, Tuesday night, expressed wonder at the beautiful Greenfield's Suburban.

Birmingham was selected as the location in the first suburban restaurant in the Greenfield-Mills chain. Greenfield's has been in continuous service in the area for more than 40 years. The chain serves more than eight million meals annually.

IN OHIO, three of the chain are widely known as the Mills restaurants. Two are operated in downtown Detroit under the Greenfield's banner.

Recently American architecture was selected for the new Birmingham restaurant. Interiors are designed by Greenfield's. Landscaped grounds include mature trees and underground irrigation was installed to maintain lawn and

shrubbery at year-round best. The family room cafeteria seats 250 persons and serves luncheon and dinner seven days a week. The Birmingham room, a dining room with complete table service, serves breakfast, luncheon and dinner every day.

THE BLOOMFIELD room, a recessed section of the cafeteria, is reserved for men only during luncheon, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., every day.

Cafeteria hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Birmingham room, breakfast hours are 7 to 11 a.m., with luncheon and dinner from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Pantry Shelf carry-out service, are from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day.

The variety of foods offered every day is so wide that a person could eat three meals daily at Greenfield's for a day without repeating a dish.

JACK LAWRENCE, 1160 Lake Park, Birmingham, Greenfield's president, commenting on the opening of Greenfield's Suburban, stated: "We are proud as can be about the new Greenfield's Suburban. In our opinion it is unquestionably the finest new restaurant of our time—already a much proclaimed model likely to usher in a new era in restaurant design."



## Greenfield's Newest Restaurant

Greenfield's restaurant's newest branch, a \$1 1/2 million investment at the southeast corner of Hunter Blvd. and Haynes, Birmingham. It features both cafeteria and dining room service, has a large parking lot east and south of the building.

"All of us connected with the organization have done everything in our power to make this latest Greenfield's most inviting and most comfortable to the patron. Every bit of the organization's two-score years of experience in restaurant operation, all the most modern equipment and methods in food preparation have been painstakingly searched out and selected to satisfy and please the patron."

## STRICTLY FRESH

An old timer is a fellow who remembers when you were a two-misdeed wrapped around some g e e n money.

Similar: as long lasting as a boxful of Christmas hard candy. Relatives often give the tie that binds.

All we want for Christmas is red-and-gold gift paper tastefully wrapped around some g e e n money. See classified ads for details.

All makes of inner spring mattress repaired. One-day service. ROYAL MATTRESS CO., 2141 1/2 1st St. and ask for Enterprise 6319.