



Hills Carrier Applications Due March 12

An examination for rural carrier for the post office at Bloomfield Hills will be open for acceptance of applications until March 12, the commission announced last week.

APPLICANTS FOR this examination must actually reside within the delivery of the above mentioned post office and must have reached their 18th birthday on the closing date. There is no maximum age limit. However, persons who have passed the age of 70 may be considered only for temporary renewable appointments of one year. Complete information about the examination requirements and inquiries for filing application instructions for the Hills post office.

Ingham Taking Heating Course

Robert Ingham, 1675 Banbury Birmingham, is attending a three-week home course at the Crane Company heating school in Evansville, Ill.

Ingham, employed at the Crane branch at 8880 Hubbell, Detroit, is one of a 24-man class being taught heating by Walter Kehon, heating expert.

LEGISLATORS have their problems too. They can't be blamed when the park appropriation fails to fulfill the parks division's request. After the state budgetary pie has been split up each year, there has been much surplus. Education, highways and other heavy expenditures traditionally and rightfully come before recreation needs. So the parks have been unavoidably neglected.

VISITORS THIS WEEK to Ford Motor Company's farm machinery research and engineering center on Maple in Birmingham, were the national officers of the 380,000-member Future Farmers of America organization. With I. A. Duffy (left, center), Ford group vice president; and M. D. Hill (right, center), general manager, Ford Tractor and Implement division, were (left to right): Pete Knutson, FFA vice president; Norman Brown, Michigan FFA president; Jerry Ringo, FFA vice president; John Haid, national president; James Quincey, FFA vice president; Victor Cappucci, FFA vice president; Jerry Litton, FFA student secretary; and Wesley Patrick, FFA's "Star Farmer of America."

State's Park System Has Become Outmoded

(Monetary needs of Michigan State parks promise to be a major topic of the current Legislative session. The following is the first of our articles designed to acquaint the Post's readers with park problems and suggested possibilities for gaining additional park funds.)

The economic law of supply and demand isn't working in one Michigan industry. The industry is tourism. Here supply is state parks, demand is the public. And there's more demand than supply. People have become more recreation minded than ever before and the result is an outgrowth, outmoded state park system.

More simply stated, the park problem is one of too many people in too little space. The solution? More money. But to arrive at this conclusion some background is necessary.

Michigan's 59 state parks and recreation areas total 176,000 acres. They stretch in a scattered pattern from Porcupine Mountains in the Western Upper Peninsula to Sterling state park near Monroe. Established by Legislative act in 1919, most of the parks were acquired by gift or land reversion. Today these sources have almost dried up. Parks now are coming to the state almost exclusively by purchase.

AS SET FORTH in the basic parks act, these recreation areas are under jurisdiction of the Conservation Department's parks division and are provided for the free use and enjoyment of all.

Following World War II the state parks began to suffer growing pains. With the cost of land, manpower and materials all tremendously increased because of wartime inflation, the Conservation Department's prior-style budget could not keep stride with rising attendance.

In 1946 park visitors numbered about eight million while appropriations were set at just under \$2 million annually. Last year park attendance was double that of a decade ago. Appropriations, which increased to \$7,500,000, fell short of being adequate.

SOME OF THE problems caused by these two factors are overstated camp areas, sanitary facilities, and parking space. Park visitors are forced to wait in line for hours for everything from a picnic table to a trip to the restroom. Poor maintenance is not the fault of park employees.

Few complaints have been voiced against the parks staff, says Automobile Club of Michigan, which is currently conducting a campaign to improve and expand state parks.

Discounting headquarters personnel, the parks division has only 173 permanent and 260 seasonal employees to cope with 176,000 acres of land. This means each man must maintain about 400 acres.

UNDER THESE conditions it would be difficult for any man to even keep the areas free of cigarette butts and other trash. Park workers are frequently forced to decide between beach maintenance or camper registration. The result is often either a disgruntled camper or an unhappy bather.

While no concerted effort by park users to alleviate park conditions has appeared, Auto Club has received thousands of letters from its members complaining about battered, worn-out picnic stoves and tables, rutted roads, dirty and inadequate sanitary facilities.

On the other hand, the Conservation Department has been acutely aware of park problems and what

LEGAL NOTICE
 Clarence W. Bloman, Atty., 207 Wabash Bldg., Birmingham

STATE OF MICHIGAN. The Probate Court for the County of Oakland, in a session of said Court held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 14th day of February A. D. 1957.

Present: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of MARGARET E. WILKS, Deceased.

Clarence W. Bloman having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that administration of said estate be granted to the petitioner, the executor named in said Will, or to some other suitable person, and for determination of the legal heirs of said deceased.

It is Ordered, That the 16th day of March A. D. 1957 at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, said Probate Office, is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of this copy hereof, once each week, for three consecutive weeks, previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Evening Post, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and that present notice be given in full compliance with the aforesaid order, or by registered mail, return receipt acknowledged, to all persons known herein to have been placed on the list of legal heirs, legatees and devisees, at least ten days prior to said day of hearing.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate.

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James H. Wernig, 923 Waddington, Birmingham, has been appointed head of Fisher body's expanded program and will be general director of product engineering, the engineering, process development, production engineering and related activities. He formerly was chief engineer.

Bart Cotter, of Bathmore road, Bloomfield Hills, former assistant chief engineer, succeeds Wernig.

ROBERT M. McVEIGH, of West Valley road, Bloomfield Hills, becomes assistant chief engineer. He formerly was senior engineering charge.

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COTTER STUDIED mechanical engineering, drafting and body surface development. His first job in the automotive industry was with Pierce-Arrow as a draftsman. He joined Fisher Body in 1939 as a mechanical parts engineer. During World War II, he was assigned to Fisher Body's armament program working on tanks and gun mounts. Again during the Korean defense emergency he had a major role in Fisher Body's production of the Patton medium tank development. He has been an assistant chief engineer since 1949.

McVeigh studied mechanical engineering at Herriott-Watt college in Scotland. He joined Fisher Body in 1938 as a major layout draftsman. During World War II, he worked on Fisher Body's aircraft engineering program and in 1948 was appointed senior engineer-in-charge in the Product Engineering Department.

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