

# Detroit Art Institute Confirms Program Here

Confirming a report made at an organizational meeting of the Bloomfield Art Association by president pro-tem Robert A. Thom, and reported in The Eccentric two weeks ago, William A. McGonagle of the Detroit Institute of Arts this week made public the Institute's extension service project.

The pilot program, McGonagle announced, will be in the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills area, where the Detroit Institute will work in conjunction with the Bloomfield Art Association.

The Detroit Institute of Arts pioneered the project to afford big-city facilities in its field to smaller towns and neighboring communities, McGonagle said.

The art associations now being formed to foster and expand artistic opportunities for Birmingham area professional and amateur people in the several arts and crafts fields.

"We will provide advice on study courses, art workshops for adults and children, films, puppet and other children's theater programs, and lecturers," he said.

"Programs formerly presented only at the Art Institute will be extended to communities wishing to cooperate. We will also be a resource center to advise on instructors, materials and equipment.

"There will be fees for the community programs similar to the minimum charges made for programs in Detroit. The community themselves will set up their organizations and provide necessary space and personnel."

FINANCING the extension service project is the Art Institute's Founders Society, paying initial costs from private funds contributed for the purpose. In the course of a few years, it is expected the program may become self-sustaining.

County lines will be no barrier to the growth of the project, Institute directors say. There is a potential of some 40 communities which may avail themselves of the services, most of which will be advisory, and the eventual aim is statewide.

EDGAR P. Richardson, Institute director, said the project is the first of its kind in the United States although the Toronto Art Gallery serves neighboring communities on a modest scale in Ontario.

McGonagle, formerly of the Art Institute's education department, is coordinator of the new project. He has inaugurated many new workshop programs as curator on the education staff for the past six years.

## Gas Station Owner Enters Guilty Plea, Pays \$45 Fine

Charged with receiving stolen property, James Simmons Cavender, 26, owner of a service station at 1175 S. Woodward, pleaded guilty Friday before Birmingham Associate Judge John C. Emery. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$45 and \$5 costs.

Police said Cavender, who lives at 2267 E. Maple, Royal Oak, bought five tires and wheels from a minor.



TRAVELING COMPANIONS, Mrs. Howard T. Keating of 13 Mile road, Southfield township, and Mrs. Robert Powell of Detroit, leaving for Honolulu aboard Matson lines luxury liner "SS Lurline" from Los Angeles Harbor.

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## Water Plans In Southfield Requested To Re-Check Data Before Deciding On Annexation

Bloomfield Hills board of education Monday at a special meeting considered the possibility of consolidating with the Hickory Grove district but decided to delay any action on the proposal until reports were available on educational and financial problems involved.

A Bloomfield citizens' financial committee was reactivated at the board's request, to bring up to date its previous findings on the possible consolidation. Board members also voted to seek a Michigan State University survey of projected growth in the area.

Hickory Grove, which has no high school, presently is sending its high school students to Bloomfield Hills high school.

If reports are favorable, the board indicated that voters may be asked to vote on the consolidation in both districts this spring.

"WE'RE ABOUT reached the point where we don't know where we're going to build mains until Southfield builds theirs," said Egbert, Southfield, for the past several weeks, has been interviewing engineers in an attempt to do what the authority has asked of them.

Southfield Township Supervisor Eugene Swen has asked for use of authority mains as distribution mains within the town hip system, Egbert stated.

"We can't permit use of mains to the extent that there would not be enough capacity to carry the water farther to the west," said the authority chief.

WITH SOUTHFIELD now using water at a relatively low consumption rate, and with an ultimate 30 million gallon day usage foreseen for Southfield alone, it means that Southfield will eventually have to purchase five times as much as they now have, Egbert pointed out.

"As the township requires more capacity they will have to buy it from the authority. Meanwhile, others are carrying part of the load that Southfield should carry," Egbert added.

By 1960 Egbert foresees a 36-inch line from Detroit up Lahar road, and with a similar line up Greenfield, all of which will be used by Southfield and Lathrup. It is assumed that Southfield needs some engineering guidance to make good use of these lines, Egbert said.

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## Mrs. Flora Meade Celebrating 89th Birthday

Mrs. Flora Meade of 1580 Tottenham is marking her 89th birthday today. Born March, 1868, in New York state, Mrs. Meade has made her home in Birmingham for 13 years, with a daughter, Mrs. Floyd Rice.

Helping Mrs. Meade to celebrate her birthday will be her granddaughter, Mrs. Eleanor Bordinat, and her two great-grandchildren, Janice and Gene.

## Girl Scouts Attend Concert

Members of Girl Scout troop 881 attended the Young People's Concert Saturday morning at Ford Auditorium in Detroit. The program included the presentation of "The Sleeping Beauty" by the Severo Ballet with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

The girls were accompanied by the troop's executives, Mrs. Robert Durward and Mrs. Gerald Jagan, and Mrs. Howard Sommer and Mrs. Martin Fine.

## \$27,600 Reached

Working toward a goal of \$30,000, Community House, 1011 Oak Drive, which have raised a total of \$27,600 as of Tuesday. The drive ends Monday.

Society deadline is 3 p.m. each Tuesday.

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## Muddy Marble Gets Men

His face badly scratched by a low branch and his uniform wet with mud, Birmingham fireman Douglas Marble stuck to the chase Saturday. It turned out to be a slightly wild goose chase.

Before he caught up with two young window-breaking "BB gun" welders, the tall, handsome police officer followed tracks that led him along the Rouge river and around a labyrinth course of streets for over a mile.

It started when Clifford Branch, of 315 Hawthorne, reported his car window pelted by a pellet as he drove across the Magh-bridge. Two boys had been seen heading south along the river.

MARBLE FOLLOWED the fresh tracks of two boys and a dog in the wet snow. As he was about to give up the chase, he slipped, had to grab a low branch to avoid falling into the river. The branches scratched his face.

Then he had to lie flat on his stomach to retrieve his hat from the river.

"By then I was all messed up anyway," Marble's later report stated. "So I kept on going."

He went almost to Latolite, up out of the swamp, across Southfield, east on Wallace to Watkins, north on Watkins to Hanna, east on Hanna to Bates, north on Bates to Bates, east on Frank to Barstow, down the driveway there to a home nearby where he found the 13-year-old boys.

It was all a mistake, the boys told Marble. It wasn't a BB gun, but steel balls shot from slingshots. They were practicing near the bridge, they explained, when one of the pellets went astray, accidentally hitting the car.

## Spirit to Meet

Metropolitan club Spirit 9 of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills meets Monday at 8 p.m. at 3020 Colledge, Berkeley. The group's membership is made up of the two cities' police, fire and postal employees.

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