

**Attend Polio Meet.** conference held in Grand Rapids. Fifteen from Oakland county, including the Rev. G. Burton Hodgson, of Birmingham, Oakland county chapter chairman, attended the meeting.

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# BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

A SPECIAL PAT on the back came from Birmingham City Commissioner Charles Renfrew for the three-man committee which last week reported its findings on city tax assessment practices. When mayor two years ago, Renfrew appointed the committee to this investigation in reply to a former taxpayer's complaint. Renfrew was out of town when the report was made public, so took his first public opportunity Monday night to make this compliment: "I think the report meets every expectation we had when it was appointed. I feel much more comfortable now about our assessing policies and standards."

**ALAS, POOR MUTTNIK!** might be the title of this lament over THAT doggie. The poem is a combined effort of the sixth grade pupils of Mr. Lawrence Vause, at Baldwin school. After a few explanatory verses, the ode reads:

"They put her up there for information  
"To help them with their future space station.  
"We grieved to say she had to die  
"All alone in the upper sky.  
"She's a hero we all agree!  
"So here's a memento from you and me."

**BOYS GET IN TROUBLE,** but the trouble a ten-year-old boy from Allen Park had last week wasn't of his own making. John E. Eckenrode, 1348 N. Glenhurst, Birmingham, spotted the worried boy standing at the corner of Lahser and Vaughan roads in Bloomfield Hills late Saturday. He had been with a team playing soccer at Cranbrook, said Joseph Tarris of Allen Park. When his school's bus left with the team, they forgot poor Joe. Good Samaritan Eckenrode took Joe to Birmingham police, who called his parents.

**SO THAT HE WON'T** be the victim of dogs once the Quanton lake ice freezes, the big white duck so many people have admired is now in captivity. Birmingham police employee Al Sundell took a rubber boat onto the lake and twice failed to catch the likable bird, "Donald", as Sundell calls him, can swim faster than Sundell can row. But Tuesday afternoon Sundell spied Donald on a lakeside resident's lawn, feeding with the many wild ducks who summer on the lake. And on land, Sundell can run faster than Donald! "People shouldn't throw pet Easter ducks in Quanton lake," Sundell said. "When the ice freezes, the domestics like Donald can't fly away. Then the dogs walk out on the ice and kill them." Sundell took Donald home, hopes to place him permanently in a home at Greenfield Village.

**FOUR AREA MEN** were guests recently at a male baby shower. The shower honored Dale Olsen of Royal Oak. Olsen had adopted a two-year-old boy. Among those presenting Olsen with baby gifts were Armand Isette and Art Pelletier, both of Southfield township; Horace Bemis of Bloomfield Hills, and Jim Buchanan of Birmingham.

## Beaumont Hospital Officers Elected

Edwin A. Tomlinson, of Bloomfield Hills, president of the board of trustees of William Beaumont Hospital, announced the election of officers and trustees of the hospital who will serve for the year 1958.

Tomlinson was re-elected president. Vice presidents elected were Irving B. Babcock, Arthur F. Bassett, Franklin Fricker and Lawrence S. King. Other officers elected were John E. Marz, secretary, D. L. Tate, treasurer, and E. L. McCullough, assistant secretary.

**OTHER TRUSTEES** elected were H. Lloyd Clawson, William D. Downey, Roger E. Emerit, Walter Gehrke, H. J. Klingler, John K. Stevenson, C. Theron Van

Dusen, Thomas E. Wilson and William R. Yaw.

William Beaumont Hospital soon will complete its third year of opening.

Opening in January 1955, the hospital's beds have been filled to capacity since the summer of that year. Its emergency department serves an area of several square miles in Southern Oakland county and treated 30,000 patients during

the past year.

Tomlinson stated that the trustees are working with architects on plans for the hospital's expansion and hope to announce their program during the coming year.

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Faneuil Hall in Boston was erected with lottery money.

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## Name Dystrophy Drive Leaders

As the muscular dystrophy association continues its drive for funds in the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills area, co-chairmen Mrs. Ralph K. Ford, Jr. and Mrs. William E. Hartman, Jr. announced additional area leaders.

The leaders will direct the work of volunteers who will wage a house to house campaign Tuesday, Dec. 3, in the annual drive to fight the progressive disease of the muscles.

Bloomfield township area leaders are the Mesdames William C. Newberg, Albert Conner, Ford C. Riner, Elwood P. Engel, H. S. De Orlow, Myron P. Patten, Albert Holmes, Jr., Carl H. Gerloffson, E. E. Fisher, J. Robert Smith, William Spinning, George Kraus, George Soule, Norman Ferry, William Gerhardt, Albert Holcomb and Harold F. Beaver.

Bloomfield Hills area leaders are Mrs. Douglas C. Higginbotham and Mrs. Ferd J. Frucher.

Other leaders are Mrs. Hugh C. Ralston, Pine Lake; Mrs. Harry G. Ziegler, Jr., Franklin Knolls; Mrs. Richard L. Nelson, Walnut Lake; Mrs. Edward Gray, West Bloomfield; Richard W. Mangum, Southfield township, and Mrs. Fred K. Ziegel, Franklin village.

## Break Into Home

City Commissioner Charles Delbridge reported to Birmingham police Monday that his home at 412 Hanna, Birmingham, had been ransacked. Police said nothing was taken from the house, which was being decorated in preparation for the Delbridges' move there from their present home at 722 Colonial court.

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