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People of all ages are not infallible. People will make mistakes, large or small, or in between, so long as they live. It is to be hoped, of course, that the same ones will not be repeated too often. Most of our mistakes are made without intention; they therefore deserve forgiveness . . . and forgetting. Especially is this true in children . . . treat them kindly

Want Millions? . . .

Lambda Tau Delta will give them to you at their party on St. Valentine's Day. See **"Money to Burn"**, Page 1-B

There's a handy little . . .

(well really not so little), gadget that's been invented to give Dame Nature a helping hand so that warm-blooded sportsguys and sportsgals can go zooming down their favorite slopes on barrel staves all winter long, without having to worry about the weather. It seams Birmingham has a rather urgent need for one of these gizmos. For the rundown, see **"A Snow Machine for Wham's Ski Slope?"** on page 6-E.

When is a house not a house? . . .

Apparently, when it's Lathrup's House-in-the-Woods. The brooding Georgian mansion squats in a residential zone, but is it a house? Or is it a city hall because the city offices are there? Or a post office? Or a clubhouse? What about the library the Lathrup Woman's club wants to put in it? Lathrup struggles with these questions in **"When Is a House Not a House"** on page 1-E.

Ministers Attracted Here to Institute

Did you there's a school for ministers now in operation in Bloomfield Hills? Read **"Ministers Attracted Here to Institute for Study"** on Page 1-D.

Picked as outstanding science students

from this area, eight boys and one girl spent a day this week at a science youth day in Detroit. You'll find out about them when you read **"Science Students Guests at Program Sponsored by ESD"** on Page 5-B.

Ann Landers tells teenagers . . .

how she writes her famous advice column. She "tells all" at a special assembly program last week at Birmingham high school. Read **"Ann Landers Describes How She Won Her Famous Column"** on page 4-B.

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This and That

by George R. Averill

Canada is getting wealthy from development of its natural resources—but we never realized it had so much that it could allow thieves to make off with $1,800,000,000 in negotiable bonds. By the way, that was a larger haul than the Brink robbery in Boston, and Brink's was the largest ever in the U. S. A. But you never can tell . . . one of those immensely rich Texas oil men is going to get careless some night and leave his pants, containing his wallet, hanging on a chair next to an open window.

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Every dollar that can be deducted from unnecessary costs of public school buildings should be deducted. That money is needed to increase teachers' salaries. Poor teaching can be taught in fancy buildings—if the teachers are not competent. Good teaching, however, can be taught in modest buildings—if the teachers are paid enough to attract the most competent. Seems to us that emphasis should be put most on the highest quality of the teaching staff. Of course: the quality of the students is mighty important, too. Much education criticism today is directed against the fact that a majority of students take the "softest" classes they can—this opportunity to choose courses by students is being criticized by **(See THIS & THAT, Page 8-A)**

PHILIP A. HART

State's Next Senator May Be from Birmingham

If Michigan voters next November give Democrats the only remaining top elective office in the Wolverine state, then our junior senator may open his office here in Birmingham.

The new senator would be Philip A. Hart, now the state's lieutenant governor for the past four years. Lt. Gov. Hart maintains his legal residence at 577 Westwood, and does his voting at the Chesterfield-Maple fire station.

Hart formally announced Monday that he will seek the Democratic nomination for the U. S. Senate. There is no question but that he will win his party's nomination. And there is the possibility he will unseat Republican Senator Charles A. Potter, of Cheboygan in the November election.

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IF HE WINS the senate seat, Hart will be the second man from the Birmingham area to go to the senior legislative chamber at Washington, D. C. The other was the late James Couzens, who served from 1922-1936, and died in office.

Sen. Couzens lived on his estate, Wabeek Farms, in Bloomfield township. He maintained an office in the Wabeek building here.

A spokesman in Hart's Lansing office said it is much too early to be considering a senatorial home office location.

"That's a decision which must await the election result," the spokesman emphasized.

Birmingham's former mayor, James C. Allen, will play an important part in Hart's senatorial campaign. A close personal friend, Allen will be Hart's finance chairman.

Hart launched his campaign with the simple promise "to devote my entire energies to actively serve the best interests of all Michigan citizens."

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HART SAID he will continue to give first attention to his duties as lieutenant governor but plans a vigorous campaign to meet voters in every Michigan county.

"I have no commitments to serve any single class or credo," the 45 year-old lieutenant governor told a capitol press conference.

Prior to his election as lieutenant governor in 1954 Hart held several key governmental posts. He was named the state corporation and securities commissioner in 1949 and later was state director of the Office of Price Stabilization. Hart was appointed U. S. district attorney for eastern Michigan in 1952 and during his term indictments were issued against six Communist leaders. The Federal Business Association named Hart the "Outstanding Federal Administrator for the Year 1952."

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HART ALSO served as legal advisor to Governor Williams before he became a candidate for lieutenant governor. After fulfilling his pledge to make the office a full-time job, Hart was re-elected in 1956, becoming the first Democrat to win two terms as lieutenant governor.

Hart served from 1941 to 1946 in the U. S. Army during World War II and was wounded during the Allied assault on D-Day at Utah Beach in Normandy. He later returned to service with the 4th Infantry Division and terminated active duty with the rank of lieutenant colonel. His decorations include the French Croix de Guerre.

Hart also has been active in civic affairs, serving as director of Boy's Republic in Farmington, Bosco House in Detroit, and the Urban League of Pontiac.

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HE IS Michigan chairman of the American Christian Palestine Committee and a member of the Detroit Committee on Foreign Relations and Lansing World Affairs Council. He also has been active in several bar associations and is a former president of the Michigan State Bar Foundation.

Hart is married to the former Jane C. Briggs of Detroit and they reside in Lansing with their four sons and four daughters. Hart graduated with honors from both Georgetown University and the University of Michigan law school.

In announcing his candidacy Hart said "many Michigan citizens are disillusioned and disappointed by failures of the national Republican administration to keep this nation apace with world progress."

"Republican policies have squeezed farmers and small businessmen, restricting credit and contributing to wide-spread unemployment and recession," Hart declared.

"The Republicans have promised too many happy endings at low cost and have not told us the hard truths without which a free people cannot undertake the hard burdens of world leadership."

Art Expert Explains 'Isms' Of Modern Art

Covers Its Stages, How To Appreciate It

So you think most modern painting looks like something junior could have finger-painted in kindergarten. Or like an artist's impression of the aftermath of a hydrogen bomb.

Well—you're not alone.

But you should have been at Birmingham Town Hall last Thursday or Friday. For John Canaday, chief of the education division at the Philadelphia Museum of Fine Arts, both delighted and enlightened his audience at the Birmingham theatre on the subject of modern art. His subject was "Is It Art If I Like It?"

The tall Easterner—looking the polished gentleman that he is—took his audience by the hand and led them slowly into the puzzling world of modern art.

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HE SORT OF sneaked them in through the back door. And this reporter went right along with them.

As the former college professor explained to us when we visited him at the Webster Owen home in Lathrup village (Mrs. O. is his former student), he tries to explain modern art to the "intelligent but ignorant" layman.

Since we know we fit the latter classification, we can explain how one ignoramus reacts to Canaday's talk.

You see huge color slides, actual color photographs of paintings, and listen to Canaday's explanation.

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FIRST YOU VIEW a color photograph, one Canaday himself took of an olive grove in southern France. Then right away you're getting someplace. For Canaday follows the photo with a Vincent Van Gogh painting giving the artist's stormy impression of an olive grove.

You couldn't miss the point. The Van Gogh, Canaday explained, was an example of expressionism.

From there Canaday leads into cubism **and later surrealism.** He labels them the three basic isms of modern painting.

Suddenly, some of the slides begin to resemble junior's work. But now you know why.

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BECAUSE, CANADAY says, the artists decided they could express something better by "destroying the form of the object."

Of a completely abstract painting, Canaday said, "It's for the person who has the time and the interest to study the thing. It isn't the kind of a thing you would get any pleasure out of without all the rest of painting as background."

Dali, he said, has done a great deal to discredit the whole movement of surrealism.

"Dali did some beautiful paintings," Canaday said, calling him a masterful technician.

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ON POINTS LIKE one he made on a Dali painting, we sometimes remained ignorant. Amidst what Canaday called hideously diseased and disintegrating objects, he pointed to the tiny figure of a man.

This little man, Canaday claims, is what really makes the picture "one you can stay with."

The test of a good picture, he claims, is how long you can stay with it.

Like the rest of Canaday's audience, we liked his charm, good sense of humor, and fascinating subject.

We still don't feel we "can stay with it" very long when we look at some of the modern paintings. But now we can try.

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Is It Art?

To an authority on art, Mrs. Webster J. Owen shows the beginning art work of one of her four children, a model of the Robert E. Lee. The authority is John Canaday, Town Hall speaker who was once Mrs. Owens' instructor for a course in art history at Hollins college in Virginia. When Mrs. Owen heard Canaday was coming here, she extended the invitation, which he accepted, to be the family's house guest during his two-day stay.

Sentenced In $1,100 Hills Theft

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — The three Detroit men who have admitted the theft of more than $1,100 from Bloomfield Lanes here Jan. 13 were sentenced Monday in Oakland circuit court at Pontiac.

The three, Eddie Lee Smith, 27; Lester Heard, 23, and Oscar Johnson, 25, were fined $100 each, placed on three years' probation and ordered to make restitution.

THEY HAD ENTERED guilty pleas in circuit court Jan. 27, according to Hills Police Capt. Walt Sluiter.

Police have recovered $230 of the more than $860 cash taken in the breakin. Checks totaling $240 were burned by the burglars.

ECCENTRIC PHOTO

Police Sergeant Awarded Medal

Birmingham Police Sgt. Richard E. Brown shows his nervousness last Thursday night as he received the city's first medal of valor. City Commissioner Charles Renfrew leads the applause at the city employes' recognition night banquet. Sgt. Brown merited this heroism award because of the gunfight he had last October with an ex-convict, who died of wounds inflicted by Brown. The police officer himself was wounded in the chest. (See story on Page 6-A)

Hills Establishes Basis for Funding Costs of Sewers

Bloomfield Hills commercial area was set up as a "pilot" special assessment sewer district Tuesday by the city commission as its initial step in getting an internal system of laterals engineered to connect with the North Evergreen sewage disposal authority.

City Manager Elmer Kephart and Commissioner Lyman J. Craig, appointed by the commission to study procedures and financing of sewer development, recommended starting with the area east of Woodward avenue and north of Long Lake road, which comprises a natural drainage basin.

This district will serve as a basis for setting up four other districts —Bloomfield Hills country club, Kingsley Inn and adjoining terraces, Cranbrook and Brookside. Kephart and Craig were authorized to have Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc., make engineering layouts for the pilot district and give estimated costs.

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THE COMMISSION then plans to seek financial advice based on these estimates, on methods of assessing for the internal system. The city at large is expected to pay for the main trunk interceptor.

Road problems also were tackled as commissioner James Beresford recommended making plans as soon as possible so work can be started early in the spring.

Kephart reported that construction drawings are completed for work on Opdyke road, which has highest maintenance costs. Drawings are being engineered for Cranbrook road. He added, however, that this year's road funds have been spent with no more available until July.

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IT MAY BE possible, Kephart suggested, to contract for work in the spring to be paid for after July, as was done last year. A little more money will be available next year, he said, as present city valuation of $9,214,000 is expected to increase about $700,000. About $30,000 was available last year.

The commission approved sharing equally with the state highway department the cost of erecting and maintaining an oversize, 12-inch lens traffic light at Woodward and Long Lake road. The light will have a delayed caution signal to

(See SEWERS, Page 8-A)

Find Driver Of Death Car Not Guilty

The driver of the vehicle which struck and killed Howard C. Holah last July 22 was found not guilty of negligent homicide by a jury last Friday. Julius DiCrazia, 31, of Royal Oak, had been charged by Birmingham police after investigation of the accident.

The verdict came after a two-day trial before Oakland County Circuit Judge George B. Hartrick.

Holah, 73, of 280 Euclid, was the former manager of the Birmingham theatre. He died of head injuries several hours after the accident at Hunter and Bowers in Birmingham.

Charges were brought against DiCrazia after a witness stated he had driven his car through a red light.

STRICTLY FRESH

An old-timer is a fellow who remembers when you could buy a sackful of stale candy in a grab bag. Costs a quarter today.

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It's almost impossible to imagine the purchasing power of one billion dollars, but it sure is fun to try.

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A bore is a fellow who won't

let YOU monopolize the conversation.

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The boss isn't up to par these days. It's too wet outside for him to spend his afternoons on the golf course.

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People who don't believe in miracles never managed to get a seat on a rush-hour bus.

All makes of inner spring mattresses repaired. One-day service. ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY, Dial "O" and ask for Enterprise 6319.

Troy Will Select Four Candidates For Commission

TROY—From a field of eight candidates, voters will select four for the office of city commissioner in the primary election here Monday. In the general election April 7, voters will select two of the four commissioners.

Elmer W. Lowe is the only incumbent running. The other vacancy is being formed by the retirement of George W. Ford, city commissioner for two years. Ford served on the township board before Troy incorporated.

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THE OTHER candidates are John Davis, Keith A. Jenkins, Marvin W. Kuschinsky, Vincent J. McAvoy, Gerald L. Scofield, Stanley R. Smith and Louis Yanich.

The polls will be open in all seven precincts from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Ohio Governor's Award to Nance

COLUMBUS, Ohio—As the representative of business and industry, James J. Nance, Ford Motor Co. vice president in charge of Mercury, Edsel, Lincoln and Continental cars and English Ford products, was one of five native Ohioans to receive the governor's award —the highest honor given by the state of Ohio. Nance resides on Lone Pine road, Bloomfield Hills.

The awards were presented at the annual Ohio Newspaper association banquet in the Deshler-Hilton hotel here Feb. 7 by Mrs. Betty O'Neill, wife of Governor C. William O'Neill, who is recovering from a heart attack. Nance was honored for his outstanding accomplishments in business and industry.

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OTHER AWARD winners included: Secretary of Defense Neil H. McElroy, of Cincinnati; W. W. "Woody" Hayes, head football coach, Ohio State university, and Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, president of Ohio Wesleyan university.

Both Drivers Hurt

A two-car collision at Adams and Lincoln roads Friday resulted in minor injuries to both motorists: Stanley Depki, 55, of Pontiac, and Lillian Dunston, 75, of Royal Oak. They were taken to Bolleau clinic for treatment.

Skaters Ready Eton Ice Rink's 2nd Annual Show

Large Crowd Expected To See Young Students

A production which last year attracted hundreds of Birmingham area residents to Eton park ice rink is looking to its second annual success Sunday night, when the rink's skating students combine with area professionals to present "Skaters' Holiday of 1958."

The show's producers are installing additional bleachers around the rink to accomodate the large crowd expected at 7:30 p.m. at the Lincoln-Eton road site.

To give the rink's young students a chance to demonstrate the skills and grace they have acquired in classes there, the city's recreation department sponsors the show, with the cooperation of the department of forestry and parks.

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THE RINK'S PROGRAM director, Pat Husemann, is producing the show.

It features exhibitions of solo skating, small group acts and larger production numbers. The act featuring the smaller children is entitled "The March of the Siamese Children", with 50 children costumed to the theme and with strobe lighting.

Choreographers and show directors are Helen Gale and Marjorie Hauck, the rink's skating instructors. Marion Cooke is stage manager and wardrobe mistress.

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THE SHOW OPENS with a military march on skates with 12 participants. Dale Rolph, Jim McDonald and Bob Hilligus stage a comedy skate, after which comedy number features a German band in costume.

"Me and My Shadow" features Lee Dexter, Zoni Lassiter, Pat Ackerman, Ann Boda, Gail Paige and Lynn Reese. There will be a Waltz number and an act showing broom hockey played by 12 girls.

To calling by Don Parry, 12 of the cast will demonstrate square dancing on ice.

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PROFESSIONAL GUEST artists are Ron Brown, Don Stewart, Anita and Mary Ann Spinilli.

Local professional skaters performing are Helen Gale and Marjorie Hauck. Janis Cragie, Marilyn Seiber and Alison Wardrop will appear in feature numbers.

There will be special lighting for the entire show, and seating for approximately 1200 persons.

Tickets are 75 cents for adults, 25 cents for school children.

ECCENTRIC PHOTO

Sophisticated Skaters

Three of the skaters who will appear in "Skater's Holiday", (from left) Toni Bartlett, Donna Hornacek and Sharlene Petrucci, are billed as "The Sophisticats". The girls are among the skating students at Eton park ice rink who will present their second annual ice show Sunday night.

97 Ordinances Involved in New Zone Code

Ninety-seven Birmingham ordinances face repeal by city commissioners March 3.

But don't get the idea Birmingham is thereby returning to the days of the wild and wooly west where your only protection was a fast draw and dead aim.

What is happening is only the modernization of the zoning ordinance.

The March 3 date is the formal hearing on all the amendments. A final briefing of commissioners will come Feb. 19, when they meet with the city plan board, which has spent over two years drawing up these changes.

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AS OUTLINED by City Planner Herbert Herzberg, the present zoning ordinance, 94 zoning ordinance amendments, and some modification of existing sign and open parking station ordinances account for the unusual amount of rescissions.

The zoning amendments concern rezonings made since 1937, the effective date of the original code.

Major changes in the proposed code would add three new zoning classifications. These would be three single family zones (there now is one), three multiple family (now one), three business and one industrial zones.

Birmingham Cuts Accidents in Half

One of the most encouraging accident pictures in some time resulted from collision totals tabulated by the Birmingham police department last month, Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley said this week.

Moxley said accidents were reduced 50 per cent from the month of December. While 87 accidents occurred in December, January showed only 44. Ten persons were injured.