

are making their TV debut tomorrow? See "Show Slated for 12:30 p.m. Tomorrow" on Page 5-B.

When their meetings took too much time...

for organization details and business, women of a local church did something about it. See "Too Many Details, Not Enough Time for Study," on Page 6-D.

Nice work, so the saying goes...

if you can get it. The Junior League tasters had it, all right, when they sat down to lunch Friday to taste recipes for their cookbook. Hungry? Turn to Page 1-B, Column 3.

Folks up North Adams way...

had some "neighbors" they knew nothing about—ones with built-in fur coats—until a couple of 13-year-old youngsters came along with an idea for earning some extra pin money. See Column 1, Page 6-E.

Who doesn't have his hands full...

managing his family? Two, or three or four children—how many have you? In story and pictures, The Eccentric presents the solution of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith, who have 10 children from 12 years old on down. See Page 1-D and Column 2 on Page 1-E.

Extra! Extra!...

Read all about Lathrup's election—not only the results but the deluge of mail for and against the storm sewer bond issue and the shouting session that surprised the city council at the meeting before the vote. It's on Page 1, Column 8.

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This and That

by George R. Averill

Want to Make a Million Dollars?

Playing the real life part of a devoted grandfather to the two-year-old daughter of my own daughter, these past three weeks, I've been making a fortune. I've been able to give somebody millions of dollars. How? Very simple. I have observed little Debbie endeavoring to transport food from a dish, or dishes, and a cup, or glass, to her nose-bud mouth. One of her eating tools is a spoon, or spoons (depending upon how many drop to the floor). The front of her is draped with a plastic bib, the bottom of which is folded up to make a catch-all for, or portable slushy for, a wide variety of food stuffs. (Sometimes the pocket falls to catch dribbling food, and the rug serves as a substitute.) This competition between Debbie's mouth and her bib, plus rug, for food is made possible by the artful techniques of a two-year-old, as she sometimes slowly, sometimes rapidly, sometimes jerkily—like a football cheer leader or a bat-swinging Stan Musial—tries to convey food to her mouth. Result: as close as I can estimate the efficiency (or lack of it) with (See THIS & THAT, Page 8-A)

Too often, both in law and in politics, those engaged in a contest are more inclined to gain a victory than they are to find the Truth. Basically, this situation plays a large part in bringing about, and maintaining, many of the evils and ailments in society. At the root of this one finds vanity, selfishness, lust for power.

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# School Bus Safety Note Expected Today



## Pull the Wool Over Their Hides

The big day 60 Adams school sixth graders looked forward to, the day they were to begin their week of school camping at Proulx lake recreation area, turned out to be the coldest day in 18 years. But Bill Anderson (left) and Rickey Lotero (right) came prepared. They're wearing longjohns as they show their teacher, Charles Welsh, the bus-

load of sixth graders left Monday morning, accompanied by five teachers and a nurse, to spend the week in a heated dormitory at the camp near Brighton. All Birmingham school sixth graders spend a week on nature study at camp. The Adams group is first to camp in winter.

## Postpone Choose Study Groups Ice Show—For School Evaluation Too Icy!

There was plenty of ice, but no ice show in Birmingham last weekend.

Below zero weather caused postponement of the Sunday show. Weather also kept potential visitors home in Troy, kept many students home from school, and caused severe water main breaks in Birmingham.

It was the coldest weather in 18 years in the Detroit area. During the period from midnight Sunday to midnight Monday, the outdoor thermometer at the Birmingham sewage disposal plant recorded a low of eight degrees below zero and a high of only six above.

THE ICE SHOW "fell through" about 10 a.m. Sunday, after Birmingham recreation supervisor Pat Husemann, producer of the show, checked weather predictions. She notified radio and TV stations, who broadcast the news to potential show-goers.

The city recreation department emphasized that the weather forecast predicts warmer weather for an ice show by next Sunday at 7:30 p.m. At that time the city's young skaters will present "Skaters' Holiday of 1958," at the rink at Lincoln and Eton roads.

The thermometer registered 11 below Monday in Troy, where only 1366 of 6800 registered voters turned out for a primary election for city commissioners. A spokesman at Harum Junior high school said absenteeism was high there Monday.

THOUGH ONLY partially attributable to cold weather, failure of a boiler tube in the Fenwick school heating system necessitated dismissal of school at noon last Thursday. Pembroke Principal Rupert Wells said the school's 603 pupils were told not to return to school after lunch because building temperature had dropped below a safe level. Repair work was completed by 8 p.m. Only one Birmingham street became impassable in the heavy weekend snow, according to Birmingham District Superintendent Tom Brien. Winds banked heavy snow on Norfolk between Wakefield and 14 Mile near the Birmingham country club, Brien said. He said also that three water main breaks over the weekend were attributed to the cold, and that the city sent salt trucks out for three-hour periods on four occasions over Saturday and Sunday. Oil trucks put in extra hours Sunday and Monday to keep customers supplied with fuel oil in the extra cold weather. Auto service stations were swamped with hundreds of calls from motorists whose cars would not start, putting the hard pressed station attendants hours behind in responding to calls. The freeze also burst water pipes at several homes.

## Bloomfield Hills—Education study committees were organized at the second meeting of Bloomfield Hills citizens' advisory group last week.

A. K. Hilcoate heads the transportation committee, which is expected to make the earliest report to the district on its findings and recommendations.

Other committees are not expected to have final reports ready for a year.

Mayo E. Roe is curriculum chairman, with sub-chairmen to be named for elementary, junior high, senior high and college preparatory studies.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jones are co-chairmen of educational products committee to study gifted child programs, educational motivation and counseling. Elmer H. Paxton heads the administrative committee to review financial, salaries, teaching staffs, merit pay, library facilities, physical plants, public relations and lunch programs.

WITH COOPERATION of teachers and the Hills schools, a citizen's advisory group, organized at the second meeting of Bloomfield Hills citizens' advisory group last week, will explore all phases of the district's education to suggest ways of improving it. They are doing so at the invitation of Supt. Eugene L. Johnson and the board of education. The program began last month when 60 ITO officers and key citizens attended a preliminary meeting at which Johnson asked them to take a long, cold look at the school district in the light of recent scientific advances. An initial steering committee headed by Mrs. William H. McCauley, formulated the plan of study. Johnson told the citizens' group last week that a faculty committee also is studying school needs and "is moving along fast" with recommendations which already have resulted in a move for more rigid English preparation for college.

## O'Gorman Files For Commission

A former Birmingham city commissioner filed nominating petitions today for one of the two vacancies which electors will fill in the April 7 city election. He is John S. O'Gorman, 51, of 147 Abbey, who was elected the first time in April 1949. He served 20 months then retired because of illness.

M. Dwyer, Jr., and William H. Merrill, attorneys, presently a member of the Birmingham plan board. Incumbent Charles M. Delbridge, Jr., has declined to seek re-election because of press of private business.

HE CHAIRMANED the special study committee which five years ago recommended that the city build two new fire stations. These stations subsequently were erected from funds obtained by a bond issue.

He said he wants to resume his public career because he now can offer full time to the commission duties, and has engineering experience he believes the commission can use.

Others who have announced their candidacy are incumbent Harry

## Suffocates Trying to Fight Fire

By LES LINE

An apparent attempt to halt a fire in her Eton road home before seeking aid proved fatal to a 39-year-old Birmingham woman Saturday morning.

Mrs. Loretta Sidney was found dead in the southeast corner of the basement of her home at 1339 S. Eton, by Birmingham firemen, called by the woman's mother.

The mother, Mrs. Sophie Michalewski of Detroit, had taken a bus here for one of her frequent visits with her daughter. She arrived to find the home filled with smoke and noticed firemen from a neighbor's house in that room.

It was Birmingham's first fatal fire since June 14, 1954, when a home fire on Brookwood claimed three lives.

THE WOMAN'S body was discovered slumped over laundry tubs in the basement. Water from the tubs was running full force and a nail was sitting in one of the tubs, according to Birmingham fire marshal George S. Scott.

Death was caused by suffocation resulting from heat inhalation, Scott reported. The woman suffered second and third degree burns over her entire body. Her clothing had been burned off.

Mrs. Sidney, an employee of Milk's Appliances, 1193 S. Woodward, Birmingham, lived alone in the one-story brick home. Firemen theorized she was in the bedroom when she smelled smoke and went to investigate.

A LADDER truck and a pumper from the Adams station were dispatched. Firemen concentrated their efforts on the bedroom when they arrived, because Mrs. Sidney's mother believed her daughter would be in that room.

The actual fire was confined to the basement and the kitchen floor, but damage from intense heat as well as smoke was extensive throughout the house.

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Total loss to the home was estimated by Fire Chief Park H. Smith at \$8,000, including \$2,500 structural damage.

FIREMEN BROUGHT the blaze under control immediately after arrival. The building was void of fire at the time because of the complete lack of oxygen, Scott reports.

Apparent cause was overheated air ducts from the furnace, Scott states. The Redford state police arson squad aided the investigation.

Firemen had made a run to Mrs. Sidney's home at 1 a.m. Feb. 7 when she reported odors coming from the door of the furnace. A "war" repairman had been at the home, earlier and the odors were the "scent" of adjustment of the blower, firemen report.

Two outboard motors valued at a total of more than \$800 were taken from Gil Schaefer's Water Sports headquarters, 1265 S. Woodward, Birmingham, in a break-in reported there last Thursday. Police said the culprits backed a car or truck up to the back door of the shop before hauling the motors away.

## 3-Story Offices Will Be Built On N. Woodward

BLOOMFIELD — A large office building will be built soon south of the Glenview building on Woodward at 15 Mile road, new owners of the property disclosed Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Odol, Royal Oak, bought the 285-by-700-foot parcel from Joseph G. Berry, Hunt, to build Woods. The Odols plan to build a "deluxe" three-story office building. Odol said the second and third floors would be occupied by district offices of a large New York corporation. He declined to name the tenant until negotiations with the firm are completed.

HE ADDED that he planned to have at least 20 per cent more parking area than the zoning requires, but he thinks the legal minimums are too low.

Odol did not disclose the purchase price of the property, but said the deal was made through Birmingham attorney Oliver Kirk.

## STRICTLY FRESH

There are no clock watchers in our office. The boss won't buy one of them.

If you can hang on to a buck these days, you have glue on your fingers.

One way to finish a piece of furniture is to let the cat sharpen her claws on it.



## Blaze Claims Woman

Ambulance attendants remove the body of 39-year-old Mrs. Loretta Sidney (inset) from her burned Birmingham home Saturday morning. Mrs. Sidney suffocated apparently attempting to fight the fire in the basement of her house at 1339 S. Eton.

## Test Others' Ideas, Too, Suggests Winner of Award

"The United States will be successful in the battle of ideologies only if we are eternally vigilant and constantly reappraised and test not only our own ideas but those of others whose views are opposed to ours," a Ford Motor Company executive said tonight.

W. T. Gossett, Ford vice president and general counsel, told 300 members and guests of the Probus Club at a dinner Saturday in Detroit's Sheraton-Cadillac hotel that actions and policies based on mere hatred of communism are "un-American." "It is quite another matter," he said "if they are based on a considered opinion of the essential nature of Marxism."

Gossett, 42, of Dearborn, Mich., made the address after accepting a Probus Award plaque for his "outstanding contribution to brotherhood in 1957" from Dr. Jack Goode, president of the professional and businessmen's club.

THE FORD executive said, "It seems inconceivable that men and women everywhere should not share in the dream of a peaceful world in which everyone would have the opportunity to achieve the good life. But at times like the present, we may get a different impression."

He said there are angry borders on either side of national boundaries straining to get at their neighbor's throat. But surely this is not the truth about human nature.

"Scholars have tried for centuries to isolate the virus of war, and to the best of my knowledge, none has ever asserted that in modern times, at least, any large part of the world's people has ever been anything but opposed to war."

"Some point to population pressures and other economic factors, and some to the ambition of tyrannical, inclined leaders, but there has been no well-considered finding in civilized times that war has resulted from a craving among the people of the nations involved."



## Contributes to Brotherhood

W. T. Gossett (right), vice president and general counsel, Ford Motor Company, accepts a Probus Club plaque for "outstanding contribution to brotherhood in 1957" from Dr. Jack Goode (left), president of the Detroit professional and businessmen's group. With them is Sol Stein, award committee chairman.

## Would Halt Oncoming Motorists

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL, Managing Editor

The Michigan Senate is expected to vote today on a bill which will save the lives and limbs of school children in trucks to come.

It is a bill which would require oncoming drivers to halt if a school bus is loading or unloading students.

That Michigan would be taking the first step to becoming the nation's 46th state to require drivers to stop if a school bus is loading or unloading students.

SEN. LODGE (R) of Drayton Plains took the Senate floor Tuesday to champion the bill, introduced by Sen. Arthur A. Deland of Unionville.

Motorists on four-lane or divided highways would not be required to halt for loading school buses.

SEN. LODGE cited nationwide practices and statistics on the stop-halts plan. This information was obtained by The Birmingham Eccentric from the Detroit Auto Club.

The material was forwarded to Senator Lodge and Rep. Farrell Roberts, together with the pertinent information on the three Birmingham area accidents.

If senators approve the bill, it will go to the House for action. Two identical bills already are there.

One, introduced by Rep. Ienar Erdman of Escanaba, is in the public safety committee. This committee has killed five or six previous attempts at getting this amendment to the vehicle code.

Roberts has introduced the same bill, and his is in the judiciary committee, of which he is a member.

WHEN THE second accident happened over a year ago, The Eccentric tried to get an editorial called upon the legislature to enact better safety measures regarding motorists who come upon school buses.

The bill died in committee that session, too.

The second fatality this past December resulted in renewed legislative action. Several other area newspapers took up the battle and publicly called for corrective action.

IT APPEARS now that the chance they had they've even been to get the measures into law.

You feel strongly on this situation, The Eccentric suggests you write or your representative to Sen. Lodge or Rep. Farrell.

They can be reached at the State Capitol Building, Lansing. Such expressions will aid greatly in getting the measure adopted.

(See VOTE, Page 8-A)

## To Honor JC's 'Man of Year'

Announcement of the Outstanding Young Man of the Year award winner and a presentation ceremony will be highlights of the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce's annual distinguished service award banquet and dinner Wednesday at Devon Gables.

The Jaycees have asked Dr. W. Glen Harris, Charles Renfrew and William A. Harris, Jr., to judge the selection of the recipient of the OYM award sponsored annually by the organization.

Dr. Harris is pastor of First Presbyterian church, Renfrew is a Birmingham city commissioner, and Averill is managing editor of The Birmingham Eccentric.

NAMES OF MEN under 35 who have made notable contributions to the community have been solicited by the Jaycees, and judges make their selection from among those nominated.

Speaker at the Wednesday banquet will be C. A. Harlan, president of Harlan electric company, who will speak on "The Needs of Modern Civilization."

Richard Girardin, of Royal Oak, is general chairman of the banquet. Last year's OYM recipient was James G. Ambler, of Birmingham township. ALL makes of lower spring "HARDWAY" springs. Call 212-1111. Ask for Mr. Ambler. Enterprises 5219.