

James Couzens . . .

His life and works in "Independent Man" by Harry Barnard, reviewed by Arthur Hinkley on page 7-B.

For Tennis Fans . . .

A community-wide tournament, co-sponsored by The Eccentric and the recreation department. See page 8-E.

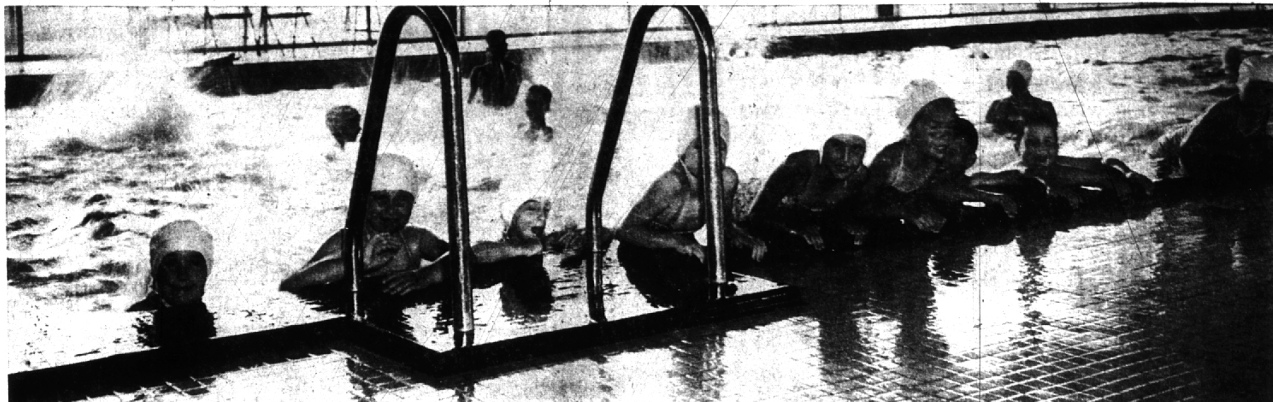
You'll Take The High Road . . .

to Detroit in 1962. Read about the double-deck John Lodge expressway the highway department plans to run out Northwest on page 1-E.

Canines 'n' Kids . . .

sashay 'round the ring. See page 1-E for the dog show the kennel club ignored.

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Having a Hot Time in the Ole Town These Days?

Not us! Chorus these mermaids and mermen, frolicking in one of the city's three pools on a hot, muggy day. These parents and children swimming at Derby junior high school are enjoying the beautiful new indoor-outdoor pool under a summer swim program sponsored by

the Birmingham recreation department. Hundreds turn out daily for the family swimming from 3:25 to 4:25 p.m. each weekday at Derby, Barnum junior high school and the new Birmingham high school pool. The hotter the day, the bigger the turnout, observes life guard Don

Grothe. Other family swimming is offered from 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at Derby; Wednesday and Saturday, 7 to 10 p.m. at Birmingham high, and Saturday, 2 to 5 p.m. at Derby and Birmingham high.

It is well to remember one's courting days . . . its good insurance against ordinary irritations growing into irreparable domestic trouble. Perhaps there should be an annual "Remember Courtship Days" in all countries. I'll wager that most marriages would dissolve in the recollection of forgotten romance.

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SECTION A



The Nation's Top Weekly TEN CENTS

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This and That

by George R. Averill

Most American taxpayers are willing to help other nations that really need our aid. What we do resent are the bond-doggling plans that our bureaucrats project for us to finance. Quite often we learn that some of the nations we give aid to are ridden with graft and corruption in high official circles. . . that our aid doesn't really help such a nation's over-all economy.

An oil-rich Texan, tired of his forty-room house in the city, moved into the suburbs where he really built a mansion with three swimming pools. He kept one pool filled with cold water, the second with warm water and the third empty. When a friend asked him why he had an empty pool, he replied: "A lot of my friends can't swim."

Economists now declare that the U.S.A. has hit the bottom of the recession, is leveling out, and some will see an upturn. . . boys, just splendid! Keep up the good work.

Detroit, we think, need not bang its head in shame because three out of 4,500 policemen "went wrong." One real reason why there isn't more law-breaking in this nation is because most officers are decent, honest, loyal citizens.

Historians of the future will marvel most of all at the non-resistance of those who had the most to lose.—(Gen. George Van Horn Moseley.)

In the United States, there are 116 various taxes included in the price of a new suit. Even so, the amount hardly suits the hungry tax-spenders.

Many American families are preparing their children for the "latter's" own later parental environment by allowing today's offspring to exercise maximum authority.

When the proposed new Women's Club building is erected in Bloomfield Hills, will it have any effect upon the Birmingham Community House activities, and its financial support?

If America's "Big Three" auto makers decide to build cars small enough to compete with the European models, our highways will have to increase greatly. Of course, it made small low speed regular cars are made higher, . . . well, see what might happen?

"Multiple monogamy" is the name given to those Hollywood (and other areas) males and females who think of marriage as a synonym for divorce.

Ever try to sweep back the ticks? Your dog can't . . . for every one problem he solves, a dozen new ones arrive. (Maybe a mother with a large family understands this problem better.)

Think It's Like Any Other Bank? You're Wrong!

By JULIE CANDLER Staff Writer

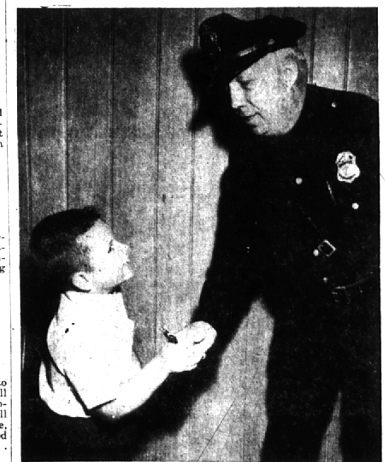
It looks like any other bank. You might think it was, too, unless you knew Bill Weiss. Or saw him in action. Most any day you stop in, you might see Bill at work. He's the uniformed guard at the Detroit Bank and Trust company's Woodward-Hamilton branch in Birmingham, and he has more little friends than Zorro.

They won't even go downtown unless they're promised a visit to Bill, say mothers of some of his young friends. He gets acquainted with them while their mothers are busy with monetary matters. It works something like this: "Bill sees busy young mother stop up to write out a deposit slip. He watches Little Audrey and Little Percival, her small fry who have been told to sit quietly on a couch while their mother concentrates.

gins tickling his sister, who rends the business-like bank air with screams. Now Bill knows a lot about psychology. And by this time he knows that Mother is probably seeing daggers instead of dollar signs. That's when he goes into action. Like any good police officer responding to an alarm, Bill turns on a mental siren and races to the scene.

Little Audrey and Little Percival (See BANK, Page 8-A)

SUDDENLY Little Percival be-



\$100,000 OK'd To Halt Flooding At High School

Facing a year of lowered revenues when every possible economy is essential, Birmingham schools have two unexpected and costly bills to pay.

The board of education Tuesday night gave the go-ahead on work to clear up a serious drainage problem at the high school. Estimates are that the cost of the 1,600 feet of underground drains needed will be around \$100,000.

The second awesome expense stems from the discovery of structural failure in six roof supports and improper concrete structure for new roofing to go on Baldwin elementary school.

ARCHITECT Linn Smith advised the board Tuesday that it would cost as high as \$80,000 to replace the supports, test other concrete sections for failures, and to lay proper bedding for the roof to be laid this summer on the 40-year-old school.

On the high school, a consulting engineer, L. W. Mosher, told board members there is a 50 per cent chance that plans he proposed to alleviate the water problem would cure most of the troubles.

School Superintendent Dwight B. Ireland told board members that in rainy weather water rises as high as 18 inches in low-level music rooms at the school. Dr. Ireland said silt in the soil, particularly around the new east wing built into a hillside, was the main cause of the trouble.

SILT PLUGS drains now provided. He seriousness was not recognized at the time of the construction.

Mosher said he had seen the results of test borings done on the site, before construction. The borings failed to show the high water content in the soil. Mosher said failure to recognize the problem could have been caused by a dry season before borings were taken, or by the element of luck.

"That soil is very heterogeneous," Mosher said, "you'll get one kind of soil at one point, and 50 feet away get something entirely different. They may have just hit the wrong spots." He said failure to provide adequate drainage would not have been the fault of architects or contractors involved, all reputable firms.

A Big Blast Awaits Next Painter

Painting names and words on Trowbridge bridges in Bloomfield Hills is going to be mighty darn expensive from now on, Hills Police Captain Walt Sluiter angrily warned last Thursday.

The next vandal caught on the bridge spanning the Grand Trunk tracks will have to sandblast the entire structure, a job which will cost from \$200 to \$400. Sluiter promised.

The bridge is a teenage hangout and a year-long headache for Hills officers.

ITS SIDES are painted in every imaginable color with names of schools, towns, colleges, girl friends, boy friends and profanity. "Until last Wednesday night the stock punishment for painting the bridge was removing the letters the vandal painted by hand with scrapers and paint remover, a job that could take several hours and could be plenty hot in the summer on the shadeless bridge.

Thursday four young Berkeley girls were out removing paint they had applied the night before. They will be the last doing this, and in addition all four lost their driver's licenses for two months and must be in their homes by 9 p.m. during that period.

"WERE GOING to have that bridge perfectly clean soon and it'll be the last doing this, and Sluiter firmly stated. "It's time now we started to really get tough.

"It's too bad these other towns don't have places where their teenagers can take care of their 'artistic' desires," the captain added.



New Rek Head

John S. O'Gorman, Jr., last week was named new chairman of the Birmingham city recreation board. He is the city commission representative on the body and succeeds Mrs. William Jackson. Mrs. Jackson, a board member since its formation in 1948, has been chairman of the group the past six years. She will now serve as vice-chairman. William Spence was named secretary at the board's organizational meeting.

\$9,000 in County Relief Work Ok'd For Birmingham

Birmingham will receive more than \$9,000 a year extra maintenance labor at no additional cost if the Oakland county department of social welfare approves the city's application for entry into the county relief work program.

City commission Monday voted to participate in the program, which places physically able county relief clients in special work relief projects at the pay rate of \$1.50 per hour.

The county assigns work crews of reliefers to member cities, who assume only the responsibility of keeping time records and any personal property damage resulting from their work.

OAK PARK, Royal Oak, Troy, Madison Heights and Pontiac now subscribe to the program.

Birmingham department of public works and forestry and parks officials have indicated they could use some 25 workers for local work projects this summer.

Among the jobs which relief work crews would handle in Birmingham are painting, raking, minor repairs, sweeping, grounds im-

provement and river cleanup. "This is a good thing," said City Manager L. R. Gare. "We can really clean up the Rouge flood plain, which has always been a headache to us. It will let more water through, too, and it won't require three or four years if we did it our own labor."

REGULAR CITY employees are not endangered under the stipulations of the program. The city must certify that work done by relief crews otherwise would go undone and that none of their members are being used to replace full-time employes.

Graceland Paving Assessment Roll Hearing Aug. 11

Special assessment roll for paving the rest of Graceland north to Derby will come before Birmingham city commission Aug. 11. When this is put in, it will improve the last of the streets in the city's northeast section.

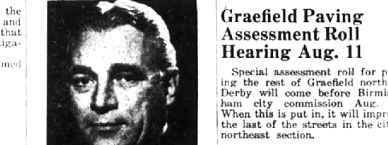
STRICTLY FRESH

No one in this office ever lies, but we have a few characters who can think up the darnedest fairy tales.

We're counting the days until the boss gets back from his vacation. My, how time flies. Some folks like old-fashioned

Scientists searching for the perfect radar device might investigate the system which guides multitudes of bugs unerringly to a freshly painted house.

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



Dykstra Named Ford Director

John Dykstra, 1147 Glenarry, Bloomfield township, was elected last week to the board of directors of Ford Motor company and was appointed to the board's executive committee.

He began at Ford as general production assistant to the vice president of manufacturing and was named general manager of the general manufacturing division in 1948. He was named a vice president in 1950 and vice president in the manufacturing group in 1957.

He later served with Clayton Lambert, its successor the Hudson motor car company and Oldsmobile before joining Ford in 1947.

Born in the Netherlands, Dykstra moved to Detroit as a youth and began his association with the automotive industry in 1944 as an apprentice with Brasco.