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Architects to Hold Meeting, Election

The Detroit Chapter of the American Institute of Architects will hold its annual meeting and election at Showcase, Inc. 312 E. Brown, Birmingham, Tuesday, Oct. 14.

A reception and complimentary cocktail party and dinner there will be accompanied with music and entertainment.

The Village Woman's club, of Birmingham, will present "How to Build a Building," a spectacle play based upon their building committee's experiences with Birmingham architects, Smith, Tarapata & MacMahon.

Awards will be made of the chapter's 1958 gold medal and its honorary membership.

Showcase, Inc., as a permanent exhibit of the latest in building products and equipment. It contains three architectural exhibits—residential, schools, and the 1958 Honor Awards of Western Michigan Chapter, A.I.A.

During the afternoon the boards of directors of both the chapter and the Michigan society of architects will meet at Showcase, and the society board will attend the reception and dinner for their annual joint meeting.

Books

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Eight Grand Harbor and Valley Woods Principal Duane Fisher, along with 14 first through sixth grade teachers, all of them considered to be doing an outstanding job on reading. They were given a \$250.00 award for their recommendation.

The group first outlined the goals and objectives of the school's reading program.

They considered costs. As all such committees do (since voters approved it many years ago, Birmingham schools have supplied textbooks out of tax revenue funds).

NEXT THE group narrowed the six textbook series they started down to three.

From there the books were taken into classrooms by the teachers.

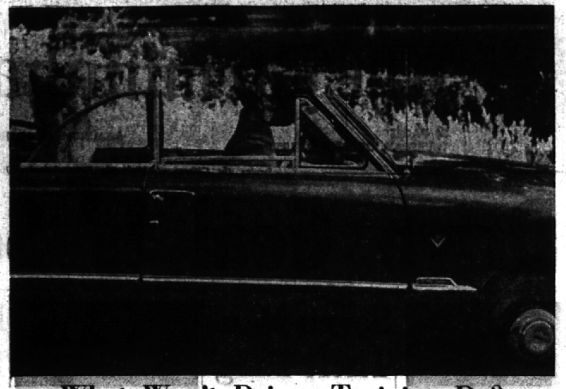
As teachers read, they gave tough tests to each set of books.

They asked questions. Are the books easy to read? Are they interesting? Are stories well written, lively and appealing? Is the vocabulary carefully controlled? Seventeen questions in all.

WHEN THEY finished their analysis, the committee felt that the Little Red Story Book and its sequels contained "a little more challenging material." The new books should be made more up to date, they felt.

Dick and Jane did more up to date, in producing stories of interest to children, or in providing manuals for teachers showing them "opportunities for pupil enrichment."

So Dick and Jane are through. Oh! Oh! Oh!



What Won't Driver Training Do?

We've all seen our share of road hogs, jackrabbit starts, and highway snails and snails, but this driver was a real dog. For that matter, so was his passenger, and the pair made an unusual picture as they motored through town recently, enjoying the summer weather in their convertible. Some what nonplused, a photographer on the scene managed to snap this picture as the unique motorist cruised by. For another look at the same scene, see page 8-A.

Everybody Enjoys Gallery Classes

By MARION BEMIS
Special Writer

"Everybody's doing it, everywhere. Everybody's pretty good at something or other. The artist in everyone is coming out like a rash all over." (Ad Reinhardt in ART NEWS, summer, 1958)

It's true. Everywhere the woods are full of amateur painters, also the lakes and the mountains—even the towns and the cities. And, now that winter activities are beginning, another and another and another drawing and painting class for amateurs will be announced and filled to capacity in a day. Why?

Seeking an answer in the fall of 1956, I enrolled in the first evening class conducted by Fred Mitchell at Cranbrook Academy of Art Galleries, for interested amateurs in the community. Also present were businessmen, a killed mechanic, housewives, doctors, brokers, lawyers, some with previous experience, some who had not, and a paint brush in the third grade. I was in the last category.

Last winter I pursued the "why" of the amateur farther. Mitchell's once-a-week class had expanded into two classes—one for beginners, one for those with some training. Toward the end of the ten classes, he handed out a simple questionnaire, asking class members to give their art experience, if any, occupation, education, and to state why they liked to paint.

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BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

It'll be some days before Birmingham City Clerk Irene Hanley and her staff get out from under compiling the last-minute deluge of voter registrations. Deadline was 8 p.m. Monday night if you were to be eligible for the Nov. 4 state election. Miss Hanley said things were very quiet during the day. "Then at 5 o'clock, the rush started," she said. "People seemed to come out of the ground!"

Beetis annoyed or endangered by motorists who turn left at the Maple-Hunter and Lincoln-Hunter intersections? The city and state highway department are going to see if they can help you. They have agreed to split the \$750 cost of adding those nice boxed and illuminated "No Left Turn" signs at the two locations.

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Drives

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contracts she had with Birmingham, and this procedure will now come to an end," Hill emphasized.

"We must now preserve the strict right-of-way for moving traffic."

HE SAID recent traffic volume counts have indicated Woodward may have to have additional traffic lanes. He also said the state would not cut into the center islands for the additional road.

"I'll see an analysis of these figures, we cannot allow the access drive problem to grow," the deputy said. "It's very hard to take back such parking once you have allowed it."

HILL SAID he has no deadline for coming up with a decision on additional traffic lanes. He said the proposed John Lodge and Walter Chrysler expressways would have some effect on the state's traffic volume. He said it is impossible to predict now which way that volume would continue to climb or go downward.

Improve 2 Lots On Southfield, Group Asks City

Improve the appearance of your neighborhood. The city of Birmingham was asked this week by the Birmingham Hills subdivision association.

Group President Delmer C. Gowling, Jr., said the association wants the city to study the two lots at the intersection of Southfield and Wakefield.

The association also suggests the city sell another lot on Southfield and Southfield for single residence development.

CITY MANAGER L. R. Gare will study the two proposals.

The city previously has planned to improve the well property frontage in connection with paving the Southfield-Wakefield intersection west as far as the alley.

Residents opposed the move, and the city shelved the idea.

"Maybe the area's attitude has changed," Gare suggested.

FACTS Committee Meets Here Oct. 21

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the United Nations, will have its 21st meeting at the Commodore Hotel, New York, Oct. 21-22, 1958.

The meeting is being sponsored by 14 Birmingham organizations.

It is the 21st meeting of the committee since its formation in 1946. The committee's purpose is to study and report on the activities of the United Nations, and to make recommendations to the United Nations on the basis of its studies.

The committee is composed of representatives from the United States, Canada, Mexico, and several other countries.

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Air Squadron Meets

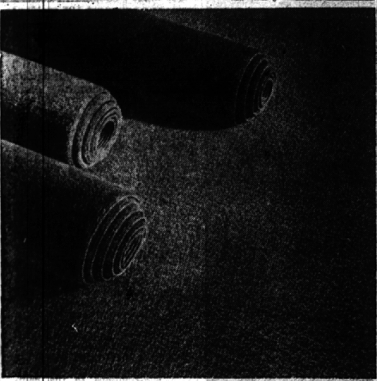
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Present members are urged to attend the meeting.

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