

Local Man Serves On Distributor Bd.

W. H. Bensch, president of Great Lakes Tractor and Implement Co., Birmingham, was secretary of the national distributor council's annual meeting, held recently in Detroit. The six-man council represents the independent distributors of the products of Ford Motor company's tractor and implement division.

The council met with the division's management as part of a program to facilitate communication and to promote understanding among the organizations engaged in the manufacture, sale and service of Ford products for the farm and industrial markets.

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Plans

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reduction. It's a challenge.

REPRESENTING the architects, Lynn Smith commented, "Our plans are based on an established budget and established needs. To cut costs we'd have an alternative of using cheaper materials and risking increased future maintenance, or cutting space. As a parent and taxpayer, I'm willing to spend the extra amount."

Asked how much delay would result if the proposed economy move were considered, Smith said, "It would take a month to revise plans, plus another week to do final drawings after they were accepted. I doubt if the building would be

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be the agency conducting the business end of the Halloween party. Second, the problem of the board having to offset a deficit in party funds.

According to Reese, the recreation board has handled bookkeeping, collecting, banking and correspondence for the party, without pay. Some board members, he said, question whether this should be part of its operation.

He said there is nothing in the budget to offset any deficit and that the board does not want to face such a loss yearly.

REISE said \$1,500 cash is needed to operate the party, last year attended by some 6,000 youngsters. The party originated in 1936 and has almost eliminated Halloween mischief and vandalism locally.

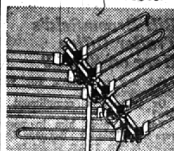
"Reese said the program was not supported the way he felt it should be. He added that many merchants have reduced, some have discontinued their contributions, and there are new ones coming in who are unfamiliar with the program.

He says the committee of five—two of them housewives and only one of the five with any local business contact—must contract for services for the party before the amount of contributions is known.

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Work

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large, between a "C" and a "D."

To Barnard, hitting the books hard is good for the student. He said, "If kids are forced to do a certain amount beyond what they would choose, they will learn that they can do it."

BARNARD would like to see more high school math and science required than the present one year in the ninth grade. He also advocates a foreign language requirement for high school graduation.

They should be required, he says, "not because people are going to use them later, but because of the mental discipline they teach—the work habits they develop."

When he talked to people as he campaigned before the election, Barnard said, "I felt there was an undercurrent of desire that basic requirements for high school graduation be strengthened."

(Editor's Note: Now required for graduation are four years of English, two years of history, one semester of civics, plus one year each of ninth grade math and science. One year of "Work in English is accepted.")

AS FOR Lovell's view on curriculum requirements, he believes in "a strong academic leaning." "Everyone should be discouraged

from taking vocational courses to large degree if they are qualified to pursue a more rigorous program," he says.

Reflecting on voters' comments he noted as he campaigned, Lovell recalled some who felt their children weren't working hard enough. One voter asked Barnard why they didn't close the parking lot at Birmingham high school.

"Two buses are riding around in cars too much," the observer told Barnard.

"I TOLD him you can't legislate that, but we could give kids more homework, and then they won't have so much time to ride around in cars."

"So many parents have told me they think stiffer requirements in the schools might solve a lot of

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Gets BA at Miami

Coral Gables, Fla.—John Leo Conroy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Conroy, 460 Bonnie Brier, Birmingham, received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Miami following the close of UM's second summer session August 29. A graduate of Birmingham High School, Conroy attended the University of Detroit before entering UM. He majored in history and minor in speech. Conroy is married.

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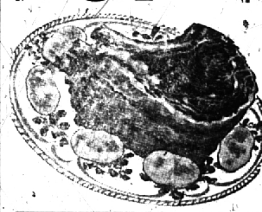
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