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SECTION A

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The average person wastes enough time annually which, if used to learn a subject, would advance his intelligence considerably. For example, William Jennings Bryan, the silver-tongued orator of former days, mastered the Greek language by studying during the times he spent riding street cars and from his office, in Des Moines, Iowa, in less than two years.

Ouch! Ouch! Damned Spot! . . .

Views vary on the blood-iness of Telegraph-Maple intersection. See Page 1-E.

Memory Lingers On . . .

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## This and That

by George R. Averill

We join millions of other Americans in believing that perhaps the most synthetic in plot, of all forms of entertainment over T.V. are some of the Westerns. Considering the number of them and the frequency with which they appear, perhaps they have to be that way. Next in phineness to some of these Westerns, we would nominate the words and the acts of numerous of our top politicians in both major parties. It is hard to understand how a great nation, presumably devoted to freedom and boasting of the highest educational standards in the world, can elect after election, keep some of these people in public office.

A modern pedestrian often is a person who hopes that some portion of the street intersection is reserved for him to get across to the other side.

Someone recently created a smile when he said that statistics show that the general run of pedestrians proves that every time of their ever will make the Olympic games.

If careless motorists must strike a limb, it is to be hoped that it belongs to some tree.

A good many years ago, a famous Frenchman, commenting on a troublesome time for his countrymen, said: "This is an age of terrific incidents and feeble solutions."

What that Frenchman said many years ago could have been said during every succeeding decade, right up to the present. The incidents cover a variety of little and big wrongs that are done by and between human beings, between nations and may be recognized by all observing persons. Millions of solutions have been offered to correct these wrongs. Great men and women have sought to solve them. The Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule have been offered as solutions and, though millions have committed these admonitions to memory, too few of us have committed them to life.

Judge Samuel S. Leibowitz, famed New York jurist who majors on juvenile problems, recently said: "There is a direct connection between the namby-panmy attitude of the educational hierarchy and the collapse of discipline in our schools." How right, Judge—but in making that statement it seems to us that one also must include the "namby-panmy attitude" of many American homes.

Have you heard the current definition of a "moron"? It is that which, in winter time, women wouldn't have so many colds if they put . . .

Detroit's aggressive Mayor, Louis Miriani, has always been pretty good friend of labor. Since becoming Mayor, however, his Honor has found himself behind the 8-ball bar in trying to solve Detroit's civic problems. Recently a top U.A.W. official criticized Miriani for Detroit's lack of aggressiveness to vastly increase welfare aid. The labor boy thought the city (See THIS & THAT, Page 8-A)

## 3 Youths Admit 2 Burglaries At Same Market

### Also Took Illegal Swim in School Pool

Three Birmingham youths whose nighttime activities range from illegal swimming to burglary have been apprehended by local police. A fourth may be charged with receiving stolen goods, juvenile authorities said.

Three of the boys, ages 14 and 15, were picked up at 3 a.m. Saturday, driving a car belonging to one of their parents. They had taken the car without permission.



DR. BRANDWEIN

## PTA to Hear Expert on Education

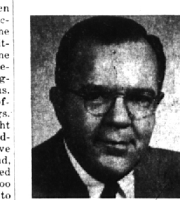
Birmingham parents and educators, concerned with the accomplishments and needs of our schools, have asked a respected expert in the field of learning to address the public PTA-sponsored meeting on Monday evening, April 20, at 8 p.m. in the Birmingham high school gymnasium.

He is Dr. Paul F. Brandwein, senior editor and consultant on schools for Harcourt Brace, publishers. Brandwein holds a doctor of science degree from Harvard university and is a member of the Zacharias committee on high school physics of Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He is nationally known for his interest in high schools in forward-planning communities throughout the country.

OF BRANDWEIN, Birmingham Superintendent of Schools Dwight B. Ireland says:

"Dr. Brandwein is an excellent speaker and his address will be a most interesting one." (See FOUNDATION, Page 8-A)



"BUD" GUEST

## Guest Guest At CC Dinner

Fresh from "The Sunny Side of the Street," Detroit's bright radio personality, "Bud" Guest, will speak at the annual dinner meeting of the Birmingham chamber of commerce, Wednesday, April 22, at Devon Gables.

John W. Knight, Akron Kershbaum and Arthur J. Lake finish their terms as directors April 30. The meeting which will be held at Devon Gables, is open to the public, the chamber of commerce announced.

## Will His Home Contain Lassiter Death Clue?

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## Lost Button Leads Police To Robber

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—A button torn from the front of his shirt caused the downfall of his year-old Royal Oak youth being held for the investigation of breaking and entering by Bloomfield Hills police this week.

Held by police is Robert H. Monroe, 3556 Elmhurst, who was arrested Friday by Police Captain Walter Sluiter.

Sluiter said the youth, when confronted with the evidence, admitted breaking into Bloomfield Hills lawling alley last week.

An attendant, Lester Heed, became suspicious of a car parked nearby and called the attention of the youth's home where he asked for his shirts and found one with the button missing.

The nation's defense officials have announced.

## Conelrad Operates With Radio, TV Off

TV sets will go black and radios will be silent for a half hour Friday and April 17. Civil defense officials have announced.

Conelrad, the emergency broadcasting system, will operate from 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon, eastern standard time at 640 and 1240 on the standard radio dial.

The federal communications has ordered the nationwide test as part of the Civil Defense training exercise, Operation Alert 1959.

## Library Board Reelects Officers

Birmingham public library board reelected these officers at its annual meeting last week: Charles K. Kass, President; James E. Topin, vice-president, and Mrs. Oliver E. Rodgers, secretary.



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Upstairs, Parvin (Bill) Lassiter's glamorous blonde wife slept under sedation. "Nan" Lassiter, as her Beverly Hills friends called her, had been under a doctor's care since word of her husband's brutal death reached her.

HER HOME is the originating point of a full-scale state police search for the little man who led her husband away from Willow Run airport a week ago Monday night. For weeks to come, detectives will track down leads they obtain from the business and personal papers of the 38-year-old wealthy used car dealer.

State Police Lt. Howard Whaley is directing the search.

"It's quite possible," Lt. Whaley says, "that it was someone in close to any of them."

TOUGH HE was always friendly when he met his neighbors outside, still Lassiter was not really close to any of them.

He learned more about him from reading the papers this week than I know from being his neighbor," said one of them.

His handsome wife, too, seemed "not really close to anybody."

WHOEVER HE was, Whaley believes the killer thought Lassiter was carrying a large sum of money. But backtracking of the used car dealer's steps had revealed that he had no more than \$500 cash that Monday night.

Lassiter had the reputation of a shrewd "horse-trader" in his business at 2911 N. Woodward, Royal Oak. But to his Beverly Hills neighbors, he was a very friendly man.

"There must have been a lot of good in a man who was liked so well by his neighbors," said one of them.

Less than one-third of the individuals, organizations and businesses which have contributed to the continued operation of the Community House are contributing to it, Hunt said.

THE AVERAGE donation which 5,140 residents have given is \$5.70. Contributions from 288 businesses have averaged \$20, and 82 organizations which use the Community House have contributed an average of \$45 each. Funds raised greater total \$38,219, "a disappointingly small percentage" of the \$60,000 goal, Hunt said.

More than 650 women have been making calls on their neighbors.

THE COMMUNITY House has a many loyal supporters in the Birmingham area, and we have an excellent organization working in its behalf. We have confidence that our contributors will rally to our assistance when they learn of this temporary lull in the campaign," he said this week.

Contributions may be made directly to Mrs. Ewald E. Schaffer, executive director of the Birmingham Community House, 380 S. State, Hunt said.

All makes low liner mattress. Royal Matt. Co. 2451 1/2 N. 1st St. Birmingham 4-1316.

## Mrs. Willett 1st Woman in Top City Job

### She Is Mayor Pro Tem; Harry Denyes Is Mayor

City Commissioner Florence Willett is the first woman to hold a top Birmingham city office.

She is the new mayor pro tem, who will preside over commission meetings, affix her name to city documents and otherwise represent the city whenever the new mayor, Harry M. Denyes Jr., is out of town.

These two were named the city's top officials at the commission's reorganizational meeting Monday night.

Denyes, who for the past two years has been mayor pro tem, won unanimous support as mayor for the ensuing year. He succeeds Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham, who this week began his second term on the city commission.

On the second ballot, Mrs. Willett had three votes, O'Gorman with three votes, Commissioner William Bargin is on vacation in California.

On the third ballot, Mrs. Willett had three votes, O'Gorman with two, and absent Bargin one.

Mayor Denyes called for a fourth and deciding vote. Mrs. Willett had four votes, O'Gorman two.

This is the first time in more than 10 years that balloting for this position has been other than nomination from the floor.

"We cannot justify spending \$300,000 tax money if we can obtain an adequate addition for half that amount," Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham told Carlton C. Patterson Jr., 783 Pilgrim, other commissioners agreed.

Firemen were called to the scene at 4:38 and extinguished the flames. Damage was listed at \$100.

STRICTLY FRESH

April showers bring May wedding guests.

There are no important holidays in April of this year, which is quite a relief.

An old-timer is a person who remembers when a sure sign of spring was the appearance of the organ grinder and his monkey.

The outstanding April fool is the fellow who forgets to file his income tax return.

Considering the look of our lawn this spring, we bought last fall's seed at the store.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to taste a piece of pie like the kind your imagination tells you mother made?

We have a close tie with the people of Tibet. There is the land of yak; ours is the land of yak-yak.

Judging by the condition of some of the autos on the road, quite a few people should be arrested for careless driving.

A stickler for good writing is a fellow who makes fewer mistakes in spelling than you do.

The difference between a cheap skate and a thrifty person is in the technique by which one weasels out of picking up the restaurant check.

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MRS. WILLETT



HARRY DENYES

## Deluxe Library Addition Out. City Emphasizes

It will be difficult enough to finance a \$151,000 public library addition into the city's future budgets, let alone an addition which cost twice that much.

This is the position of the Birmingham city commission.

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