... tremendous task for women. See Page 1-C.

Franklin Recognizes

... senior youth group at upcoming dinner. Page 6-B.

Her Years

... but Mrs. Susan J. Miner's friends are innumerable. The story of her birthday party is told on page 5-A.

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# Get Murderer After 5 Years

Hard Work, Patience Clean Up 1954 Crime

By AL SANDNER Staff Writer



DOYLE D. HOWE

## Suspects Give Statements In Lassiter Case

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of false leads and tips.

THEY WRAPPED IT up this week in Detroit when an excession with the second of the second

Similarity in the crimes wa noted by Detroit and Birminghan

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Lewis borrowed a friend's caheaded north on Woodward, looing for a gas station with one a tendant. He found it. Then Lew Landkerchief over the lower he of his face, entered, and to Howe, 'this is a holdup."

HOLMQUIST HAD questioned the suspect several times before gaining a confession. Detroit detectives John Ronk and Older Holmquist when Lewis indicated howar ready to talk. The ex-convict told the detectives of a drinking bout the evening before the murder. He deed the dealer was ready to talk of the deed afterwards be needed some

Saugatuck Village President Richard Hoffman on the bridge of his stern-wheeler he operates up and down the

# Mayor's Exchange **Brings Saugatuck** President Here´

Boat-builder, amusement park operator, chamber of commerce secretary, interior woodworker — that's three-term Sausatatek Village President Richard 6. Hoffman who will be Birmingham's special guest next Monday.

He'll be here on Mayor's Exchange day during Michigan Week May 17-23. His wife, Debbie, will accompany him.

In Saugatuck — a fine summer resort area on Lake Michigan's shore 10 miles south of Holland-for that exchange day will be Birmingham's Mayor Harry M. Denwigs, Jr., and his wife, Dorothy.

IP THE WEATHER is good, airnort aperator Mill Berr, Jr. well take the visiting couple on an air tour of the area. Dinner at Kingsley Inn will climax the day, and Mayor and Mrs. Hoffman expect to return hone that evening. Mrs. Danyes will be Jown to Saugatuck early Monday (See MAYOR, Page 2-A)

# Arrest 8 Youths, Solve 21 Crimes

Community Council

# **Help Teens Help** Themselves, Says Youth Committee

By ELEANORE VINALL Staff Writer

"Teen Gang Terrorizes Drive-In Patrons".
"Youth Beats, Robs Elderly. Woman".
"Boy, 16, Admits Holdup".
You see these headlines day after day in your newspapers Wherever you go, to church or cocktail party, you hear people talking about teenagers in trouble.
"What are they coming to?"
"We didn't get into trouble when I was a boy!"
"It's a national disgrace!"
"Why doesn't somebody DO something?"

SO IT GOES. Everyone with something to say, blanning the kids, the schools, the churches, the parents dare look to themselves and their homes for the source of the problems. And so, eventually the community has to step in and try to establish some sort of problems of the source of

# Cooperation Rounds Up Young Gang

The multiple arrest of eight Oakland county youths, by the Birmingham police de-partment last week cleared up over a score of burglaries and thefts, some going back as far as two years.

16 years of age.

ONE OF THE gang's most recent and largest jobs, and the key in their arrest, was the March 31 ransacking of the Birmight and the mone of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer ried off a safe containing \$8,000 in bonds, a 17° portable "TM, and 24 bottles of liquor.

The youths, police authorities

# Eton, Redding Rd. Widenings Being Considered Again

Birmingham's city commission-rs must have felt their summer

# western Nations Have you serve wondered well respect to the set before the three western of newspaperment and phospit as being in the state of the set welling as a met time that he willing as a met time that he willi \$150,000 'Sportsman' Leads Off 'Better B'ham'

ONLY LAST WEEK a group of 35 of these business leaders reaf-frmed their desire to develop Birmingham into the state's most exclusive shopping center. Young Wilson expressed pleasure that his new store can be considered the first real improvement under this "Build Birmingham Bus-



# Newest Addition to Birmingham's Business Section

This new glass-walled and wooden-roofed "Sportsman" ore at the northwest corner of Pierce and Martin, Birdgham, will bring a contemporary contrast to the Co-

will more than coulou en spreeent spaces, swill permit us to carry a more complete stock," he explained "We also will be able to display more complete as well as additional wearing apparel lines."

Architect Harry M. Denyes, Jr., d'O'Dell, Hewelt & Luckenbach which is designing the building, aid the attructure will feature by a wooden hyperbolic paraboloid roof.