

## 'Ole Bud' To Speak Of Sunny Side At Historical Meet

Bud Guest, celebrated radio actor of Station WJZ, and a resident of Birmingham lane, Bingham Farms, will be the speaker at the 38th annual meeting of the Detroit Historical Society Monday, May 2, at 8 p. m. in the Detroit Historical Museum, Woodward and Kirby, Detroit.

## Franklin Moves Community Center A Step Further

FRANKLIN—The wheels of the law move slowly, sometimes, but they do keep moving. Franklin passed an amendment to an ordinance Monday night providing another step toward eventual materialization of a new community center.

Red tape and some misunderstanding have delayed the building of the Franklin Community association to break ground for the proposed building this spring.

The council has awarded a clause in the zoning ordinance. It permits the zoning board of appeals to hear a request to use residential property for community recreational purposes from any organization "not operated for profit."

SEVERAL councilmen worried that the broader language would bring pressure from many groups, but consented to adopt the amendment when reminded the zoning board had vast discretionary powers.

An earlier version of the amendment had specifically named the Franklin Community association along the village of Franklin. It was not acceptable to the planning commission and village attorney on the basis that it favored a private club which could be controlled by outsiders.

on a favorite aunt, leaving behind father and son, Larry to fend for themselves. From all reports, fending is pretty good in Franklin and nourishing, too.

Troop B-11 boy scouts headed for Lapeer last weekend to progress further on merit badge work. The spring paper drive is set for this Saturday. Banded papers and magazines may be brought to the trailers parked in front of the church or will be picked up if placed in an easily accessible area.

Pack B-11 cub scouts will have a picnic for their monthly pack meeting program, tonight. Awards will be presented and members of next year's committee may be announced.

The Robert "Low" of Kirk Lane, spent the spring holiday in Washington visiting national monuments and historic sites.

Dr. and Mrs. Harlow Bates hosted the Wavewood Hills subdivision annual meeting Tuesday evening at their home on 13 Mile road.

While Mr. and Mrs. George Howard played golf in the Smokies their children, Steve and Nancy took several pack trips around the Gatlinburg area last week. Swimming was fine too and the family visited Oak Ridge and North Dan to complete the expedition.

BINGHAM FARMS — Three weeks of camping netted the Robert Vanderpyls of Bristol Lane a treasure of rocks and minerals and a world of wonderful memories.

Taking the "grand tour" which included Texas, New Mexico, California, the Grand Canyon and most of the scenic west with a trim house trailer, they were able to stop often to add to their son, Robbie's already fine collection. Mrs. Vanderpyl found a gem amongst while digging in a diamond mine in Arkansas.

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## Builders Charged With Commercial Use of Residence

FRANKLIN—A house isn't always a home. And if it isn't a home, it isn't allowed in a residentially zoned area, says Franklin councilmen.

In fact, it becomes a matter for the court to decide.

A trial set for May 4 before Justice of the Peace Orland Ellis, will determine if the Austin building company of Southfield is using the furnished, dwelling-type structure at the corner of Harshevale and Franklin roads for a place of

business and office or intends to sell it as a residence when given a bonafide offer of purchase.

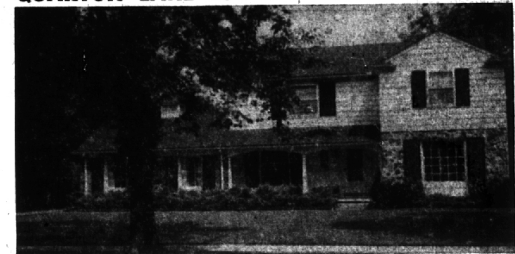
CALLED into court on five counts, the building company pleaded guilty last week to four violations because of advertising signs that were "too close to the road, too large and too many" according to real estate sign restrictions.

They pleaded not guilty to the fifth charge that the house was a commercial operation.

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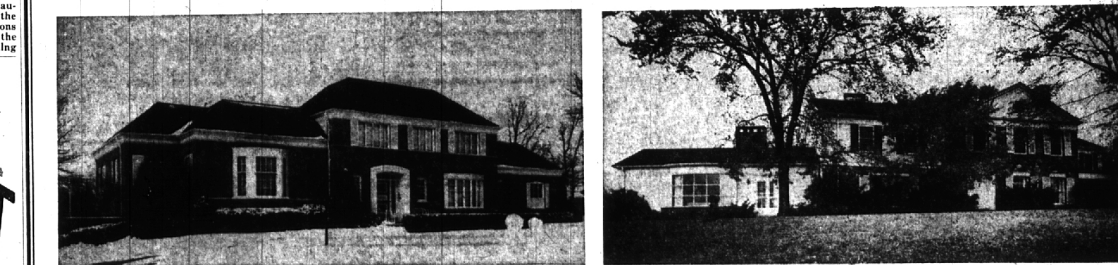
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## Speaking of Pictures, Take a Look at Life

FRANKLIN—Though it was pretty exciting to get national attention via Life magazine's April 25 issue, the Franklin Volunteer Fire department was kinda nonplussed to find the who's who so mixed up.

Ever helpful, The Birmingham Eccentric suggests that you use this guide to get the correct identification of 14 handsome fire laddies photographed on page 65 of your copy.

1. IS ALFRED EMMERLING, not Vernon Converse; 2. is Harry Heutter, not Rev. Robert Searls; 3. is Charles Foote, not William Albee; 4. is John Hill, not William Worcester; 5. is Robert Treadway, not Dr. John Moses; 6. is Richard Probst, not Alfred Emmers; 7. is Stanley Warwick, not Harry Heutter; 8. is Charles Gray, not Charles Foote; 9. is Frank Young, not Charles Gray; 10. is Dr. John Moses, not Robert Treadway; 11. is William Worcester, not Richard Probst; 12. is William Albee, not Stan Warwick; 13. is Rev. Robert Searls, not Charles Gray, and 14. is Vernon Converse, not Frank Young.

OUTSIDE OF THAT, everything else Life said is true, we're told, if Gamble Benedict hadn't eclipsed this noble crew by eliding when he was in the picture.

## Spring Welcomes Franklin Families

FRANKLIN—It's spring, tra-la! And its breathtaking suddenness provided a glorious welcome for families returning from vacations.

The Bert Coburn family of Seale spent Saturday to Sunday in the east, visiting New York, Washington, D.C. and adjacent points of interest.

Home after ten days at Panama City Beach, Fla., the Robert De Longe family of N. Greenwood were excited to find climatic conditions here no less attractive than those spent loafing on the beach.

The E. B. Doherty's, also of N. Greenbriar, report a highly successful and pleasant rendezvous with son Brian in Miami. Brian took surnames from his pre-mid studies at the Georgetown university and met his family for a week of holiday in Florida. The Dohertys were gone for three weeks in all.

Seaholm high school seniors, Allen Young of Franklin road and Dan Folkrod of Harshevale, are a trifle saddle weary. The two boys drove to New Mexico, while their classmates were doing Washington, and gorged on every Spanish and Mexican dish they encountered.

Spelling each other at the wheel, the boys traveled 30 consecutive hours each way to make the distance in a day and a half. Ah, youth!

Home in time to get into the full swing of gardening are Dr. and Mrs. Harry Pearce of 13 Mile road. They spent three weeks cruising the British East Indies, taking in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands among other ports of call.

Packing has begun for Mrs. Alice Cullen of 13 Mile road. She leaves in May for a holiday in Mexico City where she will be the guest of a Spanish household.

Mrs. Walter Kasten of Franklin Park drive left last week for a month in Europe, due to return May 20. She will visit relatives in Berlin and other parts of Germany and enjoy the hospitality

of many who have been entertained so royally when visiting her as day in the east, visiting New York, Washington, D.C. and adjacent points of interest.

Eleven-year-old Donna Ravitz of 13 Mile road flew by herself to Virginia, Minn., for a week's visit with her grandparents.

If we could pick a Lady-of-the-Week, it would be Mrs. Stephen Gidley of Seale. Five years ago Mrs. Gidley made up her mind she was going to finish her formal education and enrolled as a freshman at Wayne State university.

With singular self-discipline and resolve, and a patient, understanding family, she has nearly completed her liberal arts course and is due to graduate in June.

This week she received notice that she has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa, which is a real tribute to the caliber of scholarship maintained by this busy mother and homemaker in our midst.

A 31 foot steel cross was dedicated last Sunday at the Lutheran Church of the Shepard King on Middlebelt road as a memorial to little seven year old Stephen Kent Worth, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Worth of Charles Lane who died of nephritis in January.

Ceremonies were held prior to the Sunday morning service and the family, which included Stephen's surviving twin brother, Jeffrey and sister, Paula, placed a wreath at the base of the cross.

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