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The Southfield School Board accepted the resignation of Kathryn McLean, principal of Lathrup school. She transferred to the Bloomfield Hills system.  
Merrill O. Bates, president of Bloomfield Hills Board of Education was re-elected to a four-year term on the board by an overwhelming majority in Bloomfield Hills school election.  
Over 100 area tennis enthusiasts dominated the sports scene at Kingswood School, when the Birmingham Tennis Club formally opened its 1960 season.  
June 23  
Detroit stated it would start treating sewage from the Ever-

green and Farmington interceptors only if it got an "iron-clad" guarantee from the Oakland County Board of Supervisors that the South-Oak storm drain would be built.  
Before they would order a non-parking ban into effect along US-10, Birmingham City Commissioners decided to hold a long-scheduled meeting with effected property owners.  
More than 1,000 organizers from across the nation convened in Detroit for the 25th national convention of the American Guild of Organists.  
Members of the Cranbrook Music Guild met at the home of Mrs. Max Fruehauf on Brookside drive, Bloomfield Hills, to discuss plans for the guild's outdoor summer concert series.  
A proposed \$44,000 improvement on a drainage ditch near 14 Mile road and Lahser was tabled at an Oakland County Department of Public Works meeting.  
June 30  
A \$20,000 repair program for downtown Birmingham sidewalks

had only a few hurdles to clear before it was placed under construction.  
Carl and Richard Fischer of Suburban Motors, 555 S. Woodward, Oldsmobile dealers in Birmingham for 12 years, took over Sumner Motor Sales, Inc., 808 S. Woodward.  
The Saturday evening dinner-dance for Detroit Horse Show members and exhibitors was a gala event as the show drew to a close.  
The ten-story apartments proposed at 13 Mile and Evergreen got a "no" vote from the Beverly Hills planning board.  
The Rev. Robert J. Searls left the congregation at Franklin Community church to work for his church with residents of Casa City.

**Nature**  
(Continued from 8-B)  
flowers. However, they contain all the essentials; an embryo with stored food to nourish it until the resulting plant can make its own food and a protective coating to keep it alive during its dormant stage.  
As is the habit of the pines, the female or seed-bearing cone in its male hand grew separated from its male counterpart but on the same tree. In springtime the small globose male cones which appear at the tip of the branches ripen such

copious amounts of pollen that it pervades the air like a yellow mist. Their function fulfilled, they wither and disappear.  
ON A DAY IN May the female conelet opens briefly to receive the wind-blown pollen grains. Its fertilization completed if does not reopen until the ripened seeds are shed. Species of the pine family bloom in "odd" and "even" seasons and it takes two years for their cones to mature. After this the female cone falls or in some species such as the jack pine it may persist on the tree for years.  
It is evident that the wind-pollinated cone is less efficient than


the more highly developed flower which may bear its male and female organs within a single cup. It may thus be self-pollinated or cross-pollinated by insects.  
Nature, therefore, has wasted so decorative fills on the cone but has "reserved" such allure as fragrance, nectar, color and intricately designed shapes to attract and make effective the visit of the pollinating insect. Blossoms of flowering plants which are wind-pollinated such as those of the cotton-bearing trees and the grasses have no showy petals and seldom have fragrance or nectar. Nature is ever economical of materials and methods.

**CONES ARE OF** many shapes, sizes and colors. They may be long and slim, short and fat or globular. Those of the Atlantic white cedar are only one-fourth of an inch in diameter while those of the long-leaf pines of our South often grow to a length of ten inches. In their immature stage the female cones may be bright purple, red or yellow.  
After reading these lines we hope you will see the pine cone not only as a Christmas symbol but as the ancient seed container which it is. As such it represents a significant link between the ancient spore-bearing flora and our modern flowering plants.

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**Change of Engineers**  
  
The latter part of February was "transfer day" for two Birmingham city employees. Grover Serebenetz (left) took his material out of the city engineer's desk he has occupied for the last eight years. William Killen puts in material he will need in succeeding Serebenetz, who has gone to Phoenix, Ariz., as assistant city manager.

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