

**Kenyon Awards
Honorary Degree
To Ex-Resident**

CAMBER, Ohio — Albert C. Jacobs, a former Birmingham resident and University of Michigan graduate, received an honorary degree of laws degree from Kenyon College at commencement ceremonies Monday morning.

Jacobs, who is president of Trinity College, gave the commencement address entitled, "Your Role in the New World Ahead." The honorary citation praised Jacobs for his distinction in many areas: Rhodes Scholar, lecturer at Oxford, professor of law at Columbia, and chancellor of the University of Denver. Jacobs received his AB degree from the University of Michigan.

NATURE NOW
By Lydia King Freese
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eclectic

Knowledge Cuts Fear Of Michigan's Snakes

During the summer months, those of you who prefer to leave the beaten path for the more elusive by-way will be almost certain to come upon a snake or two.

The 16 species of these fascinating reptiles which are found in Michigan are generally misunderstood and feared. The truth is that most snakes are beneficial because they include insects and rodents in their diet. At the risk of being repetitive may we say once more: "There is only one poisonous snake in Michigan and that is the massasauga rattler."

This statement which is upheld by leading herpetologists is either challenged or else it is unknown to many people. Alexander R. R. Reptiles, says the bite of a massasauga has never been known to kill a healthy human.

A RECENT INCIDENT which occurred near a lake in our northern suburb is typical of the kind which come to our attention. On a morning a housewife opened her door to find a large snake coiled on her front porch. She was understandably frightened and called a neighbor who killed the snake. During the ensuing commotion and emotionalism, some one pronounced "toxin mouth moccasins". This is a poisonous snake of the south which is never found in Michigan.

The reptile was later identified at Cranbrook Institute of Science as a common water snake just over 50 inches long. These large heavy-bodied reptiles which live along the edge of ponds, lakes and streams are harmless. Highly aquatic in habit they are less agile on land than in the water. Their food includes frogs, toads, salamanders, fish and mice.

NO MICHIGAN summer passes without someone sighting a "cup-head". Now this is another poisonous snake with a more southern range. What they have probably seen is a fox snake which it resembles only superficially.

The puff adder or hog-nosed

snake is often mistaken for a rattler. Since he is capable of flattening his head, hissing and vibrating his tail in dry leaves one can understand this confusion. However only a rattlesnake has "rattles" and the puff adder is nothing more than a good actor.

The blue racer has probably terrified more people than any Michigan snake. Although he looks formidable reaching a length of five feet or more, he too is nonpoisonous.

SINCE THE BITE of the massasauga is poisonous and can be fatal to a victim, everyone should be able to recognize this snake. It is short and thick-bodied reaching an average length of two and a half to three feet. The head is broadly triangular, the snout blunt. It is generally grey color is relieved by several series of variously sized and shaped blotches of dark brown. These are margined with inner black and outer yellow and end in cross bands on the tail. Its bony rattler make identification certain. The massasauga prefers swampy areas and bogs but sometimes in mid-summer it wanders into blueberry patches or hayfields. It is prevalent in the lake areas of southern Michigan but may be found throughout the lower peninsula and in restricted areas of the upper peninsula.

LEARN to identify the massasauga. This snake is not likely to strike unless molested. Knowledge will dispel emotionalism and fear. Be informed and thereby "be safe" while you enjoy the outdoors.

Mrs. Freese



An Aspect of Education

James A. Fowler, curator of education at the Cranbrook Institute of science explains the making of a wax fish for this reef exhibit to two Oakland county science teachers. The and other demonstrations are part of a Michigan State University-Cranbrook Institute of science-sponsored workshop for teachers. The summer workshop lasts until July 1.

Watkins' Named Firm's Counsel

R. B. Bender, 800 Covington, Bloomfield Township, president of B/W Controller Corporation in Birmingham, announced the appointment of Watkins-Rogers, Incorporated as advertising and public relations counsel. E. C. Watkins, 788 Pilgrim, Birmingham, will serve as account executive.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Application for Permission to Organize a Bank

TAKE NOTICE: That an application for permission to organize a bank has been filed with the Commissioner of the State Banking Department, Lansing, Michigan.

The date of the said application is June 1, 1960.

The proposed location of the bank is in the City of Birmingham, County of Oakland, State of Michigan.

The proposed name of the bank is Birmingham-Bloomfield Bank.

The applicants for incorporation are:

Name	Address
C. Allen Harlan	3535 N. Adams, Bloomfield Township, (P. O. Birmingham) Michigan
Merritt D. Hill	965 E. Glengarry Circle, Bloomfield Township, (P. O. Birmingham) Michigan
W. Calvin Patterson	6155 E. Surrey, Bloomfield Township, (P. O. Birmingham) Michigan
Charles D. White	7355 Parkstone Lane, Bloomfield Township (P. O. Birmingham) Michigan
Donald H. Parsons	236 Suffield, Birmingham, Michigan

This application has been made in accordance with the provisions of Section 26 of Act 341, Public Acts of 1937, State of Michigan, known as the Michigan Financial Institutions Act, and this notice is published as required by Section 25 of said Act.

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Area Bureau Wins Award

The Birmingham Credit Bureau has won the District Achievement Award for the fourth consecutive year. The bureau, its manager Wayne L. Combs, 891 Goolidge, and staff were recognized as the outstanding credit bureau in the fifth district of the Associated Credit Bureau of America.

The district includes all of Ontario, Canada, and the states of Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Combs have just returned from the forty-sixth annual International Consumers Credit Conference in Chicago.

The conference, held under the joint sponsorship of the Associated Credit Bureaus of America, the Credit Women's Breakfast Clubs of North America and the National Retail Credit Association making up over 65,000 members, was attended by approximately 1,200 persons.

Some of the more important subjects discussed at the conference were: "Consumer Credit Potential in the 1960's," "The Role of the Credit Card in the 1960's," "Model State Legislation," "Opportunities for Credit Sales," and "Rx for Medical Collections."

Local Firm Gets Citation

The firm of Begrow and Brown, architects in Birmingham, was awarded a citation for the design of the Antioch Evangelical Lutheran church under construction in Farmington township, by the Church Architectural Guild during their national meeting in Minneapolis. The firm has won six national awards since its formation in 1957.

LEGAL NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Board of Education of the Bloomfield Hills School District #2 of the City of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, will receive bids on the materials, labor and related items for Landscaping and Site Improvement Work at the James C. Howell, Quatern Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, until 8:00 o'clock P.M. on Tuesday, July 19, 1960, at the office of the Board of Education, Bloomfield Hills School District #2, Auditor at West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Proposed forms of contract documents, including plans and specifications are on file at the office of Wilcox and Lutz, 215 Hensley Street, Birmingham, Michigan, and may be obtained on or after Tuesday, June 21, 1960, by depositing ten dollars (\$10.00) with the office of Wilcox and Lutz for each set of documents so obtained.

The Board of Education of the Bloomfield Hills School District #2, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive or informally amend the same.

No bids shall be withdrawn for the opening of the bids without the consent of the Board of Education, Bloomfield Hills School District #2, City of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

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