

# BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

## Scientist

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**Tax tip:** Taxable income includes compensation in many forms. The most common are salary, wages, tips and commissions. If compensation is received in the form of merchandise, the fair market value of such items must be included in income.

Birmingham police are checking these days at a classic report on the Beverly Hills blotter. "Raccoon at large in basement," the report read. But Robert Dobson of 31410 Evergreen solved his own problem by shooting it with a bow and arrow after attempts to corner it failed. Police arrived in time to cart away the culprit's carcass.

This Wanderer wandered upon a dieter's nightmare, a conversation piece, and a big eater's delight all in one last week. It's a \$1 banana split, believe it or not. We learned about it when we heard that Louise Hersey, of 460 W. Maple, Birmingham, was celebrating her birthday last Saturday by indulging on one of the one-back concoctions. That night we asked restaurant owner Harry Marchus about it. "If you want to stop that of with something else delightful," says Harry, "we also have a \$1 sundae, topped with flaming brandy sauce, called a flaming sundae."



**A SPOOF** on hidden persuaders and inner-directed organization men... makes wild and wonderful sense in a world awash with solemn nonsense" is the way the New York Times describes Professor L. V. Saville's cute Paradoxical new book, "The Law and the Profits." You, who enjoyed his first "Parkinson's Law," will be sure to want to read the one, too. In the same witty lively style, on a subject of interest to all. (Houghton, \$3.50)

**"QUEEN MARY"** is the official biography as told by James Pope-Hennessy (Knopf, \$10). The author was given access to archives, diaries and letters and he tells with warmth the Queen's (and much of England's) story, vividly and intelligently. History at its best.

**THE FIRST** of the year's Newbery Awards for Juvenile books has been made. **OXION** (JOHN) by Joseph Krumold's second award book (HBJ first in 1954 was "And Now, My Aunt") and a story the old and young will want to read. Its locale is Serenity, U.S.A. and it's enough like Birmingham to enable you to recognize young Leongars, as well as Andy, Sr. As for Oxion John himself, we found ourselves citing the tale on Maple Street recently for his counter-part. A truly delightful character. Don't miss this.

**SO FAR** we've only had time to read the first few pages of Birmingham's own Sylvia Cooper's newest book, "The Self-Made Man," having just received our copies of it. (Random House, \$2.95). But if the rest of the book is as good as the beginning and we have every reason to believe it is, it's going to be most pleasant reading. Stop in for your copy.

taking formal training. From 1928 to 1952, Dr. Drea was a research associate for the Colorado Foundation for research in tuberculosis. He was named director in 1952.

"MY WORK IN tuberculosis is not great," he said modestly, "but no findings are ever wasted." (He was named the recipient of the James Waring award in 1956, for outstanding work in tuberculosis.)

Dr. Drea's present departure is concerned with the role of the enzyme in the growth of some bacilli. Through experiments, Dr. Drea has concluded that by the addition of a one-millionth part of zinc to a synthetic culture medium, the minimum bacilli increased in amount and character at a tremendous rate. This spurred the noted scientist to observe enzyme activity more closely.

**WHY INCREASE** the growth of a tuberculosis culture? Why study enzymes? "A scientist in Chicago who is responsible for the development of a tuberculosis vaccine, was having trouble getting his test cultures to grow in the early stages of his research," Dr. Drea said. "He mentioned about the zinc technique and in no time, the cultures were growing satisfactorily."

Another enzyme? They may be the solution to many health problems of today. Or knowledge of them may just be another step in scientific investigation of disease and malfunctions.

But it will take many Dr. Drea's with the attitude and intelligence to do this.

**IN ADDITION** to his extensive experiments, the doctor co-authored the book, "The Metabolism of the Tubercle Bacillus" with Dr. Anatole Andrejew of the Pasteur Institute of Paris.

Dr. Drea spent three years translating Dr. Andrejew's findings from French into English and consulting with publishers. The completion of the volume was delayed a year when Dr. Andrejew became ill.

With several grants to aid his study in the past, Dr. Drea worked steadily. Now in Birmingham with no financial backing, he is determined to continue looking for and hoping to find the answers to questions of science.

**BUT DR. DREA** does not confine his efforts to the laboratory. He belongs to many clubs, associations, societies... and has four grand-children.

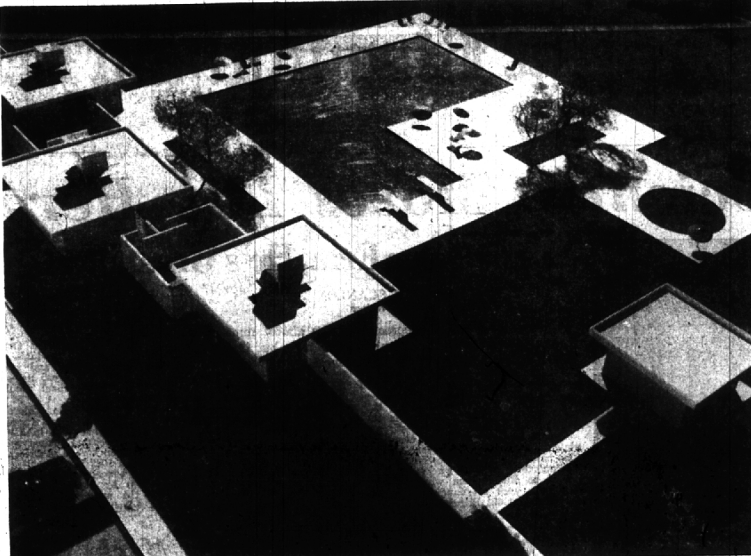
Besides, he is the son of Kieran Drea and Julia Dunn. That's just too much Irish to keep isolated in a lab!

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## Cool Summer Ahead

Due for use this summer, according to Frank Straub, of Birkerts and Straub, Birmingham architects, is the Troy Manor Swimming Club. The project has the preliminary approval of the Troy planning commission. Construction is to start within a month, and the pool is scheduled to open to its 300 member families "in early June," Straub said. A neighborhood project, the pool will be built on a two-acre site in the Trotton Manor subdivision at the end of Brookwood. Membership will be limited to families

in an area bounded by Adams, Derby, Coolidge and Wattles roads. The club was started by Chuck Hooker, 1095 Brookwood, Troy. The layout includes an olympic-sized pool (42x82-feet), a diving "cell" (20x30 feet) dressing areas, lockers and showers, a circular sprinkler pool for children. It will be screened from homes by landscaping and a six-foot solid wall. Cost of the project is estimated at \$100,000 to \$120,000.

## Coombe Hearing Set To Ask Bail To Free Nelle

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The major changes, he went on, Coombe asked for a change in curriculum planning methods so faculty committee reports would come directly to the board.

**HE ASKED** that a curriculum committee be set up for the entire school system, to meet regularly to consider overall objectives and the reports of the teacher committees.

This group would submit a report to the Superintendent. The superintendent would submit his own report and long-range recommendations, with reports from teacher and the system-wide committees. To the board before final budget consideration.

"By any rate, prior to the hiring of any teachers for said succeeding year," Coombe said.

"**IF I CAN'T** get written reports, I can't do my job," he went on. "I have no tangible appreciation of where we are going. This drifting is the fault of school boards—ours and others in other parts of the country," he contended.

Board member Bennett Root would not agree that the school system was "drifting." The superintendent plan "already exists, though not as formally set up as is suggested," Root pointed out.

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ing Mrs. Lassiter and Watson, both of whom were suspected. Olsen said the "deal" enabled him to file murder — non-prosecuted charges against "the real procurers and perpetrators."

**THE THREE**, Richard Jones, 28, Roy C. Hicks, 37, and Charles W. Nash, 42, testified against Mrs. Lassiter and Watson at their examination.

Said Olsen, "It is conceivable that if we had gone on and convicted them of first degree murder, the testimony they gave at the

examination would not have been available to us."

Dean Charles R. Brink, and Dr. Charles Lebovitz, 175 South Grandbrook, Birmingham, associate professor in the school of social work, Wayne State University, will preside at the 6th annual social work forum, March 18, on the Wayne State University campus. Speakers will discuss the question of social reform in health and welfare.

Justice Makers ordered the pair held for trial and bound the case over to first court.

**MRS. LASSITER**, 38, of 19690 Beverly, Beverly Hills, is accused of arranging with Watson for two men to kill her husband, Preston L. Lassiter, Regal Oak car dealer. She is held in Wayne county jail pending her circuit court trial on first-degree murder and conspiracy charges.

Last week Wayne county Prosecutor Samuel H. Olsen defended the three confessed slayers to plead guilty to a lesser charge of second degree murder in return for their given information implicating by administrators.

**Heart Association Has Local Names On Officer List**  
New officers took their posts in the Michigan Heart association at a Board of Trustees' meeting, March 10.  
Ben L. Johnston, M.D., a Detroit heart specialist, is president. James Zeder, 1040 Orchard ridge road, Bloomfield Hills, was elected one of several vice presidents.  
New members elected to the board of trustees included Harold Burrows, 265 Manor, Bloomfield township, Re-elected to the board was Dr. F. T. Hedrick, 925 Woodberry road, Bloomfield Hills.

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