



Looking Over the Situation

Some 140 out-of-town school principals toured Derby and Groves Junior High Schools this week between sessions of the National Association of Secondary School Principals convention at Cobo Hall. Robert Ford (second from left), principal of Derby, explains the facilities of one of Derby's four science rooms to (from left) Jay C. Danielson of Kansas City, Mo., Miss Elva Warrington of Wilmington, Del., Mrs. Kathryn Hurst of Lincoln, Neb., and Ronald Delapp of Minneapolis, Minn. Tours were arranged to demonstrate instructional programs and operational procedures.

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Refuses to Testify; Jailed for Contempt

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Dr. Donald C. Somers, 69, of 4205 Valley Forge, Bloomfield Township, refused to spend night in jail for contempt of court rather than answer a subpoena to testify in a damage suit involving a 12-year-old boy.

The physician based his refusal on the contention a ruse was used to serve the subpoena. Dr. Somers said he had been "harassed, hounded, badgered and threatened by one attorney after another," to testify in court cases, for which he receives the standard witness fee of \$6.50 per day. He said he was tired of lawyers who expect him to "testify as an ordinary witness, never as an expert."

The boys was treated by the physician for a broken leg suffered in an accident in Southfield in 1958. Somers said the boy's father made an appointment as a patient and handed the doctor a subpoena upon arrival for treatment.

"IF A LAWYER knows a case is coming up and contacts me, of course, I'll testify, but not this way," Somers commented.

He was arrested on a bench warrant in his office last Thursday afternoon, taken to court and jailed by Circuit Court Judge Clark J. Adams when he refused to testify in court.

Judge Adams told Somers he had responsibilities as a citizen as

Hills Marks Auto Fatal

A 73-year-old Orion man became Bloomfield Hills' first fatal accident victim of the year Feb. 8 when his car went out of control and struck a tree.

The victim, Clarence C. Stuart, was dead on arrival at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac. Stuart was driving north on Woodward and lost control of his car 500 feet past Long Lake Road. The vehicle went into the parkway and struck a tree, an accident occurred at 6:25 p.m.

HILLS POLICE believe Stuart may have suffered a heart attack. No autopsy was made.

Artist to Present Slide Showing at BAA Tonight

Aesthetic scenes of Europe that captured the eye of a local artist will be shown at 8 tonight at the Bloomfield Art Association.

Artist Betty Conn of Southfield will show select group of stereoslides she took while traveling recently in Portugal, Spain, Italy, Greece, the Greek Islands and France.

The program, open to the public, will be at BAA headquarters, 361 North Woodward, Birmingham, 2-27.

MRS. CONN, wife of contemporary architect James Conn, attended the Cranbrook Academy of Art. She is an instructor in ceramics and mosaics at the Jewish Community Center and also participates in a program on the arts from 9 to 10 p.m. Sundays on Detroit's FM cultural radio station.

Her most recent commission was "Water Bugle," a fountain in the center of a Livonia shopping center.

The Community House has been a hot spot for "doing for one another" that has carried on into each neighborhood and built the spirit of the community-minded spirit for which Birmingham is so well known.

"We must never permit ourselves to forget that the Community House is a fountain in the center of a Livonia shopping center."

OUR LOCAL government is the third overall function that I mentioned. Perhaps it is the least conspicuous or least understood. Government is not just taxes, assessments, sewers and fire halls.

It is the development force that also creates within financial limitations recreation facilities, our park systems, our highway beautification, our library

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IT IS HERE that I am challenging everyone in our community to do an effort to assure our children of at least as good if not a better community that we have now. It is the development force in creating as much parking as is feasible possible to make and keep Birmingham as an unusually high quality shopping city.

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CITIZENSHIP is defined as "owing allegiance in return for political rights and privileges."

Let us owe allegiance and a real interest in these three over-all functions.

NEXT WEEK'S guest Community House will be Henry Wolfenden, mayor of Bloomfield Hills.)

Colbert Answers Charges Made By W. C. Newberg

L. L. Colbert, chairman of the board and president of Chrysler, last week answered charges made in a suit filed by William C. Newberg, former president who was forced to resign last year.

The charges, Colbert said, "are baseless and fantastic and do grave injustice to our company. These charges constitute an unwarranted attack on the integrity of his former associates at Chrysler."

Newberg asserted that Colbert was the head of a conspiracy to blame him for the fruit of mismanagement in the firm.

COLBERT concluded, "Regrettably, this whole episode, stemming from Mr. Newberg's financial interests in supplier companies, has done grave injury to our company and to the men responsible for its management, whose integrity has been established beyond question in the searching and thorough inquiries and investigations that have been made into their business and personal affairs."

City Police to Get 2 New Scout Cars

Birmingham's police department is going to get two new patrol cars. City commissioners Monday night accepted the low bid of \$110,94 from Birmingham Rambler, Inc. for two Ambassador models.

"ALTHOUGH WE have not purchased Rambler automobiles to date," said Police Chief Ralph McKee, "I believe the Ambassador compares with the standard models of the low priced three and in no way should the Ambassador Rambler be considered as a compact car."

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Problem

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We also recognize the county board of supervisors probably are concerned in suddenly having to almost double its annual appropriation for this clinic service.

As a workable compromise to this financial problem, we suggest: That the clinic's need for additional funds be immediately recognized by a special \$10,000 appropriation. That in 1962, another \$10,000 be provided. And in 1963, the final portion be allotted to bring the clinic's program back to what it is today.

MEANWHILE, THE CLINIC WOULD assure the supervisors that it will refashion its program this year to require only a \$42,500 county contribution. The 1962 program then would require no more than a \$52,500 county participation. In 1963, the supervisors would provide the final \$7,000.

We believe this can be done without undue hardship on either the clinic and the board of supervisors, to the end that the people of the county are served by the social welfare and municipal services of the respective groups.

EMERGENCY WELFARE CLASSES PLANNED

Another training course in Civil Defense emergency welfare services has been completed in the area of immediate plans for additional day and night classes have been made.

Mrs. E. H. Davies, 1670 Hamwood, and Mrs. J. Lacy, 1780 Hillwood, both of Bloomfield Hills, may be contacted for information as well as Mr. and Mrs. J. Gilland, 3355 Charing Way, Birmingham.

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Five Area Mayors Swap Jobs in May

Five Birmingham area mayors will participate in Mayors' Exchange Day May 22. They will be among some 400 Michigan mayors who will swap jobs for a day as a highlight of Michigan Week, May 21-27.

Mayor Florence H. Willett of Birmingham; **Richard N. Cogger** of Lathrup-Eau Claire; **Marvin B. Cline** of Beverly Hills; **William D. L. Swanson** of Southfield-Wyandotte; and **Robert Huber** of Troy-Croce Pointe Farms.

The drawings for pairings were held at Lansing's Civic Hall with Governor Swainson and state and city officials attending.

This & That

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COMMUNITY, anxious to learn and do, is in ATTENDING and sharing in these many functions that I am so deeply aware of the sincerity and dedication of each group, each with its high goals and purposes.

What am I leading up to? It is evident that each organization within our community is founded on a specific interest. It is evident that there is a growing interest in local affairs within many of these groups, or — as mayor I would not have been asked to share in their programming.

What I am now asking of our community is to increase our interest in the WHOLE community.

THERE ARE three functions within Birmingham that in my mind serve the community as a whole. These are (1) our local newspaper, (2) our Community House, and (3) our local government.

Our local newspaper is our means of communication on a neighbor-to-neighbor basis. Many of us assume that means reading social columns and death notices.

On the contrary, there is much to be read about how neighboring cities are meeting their local needs, what goes on in school activities and in church families, and certainly there is a generous coverage of Birmingham government and its activities. The more we expect of this kind of reporting, the more we show our interest. Then the more we shall receive.

TO NEWCOMERS in the last decade, perhaps the importance of the Community House as an over-all function is not fully appreciated. We know it is nationally known as a unique non-tax supported facility, but we do not remind ourselves often enough that the spirit of co-operation that built the Community House is the same spirit that has reflected itself throughout Birmingham and its

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