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SECTION A

Serving the Citizens of Michigan's Finest Suburban Residential Area

He who allows personal animosity toward another to enter his heart... well, such a person becomes the victim of a "mental poison" as harmful as being addicted to some form of narcotics. It is one thing to oppose, fight against, the other man; but another may manifest—but only when you separate the evil from the person. Do not hate the man, but hate the evil he does, and yet retain the other's respect, even affection.

Poetic Venture

... results in patriotism at tender age. See page 1-B for the literary efforts of youngsters at Quanton School.

Off To Races

... and Pine Lake Country Club. See page 1-C for photographs and a story on the club's past and present.

Case Histories

... based on actual, typical situations from the files of the Family Service of Oakland County begin in this issue of The Eccentric. See page 5-D for the first of six articles.

Pilot's Problems

... result in excitement. Read about the man who used 14 Mile Road as a runway on page 1-E.

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Cultural Council Proposed for B'ham, B'field

Plans are under way today to form a cultural council for the Birmingham-Bloomfield area. The Birmingham Arts Festival Commission (BAFC) has announced that it is contributing \$300 toward formation of such a council. Robert A. Thom, BAFC member, said this group foresees a cultural council as an agency through which the arts and sciences, theater, literature, the dance or music, could work together.

At the Birmingham Community House... The 1961 Stratford (Ontario) Plays, a study of the plays scheduled for the 1961 season, to be led by Dr. Leo Kirschbaum, WSU Shakespearean authority. Discussions will be at 8 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Feb. 2, at Baldwin Public Library.

ONE OF THE first projects proposed for the council is sponsorship of three Detroit Adventure "Conversations in the Arts" scheduled for presentation in Birmingham, beginning Jan. 28. The beginning of a cultural council have already been fore-shadowed by the BAFC. Through it, leaders of the Bloomfield Art Association and other local organizations cooperate in planning the annual Birmingham Arts Festival.

DETROIT Adventure is a cooperative effort to bring Detroit's numerous cultural facilities to the attention of more people.

It is a program supported by 19 Detroit cultural and educational institutions.

Now in its third year, Detroit (See COUNCIL, 3-A)

This and That

by George R. Averill

Measuring Value Returned from Education's Cost

Durwood E. (Woody) Varner is the Chancellor of Michigan State University, East Lansing. He is a branch of the East Lansing parent institution that was founded in 1847. He is an enthusiastic about education, as an enthusiast about education, as you can find in a year's tramping of educational camps.

THOM SAID other proposed goals of the new council are to act as an instrument for facilitating the continuing development of the community's cultural and educational activities.

Plans call for the council to be comprised of representatives of organizations and individuals who have known interest in the arts. Among the council members invited to attend the luncheon planning session Tuesday are Birmingham Mayor Albert B. Sikes, Jr., B. McMechan, novelist Sylvia Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Mirona S. Sikes, Mrs. Sikes, Mrs. Sikes, Saarin and Mrs. William H. McGaughey.

OTHERS ARE members of the newly-appointed Michigan Cultural Council: C. Allen Hartz, Jr., Detroit; Robert H. Hartz, director of Cranbrook Institute of Science, and Henry S. Booth. Attending as advisors will be the mayor and Mrs. James M. McHugh, Beverly Hills, Detroit; Dr. Robert H. Hartz, director of Cranbrook Institute of Science, and Henry S. Booth.

THE THREE local "Conversations in the Arts" scheduled are: "The Modern Revolution in Art," the Modern Revolution in Art, forms of our time and the questions they raise about standards of judgment. Leader will be Seymour Riklin, lecturer in the Wayne State University division of adult education.

Park Smith Smith Heads Fire Chiefs Association

Birmingham Fire Chief Park Smith will be installed as president of the Southeast Michigan Fire Chiefs Association at a banquet at 7:30 p.m. today at Huck's Redford Inn, 25241 Grand River, Detroit.

HE WAS FIRST assistant under Chief Vern Griffith, one of the 25 founders of the fire chiefs association. Today, the organization has some 140 members.

IN A MOMENT of factious exchange of pleasantries with Woody, he revealed one of his "top secret" aids to education by saying: "For some time I have been working with some scientists on an electronic machine which can ascertain the amount of education that a student has acquired during his attendance, from entrance to graduation."

OF COURSE, WOODY and the others in the small group chuckled considerably at this announcement of mine... said chuckles quickly changing to "outright opposition" when I continued: "However, I am planning another use for this electronic machine. Woody it will be used to determine the quantity and quality of education and teaching know-how each member of faculty possesses... then specific salary schedules can be developed."

'Human Relations' Topic Of Lecture at Town Hall

Birmingham's Town Hall audience will hear about "Human Relations in a Changing World" today and Friday when Dr. Sigmund H. Blanton, one of the deans of modern psychiatry, steps up to the podium.

Dr. Blanton is associate founder and director of the American Foundation for Religion and Psychiatry and director of the Religious Psychology Clinic at the University of Chicago. He studied and worked in London and worked in Vienna with Dr. Sigmund Freud.

WOODY'S sense of humor forced me to admit that I was merely trying to out-Varner Varner, the author of "Around the World in Eighty Days," "Why Water Always Flows Downward" and "Education: Its Value to Barbarians."

An Important Message

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DR. BLANTON worked at the University of Wisconsin as professor of speech and mental hygiene, organized and directed the Bureau of Social Psychiatry at the University of Chicago. He is also a clinical professor of psychiatric medicine at the University of Chicago College of Medicine and is associated with the University of Michigan.

Americans Disclose Things to Come This Year

Sewer Projects Rank 1st Among Community Goals

By OUR STAFF WRITERS
As the door closed on another year of governmental activity, the aspirations and plans of officials opened another to the anticipated progress of 1961.

need for parking relief in the Southwest Quadrant, it is forced to tackle the jobs one at a time.

What's in store for Birmingham and its neighboring communities? The mayors and city managers of the surrounding areas offer a keyhole peek at future programs.

NEW BRIDGES OVER the Rouge River at Northlawn, Willits and Oak streets are also planned. They are expected to be constructed by the fall according to Gare. The existing bridges, said Mrs. Willett, are weak and too narrow for traffic flow.

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Second top project will be additional parking area in the downtown business district. Plans are in process for the acquisition and enlargement of existing parking facilities in the Northwest Quadrant which will be increased from 250 to about 400 parking spaces.

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Although the city is aware of the

SCHEDULED DEFINITELY will be a \$400,000 extension of the curb and street resurfacing program in several areas of the city including the central business district, said Mrs. Willett.

Hills Commissioners Begin Study into Future of City

By JOE CADARIU, Staff Writer
It's time we started to think about the future of Bloomfield Hills, and what it is going to look like within the next 10 years. These were the words of Commissioner John Bugas at Tuesday's monthly commission meeting.

COFFICE OF CITY ORDINANCES is expected and revision of present conflicting peddlers' and solicitors' ordinances will be considered.

Judges Named For B'ham Swan Contest

See Photo 8-C
Seaholm chiefs sponsoring Birmingham's name-the-swans contest today named four judges for the contest.

ACCORDING to the police report, the intersection of Woodward and Long Lake Road had more accidents, 56, than any other intersection in Bloomfield Hills. Forty-six accidents occurred at the intersection in 1959.

BY NOT USING property we have available, the city is not getting possible revenues. Within a year, I'm sure, we'll get back the money we are going to invest with this professional planning corporation," said Draper as he made the proposal.

JAMES A. BERESFORD, mayor of Northlawn, Mich., presiding over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Henry Woodford, named the judges for the contest.

Teen Traffic Court To Convene Today

The second session of the Birmingham Teen Traffic Court will be held from 9 a.m. to noon today in the commission chambers in city hall.

ANNOUNCEMENT of their selection was made by Steve Nore and Sue MacLean, chairman of the judging committee.

Stop, Look In Your B'ham Stores

It means this light? It means something of value for YOU. When you see this light, stop and look for values—values in merchandise offered in "Birmingham Bonus Days," a sales promotion of the Retail Merchants Division of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce.

Parking Lot Hearing To Resume Monday

A public hearing on confirmation of the assessment roll for the Island View parking lot on N. Woodward in Birmingham will be resumed Monday night.

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Jaycees Seek Nominees For Man of Year Award

Birmingham Jaycees are looking for the "Man of the Year." They are seeking nominees in the age group of 21 and 35, from the Birmingham Hills-Bloomfield area, to honor with their Distinguished Service Award.

Physician of the Year

Dr. John K. Ormond, 31060 Marlin Court, Beverly Hills, noted urologist and medical missionary, stepped to the microphone to address members of the Oakland County Medical Society and Women's Auxiliary at a dinner honoring him as "Physician of the Year" last week at the Birmingham Country Club.

Revenue from added areas to the department's existing revenue base (See WATER, 3-A)

Action Paves Way For Huron Water

Following action this week by Detroit Common Council, Lake Huron water is one step closer to area communities today.

THE MARCH of Dimes is putting on a drive to round up all the loose change in the Birmingham area during the month of January, reports Arthur Lake, 100 S. Woodward, Birmingham, area chairman for the Oakland County chapter of the March of Dimes.

Date of Mothers' March in Dimes Drive Changed

THE DATE FOR the annual Mothers' March in Oakland County has been changed, according to an announcement by George W. Kuhn, county campaign chairman.

THIS STEP, he said, is of particular significance to communities in Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair counties who are, or plan to be, customers of the Detroit system.

THE METROPOLITAN load committee to develop at the present rate," said Remus, "will have the first portion of the Lake Huron facilities completed in 1957. That means we will have to begin construction by 1964."

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THEY EMPHASIZE that the winner need not be a member of the Jaycees.

THE "MAN of the Year" will be chosen by a board of judges, who have not yet been named. In their opinion, he will be the young man who has "contributed most to the general welfare of the community and who has shown evidence of leadership ability and has evidenced progress in his personal life and education."

Previous winners are Arthur Lake, 1959; Harold Kalbfleisch, 1958; Jack Roberts, 1957; James Couzens, 1956; Dick Wilson, 1955; and...