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Perhaps one of the average person's fail- ure to make continued progress toward the achievement of a happy and secure life is the unwillingness to learn from his own mistakes—and, also very important, learning from the observed mistakes that others may make. So much of our life encounters problems, barriers of various kinds, that only experience can provide the necessary answers. Mistakes ought to be warnings not to repeat them.

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# Republicans Woolfeben, Van Dusen nominated

## B'ham to Sponsor Governor's Safety Conference

## Democrats Choose Kavanagh, Tilchin

### This and That

by George R. Averill

Those U.S. astronauts certainly possess more than an average portion of humor—which probably is one of the important ingredients of being astronauts. When interviewed over TV last week, Capt. Virgil "Gus" Grissom, the second man to escape the perils of a capsule, said: "Yes, it's quite a thrill... I recommend that everyone try it." Too, if you saw films of both flights of Grissom and Cmdr. Alan Shepard, were you not impressed with their intangibility, plus the easy camaraderie manner they displayed toward each other?

"Anna" is the name of this year's first hurricane that originated in the south Atlantic, and crossed the Caribbean Sea, spending itself over Central America. How many more feminine names will be called upon to identify these dangerous disturbances cannot be prophesied. But they are fearsome menaces to life and property. At some of us who were on the fringes of last August's "Donna" down Florida-way remember.

The UAW makes the heaviest, financially speaking, demands it ever has made on the auto industry, so the Big Three says. It all adds up to more inflation. . . yet leaders on what scientific grounds they can say this we do not know, unless they assume that higher production costs will be absorbed by denying the stockholders any dividends and by some mysterious alchemy that would cause the federal government to waive future tax claims against the motor industry.

Michigan's former Gov. Williams, traveling in the African Congo, tells "me" that the United States hopes "to see the Congo establish a government of national union." Noble words, Soapy. Why not add that before this can happen you hope that inter-tribal warfare will stop, that cannibalism will cease, and that the Congo will be able to do a bit of thinking . . . and after they've had several more generations of thinking they may be able to manifest sufficient mass semi-civilization so that they may even consider a national union.

As I write this column this week (July 21) the Con-Con delegate election has not taken place. No doubt for the local district, Nor do either Jean Ketchum or Henry Woolfeben will have been elected on the Republican ticket, however it is, he or she probably will be elected at the general election Sept. 12. And he or she, no doubt—as far as this crop of delegates goes—will be head and shoulders above the IQ. of most of the State's other 143 Con-Con members.

After six months in the White House, President Kennedy is reported to have become aware of the tremendous responsibilities of that office. That is good. Now, if he can continue to improve (and this will be more certain if he ceases to play politics and if he quiets his warring brother Bobby) on this job, he may measure up better to the stature his countrymen expect of him. At least that can be the prayer of every American, these most terrifying days of world-upset.

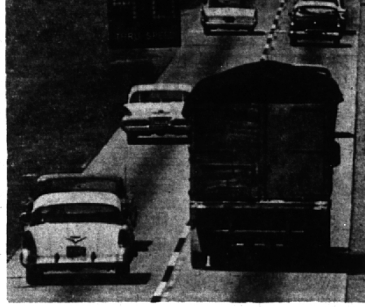
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Bonus Days, sponsored by the Retail Merchants' Division of Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, is a sales event in which each merchant selects one unusual item to offer at a special feature price.

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Here's how the Traffic Pacer works. Signs overhead advise motorists of the speed to drive to make the next green light. The system is designed to move vehicles in an uninterrupted row without excessive stops at intersections.

## B'ham Man Designs New Signal System

by JESS MAXWELL  
Staff Writer

A Birmingham resident has developed a unique traffic signal pacer system, now in operation on Hoard Road, Warren.

Harold M. Morrison, 630 Pilling, a member of the engineering mechanics department of the General Motors Technical Center, is mainly responsible for the new system, the first of its kind in the country.

The Traffic Pacer system consists of a series of illuminated speed advisory signals hanging over the center of the pavement.

THE SIGNALS, resembling football scoreboard numbers, advise the motorist the speed to travel to make the next green traffic signal.

The system took two years for Morrison and a GM's engineering staff to develop in cooperation with the Macomb County Road Commission.

"As a producer of automobiles, we at General Motors are interested in the environment in which they operate," Morrison said.

"We don't plan to market it," Morrison said, "because we are not in the traffic signal business. All patents were dedicated to the public domain."

THE TRAFFIC PACER SYSTEM is designed to facilitate the flow of traffic through signals.

"It tells you how to make the lights, not beat them," Morrison said. "The system helps the motorist to take advantage of shorter

trip time and fewer stops for lights."

The system has been set up on a four-mile stretch of Mound Road for a 12-week study.

The study is designed to determine whether the Pacer is the best system for future widespread use.

QUESTIONNAIRES will be passed out to motorists to obtain driver opinions.

"The state police, highway department and highway engineers are watching the results closely," Morrison said.

He said that three different studies will be included in the testing period. A new study will be made for each of a three-week period.

For the first week, the regular traffic signal system will be used.

For the second week, a progressive system will be used, where all signals are green if the motorist travels at fixed speed.

For the third week, the Traffic Pacer system will be used, where the motorist travels at variable speeds in order to make the lights.

MORRISON IS ALSO working on a model of an automatic highway for the engineering department.

"The model will show us what a complete automatic road would look like," Morrison said. "It might be the road of the future."

Morrison is a native of Lake Forest, Ill. He has a master's degree in engineering science from Purdue.

He was selected as the Outstanding Young Engineer of 1961 by the Engineering Society of Detroit.

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BBD — Birmingham Bonus Days — those are the magic words this week.

These mean extra special bargains for shoppers.

Like butter at 45 cents per pound; seamless hosiery, 3 for \$1; stereo records, \$1.98; men's bathing suits at 50 per cent off; 100 per cent cashmere coats, \$69; men's silk ties, \$1.50; men's summer suits, \$15.90; 100 per cent wool skirts, \$4.99.

Plus see what some of these outstanding values are, turn now to Section D and look for the sign BBD — Birmingham Bonus Days in four pages of special advertisements.

Then visit the stores.

Executive Profile Series Will Resume Next Week

## Aug. 16 Set For Swainson Address Here

By LES LANGLOIS  
City Editor

Local and state officials will congregate in Bloomfield Township Aug. 16 for a Birmingham-sponsored Governor's Regional Traffic Safety Conference.

Representing the Southeastern Michigan region, the Birmingham conference will kick off a series of five other similar regional meetings during August throughout the state.

Scheduled to be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Devon Gables at W. Long Lake Road and Telegraph, the conference is expected to attract some 250 persons interested in the state's traffic problems.

MAYOR FLORENCE H. Willett will chair the conference with Gov. John B. Swainson as keynote speaker. The governor's luncheon address will be "Legislation for Safety."

Police Chief Ralph W. Mosley is coordinating the conference.

"We are very honored to sponsor this conference in our area," said Mosley, "and we are confident that the fine spirit and cooperation by the participating officials and citizens will achieve some positive steps in furthering traffic safety in Michigan."

ACCORDING TO the Michigan State Safety Commission, experts predict that this decade will see 100 million drivers traveling over a billion miles annually.

At present rates, according to the experts, this projects into a bloody nightmare of 500,000 deaths and 16 million injuries.

MAYOR WILLETT will open the conference, followed by a statement of the state's safety picture by the governor or a delegate.

S. N. Platt, chairman of Michigan City and County Traffic Commission, will be in charge.

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"In order to realize the benefit of a very favorable position Birmingham is in regarding borrowing money, we recommend that we issue bonds to fund its entire share of its assessment for the Twelve Towns Drain."

It is anticipated that we will prepare \$463,857.51 from funds now on hand which have been accumulated for this purpose. This would leave a balance of \$1,500,000 to be realized through the sale of bonds."

Executive Profile Series Will Resume Next Week



As F. Ward Ouradnik, new executive director of the Birmingham Community House, studies the organization's records on his first day in his new position, resigning director Mrs. Effie Schaffer lends a hand—and an ear—by answering the telephone.

## Community Affairs Interest Ouradnik

By IRMA N. DAVIS  
Staff Writer

When asked what her daddy does, Sandra Lee, the seven-year-old daughter of F. Ward Ouradnik, got a better interest in Community affairs and organizations.

"But," she says, "we are interested in the Birmingham Community House, 'Sunday night is family night.' We also do lots of things together over the weekends."

Ouradnik is quick to point out that he decided to take on my job here with his tremendous challenge," the director says.

His new duties will involve supervision of house operations, co-ordinating, helping to develop new programs and promote activities "and, of course, the board has some long-range plans."

Ouradnik is quick to point out that he "will be working with and under the board. They're an exciting group, full of intriguing ideas."

He is equally quick to give credit to his predecessor, Mrs. Effie Schaffer, former executive director.

"She has been very helpful and has done a beautiful job here. I certainly hope she will continue her association with the Community House."

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## Democracy's Choice

With Henry L. Woolfeben and Richard Van Dusen leading the way, Republicans out-poled Democrats in the third and fourth legislative districts in Tuesday's Constitutional Convention primary election.

As predicted, voting proved tight (averaging 30 per cent and less) throughout the Birmingham-Bloomfield areas.

IN THE THIRD DISTRICT, Republican candidates drew a total of 11,650 votes to the Democrats' 12,854.

IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT, Republicans drew 5,838 to the Democrats' 4,500.

Woolfeben and Van Dusen were the third district Republican nominees with 6,077 votes, its closest competitor, Jean Ketchum, drew 3,487.

ASHER TILCHIN was unopposed on the Democratic ticket in the fourth district with 1,556. Second behind him was Leo Meagher with 647.

Woolfeben will vie with Tilchin for election as delegate from their district in the Con-Con delegate election Sept. 12.

And Van Dusen will compete against Kavanagh for delegate from their district.

NOT ON TUESDAY'S primary ballot because they were unopposed within their party were Republican George Morrison and Democrat William O'Brien.

Delegates elect Sept. 12 will meet in convention in Lansing Oct. 3 to convene revision of the state constitution.

WEST BLOOMFIELD Township (See NOMINATED, 3-A)

## Troy Resident Sues Bell for 'Unfair Rates'

By LES LANGLOIS  
City Editor

A Troy resident is suing Michigan Bell Telephone Co. for "charging unfair and discriminatory rates on (short haul) toll calls."

The chancery suit brought by John C. Garner, 6861 Dublin road, labels the telephone company's rate structure in the North Woodward suburb of Birmingham, Bloomfield, Troy, Clawson and nearby communities as being "age, outdated and uneconomic."

Garner, a 56-year-old used machinery dealer, who is acting as his own legal counsel, filed the suit Friday in Oakland County Circuit Court.

CIRCUIT JUDGE Clark J. Adams has ordered a hearing for 9 a.m. Aug. 7 in which Michigan Bell must show cause why an injunction against the company's rate schedule should not be issued.

John D. Kamego, manager of Michigan Bell's Pontiac office, said, "We have been ordered by the court to show cause why the injunction should not be issued. We intend to do just that, and we are confident that Mr. Garner's complaint will prove groundless."

Garner, who lives about 1.3 miles north of Troy, contends he was billed on a 10-minute rate for a transmission station on Crooks Road.

(See RATES, 3-A)

DURKEE, BEING groomed since January to take over when Gibbs Aug. 1, will begin his new duties Aug. 1.

He worked closely with George Romney in the CFM drive for a Constitutional Convention. Romney now, Republican nominee for Con-Con delegate from the 12th senatorial district.

Bill Durkee probably one of the state's top experts on constitutional revision, said Charles A. Ferry, Oakland GOP public relations director.

Durkee, 35, lives in Detroit but plans to move to the north end of Southfield on Sept. 1.

WHEN GIBBS reports to Lansing on Aug. 1 for orientation, he will take with him 40-page blue-print for revitalizing the state's public affairs. Durkee, 29, drew praise for the plan earlier this year from former Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

In his new \$12,000-a-year job, he will assume leadership of the GOP state Central Committee's office in Detroit, which serves the entire southern part of the state—Oakland, Wayne, Macomb, Washtenaw and Monroe counties.

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