

Pleads Guilty; Faces Sentence By Judge Adams

WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Heroin B. Bem, 37, 3363 Elder St. pleaded guilty before Circuit Judge Clark J. Adams on March 7 on a count of negligent homicide. He will be sentenced Friday.

Bem was awaiting trial in Circuit Court on a manslaughter charge in the March 13, 1960 death of Lee R. Collins, 20, and his wife Marie, 19, of Pontiac.

THE COUPLE was killed and three others injured in a two-car head-on collision on Williams Lake Road in Waterford Township. The accident occurred just north of Cooley Lake Road. Bem was one of the injured in the crash.

Witnesses said the defendant's car passed them at a high rate of speed. He admitted that he had been drinking to Sheriff Deputy Ted Robinson.

HOWEVER, Prosecutor George F. Taylor said on March 8 that a doctor's affidavit showed the alcoholic content of Bem's blood was not high enough to establish intoxication to win a manslaughter case against him.

Holdup, 2 Thefts Plague Township Over Weekend

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Two neighboring homes were ransacked and a Kroger Grocery at Miracle Mile Shopping Center held up by a handit armed with a .38 caliber pistol in three weekend crimes.

The assistant manager of the supermarket, Roland Barrett, 27, and a stockboy, Leroy Brooks, 19, and 24 to Police they were stopped in the parking lot as they closed the market. They were held at gunpoint for an hour while the thief took money from the safe and cash registers.

A Kroger spokesman said the amount taken was about \$7,300. The armed handit was described as a Negro, about five feet, eight inches tall, weight about 160 pounds. His face was covered with a white cloth during the holdup.

A THEFT DISCOVERED late Saturday by Ray Herro at his home, 7523 Greenwich Road, accounted for most of the loss in the two burglaries.

Missing was \$2,400 in cash, \$500 worth of silver dollars, \$100 in gold certificates and gold pieces, 32 bottles of liquor, four cameras, power tools, a man's ring, three wrist watches and a suitcase.

Norman C. McCarthy, who lives next door at 7405 Greenwich Road, discovered the theft of about \$250 in cash early Sunday morning. Two bottles of liquor and a woman's diamond engagement ring were also taken from the McCarthy home.

Judge Files Suit For Designation On April 3 Ballot

SOUTHFIELD—Associate Municipal Judge Alex C. Ferris wants to be designated "Incumbent Municipal Judge" on the April 3 ballot. He has filed suit against the city's Election Commission to win such a designation.

The commission contends that only Municipal Judge Clarence A. Reid Jr. should be so designated on the ballot. Commission members are Mayor Donald L. Swanson, City Clerk Patrick G. Flannery and City Attorney James C. Allen.

The three commission members were ordered to appear in Circuit Court Monday to answer the suit.

FERRIS claims he is entitled to be so designated because he has served as Associate Judge. In an opinion mailed to the other commissioners last week, Allen said the city charter establishes the positions of Municipal and Associate Judges two separate offices.

He said there is no provision for a ballot designation of Incumbent Associate Municipal Judge.

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B'field Village PTA Spelling Bee Tests Parents Too

The Bloomfield Village School PTA held a spelling bee at its Tuesday meeting.

The program started with Dr. F. M. Adams and Mrs. Jean Kelly conducting the bee. Children in the bee were students in the second through fifth grade. Some were selected by their teachers as starters but all children were invited to participate.

Elementary spellers were Dr. Douglas Lachman, Charles Wilson,

Southfield High Will Begin New Graduation Policy

Certificates of attainment instead of diplomas will be granted in June to Southfield High students who have not maintained high grade averages.

The Southfield Board of Education approved, at its Feb. 27 meeting, the plan which would grant the certificates to pupils who have not maintained at least a 1.5 (D+) grade average during their four years of high school.

Lathrup Residents Get 'Tree Program' Letter

LATHRUP—A letter to residents from the forestry advisory committee asked citizen's cooperation on the annual Tree Saver program. Noting that tree loss because of Dutch Elm disease had dropped elm trees be sprayed. The city from 160 trees in 1956 to about 18 officers per year for 1960 and 1961, the committee requested residents to take two steps.

Property owners were asked to count street trees bordering their property, between the sidewalk and street, and to send two dollars

These students, however, will not participate in commencement exercises.

"We feel that a diploma signifies that a student has met not only 'quantity' requirements but also 'quality' requirements," said principal Robert E. Hall. "We are trying to keep our students from 'coasting through' with a minimum of effort; we want to place more emphasis on our diploma."

A STUDENT receiving a certificate will terminate his high school education, but would still have the option of returning to school to raise his grade average. Should he improve his grades, a regular diploma could be granted a later date.

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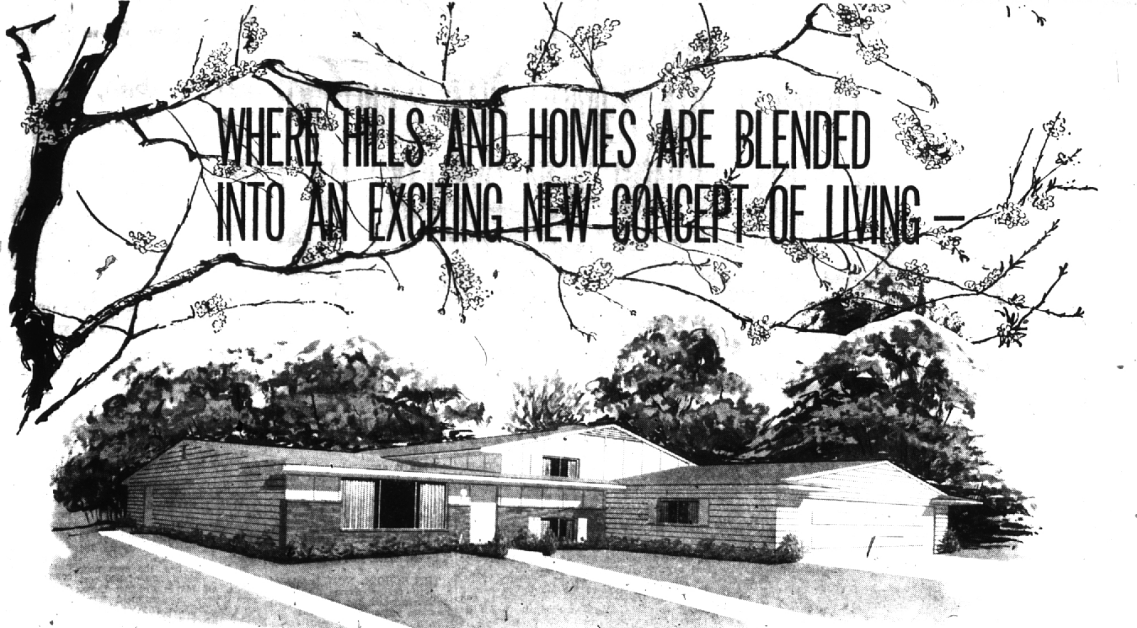
per tree to the program, mailing it to the House-in-the-Woods. The letter suggested that trees, other than city trees, should be pruned and maintained and that Dutch Elm disease had dropped elm trees be sprayed. The city from 160 trees in 1956 to about 18 officers per year for 1960 and 1961, the committee requested residents to take two steps.

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Information on tree and shrub maintenance explained the steps advised in handling Dutch elm disease, scale insects, locustum scale, wet wood or slime flux on elms. The letter also gave pruning information.

should be reported to the city offices. Branches will be picked up by the city DPW on Saturdays during March and April, provided they are properly placed at the roadside. Yard wastes will also be picked up thereafter.

Recipients should not exceed on bushel capacity and break and branches should be not more than four feet in length and should be tied. Tree limbs larger than four inches diameter will not be collected.



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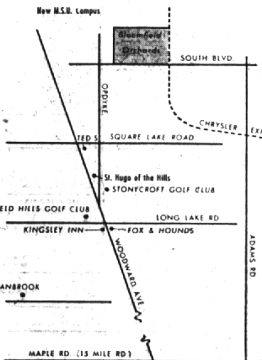
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