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Hills Police Seek Clues in Hit-Run Crash

Police in Bloomfield Hills today are still seeking a clue to the identity of a hit-and-run driver who struck and killed a five-year-old Madison Heights man last week. Public Safety Director Robert J. Stadler said he hopes to have a report from the State Police Crime Laboratory sometime today, indicating the make and model of the missing automobile.

MARVIN LITRICH, the father of five children and headwaiter at the Kingsley Inn, was killed while stepping from his car to change a flat tire on southbound Woodward and Trombridge.

The car was parked in the slow lane of traffic with the lights off. The scene of the accident, which was blanketed with a heavy layer of fog when police arrived.

F. N. Takis, owner of the Kingsley Inn, has offered a \$500 reward for any information leading to the capture of the hit-and-run driver.

MEANTIME, MRS. Litrich and her five children, aged 7 through 11, were not neglected during the Christmas holidays.

Early Deadlines In Effect for Jan. 3 Issue

So that our employees may enjoy the New Year's holiday, The Birmingham Centric offices will be closed all day Tuesday.

B'ham's Retail Sales Reach All-Time High

(Special to The Centric) NEW YORK—How well did retail storekeepers in Birmingham make out in the past fiscal year? The figures on local business activity, just released as part of a national survey, show that they had a good year.

The survey was made by the Standard Rate and Data Service, utilizing data obtained from national, state and local sources. It covers the 12 months through June 30, 1962.

Retail stores in Birmingham, it is shown, had gross sales of \$87,244,000, which topped the previous year's \$84,068,000.



'Happy New Year, Daddy!'

Sh-h-h. Ellen, it may be midnight but all's swell with Daddy as long as he can sleep right through until 1963. After all, he's had a hard week, assembling easy-to-put-together Christmas toys and balancing his

checkbook so let's set the alarm for breakfast time, instead. Oh, one more thing, Ellen, will you tell us your Daddy's name? William Downey? Well, that's not "Happy New Year!" (When he wakes up, that is)

Justice Carr to Administer Oath to Romney on Jan. 1

Romney Holds Promise for Future; See Editorial, Page 1-B

Fifty years ago on New Year's Day a young Ionia attorney witnessed his first inauguration on the east steps of the State Capitol. On New Year's Day, 1963, this same attorney will climax a colorful legal career when he administers the oath of office to Governor-elect George Romney.

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Justice Carr recalled that at the inauguration of Gov. Woodbridge N. Ferris in 1913 someone had the idea of carrying a band of state-house musicians and doves.

The idea was to release them at the strategic moment to symbolize doves of peace. "It was a fine idea," the judge recalled; "unfortunately, the birds were released during the firing of the 19-gun salute and the birds were in a panic."

THE JUSTICES also could recall no major errors of protocol in the past years. Justice Carr did remember being interrupted by an administrative staff member one year during the administering of an oath while the member announced he had no middle initial in his name.

Justice Carr said his only objection to the inaugural tradition

B'ham United Church Women Plan Movie-Television Study

Other Groups Indicate Interest; Support from Community Requested

By LARRY EYOUE City Editor

A group of Birmingham area women is quietly beginning to work on a project that they hope will ultimately result in better motion pictures and television programs.

Friends Back Robert Thorson

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Robert M. Thorson's future is at stake. At 2 p.m. today, Thorson will appear before the Detroit Recorder's Court on charges of murdering his mother-in-law Edie.

\$10,000 Damage Caused by Fire

SOUTHFIELD—About \$10,000 damage was done to a one-story brick home in Southfield Sunday when a space-heater set fire to the living room at about 11:40 p.m., firemen said.

Baldwin Library Expert Recommends Extension of Service

The Baldwin Public Library Board and Bloomfield Township Board have just received copies of a book entitled, "Extension of Library Service in the Birmingham-Bloomfield Area."

City Commission Meets Tonight

A petition to allow two-hour parking on Townsend street will be among the topics discussed at tonight's Birmingham City Commission meeting.

Exceptional Woman Active in Birmingham

The Detroit Rotary Club recently honored Margaret Dean White as the "Exceptional Woman of the Year." Detroit Rotary bestowed this honor on Mrs. White because, though blind since birth, she has made "an exceptional contribution to her community."

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The meeting was rescheduled from Monday night to allow citizens, city employees and officials to remain home on Christmas Eve.

It's MI 4-9300 For All Schools

The Birmingham Public School District has a new telephone set-up that went into effect Wednesday morning.

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might develop into a Motion Picture Council similar to those in Detroit and Grosse Pointe.

THE GROUP is considering functioning much as the Birmingham Citizen's Committee on Elementary Curriculum did. The proposed study will be headed by a steering committee and about five sub-committees.

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