

Life Insurance Per Family At Record High in B'ham

Residents of Birmingham American people added nearly \$60 billion in face value to their coverage in the year 1962 with more protection in the form of life insurance than they have ever had. Their coverage, per family, is at a peak.

The total amount of life insurance in force locally is estimated at \$124,972,000.

The latest figures on the number of policyholders and the size of their holdings on a national and state basis are given in the 1963 Life Insurance Fact Book.

IN THE PERIOD of just one year, the annual report shows, the

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come data supplied by Sales Management.

ADAPTING THIS average to Birmingham, where the after-tax income amounts to \$794 per household per month, life insurance \$15,060 per family.

This is more than the holdings of most families in the United States, the average being \$10,200. In the East North Central States, it was \$10,700.

The report shows that Americans as a whole have added greatly to this type of protection in the past 10 years. Ownership per family has more than doubled in that period.

MUCH OF THIS growth is attributed to group life policies, which are offered at lower rates

and are bought in quantity by employers and by unions.

As a result, about 30 percent of all life insurance is now in the form of group insurance, compared with only 20 percent at the end of 1950.

Another explanation of the rise in total coverage is the fact that it is now easier to get a policy than formerly. Currently, only three out of every 100 applications are being turned down.

To Give Slide-Talk

William Lyman, AIA, of Jickling & Lyman Architects, Birmingham, will give a slide lecture at the Monday meeting of the Village Friends of Art in Clarkston.

Title of the talk will be "Climate, Site, Program, Structure and the Architect."

County Group Backs Mental Health Plan

The Legislative Committee of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors' Ways and Means Committee has agreed in principle to legislation proposed by State Sen. Farrell E. Roberts (R., Pontiac).

And it will support the bill when it reaches the Senate floor, Birmingham City Commissioner informed his colleagues last week.

The proposed legislation has the support of the Michigan Society for Mental Health, Inc.

Ingraham, a member of the Legislative Committee, said the

legislation would place administrative responsibility for operation of mental health services on the local level in the hands of the county.

IT WOULD provide matching funds and maintenance of professional standards by the State Department of Mental Health.

The bill would create a state mental health commission as a policy making group, without administrative powers.

Each community would be represented on a county board, appointed by the supervisors, to handle all mental health activities in the county, including child guidance clinics and adult health units.

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Student Cleared Of Robbery Charge

Authorities in New Orleans have dropped armed robbery charges against Lawrence Weis, 19, 3355 Barden Road, Bloomfield Hills, and his companion, Ralph Reynolds, 20, of Richmond, Virginia.

The two Tulane University students were arrested after Weis was shot and wounded in the alleged robbery.

Leo B. Seiden Jr., 38, the complainant, an English instructor at Louisiana State University, told New Orleans police that he did not wish to press charges.

Obscenity charges against Seiden were also dropped.

Weis, son of C. Arthur Weis, former general manager of the

Detroit News, was wounded in the chest.

Police said they would study the case further to determine if any other charges would be brought against Weis and Reynolds.

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