

Bits of Birmingham

Bloomfield Township's Mrs. Roy Miller, who is a twin in her own right, is mighty excited these days about the arrival of some famous great-nephews of hers. She says she was speechless when she heard the news that her niece, Mrs. Harry Stickey of Coldwater, had given birth to quadruplet boys Friday morning. The good news was touched with a note of sadness, however, when one of the little boys died, but Mrs. Miller was able to relay the names of two of the babies: Harry Dale and Todd Dean. The other name, she said, would require a little research—she had quite forgotten it in the turmoil. Mrs. Miller's twin sister is an out-of-state resident, Mrs. Keith McClinton.

When it comes to spelling, Birmingham City Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham is no slouch. He's the type of speller who can spot a misspelled word on a billboard out of the corner of his eye while driving through Times Square in New York. Monday night, Ingraham offered a motion for adoption of a certain amendment to the zoning ordinance — providing that the word "principle" (referring to land uses) be respelled "prinipal." The motion carried unanimously.

Election Law Book Now Available

A new and revised edition of "Laws Relating To Elections" is now available for \$1.00, it was announced by Secretary of State James M. Hare. The last compilation was issued in 1958. The 1962 edition contains acts passed in 1962 which will not become effective until 1963, due to the fact that this year's Legislature has not yet adjourned. "In these few instances the un-amended sections of certain laws are still in effect," Hare said. "Where this happens, a notation is included in the text." "At General Election time in November many challengers and other interested citizens like to have at hand the latest compilation of our State laws relating to elections," Hare pointed out. "We will send a copy by return mail to anyone sending a dollar for this 1962 edition."

Counter-Charges Fly In Money Squabble

Democrats and Republicans hurled counter-charges at each other in the wake of a report received by Oakland officials on Oct. 23 in which State Auditor Gen. Billie S. Farnum claimed irregularities in county operations. Farnum, a Democrat, claims that \$11,073 in tax money was misused. He said that Delos Hamlin (R.), county board of supervisors chairman, had overcharged the county \$5,000 in salary by collecting \$25 per day instead of the \$15 daily paid to other board members.

He listed Arno Hulet (R), Bloomfield Township supervisor, as having received \$105 in excess pay for occasions when he attended more than one meeting in one day. Farnum said the rate per day should be the same, no matter how many meetings were attended.

HAMLIN, FARNUM said, was overpaid \$945 for multiple meetings in the county and argued that he was not a county employee or under the rule of the board of auditors.

Drain Commissioner Daniel W. Barry (R) was reported by Farnum to have charged the county for such things as \$900 in personal expenses incurred while he was on county business trips and \$700 too much for car allowances. DPW Director R. J. Alexander was also named by Farnum for allegedly listing improper expense charges, along with Hamlin, Barry and two other county officials. The total for the four men was given as \$9,017.

THE REPORT named a number of other county officials and included detailed charges of over-payment in the areas of car mileage, personal expenses such as valet service, meals and other items. It covers 1960 and part of 1961 and 1962. While Democrats such as Birmingham attorney George J. Fulkerston, candidate for Congress in the 18th district, asked for grand jury investigation, Republicans claimed the report was a purely political move made when the Nov. 6 elections were imminent.

HULET TOLD The Eccentric that he sits "on committees as the vice chairman of the board of supervisors; the clerk takes attendance and turns it into the board of auditors. Three or four weeks later, I get a check."

"I never gave these checks a thought—if they weren't legal, it was ignorance on my part. This is the first time in 30 years in public life that anyone has ever questioned my integrity."

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Pierce PTA Tackles Children's Physical, Emotional Behavior

"Emotional and Physical Behavior of Children," second in a series of three panel discussions sponsored by the Pierce School Parent-Teacher Association, will be held at 8 p. m., Wednesday, Nov. 21, at the school.

Discussing the problems faced by children and their parents will be Dr. Charles P. Barker, John E. Burger, R. R. Galpin, R. R. Margolis, and the Reverend Gerald R. O'Grady, Jr., rector, Christ Church, Cranbrook.

Panelists will distinguish between normal and abnormal in mental and physical health as well as general behavior and spiritual welfare of the children.

There are some differences of legal interpretation on some matters.

FARNUM HAS asked that the \$11,073 be recovered by the county board of auditors.

The certified public accountant who has been heading the state audit of the county books, David Mayes, noted that there is no apparent criminal intent on the part of any official or employee of the county but said that the overcharges reflect weakness on the part of the county auditors.

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PTA Study Conference Scheduled at MSUO

ROCHESTER — Demonstrations of "Comprehending and Thinking Critically" will illustrate this 1962 theme at the second annual PTA Conference on Study Skills at Michigan State University Oakland from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Dr. Myles Platt, director of social studies, Oakland County Board of Education, will include the audience in his demonstration of "How to Deal with Controversial Issues."

Dr. David Wells, director of mathematics for the County Board of Education, will demonstrate thinking in mathematics, using Astronaut Shirra's orbital flight as the key.

Dr. HARRY HAHN, director of instruction for the board and chair-

man of the conference, said that the aim of this conference for parents and teachers is to show them how to guide youngsters to use their heads.

"You're not a yes man or a no man," said Dr. Hahn, "but a thinking man."

Keynote speaker for the morning will be Dr. Elizabeth Drews, professor of education, Michigan State University.

During the afternoon parents will have a chance to visit two of eight groups, half-geared to elementary and half to high school age students. The groups, led by

Dr. Hahn, Dr. Wells, Dr. Platt and Dr. Drews will discuss the principles of "Comprehending and Thinking Critically" presented in the morning.

They will apply them to four subject matter areas: remedial reading and reading problems, mathematics, social studies and reading for average and gifted students.

The conference is arranged by the Division of Continuing Education and will be held in the Oakland Center. Pre-registration is necessary.

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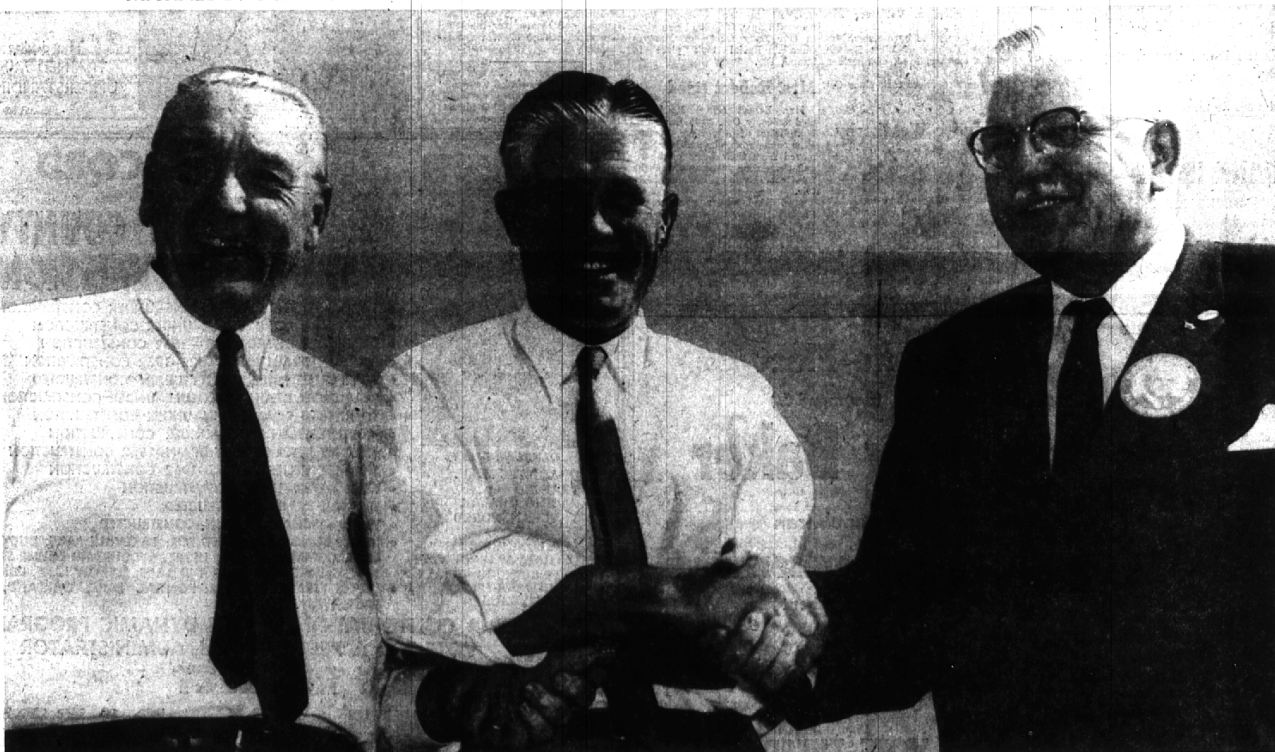
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