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Dale A. Winnie, 135 Chewton, Bloomfield Township, presided as chairman of the patent, trademark & copyright law section at the recent Michigan State Bar convention in Lansing and was re-elected chairman by acclamation during the business meeting of the session.

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Birmingham Man To Be Arraigned In Graft Case

A Birmingham trucking contractor will be arraigned in Detroit Recorder's Court Saturday, Oct. 16, on charges of criminal conspiracy in an alleged Detroit DPW graft racket.

Sidney T. Eder, of 444 Bryn Mawr, is scheduled to appear before Recorder's Judge Joseph A. Gillis.

EDER IS one of seven trucking contractors who were named in the conspiracy hearings in July. He is the owner of the Variety Trucking Co., 1846 Livernois, Detroit.

Detroit police said the graft was paid to allow contractors to dump rubbish and garbage in city incinerators almost free of charge. Over a five-and-one-half-year period, police said, Detroit lost about \$1,250,000 in fees.

Trial date will be set after the hearing.

To Head Evening College Program

Professor Charles M. Merrick, brother of Mrs. A. L. Bingham Jr., 19017 W. 14 Mile, Birmingham, has assumed the post of associate director of the evening college program at Lafayette College in Easton, Pa.

Prof. Merrick will serve in the evening college position on a part-time basis. He has been head of the industrial engineering department since 1953 and a member of the Lafayette faculty for 31 years.

Boy It's Cold

Michael J. Fitzgerald, sonarman on the USS Albatross, and Mrs. James A. Fitzgerald of 18255 Birdwood, Birmingham, is serving aboard the radar picket escort USS Durant, now in Antarctic for an eight-month tour of duty in "Operation Deepfreeze 63."

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Parenteen Group Provides What 'the Doctor Ordered'

To the Editor:

The visit of Sam Levenson in Birmingham gave many people an hour of delightful entertainment, on charges of criminal conspiracy in an alleged Detroit DPW graft racket.

But in addition to this, much of what he said should give many parents, teachers and teen-agers a justifiable pride and satisfaction in knowing how much of what he prescribed for the best environment of the growing years has been considered and is being provided by the hardworking enthusiastic Parenteen Committee.

This group was formed following a request from a Birmingham high school graduate who pleaded for more parental concern and control over high school age social customs and behavior. It has since broadened into the junior high level and in turn is being introduced in the elementary schools to acquaint parents and students with the logic of "forewarned is fore-

armed".

The hope is that with parents peering open paths of communication among themselves as well as between their sons and daughters. The claim of "everyone else is doing it" may cease to exert its former pressure.

Acceptable standards, agreed upon by such a group, provide an atmosphere for better control in the hands of the parents where it should be with less cause for hostility and better understanding within and between families.

IN THIS GROUP which has set up social codes for senior and junior high school, made available reputable reviews of acceptable films, offered well supported advice concerning the delay of social dancing lessons, plans are under consideration for investigation of materials sold on the news stands—all of which were recommended

by Mr. Levenson.

So we may well be grateful for having had the opportunity to have the importance of such action brought to our attention by a master entertainer who is also a former teacher and a parent. We may show our thanks by active support from all ages for such a movement.

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Group

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said that she would resign as publicity chairman of the suburban mayors association if it were to become a tool of the VTC.

The Vigilance Tax Committee is not a part of the mayors group and has no connection with it. The VTC is an entirely different organization; it is comprised of representatives from various municipalities in the metropolitan area who seek to invalidate Detroit's income tax insofar as nonresidents are concerned.

COMMISSIONERS Carl F. Ingram and Charles Renfrew indicated Monday night that they would prefer Birmingham conduct its own battle against Detroit's tax, rather than working through the VTC.

They said they preferred that "we have no future association with this group." The City contributed \$600 to the VTC in its plea for funds to pursue its case in the courts. This contribution in no way constituted membership in the organization, however.

COMMISSIONER William E. Roberts felt that the Commission should not make an issue of its distaste for the VTC at this time, that it should not "pick at a scab."

Mayor Willet said, too, that there was some indication at a meeting last week of the suburban mayors group that there might be a "different approach" by the VTC than it has made to date.

The committee has been accused of engaging in "personal and sectional fights."

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DPW

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fiel year. It will require about \$16,000 to keep the paved streets in good order.

The department estimates it will cost more than \$40,000 to maintain and keep clean Birmingham's 106 miles of sewer line in 1962-63.

Snow removal is another important job assigned to Brien and his crews.

The amount of money spent on removing the ice and snow varies considerably from year to year, depending upon the weather conditions.

Over the past five or six years there has been an expansion of service as a result of increased streets, access drives, parking lots and better service to the residential area.

LAST YEAR \$32,764 was spent for labor, hauling salt, rental of extra equipment and material. Brien noted, however, that 1961 was an extremely severe winter.

Many other services come under the direction of the DPW. Brien is in charge of maintaining the city's garage on Elon.

He sees it that the bridges in the city are kept painted and in good condition.

ONE OF THE more routine matters that the department handles is keeping the city's 104 vehicles clean and in good operating order.

The DPW is responsible for all city-owned vehicles except the fire department's.

Once in a while the department is called upon to help a citizen in trouble.

Several years ago, Brien recalls, a janitor in a downtown building called to say he had lost his false teeth and was sure they had been carried out with the rubbish.

Brien and his crew acted quickly and recovered the dentures before they were destroyed.

Got a problem around the house? Call the DPW.

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