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## Happenings

(Continued from 1-B)

fools or wise men when it comes to the matter of universal military training for the youth of the nation?" Maj. Gen. Stanley E. Reinhart (retired) demanded of Birmingham Rotary club members at their Monday noon luncheon. "Throughout American history, we have always made ourselves an easy mark for potential enemies by practically disbanding our military forces after each conflict," General Reinhart emphasized to his audience.

Dr. Leslie A. Bechtel, executive secretary of the Presbytery of Detroit, has been named acting

pastor of the newly organized Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian church. The first services were held in the church on Sept. 21, when the chapel was dedicated.

City violation of a charter provision which required that public improvements costing over \$400 must first be advertised, was admitted by City Manager Donald C. Egbert at Monday evening's city commission meeting. He referred to the current project on Grant, Bennaville, Chapin and Cummings streets where the city is laying gravel roadbed prior to further improvement with a 2-inch asphalt surface to be put down by a contractor.

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## Masonic Leaders Receive 33rd Degree

The highest honor of Scottish Rite Freemasonry was conferred on this group of local area Freemasons recently, in Philadelphia's Academy of Music. The degree conferral climaxed the annual session of the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite for the fifteen northeastern states, comprising the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States. A total of 158 received the degree in the 1962

class. The Thirty-third Degree is awarded for outstanding service to Freemasonry or for significant contribution to humanity reflecting credit to the fraternity." Left to right: Carl Peter Stollker, Port Huron; Earle Wellington Snots, Detroit; Ralph Wayne Moore, Birmingham; William Way Merrill, Bloomfield Hills; Harold Peck Mills, Farmington; Charles Fey, Lathrup Village.

## Court System Reshuffled

Michigan will continue to have courts of jurisdiction below the circuit court level under the terms of the new constitution, even though the document specifically abolishes the offices of Justice of the Peace and Circuit Court Commissioner within five years after its adoption.

The setting up of a new state system of courts of limited jurisdiction is left to the legislature by provisions of the new constitution. If such courts are not designated by the legislature as "courts of record" their judges need not be lawyers.

The new constitution requires that all judges, including those in courts of limited jurisdiction, be salaried employees. The fee system for the compensation of judges is abolished if the new document is approved by the people at the polls on April 1, 1963.

DEBATES IN the judicial committee and on the floor at the Constitutional Convention indicate that the fee system of compensation was one of the principal objections to the Justice of the Peace system in Michigan. A majority of the delegates felt that it was poor practice to gauge a judge's pay by the volume of his work. Cases were cited in which competition among lower courts appeared to be detrimental to proper judicial processes.

The proposed constitution provides the legislature with a five-year period within which to re-evaluate the entire system of courts of limited jurisdiction and to develop a lower court structure

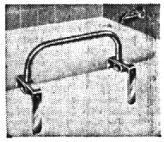
better adapted to the needs of the people and to the ends of justice. Qualifications of judges for the lower courts will be a matter for legislative determination, but the framers of the new constitution recognized that in some of the more sparsely settled sections of the state sufficient lawyers might not be available to staff necessary judicial positions.

The new document provides that only lawyers will be eligible for Justice of the Supreme Court and judges of the court of appeals and circuit courts. New probate judges must also be lawyers, but non-lawyers serving as probate judges at the time of adoption of the new constitution may serve the remainder of their terms and be eligible for re-election.

ANOTHER judicial provision in the new constitution would permit the legislature to combine two or more counties into a probate district, if such a procedure is approved by a majority of the voters in each of the counties involved. It also permits the legislature to provide for the combination of the office of probate judge with any judicial office of a court of limited

jurisdiction within a county. These permissive provisions are included to make possible better administration of these courts in the smaller counties of the state. The term of office for a probate judge is increased from four to six years under the terms of the new document.

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