

Still in poor condition at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, is Harry Richardson, 49. In satisfactory condition there is his daughter, Lynn. Both were burned in a fire in their home two weeks ago in which Richardson's wife, Lois, died. The home was at 3370 Franklin Road.



Happy Newsmen

Happy recipients of the first place award to The Eccentric for general excellence among Michigan weekly newspapers are (from left) Henry M. Hogan, Jr., associate publisher; Paul N. Averill, publisher; and Kenneth R. Weaver, managing editor. The award was presented at the Michigan Press Association's annual convention in East Lansing Saturday.

Library

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cluded in the system if they desired, he says.

IN PLANNING for a system, the major ingredients should be the materials collection, staff, buildings and, of course, the financial resources.
Weseman recommends three sites on which buildings would be erected on staggered time schedules—based on population pressures. These should be placed in the Maple-Telegraph area, Woodward-Long Lake area and the 13 1/2 Mile-Evergreen Road area.
For the branch library, Weseman suggests a minimum of three professional librarians to specialize in servicing children, young adults and the older adult groups.
One full-time staff member should be required for each 20,000 annual circulation, using Weseman's "rule-of-thumb" approach.
A clear-cut distinction should be made between the vital and professional staff's duties, he says, and he outlines a geographical arrangement of various library functions.

MATERIALS SHOULD include books, magazines, pamphlets, newspapers and audio-visual materials to meet the different recreational, educational, recreational and intellectual reading tastes of library users, according to Weseman.
A minimum of 30,000 volumes, or as high as 40,000, should be maintained. These should be of high quality and kept in good physical condition.
Bibliographical tools and indexes should be kept in sufficient number with inter-library facilities available from the Birmingham library, Weseman says.
The branches should be open six days a week, on evenings and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Weseman indicates.

HE SPELLS OUT features that should be incorporated in the construction of branch buildings and suggests an area of about 12,000 to 14,000 square feet, located on one floor.
Designed with one large room in mind, free-standing stacks could be used to separate different areas.
Sufficient work and office space should be provided and convertibility to other purposes should be considered to increase the resale value of the building.
Weseman further believes that the affiliated libraries should be larger at the outset and built piecemeal—thus providing immediate, maximum usefulness.

SITES SHOULD be located near or on main traffic arteries but not in a shopping center.
The location should be convenient to schools, they should not be too near or adjacent to them, in the view of Weseman, so that adult readers will be able to utilize the facilities.
He recommends that the Telegraph-Maple area be chosen for the first branch and the Woodward-Long Lake unit next.
The affiliates should be designed for the same circulation—an annual 100,000 volumes and for a 200,000 average circulation. Buildings should seat 120 people and be located on a minimum of two acres.

WEZEMAN ESTIMATES that the total outlay for a branch building would total \$300,000. He projects land cost at \$300,000 for two acres; \$30,000 for furniture and equipment and \$240,000 for a 12,000-square-foot building (including architect's fees, parking and other factors).
He does not suggest the use of long term bond money for book purchases because they should be considered expendable.
Operating costs are estimated by Weseman at an annual total of \$75,750 for each branch. This would include \$43,000 for salaries, \$18,750 for materials and \$14,000 for maintenance, utilities and supplies.

ON THE BASIS of state equalized values for 1962, he estimates revenues at a total of \$308,449,640, coming from Beverly Hills, Birmingham Farms, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township and Franklin.
These revenues are figured on a mill and could be increased by a millage increase. Future overall increase in assessed valuation would, of course, raise this figure even further.
Weseman concludes his analysis of the specifics involved in a library system with an estimate of minimum operating costs for a district (the central library and only one affiliate) at about \$200,000.
By adding \$75,000 or \$150,000 a total operating cost can be estimated for a system comprising the central library and two of three affiliates, respectively.

IF DEBT SERVICE were estimated at \$100,000 a year—which would include reimbursing Birmingham for its existing investment in a library system—would involve a total maximum outlay of \$500,000 per year, according to Weseman.
Copies of Weseman's survey, including an appendix, are available at the library.
In the appendix are a summary of previous studies, a report of the Citizens' Library Study Council, a summary of public service in Oakland County and other pertinent information.



Reign for JA Week

Mr. and Miss Achievement of 1963 were recently in Detroit and will reign over Junior Achievement Week activities in southeastern Michigan until Saturday. The young business executives won their coveted titles in competition with 30 finalists from throughout the southeastern Michigan area. The new Miss Achievement is 17-year-old Kathy Allison, daughter of Mrs. Alice M. Allison of 4443 Derry Road, Bloomfield Hills. Mr. Achievement is Ray Snarski, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin R. Snarski of 20018 Bentler, Detroit.

Hearing This & That

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line, Palm Beach and Washington, D.C.
Last Republicans become too smug in their criticism of many of the Democratic Socialist-Welfare programs, it is necessary to remind them that they ought to develop more "yutz" (another name for courage) and let the American people really know where the New Frontier is leading them.
Traditionally, the political party that is "out" should be the strong opposition voice—always questioning certain programs and policies of the "ins." So Chairman-of-the-National-Republican-Committee Miller, WHERE IS THE STRONG VOICE OF YOUR PARTY, THESE DAYS?
Perhaps you saw U.S. Sen. Wayne Morse on TV recently when he revealed to the public the plan of his special committee to settle terms on that east coast dock strike. Using the personal pronoun often, the Oregon chap arrogantly announced the pro-union terms. With what appeared to parrot the mannerisms of a monarch, Morse told the press conference that "... our plan will either be struck down in Washington, D.C." To me, Morse looked as though he just loved to wallow in the role of a god.
Talking with one of the Detroit Zoo's polar bears this week, I was surprised to learn that most of this January's weather has been colder than that of his former native habitat, 10 1/2 miles from the North Pole.
"Maybe my close confinement makes the weather seem colder here because I can't get out for some long distance exercising," he went. "Too, where I was born the ice had open spaces where the ocean water could be jumped into by me and my pals. Gee, Michigan's 1963 winter is too cold—wonder how hot it'll be this summer!"

Charter

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and San Quentin, which have never been paved.
Estimates at the previous council meeting, set at a maximum of \$1,500, would not be sufficient to the work. City administrator Jerald Stone said. Whether or not the work is done under the current road budget will depend on the overall picture of road conditions after the spring thaw.
Stone also was directed to arrange for construction, supervision and issuance of permits for construction of sanitary sewer and water lines south of 11 Mile Road.

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