

# Powell Trial Date To Be Set in Nov.

A trial date will be set sometime in November for Ronald P. Powell on charges of breaking and entering the Raven Gallery, 138 Brown-ell, Birmingham, on Oct. 17. Powell, 24, was arraigned Monday before Oakland County Circuit Judge Frederick C. Ziem. He stood mute on the charge and was held in the Oakland County Jail when he was unable to post \$5,000 bond. Police are still investigating the possibility of Powell being responsible for four fires that broke out in the gallery the morning of the robbery. A parole, Powell was fired from a job at the Raven on Tuesday before the fire and break-in.

# MICHIGAN MIRROR

## MEA Teachers Begin Drive To Pass State Tenure Act

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The initials TNT have taken on a new meaning this fall as the Michigan Education Association started a concentrated drive to convince state lawmakers it is "Time Now for Tenure."

Michigan has had a Tenure Act since 1937, but it is a permissive one. Only school districts which vote to give teachers tenure come under provision of the law. The MEA's goal now is to make tenure effective in all districts.

ACCORDING TO MEA President Octavious Townsend, tenure would encourage greater care in the initial selection of teachers and provide for continuous employment, after a successful probationary period, for as long as the educator rendered efficient service. If inferior service was rendered the teacher would go through a regular annual procedure of negotiations with school officials on whether his contract was to be maintained.

Under the permissive law now in effect, only 69 of Michigan's school districts have elected to adopt tenure. Just over one-quarter of the state's teachers now are under tenure, Townsend said.

A PETITION DRIVE by the MEA is aimed at getting nearly 300,000 signatures urging legislative action on tenure. The petitions, when presented to the Legislature,

will serve as a public mandate to enact a statewide law. Presentation of the MEA petitions to the secretary of state is scheduled for late this year, with transmission to the Legislature slated early in the 1964 session. The Legislature is given 40 days to act under the State Constitution on matters brought before it by initiative petition. Twenty-four states and the District of Columbia now have tenure for teachers.

ANY ACTION by the Legislature, or even lack of action, would place the tenure question before voters in the Nov., 1964, general election. In addition to inducing better initial selection of teachers, MEA spokesmen say tenure will provide better services to children, better community leadership, greater staff stability and professional security for teachers.

MEA units throughout the state are now holding informational sessions on the tenure proposal in an attempt to educate the school staffs and the general public on its position in proposing the new law.

A DRIVE ON MICHIGAN'S freeways, especially the new section, indicates very vividly the fact that engineers have taken into consideration the pleasure of country motorists. Several of the newer sections use standing timber and hills as natural dividers for the two strips of highway.

ONE stretch of a new freeway has now gained national recognition for this outstanding feature in highway planning. A 22.5 mile section of Interstate 75 in Northern Michigan has been named America's most scenic new highway.

THE SECTION HONORED this year in the Parade Magazine contest runs from Vanderbilt to Indian River. It is located between two sections of I-75 which took runner-up spots in the contest the last two years. Beauty, utility, safety and imaginative design were cited as reasons the Interstate route was selected as "the year's best example of a motorist's highway," a joy to see as well as to drive.

The entire Northern section of I-75 is one of the Highway Department's proudest accomplishments. Officials note the freeway was designed to take advantage of the park-like atmosphere from Clare north as a means of preventing driver monotony and reducing the risk of motorists going to sleep at the wheel.

## Sgt. Clark Honored for Air Safety

Tech. Sgt. William O. Clark of Southfield has been awarded the Military Air Transport Service's Outstanding Safety Award at Charleston AFB, S. C. Sgt. Clark, an Air Force C-124 flight engineer with the 17th Air Transport Squadron, received the award for his prompt and alert actions in preventing a possible major aircraft disaster.

WHILE PARTICIPATING in Operation C-124 at Charleston AFB, Wash., the sergeant made a pre-flight inspection of his aircraft and noticed an unusual odor coming from anti-detonation injection tanks. Realizing the danger to his and other aircraft, the 17-year veteran made an immediate check and found that JP-4 fuel used by supersonic fighter aircraft had been pumped into the transport aircraft by mistake.

He quickly notified his superiors, who corrected the potentially dangerous situation. The sergeant, whose sister, Mrs. William Barge, resides at 28759 Carnel Court, Southfield, graduated from Redford High School, Detroit. He attended Michigan State University.

## Committee to Study The Downtown Area

Birmingham's Citizens Action Committee took two steps at a meeting last Thursday to ward off the problem of beautifying the municipal parking lots and the downtown area in general. The CAC is a group of civic-minded Birmingham area residents interested in improving and enhancing the aesthetic values of the community.

The CAC announced the formation of a Civic Design Committee under the direction of Birmingham architect O. A. Luckenbach. The committee will study the downtown area and make general recommendations to the CAC on its improvement. The design committee will be made up of local architects, artists, landscape architects and planners.

About 25 persons in the building and architectural business in this area attended a preliminary meeting on Oct. 17 and expressed an interest in serving on such a committee.

LUCKENBACH said it was important that Birmingham "be made an exciting city" to attract people and business. He said the committee would not produce any actual drawings or design any specific building but would come up with a general plan for the future downtown area.

The CAC also announced it would begin preparation of a portfolio of plans for beautifying municipal parking lots. The committee was given permission by the city commission in August to seek ways in which the lots might be made more attractive.

BOTH THE CAC and the com-

## Beating Victim Leaves Hospital

Mrs. Edgar Patrick, 506 Tibbury, Bloomfield Township, victim of a hammer-and-knife attack Oct. 18, was released from Women's Hospital, Detroit on Tuesday. Mrs. Barbara Palposi, 35, of Royal Oak, awaits examination on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder. Township police indicated that the hearing will be held one day next week. ACCORDING TO police, Mrs. Palposi, a divorcee, beat Mrs. Patrick, 48, with a hammer and cut her with a knife during an early-morning scuffle in the victim's house. No explanation has been given for the attack, police said.

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## Program

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"The package they came up with will probably be it," Rep. Henry M. Hogan, Jr. (R-Bloomfield Hills) said.

LEGISLATORS who are against the tax program were put on a committee to suggest modification so they will have to vote for their own suggestion, Hogan said.

Republicans make up the current committee. Democrats will only be brought in if there aren't enough Republican votes.

Democrats are the minority in the House. They realize that campaign promises probably won't be carried out because their votes will be overruled by the Republican majority, Hogan said.

So when their votes are used it is usually costly because they have to live up to campaign promises, Hogan said.

HOGAN'S current duties include chairmanship of the School Safety Committee.

The committee is concerned with administration of the final organ on school construction.

Under the present regulations the architect submits plans for the school building to the board, which in turn submits them to the superintendent of public instruction. The state fire marshal then checks the plans and gives the final approval.

HOGAN SAID the fire marshal frequently denies certification because he changes specifications between the time plans are drawn up and submitted to him.

Plans must then be revised to meet the fire marshal's new regulations. The cost of the project is often increased and time is lost. Hogan said the safety of children is the most important concern of school inspection, but current practices make it a battle between the superintendent and fire marshal. Public hearings on the problem are being held throughout the state next week.

## Faculty Pleased By Parents Day

"Parents Day 1963" at Oakland University was hailed as a huge success by participating university faculty and administrators. More than 250 parents spent the day at Oakland Saturday, meeting faculty, attending lectures and visiting campus buildings. Some 60 faculty members were hosts to the parents during luncheon.

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