

### Hospital Addition Site to be Blessed By Msgr. Paddock

The Right Rev. Monsignor Eugene Paddock, pastor of Holy Name parish, Birmingham, will offer the invocation and bless the site of the new \$4 million dollar addition to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac.

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the five-story wing will be held Sunday, Dec. 15 at 3 p.m. Featured speaker is United States Senator Pat McNamara of Michigan.

When completed, the facilities will provide additional private, semi-private patient rooms and a new emergency department. Also included in the modernization program are a new kitchen and cafeteria, a 27-bed nursing unit for chronic disease rehabilitation and an expansion of the outpatient clinic and physical therapy department.

### Ask Skaters To Stay Out Of Buildings

Ice skaters at Birmingham's natural ice rinks will be asked to stay out of private buildings when changing their skates or warming up.

The problem was brought to the attention of city commissioners Monday night by Tod Reed, owner of a laundromat at 1160 Grant. Reed said skaters from St. James Park were using the laundromat to warm themselves and as a result were causing a "great deal of resultant wear and tear and inconvenience" to his customers.

He suggested the City might set up a three-sided shed, or other type of shelter, with benches, where skaters might change their skates out of the wind and cold. He also suggested an old lid drum might be provided for a fire.

### Blaze

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YANUSZESKI said firemen were fortunate that the wind was blowing in a northerly direction and away from the other stores at the plaza.

The fire was brought under control in about 45 minutes, but it was more than two hours before the flames were completely put out.

The blaze was the largest in the township since the \$980,000 Kirk in the Hills fire in 1957.

### Center Workers Honored for Duty

Twenty-five South Oakland residents received service award pins from their unit of the Michigan Cancer Foundation for transporting cancer patients to x-ray and cobalt centers for treatment.

Award winners from this area include Mrs. Frank Dowd, Bloomfield Hills; Mrs. William J. Fuller and Mrs. Robert Rarey, Birmingham; and Mrs. Ralph McGunther, Franklin.

President of the South Oakland chapter, Dr. Clayton H. Gordon, of 1099 Cranbrook Road, Birmingham, thanked the volunteers for their service throughout the past year.

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REED SAID if the commission found the idea practical he would consider underwriting a portion of the cost.

Mayor William H. Burgum, who is also a member of the recreation board, said that the group had studied the problem and concluded the problem was Reed's. He added, however, a sign would be installed at the laundromat asking skaters not to use it.

The recreation board, Burgum said, rejected the idea of shelters because the natural ice rinks had an "indeterminate life" and the shelters would not be practical.

He said the recreation department will place benches for the skaters at each of the rinks.

### Lodge Freeway Extension Opens Monday

One of the Michigan State Highway Department's most complicated highway construction projects—the extension of Detroit's Lodge Freeway along James Couzens Highway—will be opened to traffic Monday.

Motorists will start using the inbound and outbound extensions of the Lodge Freeway between Wyoming and Seven-Mile Road, a distance of 2.2 miles. A section of the inbound freeway was opened in October between Wyoming and Meyers.

State Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie said the opening will reduce traffic congestion

around one of Detroit's major highway construction projects.

THE LODGE extension in Detroit, a \$27 million project, is being built 15 feet below the surface of James Couzens.

The freeway continues on a rolling grade along Northwestern Highway in Oakland County north of Detroit.

Major interchanges on the Oakland County portion are at Southfield Freeway and at the east-west I-96 Freeway.

It eventually will provide a non-stop freeway from downtown Detroit to Muskegon.

The final section of the Lodge Freeway extension is scheduled to be completed by late next year.

The Chinese Zodiac, like that of most Western countries, is divided into twelve symbols. The Chinese zodiac signs are the rat, ox, tiger, hare, dragon, serpent, horse, sheep, monkey, hen, dog and pig.

### Hearing Date Is Feb. 10

A public hearing has been set for Feb. 10 on a request to rezone five lots in Birmingham's Lincoln, Landan, Ann and Floyd streets areas.

The property owners have asked their land be changed from an R-3 single-family classification to a B-2 neighborhood business category.

A similar petition for the rezoning of the same lots were rejected by city commissioners last month. The plan board had also recom-

mended at that time the requests be denied.

City Planner William R. Brownfield told commissioners Monday night other petitions for rezoning land in the area had been received by his office but were submitted too late to appear in this week's agenda.

Under present city regulations a property owner may submit as many requests for zoning as he wants to.



SIX PIECES of equipment and 49 firemen from Bloomfield Township and Bloomfield Village were needed to fight the fire. Four firemen, including Chief Volly V. Yan-

### Averill Is Chairman Of Mental Health Unit

Paul N. Averill, 57, of Glensyrcy Circle, Bloomfield Village, has been appointed chairman of the 12-member Oakland County Mental Health Commission.

The appointment was made this week by Delos Hamlin, chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

Averill, publisher of The Birmingham Eccentric, said the group's first meeting is set for 3:30 p.m. Friday at the County Services Center in Pontiac.

The commission, appointed by the board of supervisors, is the first in the state to be formed under the new mental health act that provides for locally-operated, jointly-financed mental health programs. It will study mental health needs in the county, then make recommendations for a program.

SEVERING ON the commission besides Averill are: Probate Judge Donald E. Adams; Gerald V. Harrison, Farmington school superintendent; Dr. Harry Amkoff, resident in psychiatry at Pontiac State Hospital; Dr. L. Jerome Fink, Bloomfield Hills psychiatrist; Ken Morris, state UAW official from Birmingham.

Daniel T. Murphy, county clerk, registrar of deeds; Kenneth D. Reese, dean of social sciences and professor of economics, Oakland University; Mrs. Arthur Mitchell, supervisor and councilwoman from Lathrup; William H. Wanger, supervisor from Berkeley.

Elmer E. Hartwig, Royal Oak attorney and associate municipal judge; and Mrs. Henry E. McDonnell, Jr., one of the founders of the Birmingham Association for Handicapped Children.

AVERILL LONG has been active as a volunteer in social service programs. In 1960 he received the "Volunteer of the Year" award from the Oakland County Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

He has served with Family Service of Oakland County, the North Oakland Unit of United Community Services and the Visiting Nurses Association. He was the first president of Family Service, when it serviced only the Birmingham, Bloomfield and Pontiac area from 1946 to 1949.

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