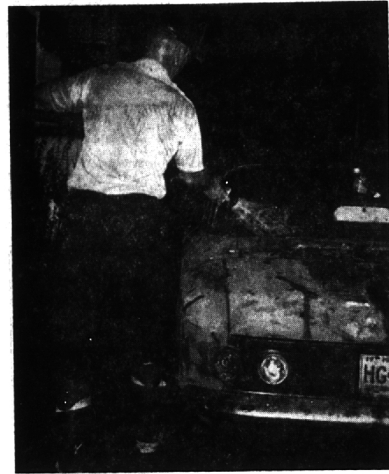


## Death Car driver faces Negligent Homicide Court



A BIRMINGHAM fireman hoses down the car from the garage at 1971 Pembroke, Birmingham, where fire did about \$5,000 damage. The fire was believed to have originated in the car.

### Damage \$5,000 As Fire Guts B'ham Garage

A fire Monday night caused an estimated \$5,000 damage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown, 1971 Pembroke, Birmingham.

Birmingham Fire Chief George Scott said the alarm was called in to the Adams Fire Station at 9:01 p.m. More than 30 calls during the same fire followed.

The fire began in the garage, spread to the breezeway and reached the house. Flames stopped there, but smoke entering through the attic caused extensive damage inside the house.

A witness at the fire said it looked as if the fire started in the car, but that this was only an assumption.

### Suburbia Today Features Home Of Helen Hayes

Helen Hayes finds that her home in suburban New York is too big now that her children are gone. So after 22 years, she is packing to leave. "Pretty Penny" her state-1920-victorian mansion, is on the market and soon it's romantic furnishings will be sold at an auction set for her birthday, Oct. 10.

In "Helen Hayes Is Leaving the Suburbs, But Not for Good," in TODAY coming to you with the Aug. 8 edition of The Eccentric, the famous actress tells of her nostalgia as she prepares to leave a place filled with cherished memories.

### Water Line Issue Delays Industrial Sub

The difference between 8 and 12 inches of water line may halt development of the Birmingham Airport Subdivision, a proposed \$33-million industrial park in southern Troy.

A group of Birmingham businessmen, which includes George K. South and Samuel A. Walker, Jr., claim that an 8-inch line, for which they would pay some \$22,000, is sufficient.

The Troy engineering department, however, says a 12-inch line is necessary to serve the development. This would cost about \$30,000.

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### Mississippi Jail Escapee Is 'Ditched'

Caught by Twp. Police; 2nd Man Also Captured

By EVELINE OEN  
Staff Writer

Some days it doesn't pay to stick your head out of a ditch—especially when you're a "wanted" man and the police chief is driving by.

Such ill luck befell Donald A. Manis, 42, Tuesday morning when Bloomfield Township Police captured him and another man, Harold C. Cobb, 21, both wanted by the FBI.

Cobb was arrested Monday night near the Miracle Mile Shopping Center on Telegraph near Long Lake Road; Manis was picked up the following morning.

BOTH HAD escaped from the Union County Jail in New Albany, Miss., where they were being held—Manis on a federal "bad check" charge and Cobb on a local "bad check" charge, according to Bernard C. Brown, special agent in charge of the Detroit FBI office.

Lt. Newton Tobbin of the Bloomfield Township Police Dept. became suspicious when he saw two men sitting in a car (1956 Chevrolet) bearing Kentucky license plates in the Miracle Mile Shopping Center area. When he checked on them, Manis escaped on foot. Cobb was apprehended.

MANIS was arrested early Tuesday morning by Township Police Chief Norman Dehne, who, on his way to work, spotted Manis climbing out of a ditch near the shopping center. Dehne took him in immediately.

Both Manis and Cobb were arraigned before U. S. District Court Judge Fred W. Cass in Detroit Tuesday afternoon. Examination was scheduled for Aug. 28.

BOND WAS SET at a total of \$1,500 on Manis (\$500 on each of the counts) and \$1,000 on Cobb. Manis is a native of Detroit; Cobb is from Mississippi.

For Cobb bond was set at \$500 on a charge of transporting stolen property across state lines.

Both men are in Wayne County Jail.

### Bo, Where Are You? Sheep on the Lam

Little Bo Peep has nothing on the counselors at Rooper Summer Day Camp, Bloomfield Hills. Both lost their sheep, but "Bo" didn't put her head, gravel crunched and a Jeep sped up the driveway of the camp on Woodward Ave.

A 150-pound sheep, whose favorite sport is butting unsuspecting campers and counselors, escaped from its enclosure.

It scurried through children on the playfield and headed toward St. Hugo Catholic Church, which is near the camp.

Some 50 children, the animal keeper and groups of counselors dashed out to catch the sheep bounding through a field.

WHEN THE tree became too difficult for the campers, four counselors continued alone in search of the sheep. Armed only with a rope and flashlight, the counselors tracked the escaped animal. Bill Devich, assistant camp director, said he became wor-



R. F. ZEHNDER, JR.

### Crash Injuries Claim Life of B'ham Woman

Mrs. Charles M. Houff of 660 Waddington Road, Birmingham, died Tuesday in William Beaumont Hospital from injuries received in an automobile accident late Friday afternoon near Washington.

The accident occurred at the intersection of Maple and Waddington roads.

The car in which Mrs. Houff was riding, which was being driven by her husband, was struck broadside as it was making a left turn off Maple onto Washington.

Police said that no charges will be pressed.

DRIVER OF the other car was Howard Andrew of 1023 Glenway, Birmingham. His wife Margaret was a passenger.

Houff received head bruises and was taken to Beaumont Hospital, where he was treated and released.

Mrs. Andrew suffered a fractured rib. She was also taken to Beaumont and was discharged Tuesday. Andrew was not taken to the hospital.

MRS. HOUFF, 66, had been a Birmingham resident for 26 years. She was a member of the Oakland Country Club, the Detroit Athletic Club and the Revere Club.

She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Leroy Forrester of Birmingham and Mrs. George Cavanaugh of Franklin; a son, Charles A. Houff of Birmingham; and eight grandchildren.

THERE WILL BE a rosary service at 8 p.m. today at Vasa-Lynch Funeral Home, Royal Oak. Funeral services will be held Friday at 9 a.m. at the funeral home, followed at 9:30 by services in Holy Name Church with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

### B'field Twp. Man Killed in U-turn Crash

By EVELINE OEN  
Staff Writer

Eugene G. DiVita stood mute Wednesday morning to a charge of negligent homicide in the death of Raymond F. Zehnder, Jr., the 21-year-old Bloomfield Township groom-to-be who was killed in an accident Monday afternoon only four hours before he was to have been married.

A plea of "not guilty" was entered for him by West Bloomfield Township Justice of the Peace Lake Road about one-quarter mile east of Telegraph. The accident occurred at 2:10 p.m.

Zehnder was dead on arrival at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac.

ZEHNDER, WHO lived with his parents at 6041 Golfview Drive, was killed and his fiancée, Betty Meggs, 29, was seriously injured when he tried to avoid hitting the car which DiVita was driving as he was making a U-turn near Lake Road about one-quarter mile east of Telegraph. The accident occurred at 2:10 p.m.

Zehnder was dead on arrival at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac.

Miss Meggs was also taken to St. Joseph hospital, where she is recovering from her injuries. She suffered severe facial cuts and was in satisfactory condition Wednesday morning. She was told of her fiancée's death Tuesday.

THE COUPLE was doing last-minute errands before their wedding, which was to have taken place at 6 p.m. in Redeemer Lutheran Church, Birmingham.

The wedding cake and her wedding dress were in the back seat of the white Pontiac convertible, which the couple was to have driven to Forest City, Arkansas, to wait on their honeymoon.

The couple had originally planned to be married last Friday, Bett's birthday, but they decided to wait so the parents could make arrangements for a more formal wedding.

ZEHNDER (headed east) saw the DiVita car, slammed on his brakes, lost control of his car, and then the right, and subsequently smashed into two trees on the north side of the road, according to Assistant Prosecutor Barry Grant.

DiVita told Grant that he (See CRASH, 2-A)



In this car a hopeful future turned to tragedy for a young couple.

### W. Maple Tandem Parking Report Referred to Chamber

By DAVE PHILPO  
Staff Writer

Is tandem parking the solution to congestion on W. Maple during peak shopping hours?

Tandem parking the solution received, but took no action on a report by the administration and Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley instructed the administration to submit a report and recommendation on improving parking conditions either by tandem parking or parking spaces which could be entered by driving directly in.

Tandem, or "paired" parking, consists of two cars parking bumper to bumper, the rear bumper of one touching the front of the other—with a "no parking" space separating each pair of stalls.

Moxley recommends that, if tandem parking is installed on Maple, that each stall be 20 feet long with 10 feet of prohibited parking area separating each twin stall. If these measurements are used, the parking spaces will be reduced from 75 to 66.

### Police Narrow Search for Girl's Killer

The Oakland County sheriff's office has concentrated its efforts on the Telegraph-Schoolcraft area as investigation reveals that Connie Crossland, 14-year-old escapee from the Jackson County Juvenile Home, had been seen there the night before she was slain.

Sgt. Harry Maur said Monday a man in a shopping center at the Redford Township location reported Connie had been in the store at approximately 5:30 p.m. July 17. The clerk identified the girl from her picture.

DEPUTIES ALSO talked to a man who said he gave Connie a ride from Birmingham, where she was hitch-hiking, to Flat Rock. After reaching Flat Rock, she decided to return to Detroit, he said.

DEPUTIES LOCATED another man, who drove her from Flat Rock to Telegraph and Fenkel.

Police are still seeking the white 1961 Pontiac Bonneville which Connie was last seen, in the company of two boys.

Two brothers from Birmingham were questioned about the week and were withheld, and deputies reported the brothers were fading out as suspects.

The younger brother said his brother, 26, had met with Connie. There was a discrepancy in one of the boy's lie detector tests. The brothers, reported "a prominent Birmingham family," are being represented by counsel.

A BIRMINGHAM youth said Connie came to his house after midnight July 18 in a car with two men. The driver, the Pontiac Bonneville, drove her away later, about 1:30 a.m., he reported.

Police plan to investigate all cars of that make and model, in white, and beige and cream. According to Pontiac Motors, 7,914 such cars were sold in 1961.

Connie had been living in drivings along Woodward in Birmingham and Royal Oak for some two weeks before she was strangled and her body found in Paint Creek near Lake Orion.

She fled from the Jackson youth home July 2 and was first seen in the Birmingham area July 7.

merce parking committee time to study the report.

A motion to prohibit parking on the north side of Maple, between Hunter and Chester, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday was defeated at the June 10 meeting of the commission.

AT THAT time, the commission instructed the administration to submit a report and recommendation on improving parking conditions either by tandem parking or parking spaces which could be entered by driving directly in.

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ESTIMATED COST of changing from conventional to tandem type parking would be \$548, which would include the cost of 32 twin adaptors, 32 meter post signs plus labor and materials.

The study compares the parking lot required on Maple to the time required on Martin which has had tandem parking for two years. The study reveals the average parking time on Maple to be 45.1 seconds, compared to 36.4 seconds on Martin.

The total parking and departing time on Maple was 72.1 seconds as

compared to 51.7 seconds on Martin—a reduction of 30 per cent.

THE REPORT also revealed that the average shopper who parks and departs on Maple saves a delay to five moving vehicles.

"With 50 vehicles per hour completing these maneuvers it would therefore follow that 250 vehicles per hour are faced with delays in the two-block span of Maple between Piers and Bates," Moxley said that if it were made possible to drive into each space directly, it would be necessary to eliminate 31 meter spaces, leaving a total of 45 legal parking spaces on the street.

The report said tandem parking would not eliminate the problem of those "cruising around" looking for parking spaces or those double-parking and tying up traffic while waiting for a space to empty.

THE REPORT recommends that tandem parking be considered by the commission—with an alternative of increasing the conventional parking stalls from 21 1/2 feet to 25 feet, at an estimated cost of \$390.

The chamber of commerce opposes the removal of parking from W. Maple and contends that many laborers who use the street come from the growing industry to the east and are traveling to residential areas west of Birmingham.

Donald L. Cummings, chairman of the chamber's parking committee, believes that "to take off parking at any time would be detrimental to business in Birmingham."

DETECTIVE Richard Chambers of Birmingham testified that police hired an 18-year-old friend of the first girl "to obtain sufficient and supporting evidence."

The second girl, also of Pontiac, contacted Nick, was taken to his home and, according to Chambers, also was encouraged to become a prostitute.

DEFENSE Attorney Clarence Smith of Pontiac argued that the case should be dismissed on the grounds that it had not been proved that a crime had been committed and that the law concerning pandering had in two instances been adjudged unconstitutional.

Smith said that for a crime to be committed, the girl would have had to be a prostitute.

An Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor Robert Stang said that "encouraging or enticing" someone to become a prostitute was well covered under the statute.

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Maximum sentence for pandering, a felony, is 20 years in prison.

### Nick to Face Pandering Charge in County Court

Peter Nick, 40-year-old owner of the Mars drive-in restaurant in Birmingham, must appear in Oakland County Circuit Court Monday to face charges of pandering.

Nick, a resident of Berkeley, was bound over to the higher court Friday in an examination before Pontiac Municipal Judge John C. Emery. He was released on \$500 bond.

An 18-year-old Pontiac divorcee testified at the hearing that Nick encouraged her to enter a life of prostitution on July 10. This was the occasion on which she applied for a job as waitress in Nick's restaurant at 1393 S. Woodward, she said.

The girl said that Nick told her that he knew "lots of old-to-businessmen" to whom he would introduce her should she become a prostitute.

AFTER REJECTING the proposal, the girl said, she informed Birmingham police.

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