

## B'field Library Committee Meets

The opening of the new Bloomfield Township Library in its temporary facility on Telegraph Rd. last month is sparking renewed local interest in the library's program.

"Now that the library is a reality, plans must be completed for the long-range structure and role of the Citizens Library Committee," Mrs. Horace E. Sheldon, the retiring committee chairman, said in calling a reorganization and planning meeting of the group.

Because of her election to the Township Library Board Mrs. Sheldon has announced her resignation as committee chairman.

"The committee is now ready to plan how it can best aid in channeling residents' interest in the developing library program of the area," Mrs. Sheldon said.

All those interested in the library and in participating in the committee's work are invited to attend the meeting on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the library, 3036 Telegraph Rd.

## The Birmingham Eccentric

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If you have achieved, by hard work and some personal struggle, a place of economic security, do you credit hard work and struggle as helpful aids to your development? Most people do. If so, can the parent expect his own offspring to achieve the same security unless the offspring is subjected to something of the same challenges? Some can, of course, but far more cannot. Life is good to those who meet its challenges. (GRA)

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### Association Chooses '64 Christmas Card

When does an amateur artist become a professional? One answer fifth annual Christmas card sale, may be when he has one of his designs reproduced 100,000 times, only because of its beauty, but because of the artistic cause, it graphically demonstrates the success of a teen-aged, emotionally disturbed youngster.

In competition with professional artists and other artists-to-be, his design was selected by the Michigan Association for Emotionally Disturbed Children for its 1964 Christmas card campaign.

## Poison Professors Help Save Many Lives

A half-dozen "poison professors"—zoologists and botanists at the University of Michigan—are on call 24-hours-a-day to assist physicians at University Hospital's Poison Control Center.

The university professors—authorities on rare plants, mushrooms and snakes—have volunteered to identify unknown specimens involved in medical emergencies. Once a person has tasted a toxic substance, or has been bitten by a deadly snake, immediate identification of the particular poison is of top priority, according to Dr. George Lowrey, head of the Hospital's Poison Control Center. Although snake bite deaths in this area are rare, violent reactions may result in severe body damage, he adds.

THE POISON Control Center, located in the emergency suite, has treated more than 2,500 patients since 1959. Among them were scores of children who ate toxic berries, weeds, and mushrooms.

The center maintains an active file of known toxic items, but occasionally a rare plant or snake cannot be spotted immediately.

In such instances, one of the six professors will be called to the rescue. He expects to drop everything, no matter whether he's at home, at a meeting, or teaching a class.

He may rush to the Emergency Room or have the plant or snake brought directly to him by hospital ambulance.

THE IDENTIFICATION is usually made within five minutes, and the Hospital's physicians can prescribe a treatment accordingly.

ren Wagner, Kenneth Jones, Alexander Smith and Robert Shaffer, all of the department of botany, and Professors Reeve Bailey and Charles Walker of the department of zoology.

"In a particularly knotty matter of identification, we may call upon any one of the 76 U-M zoology and botany specialists for assistance," Professor Wagner notes. University botanists and zoologists have "helped us out of many a tight spot," Dr. Lowrey says. "We are extremely fortunate to have their close cooperation."

### New Command

Commander Paul A. Peck, USN, relieved Commander Malcolm E. Vail as commanding officer of Attack Squadron 94 aboard the USS Ranger at Naval Station, Yokosuka, Japan. Com. Peck first reported to the squadron as executive officer in 1963. He attended Birmingham High School.

## Don't Take Good Roads For Granted!

Americans enjoy driving on the new stretches of freeways that are being opened to them. They have read that the problem of financing the federal share of the cost is settled, and that construction of the Interstate System is about on schedule from the national viewpoint.

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But the highway program does not move along automatically. It is an immense undertaking. The most ambitious project is completion of the 41,000-mile Interstate System, scheduled to be opened to traffic throughout its length in 1972.

At the same time, other primary highways and many secondary roads are being improved by the federal government and the states. Action by Congress, the executive branch, the state legislatures and the state highway commissions is needed to keep the complex machinery moving.

THE INTERSTATE System, the great network that will in time criss-cross the nation from north to south, from east to west and diagonally is almost 40 per cent open to traffic. But the progress has been irregular, with some states 70 per cent along and others less than half way.

A fifth of the states are somewhat behind in design work, and even more are having trouble acquiring right-of-way. Still others have had difficulty in providing the funds to match the federal 90 per cent.

In the federal-state roadbuilding partnership, the initiative rests with the states. Federal officials have urged them to set specific goals and expedite construction so that half of the Interstate mileage—over 20,000—will be open by the end of 1964. If such progress is general throughout the country, the prospects will be bright for completion by 1972.

The immediate advantages of new freeways are obvious to the motorist and trucker who drive onto them from old conventional roads. The sooner long and useful stretches of the Interstate System, particularly those connecting cities, are built, the sooner we shall enjoy the practical benefits.

Americans have reason for self-congratulation, but not for complacency. We all have an interest in making sure that the program does not lag.

## Police Reveal September Criminal Rate

Michigan State Police officers made 20,594 arrests in September, 18,886 for traffic offenses and 1,708 on criminal complaints, according to the department's monthly activity report.

In addition, 922 juvenile traffic offenders were arrested and 551 delinquent and one wayward minor apprehended.

Troopers assisted 5,723 motorists, investigated 9,099 cars, issued 24,411 oral warnings, and made 12,085 property and 2,641 liquor inspections.

DEPARTMENT vehicles traveled 1,802,213 miles, of which 1,081,608 were on traffic patrol and 720,775 to investigate criminal and other complaints.

The identification bureau received 13,785 sets of fingerprints, of which 7,323 were criminal and 6,462 noncriminal. Eighteen wanted persons were identified.

Of 3,419 applicants for permits to carry concealed weapons, 353 were identified with criminal records through their fingerprints.

THE SCIENTIFIC crime laboratory conducted 465 examinations, 224 on firearms, 207 on questioned documents, and 34 miscellaneous. Laboratory assistances numbered 29 for State Police posts or other departmental units, 14 for sheriff departments, 52 for local police departments, and five for other agencies.

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### For General Electric "Sleep Guard" Automatic Blankets

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The place in the picture is Hawthorne Electrical Company, and man, do we have G.E. blankets! We stock four different models in a wide choice of fabrics, styles, sizes and colors—making a total of over forty different blankets for your selection. We offer immediate delivery on the G.E. blanket that's best suited to you.

The man in the picture is C. B. Schmidt. He's president of our outfit, and vice president in charge of electric blankets. If you have any unusual electric blanket problems, he knows all the answers (or maybe we should say he knows where to get all the answers). Incidentally, he's in charge of blanket pricing, too. Although he's oft criticized by his cohorts for pricing them too low, you won't mind his ridiculous low prices a bit.

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