



**Pinned by Pole**

A Southfield man sustained minor injuries Dec. 3 when his car skidded into and sheared off a telephone pole on Franklin Road, just south of 13 Mile. Emanuel Christensen, 17350 Cornell, was treated by a private physician. The vehicle was northbound on Franklin and skidded on snow as Christensen rounded a curve. There were no passengers in the car.

**IN BIRMINGHAM**  
**Appoint Mich. Week Committee Chairmen**

Chairman of the committees for Birmingham's Michigan Week activities were announced by James K. Flack, community chairman. "As usual, Birmingham is fortunate in the availability of its talented citizens for a volunteer effort such as this," Flack said. He announced that Walter J. Piel, administrative assistant, Birmingham Public Schools, is Michigan Week vice chairman and that Robert S. Kenning, assistant city manager, will serve as an ex-officio member of the general committee. Robert W. Mason of the Detroit Bank and Trust Co. is in charge of the finance committee for the week's activities. "Spiritual Foundations Day, which will begin the Birmingham celebration and which will emphasize ecumenism, is the responsibility of Rev. Robert W. Boley of the Beverly Hills Methodist Church," Flack stated.

JOHN F. SAEFKE is chairman of Government Day, John P. Morgan is chairman of Heritage Day and W. Donald Martin is in charge of Youth Day. Hospitality Day has again been assigned to the Birmingham Newcomers Club with Mrs. Frank Kros.

**The GOLDEN YEARS**

There is one great and overpowering blessing to appreciate the day you retire: You are rich. You are richer than workers have ever been in the history of the world. You are probably richer than you have been during your working years. There is a chance that you are richer than you think. A man who disputed this a few months ago and went around damning his company and the government finally agreed to investigate. He went to companies, investment counselors, and then to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in Washington.

AS THIS is written, he is living happily in an apartment in San Diego, Cal., telling sailors what a wonderful country they are serving. His name is Walter Eronson. "The Social Security my wife and I get is \$140," he says. "From the company I get a pension of \$130. From some converted insurance policies I get \$40 a month. This totals \$310. "And I've learned, reluctantly, that I'm a blooming capitalist. That \$310 a month is actually a nest egg of over \$90,000. I'm a tenth of a millionaire . . .

WHAT HE is figuring is that it takes about \$90,000 invested at 4 per cent, to get the \$3,720 a year he is getting. And unless somebody somewhere had provided the \$90,000 he would not be so rich. The 4 per cent is about all the boss or anybody else can get from a safe investment. "I got an education on Social Security," Mr. Eronson says. "Most of my working years I worked for less than \$100 a week. I figure I have averaged paying Social Security not over \$100 a year. "But I'm now getting \$1,680 a year. In two years I will have back more than I ever paid, and if I live to be 80—well, you figure it."

HE SAYS he realizes his company paid the Social Security for him, too. "But what has converted me to preaching to sailors is that what my company has done for me, what smart insurance men have figured out, what the government people figured out—all this has made me as rich as a \$90,000 banker sitting in the sun. And that's what I'm doing. "I paid for the annuities. I contributed to my pension. I paid into Social Security. But the point is that I could never have saved \$90,000. Somebody had to set up all these systems. Somebody did. I'm rich at 66. It's a wonderful country."

**City Council Vetoes Sidewalk Ordinance**

LATHRUP — Final adoption of the City's sidewalk repair assessment ordinance was rejected at the city council meeting Monday night because "meanings were not clarified," according to Mayor Richard N. Cogger.

The mayor asked that both the city administrator and the city attorney simplify the ordinance and allow for updating specifications by future councils.

**To Serve Library**

LATHRUP — The city council appointed two new members to the Library Advisory Committee at its meeting Monday night. Named to serve were Mrs. Neil Thurwachter, 18850 Bungalow, and Mrs. Alex Martin, 17525 Coral Gables.

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