

### Colonial Home Dates Back to 1800's

The William S. Cooper family, of 4000 Quarton Road, live in a rambling colonial-styled home on Gilbert Lake. Their home has many wings, and has been remodeled several times. The center stone section was the original dwelling built in the early years when Gilbert Lake was first settled.

There are horse hitching stones, with dates in the early 1820's on them, that were found on the grounds years ago. Could this have been the home of Joseph Gilbert who purchased 320 acres of this land from the government in 1823?

### Then and Now

In 1869 the residents of Bloomfield, Southfield, Troy and Royal Oak townships erected a monument to the memory of area servicemen who died during the Civil War. For many years the monument stood in the middle of the Saginaw-Mill street, intersection. Around the turn of the century traffic at that location (now Woodward and Maple) got so heavy the monument was moved to Greenwood Cemetery. Several months ago, city commissioners decided to move the eight-ton monument back into town. Bottom photo shows forestry department employes (from left) Chet Hunter, Ralph Shead and William Diem loading it onto a truck. The monument, now at the northeast corner of the Municipal Building, will be rededicated in ceremonies on May 30.



### ENCOMPASS PAST, FUTURE

## B'ham Utilities Plan Exhibits

The theme "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" will set the standard for exhibits by Birmingham's three utilities; Bell Telephone, Consumers Power and Detroit Edison. The companies will recognize Centennial - Michigan Week with three of the most interesting exhibits open to public viewing.

Each display will present historical, contemporary and future materials including appliances and atomic projections.

**BELL TELEPHONE**, at 160 Martin, will place a sign over their door wishing Birmingham a happy birthday. A show case on the patio of the building will feature modern telephone styles.

Plans call for a telephone history of Birmingham to be on view in the front window showcase, if enough materials are gathered.

In the main lobby of the Bell Telephone building will be a display of telephones for the future. Accompanying this will be other exhibits, primarily one featuring the Teletext project.

Scheduled to be completed Monday, the exhibit will remain on view through Centennial Week. The public may witness the display from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the week.

CONSUMERS Power Co., at 189 Merrill, will devote their entire

sales floor and display window to their exhibit.

An interesting display will be a cross-section of a natural gas field, showing the various strata under ground involved in such a project. The display will be animated.

Several exhibits will illustrate the electrical end of the company, the Big Rock atomic plant near Charlevoix and a replica of the Tower of Light at the World's Fair in New York.

A series of displays will show early gas appliances with their present-day counterparts and future designs. The appliances will be divided into three groups:

One group will concern water-

### Horses Wrecked Monument Fence

The iron fence around the soldier's monument (while at its original site at the Woodward-Maple intersection) was broken down by a runaway team in 1880.

For almost a year it remained broken until it was repaired and fixed up as good as new by a distinguished individual from Detroit whose identity was kept secret. The monument now is in Greenwood cemetery.

heating devices, another will consist of gas ranges while a third features laundry appliances.

The Consumers display will be open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

**DETROIT EDISON**, at 220 Merrill, will have large decorations on the front of the building accompanied with a sign for "100 Years." Large photographs of previous Edison plants and the present one will be on display as will other before and after scenes comparing early and present-day Birmingham.

In keeping with the theme of "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," Edison will exhibit an old coal stove with a mock-up of electrical heat next to it.

Displays of early-day irons and their present-day counterparts will also be on view. Included in this exhibit will be charcoal irons.

A LARGE display of the atomic plant in Lagonora Beach in Monroe will be in the lobby. Visitors will be able to listen to explanations of the device on various phones stationed with the display.

The Edison exhibit will open on Monday and can be seen from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.



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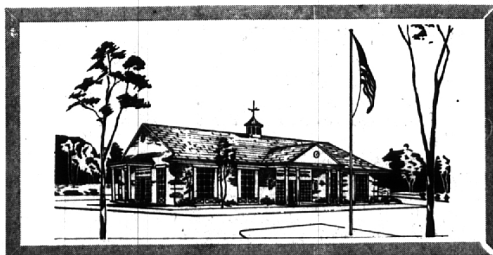
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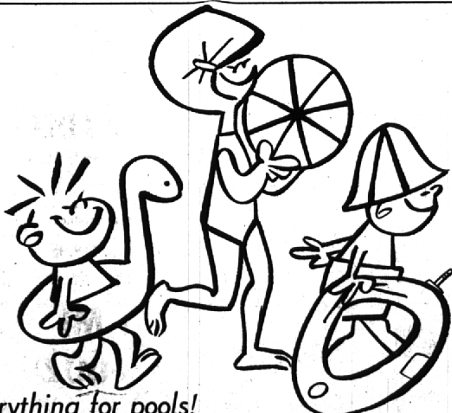
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