

# Senior Citizen Surge Affects Local Economy

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**NEW YORK**—The "over-65's" in Birmingham are gaining on the rest of the local population. Their number is increasing at a faster rate than are other age groups, taken as a whole. Because of their growing size and their improved financial condition, they are becoming more and more important as consumers and more influential, politically and otherwise.

**THE TREND** is a national one, according to data compiled by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

In its recent report entitled "The Aging Process," notes that some 1,000,000 older persons have been added to the population since 1960. The increase in their number amounts to 6.2 per cent. In Birmingham, as of the early part of this year, there were an estimated 1,921 men and women in the over-65 ranks, based on the national rate of increase.

This compares with the 1,809 recorded in 1960, when the census was taken. Of these, 690 were men and 1,119 women.

**IN MOST PARTS** of the country there is a disparity in favor of the women. Of the 17,000,000 persons over 65 in the United States, 9,800,000 are women and only 7,200,000 are men. The increase in the proportion of people living to age 65 and beyond reflects the great advances in medicine and in public health and the decrease in deaths.

**IN BIRMINGHAM**, the longer life span is very much in evidence. The proportion of elders in the

local population is higher than ever, 7.0 per cent. As for their economic position, although most people over 65 have much less money to spend than do younger people, they do have enough, in the aggregate, to make their presence felt in the market place. They are retiring with larger incomes than formerly. Since 1948, it is shown, the median income of older families, in terms of current dollars, has gone up about 25 per cent.

The result is that the competition for their business is being stepped up.

## Lawyer First To File for Post in 65th

Attorney William P. Hampton, 2767 Windemere, Birmingham, became the first Republican candidate to file for nomination for State Representative in the 65th Legislative District.

Hampton, filing more than double the number of signatures required, is seeking election to the seat now held by Henry M. Hogan, Jr., who is not seeking re-election. The 65th District is composed of the City of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township, Beverly Hills, Franklin, Bingham Farms and a section of Royal Oak.

**HAMPTON**, the only attorney seeking election to this post, is a graduate of Michigan State University with a major in political science and earned his law degree from Wayne State University. He has been active in local and statewide Republican politics. In filing and becoming an official candidate, Hampton said, "As a citizen interested in better government I feel an obligation to devote my time to public service. With my background in political science and law, I feel I am qualified to serve you and your state."

"It is in this law-making body of the government where I can best apply my education and knowledge to your best interest. I have studied and made myself aware of the intricate workings of the state government and the problems which our government faces today and in the near future."

The kiwi birds of New Zealand are the only known living birds that have a really well-developed sense of smell. Their nostrils are placed at the end of their long bills instead of at the base, the usual place.

## Interchange Signs To Go Up Aug. 1

Interchange number signs will be put up on 200 miles of I-94 Freeway starting about Aug. 1. Arrow-shaped signs with white numbers on a blue background will be installed on 80 interchanges between Detroit and New Buffalo on the Michigan-Indiana state line.

The interchanges will be numbered by the mileage system. This means the number of each interchange will be determined by its distance from the Michigan-Indiana state line at New Buffalo.

**INTERCHANGE 60**, for instance, will be 60 miles from the Indiana state line and 10 miles from interchange 70. Originally, the contractor on the signing project planned to start installing the signs in early July, but the State Highway Department reported.

However, fabrication of the interchange number panels was delayed when the contractor's plywood order arrived late. The completion date on the project is Oct. 31.

## Oakland School Board Elects New Officers

Fred W. Smith, Royal Oak real estate dealer, was elected president of the Board of Education of Oakland Schools at an organization meeting Thursday. Smith has been a member of the Oakland Schools board for eight years.

R. A. Ambrose, retired superintendent of Oxford Schools, was elected vice-president. Herbert P. Sillman, Oak Park accountant, took office as a member of the board. Sillman defeated former board president Fred D. Leonard in a May election by delegates from school boards throughout the county. Sillman is president of the Oak Park Board of Education.

**THE SECOND** and fourth Thursdays of each month were set as regular meeting dates. The board meets at 4 p.m. in the offices of Oakland Schools, County Service Center.

In other action, the board hired Dr. Loyal Joos at a salary of \$18,000 to direct systematic studies of the effectiveness of teaching practices.

Dr. Joos is now director of research for the School District of Baltimore County, Md. He will begin work for Oakland Schools in mid-August.

## Reserves Return Home Following Summer Training

A total of 2,100 reservists from Michigan and Indiana—members of the 70th Division (Training) returned to their homes Saturday after completing their annual two-week summer training.

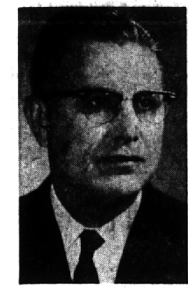
The reservists, under the command of Major General Stanley W. Connolly of Bloomfield Hills, have been undergoing extensive training with active Army units at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Birmingham members of the division from Detroit (329th and 330th Regiments and division headquarters), Pontiac and Flint (333rd Regiment) flew from Fort Leonard Wood Saturday, arriving at Detroit's Metropolitan Airport all during the day.

**DURING** the two-week period at Fort Leonard Wood, the 70th Division (Training personnel) virtually took over the training of recruits for the post. All instruction was fully coordinated with active Army personnel currently conducting basic training.

Within two weeks after returning from summer camp, division personnel will continue weekly drill sessions at their respective armories.

Assistant Division Commanders are Brigadier General Hartsel L. Harris of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Brigadier General Robert R. Owen of Birmingham.



JUDGE BARNARD

## Probate Judge Running for Second Term

Probate Judge Norman R. Barnard has announced his candidacy for election to the office of probate judge of Oakland County. He was appointed to the office by Gov. Romney in February, 1963. Prior to that date he served as corporation counsel for Oakland County.

Judge Barnard is a graduate of the University of Detroit Law School and the College of Arts and Sciences, and has been a practicing attorney in Detroit and Oakland County since 1941.

He held several municipal offices in Troy, including justice of the peace, township supervisor, and chairman of the Charter Commission for the new City of Troy in 1955 prior to becoming counsel for the Oakland County Board of Supervisors. He has also served on the Board of Education in Troy prior to school consolidation, and has been attorney for school districts in Troy and Avon Townships.

HE HAS been active for many years in programs for young people including 4-H club work and the Boy Scouts and is presently vice-chairman of Northridge District Boy Scouts of America.

He is a charter member of the Oakland County Legal Aid Society, a member of the board of directors of Camp Oakland, an 18-year member of the Volunteer Fire Department in Troy, and a member of the official board of the Troy Methodist Church.

Judge Barnard stated that Oakland County, through the Probate Court and with the backing of the County Board of Supervisors, is providing many programs and facilities for children and youth who are referred to the court, either because of law violations or parental neglect. He cited the work of the 25 youth protection committees in the county and the interest of more than 500 citizens who are participating in a volunteer program for youth protection and prevention of delinquency.

The youth protection program and the modern Children's Village now under construction at the County Service Center was initiated by Judge Barnard's predecessor in office, Judge Arthur E. Moore, who is now one of the seven circuit judges in the county.

**AT THE RECENT** groundbreaking ceremony for the new Oakland County Children's Village, Judge Barnard described the construction of the Village as marking the beginning of "a new concept and a new way of helping unfortunate children."

Judge Barnard was born in Royal Oak and at the age of four moved with his parents to Troy, where he presently makes his home with his wife Harriet and six children.

## 'Report Rubbish Pickup Faults,' Says Lathrup

LATHRUP—Rubbish collection complaints — if any — should be made to the city offices.

"This was City Administrator Jerold D. Stone's advice to residents not satisfied with the extended weekly service which began in July. "A representative of the G.C.W. Disposal Service of Birmingham will check with our offices for complaints following each pickup," said Stone at the City Council meeting Monday night.

**STONE SAID** that collectors were responsible for replacing lids tightly on the cans and replacing them in the approximate place from where they were picked up. All refuse spilled by collectors must be picked up also.

In a recent letter to Lathrup residents, Stone outlined the extended services which collect rubbish during the entire year instead of the six-month period during the summer.

He defined rubbish as waste material resulting from the usual routine of housekeeping, metallic articles, newspapers if tied in bundles, cardboard boxes and other articles not burned in home incinerators and yard wastes.

HE STATED that no rubbish container need be collected if it exceeded 60 pounds.

If a container is not collected, said Stone, it will be tagged stating the reason the collection was not made.

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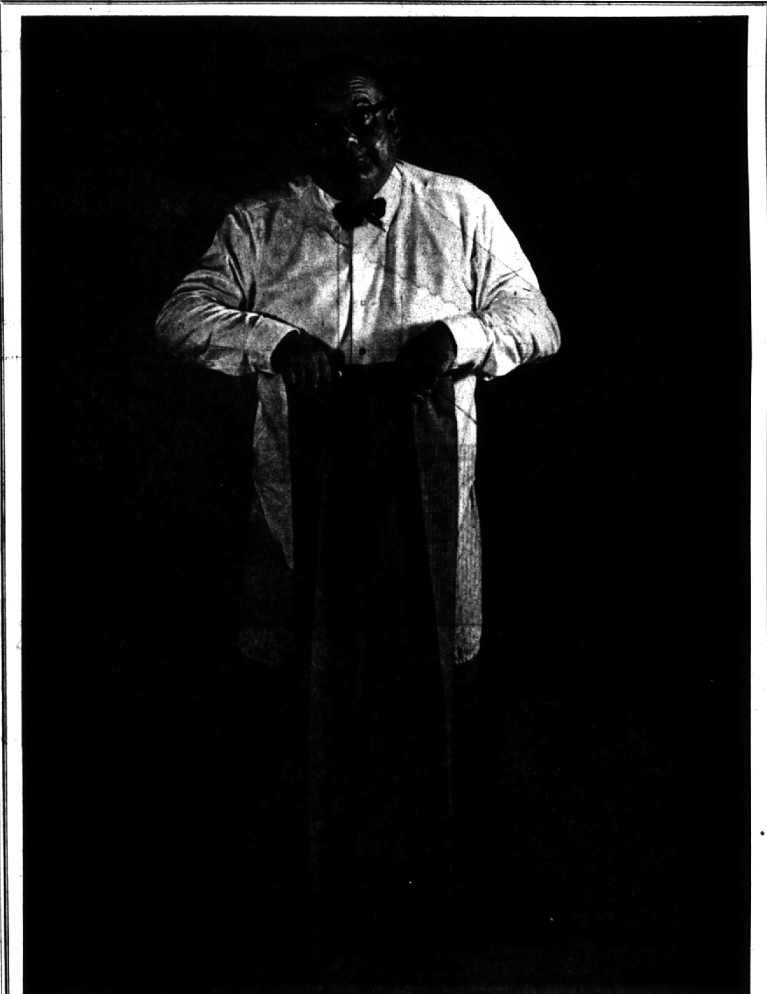
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