

Home Building in County to Hit \$107 Million

By HAZEL A. TRUMBLE

Builders and developers in this area are poised to provide a "heap o' living" for 7,056 new home owners in 1955 at a cost of \$107,425,000.

They have obtained and platted the land.

Financing is available.

Materials are stockpiled.

The labor market is ready with hammer and saw and promises a top production year.

Plans for every type home from the \$6,500 two-bedroom one story prefabricated model to the \$75,000 split-level custom built modern mansion are off the draft boards of designers and architects.

In a survey made this week by the Pontiac Press, covering all of Oakland County except the southeast corner, major builders and developers in this area readily testify that they believe in Oakland County and its future.

"It's a natural. This county is no gamble. It is a sound and good investment," declared a veteran of 30 years in the developing business who has a \$5,000,000 proposed program for 1955.

Their faith in Oakland County and its ability to attract the "moving people" from the nearby cities and far-off

places has sent them prospecting for desirable land to develop.

And they have found it in the former apple orchards and pasture lands of Oakland County. They have spotted vacant and undeveloped property and surveyed it from every angle.

Their confidence has been reinforced by Washington whose barometer says we have moved into a state of healthy economy.

Rising incomes in this county (especially in the middle and lower income brackets) have carried a growing number of families into the financial position which qualify them for home ownership. Across the nation, one million more families per year, according to Washington statistics, are realizing that great American ambition—to own their own home.

Oakland County, boast the builders and developers, is right in the path of this mass migration movement and it has everything to offer for those seeking "a spot in the country."

Each reported that land costs are several hundred dollars less than in Wayne County.

Taxes are somewhat lower.

It is only an hour or so to business and industrial headquarters. For some it is a matter of minutes.

"The heart is truly where the home is," said one builder, "and when they come out to Oakland County they shift community pride to their homesite."

Although the largest single development of houses for 1955 will be built in the Joslyn and Walton Boulevard area and is planned to number 1,000 homes, Waterford Township is scheduled to get the preponderance of construction during this coming year.

Its 35 per cent of undeveloped land daily is being readied for new homes, especially around its lake areas.

Colwell Homes, Inc., is the developer of the one thousand house project. It is to cost about \$9,000,000. Concentration, they claim, will be on the less than \$10,000 model.

"This," said Harry J. Fournier of the corporation, "seems to be in the greatest demand."

Prefabricated homes assembled in Lafayette, Indiana, by the National Homes, Inc., the Colwell houses are completed in a three-week period from the time they move onto the site via truck. Everything is included in this packaged home from the kitchen sink to the bathtub.

Also located in Pontiac Township will be another large development, by Royal Park, in the amount of \$1,708,000.

This represents 234 homes and is on Walton Blvd., just east of Opdyke Rd.

The City of Pontiac may get a 300 unit federal housing project during 1955. By action of the city commission, negotiations with the federal housing officials have begun.

Waterford Township will see a total of 1,794 homes built by major developers this year. However, not included in this total are the hundreds of homes which will be built by individual buyers or builders.

The former King Farm at Williams Lake and Airport Rds. will provide sites for 300 homes in the \$12,500 price bracket. This project is developed by the White Brothers, who are also handling 130 homes at Williams Lake for \$11,800; 170 homes at Elizabeth Lake and M59 with the project to cost \$2,031,500; 130 homes at Airport Rd. near Our Lady of the Lakes Church to cost \$15,500 each and another 80 homes at Elizabeth Lake near Hospital Rd. in the \$11,500 price bracket.

White Brothers are also developers of the scenic Waterford Hill which promises to give 250 spacious home sites. This project they estimate at \$8,000,000.

Sylvan Realty has 150 homes going up in Waterford (Continued on Page 13)

U. N. Chief Wins Ike's Confidence on POW Release

President Urges Nation to Back Efforts to Free 11 Captive Airmen

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld was assured today of full U.S. support for his further efforts to obtain the release of 11 American airmen imprisoned in Red China.

The assurance came from President Eisenhower who said the "fundamental thing" is the safe return of the airmen, and added in a public statement: "We must support the U. N. in its efforts so long as those efforts hold out any promise of success."

The statement was issued yesterday in what was reported to be a move to forestall tough talk from members of Congress and others, lest this in some manner endanger the safety of the imprisoned men or their chances for freedom.

Administration officials are privately hopeful Hammarskjöld's recent mission to Peking will lead eventually to the release of the airmen and possibly other U.N. personnel held by the Chinese Reds.

Hammarskjöld told a news conference in New York yesterday his mission had constituted a successful first step and the way for further negotiation was open. But he gave no details.

Hammarskjöld reported, presumably in detail, to Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. at U.N. headquarters and yesterday Lodge reported to Secretary of State Dulles at Omaha, Neb., where both had gone for a briefing on the operations of the Strategic Air Command.

Dulles talked with Eisenhower by telephone and the presidential statement was released after that talk.

The President said first reaction to the failure to obtain immediate release of the airmen "quite naturally . . . is disappointing."

"All of us are rightly aroused," the President added, "that our airmen have not been long since released by their Communist captors in accordance with the clear terms of the Korean armistice."

Aides Claim Ike Planning Stag Dinners to Knit GOP

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower reportedly will continue with a series of White House stag dinners in an effort to knit closer personal ties with Republican organization members from all sections of the country who will be active in the 1956 campaign.

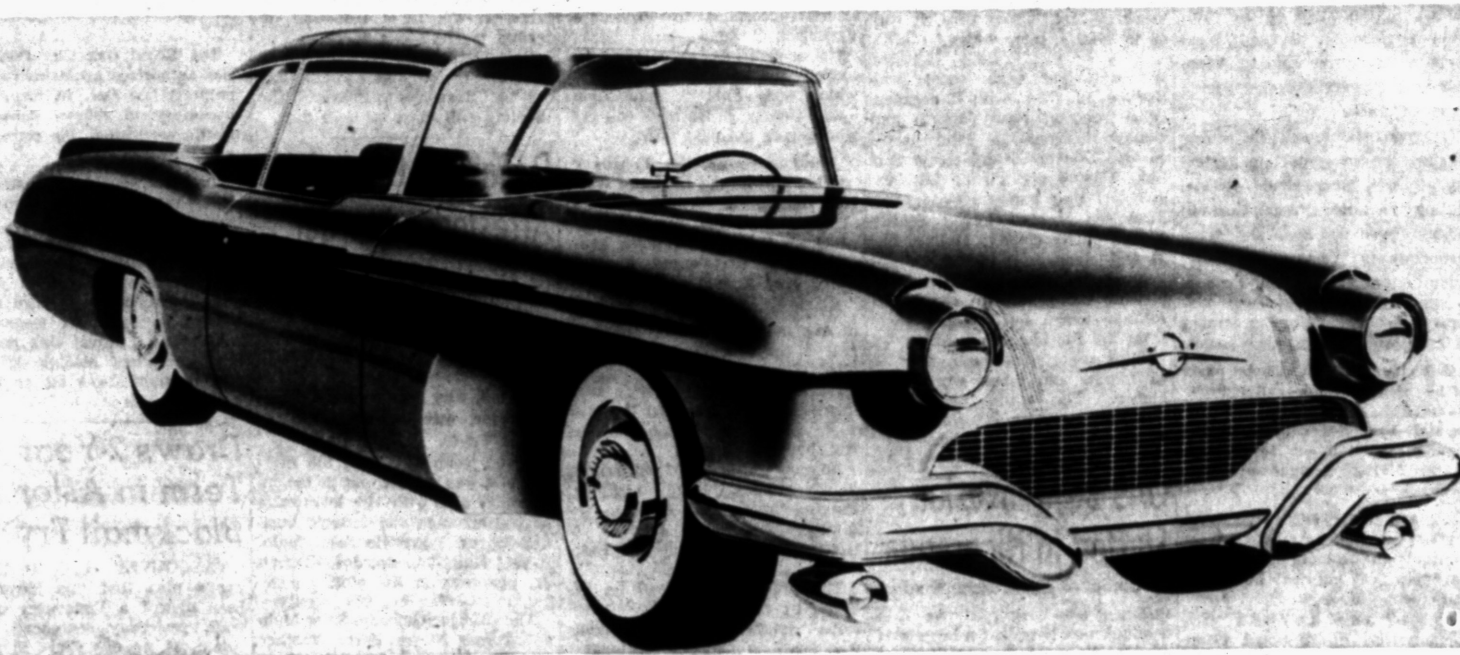
Political associates said the President plans to invite GOP state chairmen and national committee members to the dinners for an exchange of views on national and local problems.

These affairs have been going on several months with business men usually predominant among the guests.

Recently, however, they have taken on a political flavor in which the President has welded closer contacts with the men who will be influential in their states in helping select the party's nominee and in campaigning for him after the 1956 convention.

While some of those who at-

Pontiac Motor Strato Star to Make Debut at Motorama



FUTURISTIC—Pontiac's 1955 experimental car, the Strato Star, makes its debut at the General Motors Motorama in New York City, Jan. 20. The futuristic show car, finished in silver lacquer with vermilion red interior is only 53 inches high. The top of the six-passenger coupe is supported by four slim airfoil sectioned pillars and specially

formed glass to give passengers uninterrupted vision. For easy access to the passenger compartment, hinged panels in the roof of the Strato Star automatically raise when the doors of the car are opened.

Points Finger at Nicaragua

OAS Says Costa Rica Attacked From North; Government Blameless

WASHINGTON (AP)—Without blaming the government of Nicaragua, the Organization of American States has put its finger on that Central American nation as the source of an invasion of neighboring Costa Rica.

While the OAS did not place responsibility for the invasion on the Nicaraguan government, it urged decisive action by Nicaragua to prevent war goods from moving across its border into Costa Rica.

Meanwhile, Costa Rican forces were reported closing in rapidly on La Cruz, in the northwest tip of the beleaguered country, where an enemy band has grabbed a small area.

Meeting late into the night, the OAS Council adopted a resolution in which it said its on-the-scene investigation commission had reported "a substantial part of the war material was introduced over the northern border" of Costa Rica.

Nicaragua is Costa Rica's sole neighbor to the north. The commission (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

Experimental Dream Car Looks Into Future

Radical Top and Body Design Featured in Pontiac's New Strato Star Coupe

The Pontiac Strato Star, a culmination of automotive stylists' dreams come true, will be presented for the first time by Pontiac Motor Division at the General Motors Motorama opening Jan. 20 in New York.

The six passenger hardtop coupe is inspired by the dashing flair of the world's most exciting racing and sports cars.

Most startling feature of this truly dream car is the revolutionary new treatment of the roof and upper body. Designers and stylists have for years tried to reduce the size of the rear quarter roof support panels to attain obstruction-free rear vision while still maintaining firm body support. Until the introduction of the Strato Star they had been only partially successful.

However, the Strato Star introduces an almost unbelievably immense expanse of viewing area with its airfoil sectioned cantilevered pillars. These slim but sturdy pillars actually grow out of the streamlined fins of the rear deck, extend the length of the roof section, gradually tapering to join the windshield header bar.

A structural innovation of Pontiac engineers, these slim columns add a tremendously appropriate air of sleekness to the over-all feeling of the car. The Strato Star indisputably offers greater all-

around vision than ever before seen in a hardtop automobile.

"In the Strato Star we believe we have designs many years ahead," R. M. Crutchfield, vice president of General Motors and general manager of Pontiac, said. "While this car is not scheduled for production at this time, it may well influence the features and appearance of our cars in the future."

The Strato Star, although less than 4½ feet high, comfortably

seats six passengers. The hardtop coupe's innate beauty is brilliantly reinforced with a highly metallic silver colored lacquer. The interior is done entirely in vermilion red and brushed aluminum.

An engineer's and stylist's dream come true is seen in the six inch "access panel" directly over the door. The hinged panel actually flips up when the door is opened, allowing exceptional headroom (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

MSC Student Figueres' Kin

Costa Rica President's Brother-in-Law Sees War as Family Affair

EAST LANSING (AP)—A freshman student at Michigan State College has a right to regard the present turbulent situation in Costa Rica as something of a family affair. Richard H. Beck, of New York City, explained that Costa Rica President Jose Figueres is his brother-in-law.

Beck said his sister, the former Karen Olsen Beck, met Figueres while she was a student at Columbia University and the Costa Rican president was visiting New York. They were married last February in Costa Rica and the MSC student obtained a leave of absence from the army to attend the wedding.

Beck said implications that the Costa Rican government is undemocratic are not true. "President Figueres led the revolution against the Communist regime in 1948," he said. He termed Figueres "a liberal whose primary purpose is to mould Costa Rica into a highly-developed Democratic nation."

Beck termed President Anastasio Somoza of Nicaragua, the country Costa Rica has charged investigated an invasion, "a dictator who personally owns much of the land in his country."

Beck said the present situation stems largely from a long-time personal feud between Figueres and Somoza.

Bridegroom, 102, Building Addition to 1-Room House

DEWITT, Ark. (AP)—A honeymooning 102-year-old great-great-grandfather sawed boards for an addition to his one-room bungalow here yesterday while his 62-year-old wife "kept house."

J. D. Manues and his bride, Mrs. Willie Grisham, trekked to the altar Wednesday. It was Manues' fourth marriage—Mrs. Grisham's third.

The clerk's record at the county court house showed Manues was born at Manchester, Tenn., April 22, 1852. Mrs. Grisham was born April 22, 1892 near DeWitt.

Manues declared: "There's no use being single with all these pretty women around."

Wed for 80 of Her 100

BARNESLEY, England (AP)—Anna Adcock celebrated her 100th birthday today with her husband, John, who will be 100 in November. They have been married 80 years.

In Today's Press

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Columbia News 12-19
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Crane, Dr. George 12-19
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Junior Editor 12-19
Market 12-19
Patterson 12-19
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Theater 12-19
TV and Radio Programs 12-19
Wilson, Earl 12-19
West Ad 12-19
Women's Pages 12-19

Income Tax Returns Prepared
Angus Campbell—Tax Consultant
903 W. Huron St., Open Even, PE 2-3615

Not Cultural—Just Filthy Lucre; You Interested?

ST. LOUIS (AP)—For 20 years Harry Land, employee of a brokerage firm, did extra favors for an elderly lady client and he always refused pay, jokingly saying "just remember me in your will."

Miss Henrietta Marbes, who died last month at 79, did just that. She willed Land a 30 per cent share, and an inventory of the estate filed in probate court yesterday shows its value at \$195,852.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—It's all a mystery but the Louisville & Nashville Railroad is richer by \$1,000.

John E. Tilford, president of the railroad, yesterday opened a plain envelope addressed to him and inside was another plain cover, and a note. It said:

"Dear Sir:
"Enclosed is \$1,000 which is due the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co. Will you please see it is delivered to the proper authorities."

It went to the treasurer. No one knows of anything that should have produced the \$1,000 bill inclosed in the letter post-marked Louisville.

TAPEH, Formosa (AP)—Five thousand men replied to this lonely hearts newspaper ad: "Attractive widow of 25, high school graduate, seeks husband. Send photo, personal history, and stamps for reply."

Some applicants, disgruntled at receiving no reply, went to the address given. They found that the "widow" was a man, Chao Chun, 31, who expected to get rich on stamps.

Chao Chun now has a new address—the city jail.

Panama Orders Guizado Arrest; Arias in Office

Miro Tells Sensational Story of Killing Ramon, Implicates Chief

PANAMA (AP)—The National Assembly today impeached President Jose Ramon Guizado and ordered his arrest and trial on a charge of plotting the assassination of his predecessor, Jose Antonio Remon.

Then, after almost four hours of a special session which started at 3:30 a.m., the lawmakers swore in 2nd vice President Ricardo Arias Espinosa as the third chief executive of this strategic central American republic in two weeks.

The Assembly was summoned to hear the sensational confession of Ruben Miro, a prominent lawyer, that he carried out the shooting of Remon at a race track here on Jan. 2 with Guizado's full knowledge. Guizado, as 1st vice president became President immediately after the killing.

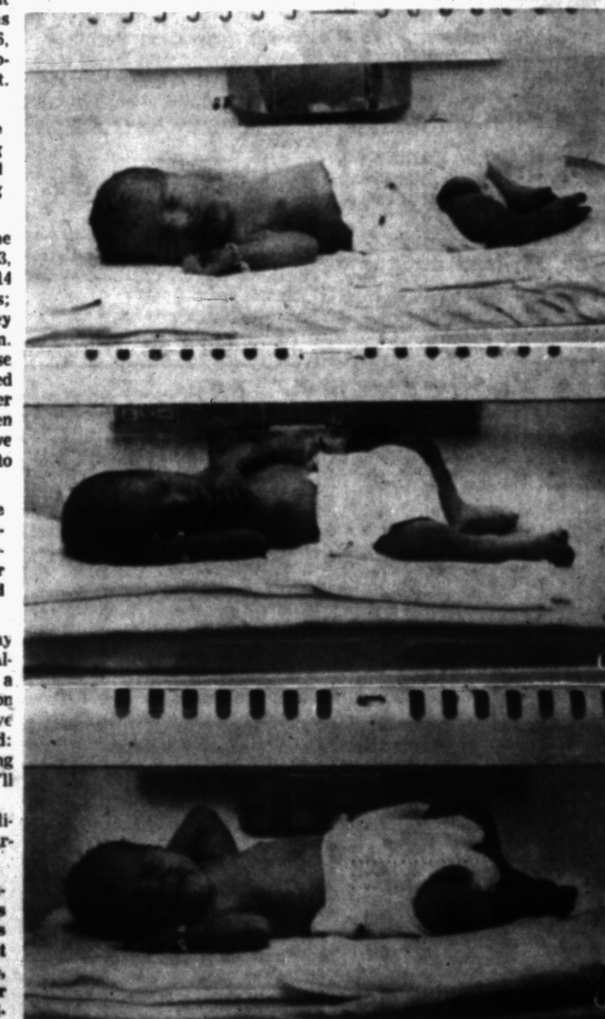
Under-house arrest since yesterday, he assailed Miro's story as "senseless."

Guizado had asked the Assembly for a leave of absence pending investigation of the charge against him.

But the lawmakers turned down the request after hearing a cham-

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Triplet Girls Born Today



THREE OF A KIND—Triplet daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Forster of Rochester in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital early this morning. The girls, as yet unnamed, are shown above resting contentedly in incubators in the hospital nursery.

Pontiac Press Photo

Schoolmen OK Hardship Plan

William Shunk Wants State Aid in Distressed Areas

The Metropolitan Superintendents' Association approved the principle of the plan for additional state aid funds for "hardship" school districts presented in Detroit Friday by William Shunk, superintendent of Waterford Township Schools.

The group, representing public school administrators from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, asked that the plan be reviewed at the state meeting in Grand Rapids next week of the Michigan Association of School Administrators.

As presented by Shunk, the plan calls for a special appropriation from the state aid fund to help those districts which have already done the most to help themselves.

Hardship districts, according to the proposal, would include 140 in the state and nine in Oakland County where valuations have not kept pace with pupil increase.

If approved by the MASA next week, the proposal may be sent to the state department of public instruction for legislative action.

Dr. Francis York Dies in Royal Oak

ROYAL OAK—Dr. Francis York, widely known Royal Oak composer, lecturer and writer, died Thursday night. He was 93.

Dr. York, who retired three years ago as dean of the Detroit Conservatory of Music, was an organist at the St. Louis Exposition in 1904.

A native of Ontonagon, Mich., he was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1882, and later taught at the University School of Music in Ann Arbor and Michigan State Normal College at Ypsilanti. He wrote the first course of music study used in Detroit public schools.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Royal Oak.

Rev. Richard Dixon Honored by Group

The World Baptist Alliance committee of the Trinity Baptist Church is honoring the Rev. Richard H. Dixon Jr., pastor of the church, Sunday evening at 7:30.

The choir will present a sacred concert under the direction of Mrs. Sarah Gary. Soloists for the program will be Jewel Reeves, Alice Yeagin, Gretchen Donaldson, Shaylor Harris, Larry Tucker and Cecil Reeves.

Mrs. Robert Burns will be at the organ and Eugene Rush will play the piano.

The Rev. Mr. Dixon will leave soon for a tour of Europe and the Holy Land. Mrs. Cora Black is chairman of the evening.

Two Persons Injured in Two-Car Accident

Two persons were injured in a two-car accident at Auburn and Rochester Rds. early today.

Reported in good condition at Pontiac General Hospital is Ariene Anderson, 15, of 821 Camden, Ferndale, who suffered a broken left arm. She was a passenger in an auto driven by Melvin Moore, 24, of 1635 E. Otis, Hazel Park.

Ronald C. Hartsock, 22, of 3700 Burdman Rd., Memphis, Mich., riding with Milton Zlotkowski, 48, of 6481 County Park, Grosse Pointe, was treated at the hospital for head cuts.

Oakland County Sheriff's deputies were not able to determine immediately how the accident happened.

Scout Official Resigns

JACKSON (H)—Mrs. Jacob Stein resigned Friday as executive director of the Jackson Girl Scout Council.

The Weather

PONTIAC AND VICINITY — Partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow. A few snow flurries tonight. Low tonight near 25, high tomorrow 35-39. West to north winds. Partly cloudy and somewhat colder tomorrow night, low 15-18.

Today in Pontiac
Lowest temperature preceding 3 a.m. 25
8 a.m. Wind velocity 15 m.p.h.
Direction: W-S-W
Sun sets Saturday at 5:25 p.m.
Sun rises Sunday at 7:36 a.m.
Moon sets Saturday at 11:15 a.m.
Moon rises Sunday at 1:34 a.m.

Downfall Temperatures
8 a.m. 33 11 a.m. 32
7 a.m. 33 12 m. 32
8 a.m. 31 1 p.m. 32
9 a.m. 32 2 p.m. 32
10 a.m. 32

Friday in Pontiac
(As recorded downtown)
Highest temperature 26
Lowest temperature 20
Mean temperature 23
Weather—Partly Cloudy.

One Year Ago in Pontiac
Highest temperature 55
Lowest temperature 21
Mean temperature 38
Weather—Snow.

Highest and Lowest Temperatures This Date in 1922 -19 in 1953
Friday's Temperature Chart
Baltimore 21 22 Memphis 43 38
Birmingham 21 22 Miami 37 36
Boston 21 22 Minneapolis 37 37
Buffalo 21 22 New York 38 38
Cleveland 21 22 St. Louis 38 38
Cincinnati 21 22 Pittsburgh 38 38
Chicago 21 22 St. Paul 38 38
Dayton 21 22 Toledo 38 38
Detroit 21 22 Washington 38 38
Evanston 21 22
Grand Rapids 21 22
Hartford 21 22
Indianapolis 21 22
Jacksonville 21 22
Lansing 21 22
Los Angeles 21 22
Seattle 21 22

Widow of Muehlebach to Get Most of Fortune

LOS ANGELES—George E. Muehlebach, Kansas City brewer and hotel operator who died Jan. 11, left most of his California and Missouri fortune to his widow, Chloe. His will was filed for probate yesterday.

The petition to dispose of California property worth \$45,000 but lawyers said other property in the Midwest would enhance the estate considerably.

Pontiac Strato Star Has Radical Design

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through the door. When the door is closed the amazing panel electrically and automatically returns to its normal position as part of the roof.

A unique drive line arrangement gives greater clearance and permits lowering of the floor tunnel. This innovation leads to the first introduction of full front and rear seats in a car as low as the Strato Star. Even here, Pontiac breaks the bonds of tradition, for the back rest of the front seat is divided into three sections. The center section is stationary, while the two smaller side sections tilt forward to allow easy entrance to the rear compartment without disturbing front seat passengers.

The Strato Star has an unprecedented low center of gravity made possible by its low height of 53 inches and its 130-inch wheelbase.

The Strato Star is powered with a 250-horsepower Strato-Streak V-8 engine equipped with a 4-barrel carburetor.

Emphasizing the Strato Star's thrilling look of fleetness, a rakish line outlining a concavity in the front fender eliminates the feeling of bulk and weight towards the front of the car. The fenders are an integral part of the expansive low broad hood. Two machined and polished Silver Streaks sweep across this area, unmistakably distinguishing it as a thoroughbred of the Pontiac line.

Out of the front fenders grow two headlamp nacelles which terminate at the cowl section. Connecting these two lines at the base of windshield is a fresh air intake for interior heating and defroster units. Over each headlamp is an aircraft type intake scoop which serves as a fresh air vent to the driver and passenger area.

The front bumpers and grille borrow ingeniously from the aeronautical designers. The bumpers are two gull wing sections of chrome, which wrap around the fenders and extend half way across the front where they join a center bar completing the bumper unit.

Above the center bar is futuristic air intake opening screened with a myriad array of small precision machined rectangles to form a grille of sparkling beauty.

Parking lamps are housed in twin pods with one suspended below each front fender.

The brilliant deep draw sections of chrome on the wheels resemble turbine impeller wheels and aid in supplying a stream of air to cool the brakes.

The door trim panels of lacquered fiberglass and brushed aluminum in natural color, combined with the pleated seats, headlining, instrument panel and carpeting of vermillion red, produce an unmatched feeling of brilliance and luxury.

Driver Is Fined \$30

Carey Childs, 32, of 326 Howard McNeil St., pleaded guilty to driving his auto without an operator's license and paid a \$30 fine yesterday when he appeared before Municipal Judge Cecil McCallum.

Also charged with illegal possession of policy slips, Childs pleaded innocent and was ordered to return for trial Thursday after furnishing a \$200 bond.

Parke, Davis Man Dies

ANN ARBOR (H)—Neil S. Harris, 48, of Coldwater, a salesman for Parke, Davis & Co., in Detroit, died at University Hospital here Thursday.

The Day in Birmingham

Y Membership Campaign Seeking to Enroll 2,000

From Our Birmingham Bureau
BIRMINGHAM—"Take a Full Measure and Stay Alive, Become a Member of the YMCA in '55," is the theme of this year's Y membership enrollment drive, getting underway today under the chairmanship of Arthur Blakeslee.

A goal of 2,000 new or renewal members will be sought until the campaign's close on Feb. 28.

A race, now traditionally part of the drive, will spur workers on in the form of a four-team mock boat race from Detroit to Chicago and back, scored under a point system.

While this year's goal is 2,000 members than have ever before been enrolled at one time, the Y committee of management expressed the feeling that this is justified in view of expansion plans and current increased facilities and activities.



RESCUED BY TEENAGER—James Kilroy, 19, holds topcoat around David Lamber, 28, moments after he pulled unconscious man from the wreckage of a flaming auto in Boston, Mass. Wisps of smoke still curl from victim who is in serious condition with injuries and burns. A man and woman were killed and another woman seriously injured when car rolled down an embankment.

See Easy OK on Paris Pact

Bonn Officials Predict Ratification in Wake of French-German Talks

BADEN BADEN, Germany, (H)—West German officials predicted today easy ratification of the Paris treaties in the wake of the amicable conference between West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and French Premier Pierre Mendes-France.

The two statesmen, in a far-ranging 11½-hour meeting yesterday, took a long stride toward settling the bitter French-German disputes over the Saar and arms production in Western Germany. Later they announced that French-German relations had been "favorably developed" by agreement on a number of disputed issues.

Adenauer fulfilled at least part of his pledge to his restive Parliament to clarify the controversial French-German accord, signed last October, to "Europeanize" the German-speaking Saar.

This agreement, one of the Paris treaties, is being assailed in West Germany on grounds it does not guarantee real political liberty in the industrial Saar.

Mendes-France agreed with Adenauer the International Commission should supervise the plebiscite by the Saar's 900,000 inhabitants. They also clarified the functions of the neutral commissioner who would control the Saar under this accord.

Mendes-France kept alive his hope for a West European arms pool when Adenauer's economic minister, Ludwig Erhard, submitted proposals in yesterday's conference to modify the French plan. What these proposals contain was not immediately disclosed.

Report Ike Planning More Stag Dinners

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into the progressive-moderate pattern he has said it ought to follow. At that dinner, he brought in Key Republicans from the midlands, including Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa. On hand also were Republican National Chairman Leonard W. Hall, former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York and Atty. Gen. Brownell, all experienced in national campaigns.

The decision to bring in Republican organization members apparently is regarded by Hall as a goodwill gesture likely to pay off in enthusiastic campaign support if the national chairman has his way and Eisenhower is a candidate again.

Cold and Windy Weather Seen for Most of U. S.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Cold and windy weather was the outlook for wide areas from the Rockies to the Eastern Coast today. No heavy rain or snow was reported.

Although cold weather continued in most of the East, it was a little milder in parts of the Gulf States. However, it was chilly in sections of Florida with a below freezing mark of 31 at Cross City. It was 49 in Miami early today.

Warmest spot early today was Brownsville, Tex., with 75 degrees. Other reports: New York 27 and cloudy; Chicago 31 and partly cloudy; Denver 20 and clear; Salt Lake City 7 and clear; Los Angeles 47 and partly cloudy; San Francisco 41 and cloudy; Seattle 36 and partly cloudy; Moline, Ill., 30 and clear.

A monster of a winter storm was plowing along through the North Atlantic today, but heading away from the Florida mainland.

Ships reported steady winds of 65 m.p.h. and gusts were even higher. The entire disturbance was moving about 12 to 15 m.p.h. in a northeasterly direction.

OAS Says Invasion Started in Nicaragua

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mission also reported to OAS headquarters here that a large part of the "military elements" came into Costa Rica from Nicaragua.

The council — representing the 21 American republics — formally condemned the attack on Costa Rica. It asked the Nicaraguan government to act more decisively to choke off war material going across its southern border.

The five-nation commission announced in San Jose it had accepted an invitation from the Nicaraguan government to visit that country today.

Grand Rapids Gas Leak Repaired in Pipe Elbow

GRAND RAPIDS (H)—A gas main leak in downtown Grand Rapids was repaired yesterday after police blocked off the Fountain St. and Division Ave. intersection to traffic and pedestrians.

Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. repairmen found the leak in a drip pipe elbow leading from a pressure main at the intersection. The pipe was replaced and operations returned to normal by mid-afternoon.

Deaths in Pontiac Area

Mrs. Frank Blair

Mrs. Frank (Lucy Brandenburg) Blair, 64, died at her home at 444 E. Pike St. yesterday after a year and a half illness.

The daughter of John and Julia Lambert Sylvester, she was born in Sault Ste. Marie and April 5, 1890, came to Pontiac from there 30 years ago.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. George Morris of Pontiac, Mrs. Robert Ford of Lansing, two sons, John Brandenburg of Pontiac and Joseph Brandenburg of Drayton Plains, eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Also surviving are three brothers, Alfred, Edward and Arthur Sylvester, all of Sault Ste. Marie.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Donelson-Johns Funeral Home.

Adam Budvesel

Adam Budvesel, 89, 2380 Watkins Lake Rd., died yesterday in Pontiac General Hospital after a week's illness.

Born in Czechoslovakia Dec. 24, 1865, he was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church and was last employed by the Detroit Street Railways. He has lived in this area for 26 years, and was a member of Holy Name Society. He was also a veteran of the Czech Army.

Surviving is a son, Louis, in Czechoslovakia. Rosary will be recited at the Grace-Smith Funeral Home Sunday at 8 p.m. Funeral service will be

Criminal Trials Begin on Feb. 8

Two Murder Hearings Are Scheduled First on Circuit Court Docket

Jury trials of persons accused of criminal offenses will begin again Feb. 8 in Oakland County Circuit Court, according to Prosecutor Frederick C. Ziem.

No such trials were scheduled during the current court term which ends Feb. 6, said Ziem. Judge George B. Hartrick will preside during the next term.

First case on the February docket will be the retrial of Walter Banks, 45, formerly of 116 Wenden St., who has been in Jackson Prison since being convicted of first-degree murder here May 2, 1951.

Banks was tried for the slaying of Alexander Bell, 53, a local pool hall owner. The case will be retried, Ziem explained, because of an error in the first jury's findings. Ziem said he tried the case while an assistant prosecutor and will handle it again.

Another murder trial will follow, in which Antonio Bombagi, 48, 161 Pingree Ave., is accused of the fatal stabbing last July 17 of George Spencer, 30, of 1255 Baldwin Rd., Orion Township.

The murder trials will be followed by cases involving less serious charges. Accused persons who have been in jail the longest will be tried first, Ziem explained.

Wyoming Organized

The nation's 41st state council of churches has been organized in Wyoming. The new council is successor to the annual ministers' convocation.

Serving as first president is the Rev. John P. McConnell, pastor of the Union Presbyterian Church in Laramie.

Truck to Pick Up Gifts

The Rev. Leroy W. Shafer urges anyone wishing to send food or clothing on the Relief Truck to bring his contribution by Jan. 22nd to the parsonage at 67 N. Shirley Ave. or to the First church of the Brethren, 46 N. Roselawn Dr.

Traverse Loses \$31,130

TRAVERSE CITY (H)—Grand Traverse County said Friday that fire losses totaled \$31,130 in 1954. County fires caused \$53,530 worth of damage in 1953.

Church Women Elect Officers

Annual State Meeting Held in Birmingham January 18th

At the annual meeting of the United Church Women held at the First Presbyterian Church this week, the following new officers took up their duties for the coming year: President, Mrs. H. B. Harbage; first vice-pres., Mrs. B. H. Ogden; second vice-pres., Mrs. Raymond Coombe; recording secretary, Mrs. Ralph Clara; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. A. Ramme; treasurer, Mrs. Ted Koel-la Jr.; parliamentarian, Mrs. Allan Hersee and auditor, Mrs. Eva Spears.

Mrs. Walter Willson was chairman of the nominating committee. The First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham will be host to the annual state meeting Jan. 18th. Registration will be at 9 a.m. with the morning session starting at 9:30.

Reservations for the 12:30 luncheon may be made by calling Mrs. Harold Wright—FE 5-7912. Prayer time will be under the direction of Mrs. Irving Woolson, president of the Synodical Society and Mrs. George Hagman is the panel chairman. The picture entitled "That We All May Be One" will be shown and Mrs. John F. Martin will give the afternoon address.

Mrs. B. R. Donaldson, state president, will preside both morning and afternoon.

The World Day of Prayer will be held Feb. 25 at All Saints Episcopal Church, 171 W. Pike St. The luncheon will be a free will offering.

Registration will be made at 10 a.m. and the emphasis for the day will be "Response to Prayer." The meeting will close at 2:30 p.m.

Panama's Guizado Arrested in Murder

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ber clerk read the confession from Miro, who said he was the man who fired into a lighted enclosure at the race track, killing President Remon and two others.

Arias, who also is the foreign minister, was sworn into office at 7:16 a.m.

Miro's confession said the murder plot was carried out at the instigation and with the knowledge of Guizado and the latter's business partner, Rodolfo Saint Malo. It said Guizado's son Jose Ramon Jr. also was in the plot.

The younger Guizado, Saint Malo and Tomas Nieves Perez, another member of the construction firm headed by the president, were arrested yesterday.

Miro said he had been promised the government and justice ministry in the national Cabinet as his reward for the assassination of Remon. He said no money was involved.

According to the confession, made to authorities yesterday, Miro carried out the killing alone. He said he borrowed the machine gun used in the shooting from a Panamanian who formerly attended a technical school in Guatemala.

Miro's confession said Guizado was fully aware of the plot. It told of several conferences with Guizado in the latter's office in the Foreign Ministry building. But Miro said the plan for the assassination was conceived by himself alone and that he did not tell either Guizado or Saint Malo of the details.

In a statement made to Dist. Atty. Francisco Alvarado, which was also read to the assembly, Saint Malo denied having discussed the assassination of Remon with Miro. He admitted, however, that Miro had told him in several meetings and conversations a coup was being planned.

Another statement read to the special session was made by Edgardo Tejada, the student from whom Miro said he obtained the machine gun. Tejada said he smuggled the weapon into Panama and sold it to Miro sometime between mid-September and early October for \$150.

A lawyer in his early 40s, Miro is widely known as an "official defender"—a legal officer whose duty it is to defend persons too poor to afford counsel. There were no hints as to what he might have told the National Guard, which is both Panama's police and army.

Five steel helmeted policemen, armed with machineguns, stood guard around Guizado's home in the fashionable La Cresta section of this capital city. A source close to the investigation said the guard was set up to "protect the president against any popular reaction and for the purpose of avoiding new tragedies, the consequences of which would be incalculable."

Guizado, a former student at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., served as first vice president and foreign minister under Remon. He stepped up automatically to the presidency after Remon's assassination.

Service Honors Pastor

The New Hope Baptist Church will honor the Rev. George Muskevich on his 14th anniversary as supply pastor at the evening service tomorrow at 8 p.m.

Several local ministers will speak and the Rev. Jesse A. Long, assistant pastor, will preach the sermon.

Devoted Pooch Trails Postman to a New Home

ST. LOUIS (H)—Robbie, a tan cocker spaniel, gave the postman a lot of trouble—not in the usual way but with a display of devotion.

"He took up with me the first day I was on the route last June," said postman James Morris of suburban St. Ann, "and from then on trailed me all over the route and any other place I went. I couldn't get rid of him."

The owners, Mr. and Mrs. George Blammer, tried keeping the dog locked up in the back yard. But he put up such a howl every time Morris passed that the Blammers could find only one solution to the problem.

They gave the dog to the postman.

Royal Oak Area to Vote Monday

'Madison Heights' Zone Incorporation as City Is Election Issue

The city of Royal Oak yesterday stated condemnation proceedings aimed at obtaining a block bounded by Fifth, Sixth, Lafayette and West streets for a 200-car municipal parking lot.

It asked that a jury be assembled in Oakland County Circuit Court to hear the case and decide if the land should be condemned. If the jury approves condemnation, it will also set the land's price.

The Royal Oak City Commission authorized acquisition of the property last Dec. 29, terming it necessary to relieve downtown traffic congestion, the court record states.

The area sought is located one block west of the Washington street business section.

The city cites a state law allowing municipalities to condemn land "for the use and benefit of the public, without the consent of the owners, for a street purpose."

At present, Royal Oak has two city-owned lots holding 400 cars plus another 52-car lot on leased land.

Draws 2-Year Term in Astor Blackmail Try

VANCOUVER, B. C. (H)—Rejecting a plea that "no harm has been done," a Vancouver magistrate yesterday sentenced Heinz Adam, 44, to two years in prison for attempting to extort \$200,000 from Vincent Astor, New York broker, and a Canadian Millionaire.

Adam, formerly of Salzburg, Austria, pleaded guilty last Friday to attempting to extort \$150,000 from Astor and \$50,000 from Harry Reifel, Vancouver businessman and former employer of Adam.

Brought before Magistrate Oscar Orr yesterday, Adam said, "I had to do it. I had no money and my wife was seriously ill in the hospital."

Adam, father of two small children, admitted writing letters to Reifel and Astor threatening to publicize "a black spot" in their pasts unless they paid the sums he demanded. The two men turned the letters over to authorities.

Mrs. DeBeaubien Dies

BIRMINGHAM (H)—Mrs. Eileen Anne DeBeaubien, house mother at Michigan State College's Mary Mayor Hall for the last nine years, died yesterday at her home here. She was 67. Funeral services were held today at Holy Name Church.

Jobless Claims Drop

Pontiac — area jobless claims dropped by 146 this week to a total of 2,502, James H. Dudley, manager of the Pontiac office of the Michigan Employment Security Exchange, reported yesterday.

Seek Closer Cooperation in Metropolitan Planning

Individual governmental units comprising the Detroit Metropolitan area of Oakland, Wayne, Macomb and Washtenaw Counties are increasingly aware of need to correlate their planning.

This awareness has resulted in recent years in a combined program of planning for joint economic, cultural and social growth, according to Paul M. Reid, planning analyst for the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission.

Reid spoke yesterday at the Pontiac Exchange Club meeting in the Hotel Waldron.

The regional commission's aims, he said, include working toward cooperation between local units on planning problems and analyzing growth in population, industry and other fields.

"Our basic job," he explained, "is to develop a land-use plan." Such a plan, Reid stated, designates certain areas for residential use and others for commercial, industrial or recreational development. Future sewer and water mains plus highways are plotted, he added.

All 130 governmental units in the area are participating in making the plan, said Reid.

Stabs 2 Officers During Arrest

Detroit Man, 54, Killed; Condition of Policemen Reported Serious

DETROIT (INS)—A 54-year-old morals offender was shot to death at a Detroit theater last night by 1 of 2 vice squad officers he stabbed while they were attempting to take him into custody.

The officers, Victor Delavalla, 35, and Robert Campbell, 30, are in serious condition in Receiving Hospital. Delavalla was stabbed twice in the back, Campbell once in the left side.

Police said Campbell arrested Eugene Costner, a porter in a restaurant, in the washroom of the Times Square Theater in downtown Detroit on a charge of accosting and soliciting an officer.

Campbell brought Costner to the theater's lobby, where Delavalla was waiting. When they reached the lobby Costner attempted to break away and Campbell grappled with him.

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MAKE OVER RACES

Toll Road's Effect on County Previewed by Top Engineer

By WILMA GREENWAY

How is the proposed limited-access toll road through Oakland County going to affect me? What will happen if it cuts across my farm? Or by-passes my business? Or turns the street in front of my pleasant home into a major traffic artery?

Will the expressway from Detroit to Saginaw cut the value of my property, make my roadside motel a losing proposition, draw paying customers away from my town's business section?

These were the questions that people from Holly, Orionville, Clarkston, Oxford, Lake Orion, Pontiac, Bloomfield Hills and other parts of the county put to E. Thomas Baker, chief engineer for the Michigan Turnpike Authority, at a meeting in Grove Township Grange Hall last night.

"The 115-mile, \$186,000,000 toll turnpike will bring to Michigan's motorists greater safety, ease of driving and a big saving in time at no expense to the taxpayer," Baker told county residents.

"The turnpike will not cost one cent of gasoline tax money; it will be paid for entirely from toll revenues."

"When it comes to constructing the road, some people will benefit, others will be hurt."

In buying up the rights of way, we will try to cause the least possible hardship to property owners," Baker said. "We'll pay for land at the current market value, and wherever crops have to be sacrificed, we'll pay for them."

"Condemnation proceedings will be used only as a last resort—but we do have the authority to use them."

Vote to Appeal in Police Case

Hazel Park Will Ask Higher Court Decision on 3 Demotions

HAZEL PARK—The Hazel Park City Council voted at a special meeting last night to appeal a circuit court verdict which overruled the demotion of three police officers.

Oakland County Circuit Judge J. Russell Holland ruled Monday that the three must be returned to their old ranks because the council had acted in opposition to the Civil Service Commission which had rejected the demotions.

Lowered from the rank of captain to lieutenant was Harvey D. White. Harold J. Hill and Robert B. Law were demoted from captain to lieutenant status.

Opposed to the majority decision to appeal the case were councilmen Joseph Vrabel and Leonard C. Milligan. They said the demotions were an economy move that would have saved the city \$600 in salaries, but had already cost \$998 to fight it in court and would now cost more for a new appeal.

At a regular meeting this week, the Hazel Park council approved \$800,000 toward a field survey for the \$13 million dock South Branch of the Twelve-Town Drain. The proposed drain is expected to give direct relief to 900 acres of the city.

Oxford Baptist Pastor to Speak Farewell Sermon

OXFORD—Rev. H. O. Van Gilder Jr. will deliver his final sermon Sunday at the Oxford Baptist Church.

He has accepted a post at the 31st Street Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind. Rev. Van Gilder and his family will move to Indianapolis next week.

Members of the church have arranged a farewell program for this evening, beginning with a 6:30 p.m. supper.

Doctor Will Answer Questions at Meeting

ORTONVILLE—Dr. P. F. Schoen of the Ortonville Health Clinic will answer questions from parents on children's disease at the Brandon Township Schools PTA meeting Monday.

The meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the Brandon auditorium. The school nurse will show a film, and give a talk on immunization of children's diseases.

Reveal Engagement of Deloris E. Wilson

IMLAY CITY—Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson have announced the engagement of their daughter, Deloris Elaine, to Dean A. Weaver.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Weaver, also of Imlay City.

To Speak at Sunnyvale

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP—Jack Cuddings of Detroit, a worker in the Youth for Christ program, will be guest preacher at both the 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. services Sunday at Sunnyvale Chapel.

Questioned by a group of Bloomfield area homeowners as to what would happen if the road were run through one of their exclusive residential sections, Baker admitted that it might cause adjacent property to drop in value, with a resultant loss to the owner.

"There's a good chance the turnpike will help your business," Baker told merchants.

He cited research studies of eight towns in Pennsylvania where a similar turnpike was constructed. Twelve years after the turnpike was built, towns were showing more business, although traffic was less.

Businessmen who had previously opposed the road project were enthusiastic about its effect on sales. Too much traffic keeps customers away, seemed to be the consensus of opinion.

As to safety, Baker stated that on the New Jersey turnpike, busiest in the world, traffic deaths for the first half of 1954 were less than half, on a mileage basis, than in Michigan for the same period.

Although the exact route will not be revealed until March, the road will begin at Rockwood and, roughly, extend north to Detroit, paralleling Telegraph road in Oakland County, then crossing Woodward north of Birmingham to skirt the east border of Pontiac, continuing to Flint and terminating at Bridgeport southeast of Saginaw.

The tollroad will have two 12-foot lanes in each direction, with surface shoulders and a grass center strip of possibly 40-foot width, narrowing to a smaller paved median in congested areas. There will be no left turns off the turnpike.

Grade separations will occur at all railroad and highway crossings and the right of way will be fenced to keep off stock and large game, as well as pedestrians.

Ten interchanges will give access to the superhighway. They will be located, if present plans work out, at the southern terminal, at River View, at the Industrial Expressway which leads to Willow Run, at Ford highway, Northwest highway, southeast of Pontiac, northeast of Pontiac, south of Flint, at Mt. Morris and at Bridgeport. Another possible interchange would be at Grand River avenue.

Estimated toll for traveling the thruway would be 1.4 to 2.4 cents per mile for passenger cars, and more for trucks. Baker estimated the cost for the 115-mile trip at \$1.55 for passenger cars and \$5.30 for the largest truck.

It is hoped to sell \$186,000,000 in 3 1/2 per cent revenue bonds this year, to pay for \$154,000,000 construction costs plus interest. Construction could then start in the winter of 1955-56, with completion by 1958.

"Limited access highways, whether toll or from tax money, accommodate 54 per cent more traffic," Baker said. "With car registrations increasing yearly, it's the only way I see to catch up with overloaded highways."

Ask Government OK on Plans for School

CLARENCEVILLE — Preliminary plans for the construction of an addition to the Edgewood elementary school have been forwarded to the state and federal agencies for approval.

The school board approved the move after receiving notice that the federal government has authorized \$88,560 for the project.

The money will be used to complete the present building by adding four classrooms, an office, lavatories, an auxiliary room, clinic and storage space.

Legion Groups to Meet at Imlay City Sunday

IMLAY CITY—The Seventh District of the American Legion and auxiliaries will hold their quarterly meeting in the Imlay City Legion Hall Sunday.

Imlay City auxiliary will serve the luncheon at noon, preceding the business meeting at 2 p.m.



CLARKSTON'S NEW HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION — From the roof of the old Clarkston High School, the new rectangular addition and its pairs of plastic bubbles which are a new roof lighting device are visible. They provide the maximum of natural light in the classrooms, cafeteria, home economics department, music room and offices below.

Group Planning Defense Center

Westacres Club Holds Meeting to Organize Refugee Shelter

WESTACRES — A special meeting of the Westacres child Study Club will be held Monday at the home of Mrs. Robert Shores, president, for the purpose of organizing the Westacres clubhouse as a civil defense refugee center in case of disaster.

Members of the club had agreed to take on the job of organizing the center and providing personnel to staff it, at the request of John Warren, West Bloomfield defense director.

At their regular meeting on Jan. 3, Mrs. George Eberle, Milford defense leader, addressed the members of the club and outlined the duties and the size of the staff which would be needed.

Since membership in the club is limited to twenty, members will be calling on other residents of the community to fill many of the positions.

Mrs. Eberle pointed out, disaster, as in the case of the Milford tornado, strikes without warning. In that case an organized, trained staff, had the situation well under control in a very short time, she said.

Church at Romeo Elects Moderator, Officers for 1955

ROMEO—Edgar Priest was re-elected to the office of moderator of the First Congregational Church in Romeo at the annual meeting this week.

Also named to serve as officers during 1955 were Mrs. Herbert Miller, clerk; Willard Bird, financial secretary; Miss Kay Rowley, current expense treasurer; Bruce Taft, assistant current expense treasurer; Miss Eva Parker, benevolent treasurer; Donald Chubb and Kenneth Mosher, auditors; and Mrs. Lafayette Bates, necrologist.

Elected to the board of deacons for three-year terms are Lee Wilbur, Matthew Koth, Emerson Teal, Kenneth Corby, Mrs. John Rumsey, Mrs. Charles Edwards, Mrs. Floyd Johnson and Mrs. L. W. Rickett.

Rev. Charles Robbins Re-Elected to Position

METAMORA—Rev. Charles Robbins has been re-elected superintendent of the Pilgrim Congregational Church Sunday School. Mrs. Ronald Walker was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Others officers re-elected were Mrs. Harold Brower, Miss Maude Martin, Mrs. John Klutz, William Selleck, George Nunn, Mrs. Florence Fishell and Richard Rose.

Roof Bubbles, Low Cost Construction Featured in New Clarkston Addition

CLARKSTON — A rectangular shaped building with plastic roof bubbles and a central court lined with full-wall windows has been added to the Clarkston High School.

A "first" for this school district that has previously built strictly traditional designs, this new addition provides the maximum in space for student accommodation at a minimum of cost.

Costing less than \$17,000 per classroom in an era when many schoolrooms are running as high as \$40,000, this pre-assembled type steel and brick-faced cinder block building has a flat steel roof deck with tar and gravel build-up. Floors for corridors and classrooms are in asphalt tile.

An innovation in roof lighting, the new plastic bubbles give natural light at the interior wall side of the classroom, making it as bright as the window wall side.

The central court, accessible from two wings, will be landscaped by the students, said Supt. Leslie F. Greene.

Entering the new building from a covered porch where the buses will unload, the lobby connects the old high school with the new unit. A planter in one corner offers a decorative note.

Corridors are wide and light with white painted metal ceiling covering. Hallways are in green and classrooms are in a pastel yellow.

The facilities provided in this new unit include seven classrooms, a large boiler room which heats the complete high school, cafeteria, study hall, two home economics rooms which are connected, and a principal's office. There is also a large band room. This is connected with a series of small practice rooms and a large instrument storage unit.

Artificial lighting in the building is incandescent ring-type fixtures, with the exception of the offices and cafeteria where fluorescent lights are used.

Supt. Greene pointed out that these buildings offer the ultimate in functional opportunities and are structurally sound.

"It is true that we have had to eliminate the beauty of finer appointments, but our district is in the position where it must get the most for its money," he said.

Other additions constructed for the Clarkston Community Schools during this year included four rooms at Andersonville, four at Sashabaw, seven at the Clarkston Elementary, and the new high school.

Architects for the high school addition were Leo J. Heenan of Pontiac and the Beyster Associates, Inc., of Detroit. The builder was the Schurr Construction Co. of Pontiac.

Education Board Set to Purchase 2 School Sites

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP—Preliminary agreements for the purchase of two school sites totaling 25 acres at a cost of \$102,500 have been made by the board of education.

The 13-acre site on Nine Mile road between Evergreen road and Northwestern Highway will house a building planned to relieve the congestion in the southeastern area of the township, taking the overflow from Magnolia, McKinley and Brace schools. It is adjacent to a 5.5 acre site the board already owns.

The second site is located on Nine Mile between Telegraph and Beech roads.

Judges to Consider Bail for Dr. Sam

CLEVELAND — Three appellate judges will consider Monday whether to free Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard on bail until they dispose of his appeal from a life sentence.

Sheppard is scheduled to begin serving a life term—with a chance at parole after 10 years—no later than next Wednesday. He gets no credit on his term for time spent in county jail.

Sheppard was convicted Dec. 21 of second-degree murder in the July 4 bludgeoning of his pregnant wife, Marilyn. Judge Edward Blythin passed sentence the day of the verdict and has since denied a new trial on a defense motion which claimed there were 41 errors in the two-month trial.

Judge Blythin had allowed the 31-year-old osteopath to remain in county jail here, but yesterday he dissolved his stay of execution order, explaining:

"Now that the matter is to be taken up in a higher court, I have nothing further to do with it."

Farmington Set to Purchase Site

Funds Wait Decision on Location of Proposed Township Building

FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP—Sufficient funds to purchase the site for a proposed new township office building have been collected from sales tax diversion money, township supervisor Ernest Blanchard told board members this week.

Two possible sites have been under construction by the township board. When a definite location is decided upon by board members, option papers will be drawn up, officials said.

A proposal to construct the new township building was expected to be put to the voters at the general election in April.

The board also announced that a final date of Feb. 23 has been set for the receipt of winter taxes without penalty.

Board members are considering 11 applications for the position of office clerk, to fill a vacancy created by the resignation this week of Mrs. Betty Milburn. The eleven will be interviewed during the next regular board meeting, according to Harry McCracken, township clerk.

A plan for a new subdivision north of 10 Mile road and west of Floral avenue was denied by the board. Residents of Floral avenue had opposed the plan, on the grounds that the position of the houses backing onto the street would create an unsightly view.

Stevens Sees Boon in A-Food Process

CHICAGO — Secretary of the Army Stevens says the job of supplying the armed services throughout the world may soon become much easier through atomic sterilization of food.

In a speech before the Quartermaster Assn.'s winter meeting in Chicago yesterday, Stevens said the process "could substantially reduce" the fleets of ships and railroad cars required to service the armed forces around the world.

For one thing, he said, it would materially reduce the necessity for cold storage and refrigeration.

"Eventually," Stevens added, "it may revolutionize accepted ideas and practices in the field of food processing, preservation, storage, and shipment."

Stevens did not go into detail about atomic sterilization methods being tried.

Family Night Potluck Planned for Tuesday

LEONARD—The Leonard Methodist Church Sunday School is having a family night potluck supper Tuesday evening at Rowland Hall.

Don Flater of Dryden will show pictures of his recent trip to South America. The meeting is open to the public.

Elect Mrs. Earl Lewis

ORTONVILLE — The Christian Crusaders of Ortonville Baptist Church elected Mrs. Earl Lewis as their president at a meeting this week.

Mrs. Claude Croup was named vice president, Mrs. Pearl Husted, secretary, and Mrs. Glenn Vandewalker, treasurer.

Royal Oak Asks Condemnation

Seeks Block of Land for 200-Car Municipal Parking Lot

ROYAL OAK TOWNSHIP—Residents of the eastern section of Royal Oak Township will go to the polls Monday to vote on whether their area shall be incorporated as a city.

Voters will also choose a 9-member charter commission, to take office only if incorporation is approved. This committee would then draft a city charter, to be presented to the voters at a later date for approval or rejection.

Leading the fight for incorporation of the 7 1/2 square of territory, located east of Royal Oak city and north of 16 Mile road, is the Madison Heights Civic Assn. with a membership of over 400 residents in the area.

In campaigning for incorporation, the Madison Heights group cites figures to show that the West Eight Mile area is a tax burden on their own area.

"More for your tax dollar," "more paved roads," "more public services," and "honest, efficient government," are some of the benefits the Madison Heights group claims a yes vote on incorporation will bring to residents of their district.

Meanwhile township officials were split on the issue. Township supervisor George S. Horkey went on record as opposing the move at this time.

Horkey said the incorporation at this time would confuse the community's bonding powers, causing delay to a \$700,000 water pipeline and reservoir program proposed for the area. Also he stated that the final settlement of the Hazel Park Non-partisan Taxpayers' suit, involving payment of \$216,000 to the township in special assessment debts, should be made before the area becomes a city.

Township zoning board member Theodore Krenn, however, speaking for the Madison Heights group, answered with the statement:

"The Hazel Park suit has been used to stall any advances in the township for the past 14 years."

Since the incorporation of the city of Royal Oak in 1921, the township's 36-square-mile area has been steadily reduced by nine incorporations. If the Madison Heights area becomes a city, Royal Oak Township will consist of only two small segments west of Woodward.

Camp Dates Chosen by Bureau Women

Summer camp dates were revealed at a recent meeting of the Oakland County Farm Bureau Women's Committee.

March 8-9 was set for districts 1, 2, 3, and 5, at St. Mary's Lake, Battle Creek. The twin Lakes camp will be June 7-9.

Three dinners have been scheduled by the group; the soil conservation dinner on Jan. 26, county institution on Jan. 31, and insurance chairman Feb. 24, all at the Clarkston Community Center.

Marlette Motel Opens

MARLETTE—Marlette Motel, a new hostelry to service travelers through this town, will hold open house from 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Co-owners Lawrence Chappel and Clifford Curtis and their wives will serve coffee and doughnuts to all who come to visit the new stopping place.

Temperance to Be Topic

LEONARD — A member of the U. S. Board of Commerce, B. Nicholson of Saginaw, will be the speaker at the Leonard Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. His topic will be "Temperance."

Political Books to Be Reviewed at CAI Building

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP—Two timely political books, "We Were Born Free" and "How We Elect Our President," will be reviewed next Monday when the Book Review Club meets at 1 p.m. at the CAI Building.

The first, which was written by newsmen and commentator Elmer Davis, will be reviewed by Mrs. William Vann, Mrs. Leland Bunyan will discuss the second, a book written by Will Rogers, and edited by Donald Day.

All women of the community are invited to attend. A silver collection is taken at the meetings to support the township library.

County Deaths

Fred Baxter Sr. — Service for Fred Baxter Sr., 78, of 1431 E. Sawdust Corners Rd., will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday from Baird Funeral Home, with burial in Stiles Cemetery. He died Thursday at his home.

He is survived by his widow, Nina; five sons, Marion of Mt. Clemens, Theron of Grosse Pointe Woods, Fred Jr. and Robert of Lapeer, Sgt. Carl with the U. S. Army at Ft. Sheridan, Ill.; five daughters, Mrs. Harold Roy of Huntington Woods, Mrs. Robert Kemp of Attica, Mrs. Roldon Rible of Metamora, Mrs. Kenneth Fick of Clifford, and Mrs. Levearn Peariso of Davison; 23 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Mrs. Ralph Croupe — ROCHESTER — Service for Mrs. Ralph (Cecilia) Croupe, 40, of 1405 N. Livernois Rd., was held at 9 a.m. today from Wujek Funeral Home, Detroit, with burial in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. She died Wednesday.

Survivors include her husband; one son, John, at home; and her mother and three sisters in Detroit.

Mrs. Floyd C. Barkham — DRAYTON PLAINS — Service for Mrs. Floyd C. (Gertrude Edith) Barkham, 62, of 3145 Warren Dr., will be held at 2 p.m. Monday from Coats Funeral Home, with burial in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. She died Friday.

Surviving besides her husband, are one son, Walter J. of Milford; one daughter, Mrs. Mildred Korhonen of Waterford; three brothers, Clark Green, Bloomfield Township chief of police; John Green of Pontiac; William Green of Waterford; two sisters, Mrs. Henrietta Miller of Waterford, Mrs. Elizabeth Skarritt of Milford; and eight grandchildren.

George W. Fuiks — ROCHESTER — Prayer service for George W. Fuiks, 68, of 2415 Eastern St., will be held at 7:30 tonight at Pixley Funeral Home. The body will be taken to Filmore, Ky., tonight for service at 2 p.m. Monday afternoon, with burial in Filmore Cemetery. He died Friday night.

Surviving are his wife, Mollie; two sons, Rev. Earl Fuiks and Otto, both of Rochester; six daughters, Mrs. Ernest Chapman, Mrs. Una O'Connor, Mrs. Mabel Sapp, Mrs. Jean Baldrige, Mrs. Lela May Stammer, all of Rochester, Mrs. Georgia Cropper of Maysville, Ky.; one brother, Harry of Dayton, Ohio; and several grandchildren.

School Day Program Planned by Holly PTA

HOLLY — A typical school day's program will be presented at the January PTA meeting Monday evening, with Mrs. H. D. Hutt in charge. She will be assisted by several of the grade teachers.

A list of questions and answers, covering the operation of the schools, will be featured, and refreshments will be served by the mothers of fourth grade pupils.

Dr. Bloom to Speak

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP—Dr. Wilbur Bloom, the executive secretary of the Detroit Baptist Missionary Society will be the guest speaker at the 11 a.m. Laymen's Sunday service at the Beverly Hills Baptist Church.

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HELENE EASTMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Eastman of Southfield Township have announced the engagement of their daughter Helene, to Edward Czajka. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Czajka of Detroit. No date has been set for the wedding.



ROBERTA L. McCROCKY

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. McCrocky of South Lyon have disclosed the engagement of their daughter Roberta, to Charles R. Schoenberg, of Milford. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl P. Schoenberg of Shelby. No date has been set for the wedding.



THEADORA PARRISH

The engagement of their daughter Theadora to Robert Reuter has been announced by Mr. and Mrs. Leslie J. Parrish of Commerce. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Reuter of Oakley Park. No date has been set for the wedding.

Minor Plumbing Booklet

There are many minor plumbing repairs that householders who are handy with a wrench can make themselves. Major repairs, however, should be left to plumbing contractors. Helpful suggestions on minor plumbing repairs are offered in a booklet "Plumbing Care and Repair" published by the Plumbing and Heating Industries Bureau, 35 East Wacker Drive, Chicago 1, Illinois. Price of the booklet is 10 cents.

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Shows More Than Half
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Shopping centers are attracting chain stores in considerable numbers and at an accelerating rate, a Chain-Store Age study of 752 chains (with four stores or more) indicates. These chains, which operate a total of 26,711 stores, report that:

More than half their new stores planned for 1955 will be located in shopping centers. About 6 per cent of their units are now in centers making an estimated total of 10,000 chain stores in shopping centers throughout the nation.

About 40 per cent of the chain supermarkets planned for 1955 will be in centers. Chain Store Age reports. Slightly more than 5 per cent of the grocery-supermarket chains' units are already in centers.

Close to 60 per cent of the variety-general merchandise stores opened by the chains this year will be in centers. From 4 to 5 per cent of their stores are now set up in shopping centers, according to Chain Store Age's report.

The drug chains are taking shopping centers quite seriously, with about 14 per cent of all their units already located in centers and with shopping centers claiming about 8 per cent of their stores scheduled for 1955 opening.

The shop chains, Chain Store Age says, are also going into centers with a vengeance. About 75 per cent of their new stores will be located in centers in 1955. Somewhat more than 4 per cent of their stores are now center-located.

Slightly less than 4 per cent of the chain restaurant units are now in centers, and about 30 per cent of the new units will be opened in shopping developments in 1955. The apparel chains, highly selective in their choice of shopping-center locations, are planning to open at least 20 per cent of their new units in centers this year. About 4 per cent of their stores are already in centers, according to the trade magazine.

Chain Store Age reports that the auto supply and hardware chains now have about 6 per cent of their stores in centers, with a minimum of 20 per cent of their new stores scheduled for shopping-center sites in 1955.

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Poor Man Derives Joy of Creating With Hands

By STEVE ELLINGSON

There isn't any doubt about it. It takes a pretty smart camel to go through the eye of a needle.

Then, too, we are told a rich man has his problems when it comes to getting into heaven. But I don't think many people lose much sleep over this. In the first place, who cares if a camel goes through the eye of a needle. And in the second place, there aren't many rich men.

The immediate problem for most of us is that it's getting harder and harder for a poor man to remain on earth. With prices going up, we're still threatened with the danger that living may be priced right out of the market.

It's surprising though, how many things are worse than being poor. As a matter of fact, if a person has a sense of humor, being poor can be fun at times. A poor man doesn't have to worry about lots of material possessions. The really worth while things are pretty evenly divided among those with money and those without.

For example, the sun shines on the poor just as much as the wealthy. If a girl falls in love with a poor man, he can be reasonably certain that she's in love, but a rich man, maybe it's his money she's after. A poor man's pants might be patched, but he can still whistle and be cheerful, and for my money, being cheerful is worth a lot. A poor man can be hungry

and any kind of food tastes good. But a rich man often has ulcers that come with his responsibilities so he doesn't enjoy his meals.

A rich man can buy the things he wants, but when he does, he misses the joy of creating something with his own hands. To create is to live, and whenever you find a man creating something, there you

will find a happy person. And the beauty of it is, you can build things without spending a lot of money. Try it. Build something sometime and see if you're not happier.

A good project to start on is the little colonial end table pictured here with T-Venus Dawn Oney. It's a quaint piece of furniture with simple lines and sturdy construction which makes it popular everywhere. Beginners like this project because there are very few parts, and each part is easy to make. It's a handy end table too. The top shelf is used for a lamp, the little niche is a handy place for books or a small radio. There's plenty of room for ash trays and all sorts of things on the bottom shelf.

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When temperatures build up into the middle 60's and even into the 70's, evergreens will transpire rapidly and dehydrate. Unless moisture is replenished quickly, leaves, twigs and branches are sure to suffer injury. Sometimes, deciduous trees, too, are victims of a kitchin winter. Prolonged warm winter sunshine may cause cells in the cambium layer of normally hardy trees to become active. Nighttime zero weather, following the sunny days, damages these cells and sometimes kills large bark areas.

With evergreens, protective mulches over root areas help minimize winter injury. For boxwoods and other valuable and delicate evergreens, burlap coverings to screen out the sun may be desirable.

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of Valentine Maker

Nineteenth century shopkeepers—the butcher, the baker, the Valentine maker—were accustomed to giving "good measure" to all their customers.

The butcher and baker had an easy time of it. One extra sliver of meat sufficed from the butcher; one extra bun made up the baker's dozen; but a dozen from the Valentine maker was 14—two more than necessary—because his "day" fell on the 14th of February.

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