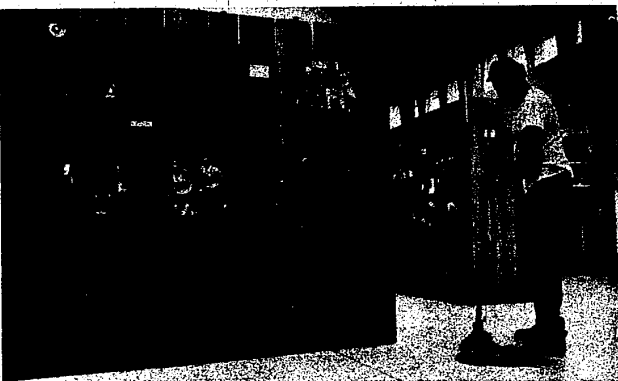




A look at the best

Over 200 prize-winning pictures from newspaper and magazine photographers will be on display from the 31st annual National Press Photographers "Pictures of the Year" competition now on display through July 13 at the Somerset Mall. A total of 8,042 pictures from 37 states and 12 foreign countries were entered in the competition. 78

awards, in 26 classes, and 3 grand awards, shared in the \$10,000 in prizes. The exhibit is open to the public, at no charge, during regular mall hours: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. other days. Somerset Mall is at Big Beaver and Coolidge roads in Troy.

Gifted program planned

By BARBARA UNDERWOOD
BIRMINGHAM — Seventeen percent of school dropouts are gifted children. If this figure is surprising, so are some others, which Larry Chamberlain of Lathrup Village can recite.

He is director of the gifted program in the Wayne-Westland School District and will direct a summer program at Covington Junior High School being offered by the newly formed Birmingham Association for the Academically Talented (BAAT).

The program is open to 100 gifted children from kindergarten through ninth grade and will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday for four weeks beginning July 22.

The program will be geared to individual needs of students, Chamberlain said, but in the case of 100 children that means 100 different needs.

THE STAFF will not try to teach 100 different subjects but will give the students freedom to explore under direction, he added.

Eligible students include those with high interest in the pursuit of discovery or problem-solving situations, those who have interests or

hobbies beyond school activities, avid readers, underachievers with high potential and those with known IQs of 130 or above.

Application requests may be sent to Chamberlain, 18560 Bungalow, Lathrup Village. The first 100 registrants will be limited to students in the Birmingham schools.

A parent orientation meeting about the program will be held at 8 p.m. July 17 at the Covington Junior High.

The summer program will be evaluated by Dr. Warren Ketcham, University of Michigan education professor. Each child will be evaluated individually and a report sent to his classroom teacher for next fall.

"IT WILL ALLOW the teacher to be aware of the child and his needs," Chamberlain said. "Gifted children are disadvantaged in school."

"They are asked to work at grade level when they have the potential to work three and four grades above grade level," he continued.

"We really are asking them to be disadvantaged for the benefit of the other students and it isn't fair," Chamberlain said.

Birmingham has the potential to become a leading area in programs for the gifted, he believes.

"IT COSTS NO more money to educate a gifted child than a normal child," he said. "It only requires an allocation of time, regrouping of facilities and staff and sensitivity to this type of child."

Five percent of the nation's children, or approximately two million, are gifted and three percent are highly gifted, Chamberlain explained.

"I don't believe the schools should be aware of only gifted children," he added. "Every child of whatever ability should be allowed to become anything he can possibly become."

The BAAT was formed in late winter by three parents. Membership is open to anyone interested in furthering the purpose of the organization which is to encourage development of programs for the education of the gifted.

Interested persons may contact Betty Russinoff, 3238 Pebble Lane, Bloomfield Township, or Sheila Kasselmann, 1088 Lakeside, Birmingham.

Lawyers name Ginn

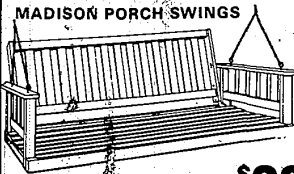
SOUTHFIELD—Members of the Southfield Bar Association had its annual election of officers recently at Stoffer's Northland Inn.

James M. Ginn was elected president; Rudolph Zeabel, first vice-pres-

ident; Edward D. Gold, second vice-president; James M. Skilman, treasurer; Warren Kifferstein, secretary; Alexander Perinoff, correspondence secretary; Howard Silver, director, and Eugene Lumberg, director.

Ginn said several area judges were also present for the meeting. The annual dinner, he said, is often the only opportunity members of the association have to ask members of the bench questions regarding the law and court procedures.

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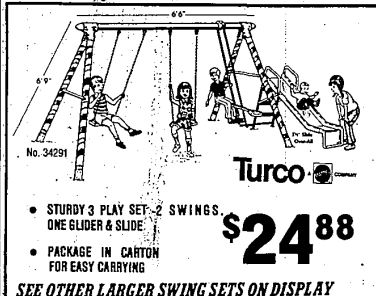
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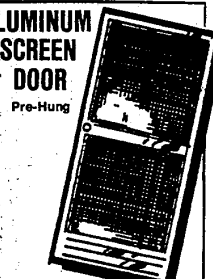
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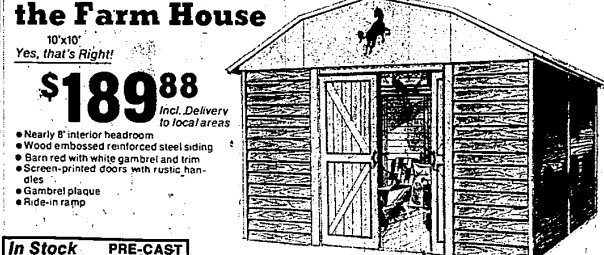
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