



**HAPPY RETIREMENT** is the wish of Marvin Kemp (right), president of American Hardware Co., Livonia, as he says goodbye to Harold Smith, longtime store manager who retired last week. Smith will be succeeded by Harvey Beck (left) his longtime chief aide.

## Burglar Tells How He Picked Victims

By W. W. EDGAR

Using the voice of a convict confiding how home robberies are planned, the "Light The Night" campaign sponsored by the United Northwestern Realty Association to help reduce the number of break-ins -- got away to an unusual start last week.

Rising to address a gathering of several hundred persons including the governmental officials and chiefs of police from many of the communities in the area, Forrest Fisher, head of the police department in Troy, sprung a surprise when he announced "the man we were going to hear from was unable to be present, but would speak from the jail."

As a dramatic means of opening the campaign, he had interviewed the prisoner and obtained many of the secrets of the

methods they employ in selecting the homes to be victimized on any given night.

"WE USUALLY inspect the area," the taped voice said, "early in the evening -- sometime between 7 and 9 p.m. when the stores and markets are open. This is prime time because many of the homeowners do their shopping in the evening."

"We usually drive around the block studying the proximity of the nearest light in the lawn -- or the distance from the corner. We usually favor corner homes because they provide two sides for escape."

"In making the survey," he went on, "we obtain the owner's name from the mail box. Then, after making the choice, we place a phone call, and if there is no answer, the time is ripe for the robbery."

Even the police chiefs listened in wonderment as the imprisoned burglar continued his explanations.

"WE DON'T always strike the night we make the survey," he went on. "We may watch the house several nights, and if the lights -- especially if only one room is lighted -- flash on at the same time every night, we know that the light is being turned on, automatically, and the owners are away."

"We usually watch for such things as TV sets that are turned on or lights burning in the basement. There are signs, in a majority of cases, that there is someone inside, and it would be too dangerous to strike."

Among the other things he revealed was that the burglars don't strike where more than one room is lighted or where lawn lights are close to the home and wouldn't furnish the background needed for getaway.

"There is nothing that bothers us more than lights," he concluded.

It was this final remark that helped to develop the "Light The Night" slogan that has been adopted for the campaign that is

designed to cut down the number of robberies, especially during the summer vacations.

## Youth Commission Passes Hurdle

Creation of a Michigan Youth Commission within the Department of Social Services was authorized under a bill given recent approval by the Senate Appropriations Committee, Sen. N. Lorraine Beebe (R-12th District) said.

"I am delighted that the Appropriations Committee approved this bill," said Sen. Beebe, who sponsored the measure.

"Like a lot of legislation, it is not all we wanted, but it would do much toward creating a concerned agency and an understanding attitude toward the youth of Michigan, especially the disadvantaged and others who, through lack of proper

leadership early in life, run afoul of the law."

Mrs. Beebe said the proposed commission would be under the direction of a nine-member board working through an executive director.

The bill, which must have approval of the full Senate and House of Representatives, provides for a full time, three-member parole and review board which would have the power to rule on cases involving juveniles.

"This bill is the culmination of many months of study of youth problems in Michigan as well as in several other states which are considered leaders in the nation in this type of work," said Mrs. Beebe.

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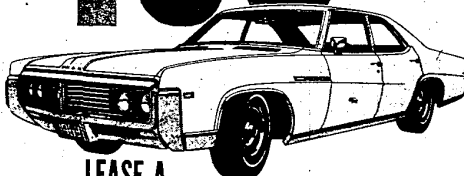
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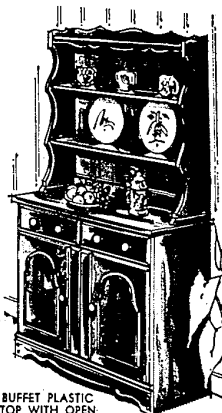
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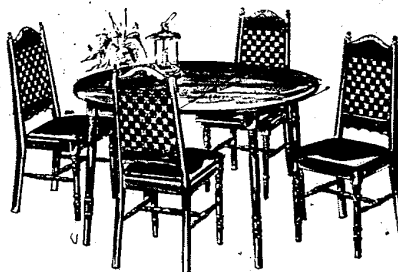


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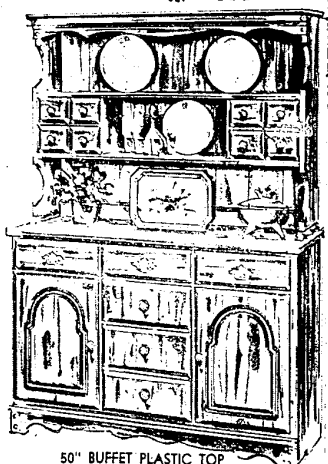
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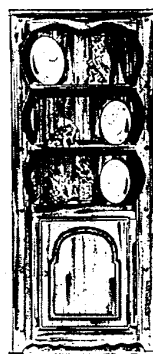
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#### TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annual Election of the qualified electors of the Clarenceville School District will be held on the Clarenceville School District of Oakland and Wayne Counties, Michigan on Monday, June 9, 1969, and at such Annual Election there will be elected one (1) member of the Board of Education for a term of four (4) years, and that the candidate seeking election to said office is:

NORMAN L. HUNT, Incumbent

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at each Annual Election there will be elected two (2) members of the Northern Wayne Board of Education, and that the candidates seeking election to said offices are:

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R. ROBERT GLASS  
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The polls of election will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Local Time.

The places for voting shall be as follows:

Precinct 1:

Clarenceville Junior High School  
25210 Middlebelt Road  
Livonia, Michigan

Precinct 2:

Clarenceville Senior High School  
25115 Middlebelt Road  
Livonia, Michigan

Each person voting on the election of Board members must be a citizen of the United States, above the age of twenty-one (21) years, and have resided in the State of Michigan six (6) months, and in the School District thirty (30) days, preceding the date of election, and must be a registered elector of the School District.

Only registered voters are eligible to vote.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education of said School District.

NORMAN L. HUNT, Secretary  
Board of Education