

## Oakland County Banking Group To Hold Forum

The Oakland County Chapter of the American Institute of Bankers will hold a forum for bankers and friends tonight, Thursday, April 23.

To be held at the Consumers Power auditorium in Pontiac beginning at 8:00 p.m., the subject of the forum will be "If You Were Left Alone" dealing with matters of estates, trusts and wills. Speaker will be Luther C. Green.

## LISTS GARDENING BOOKS

To help persons with "green thumbs," a new gardening book list has been prepared by the Library Extension Service at the University of Michigan. The books, periodicals and agricultural bulletins on the list have been selected for their practical value to the home gardener. If you'd like the list, write the C-M Library Extension Service, 312 General Library, Ann Arbor.

## SCRABBLE, CROSS-WORD PUZZLES CAN IMPROVE READING

Most people who think they can read "can't. Working cross-word puzzles and playing "Scrabble," however, will help, recent tests proved.

A series of learn-to-read experimental reading tests, conducted by the University of Detroit psychological testing center, reveal most people cannot read well because of psychological handicaps. The 15-week experimental tests are substantiated by similar findings compiled by college and university research centers throughout the country.

The reading clinics find that lack of concentration is the main factor in poor reading habits. This is due to the fact that reading is a passive activity. The clinical tests discovered that an individual, when isolated from all distractions, showed a remarkable reading improvement.

## THE MICHIGAN MIRROR

By GENE ALLEMAN

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federal government under the Hope - Flannigan bill: a total of \$340,000.

In addition to this money, which will be spent on research for agricultural processing and marketing \$20,000 was allocated, the department of agriculture to promote sales of farm products.

Old people are guaranteed a monthly income of \$10 by a law passed this year. The state agreed to increase to this amount a portion of payment under the old age assistance program, should the federal government reduce the present payment plan.

Other accomplishments of the session are a program to aid counties build homes for the senile, a law which forces patients suffering from active tuberculosis to stay under a doctor's care; the submission of the Korean veteran bonus and the Conlin tax plans to the public for referendum at the next election.

"Our main responsibilities in this session," said Rep. William S. Brownfield, were to keep government on an even keel during other uncertain economic weather. Despite many would-be boosters, the Republican majority came out of the session with a solid, well laid program bringing state services to the public, improvements in health and educational programs, and without new taxes.

"Failures" of the session will not come attention from Democrats. Sources close to Governor Williams report that the chief executive may have more than a little to say about the fact that the Legislature passed -- this despite recommendations for such action from President Eisenhower.

"The school situation, they say, still constitutes a serious problem untouched by the Legislature. The governor is expected to ask what the Legislature intends to do with the annual increase of 50,000 students the state faces since facilities are already overcrowded. He is also said to be disgusted that something wasn't done about consolidating school districts, many of which are known to be operating on an uneconomical basis.

Election reform as submitted by the Republicans is reported not to have pleased the governor. He considers the reorganization changed only a few things and left standing most of the provisions

that made the former law undesirable.

Most significant thing about this session, according to Democratic critics, was the development of a new group of Republican Representatives who are much more progressive than previously. This hard core of liberalism joined with us for the first time to support some fine legislation," said a Democratic spokesman. He was referring to the "Young Turk" group headed by Willard Bowerman, Lansing; Thomas M. Burns, Saginaw; Gerald Graves, Alpena; Kenneth O. Trucks, Baldwin; John McCune, East Lansing.

About 800 bills were submitted for consideration this session. This is more than can be studied thoroughly, and a number large enough to cause some concern among lawmakers. They are considering a move to limit the even year sessions to taxation, appropriation and emergency matters.

Long ago the legislature met only at two year intervals. With the advent of the sales tax, it became necessary to meet annually in order to appropriate sales-tax returns. The "off year" sessions grew longer and longer, encompassing more and more subjects, until there is now little difference between them and the "regular session."

Gold has been mined in Michigan. From 1883 to 1897, the Ropes Mine near Ishpeming produced about \$650,000 worth of gold. Mining ceased when the cost of production exceeded the value of the gold extracted.

One reason so many children are seen on the streets at night is they are afraid to stay home alone.

## Local Boy Initiated Into Engineering Society

Richard A. Meyer, 30597 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Township, was among 41 University of Michigan students initiated into the national engineering honorary society, Tau Beta Pi, recently.

It was disclosed by the university this week.

Founded in 1885, the society requires outstanding scholarship, character and extra-curricular activities among its high entrance standards. It is comparable to Phi Beta Kappa, honorary society of the literary school.

## Obituary

Elsha Bradley, 33125 Grand River Avenue died Thursday evening, April 22, 1954, following an extended illness.

Elsha Bradley was born August 16, 1871, at Wolverine, Michigan, the son of Orson and Martha Bowerman Bradley. He was united in marriage on March 22, 1916, to Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Holcomb.

Mr. Bradley resided in Farmington for the past several years. He was custodian of the Farmington Methodist Church prior to his illness.

Mr. Bradley rested at the Thayer Funeral Home until Sunday afternoon when funeral services took place from the Farmington Methodist Church at 3 o'clock with Rev. Russell W. Suraw officiating. Burial took place in the North Farmington Cemetery.

Surviving besides Mrs. Bradley are three brothers, Benjamin, of Mio, Michigan; Charles, of Wolverine, Michigan; and Verne, of Detroit.

The first fort in Michigan was built by the French explorer LaSalle at St. Joseph in 1679. He named it Fort Miami.

## Looking Ahead

By DR. GEORGE S. BENSON

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ness during school months, making profit, paying wages, rent, overhead and all the other expenses of business; declaring a stockholders' dividend; paying taxes (ouch!), and tackling some pretty serious small business problems. In June all JA corporations are liquidated. "All on us," they told the Freedom Forum conferees, "have found out what business is like, its problems and its possibilities. JA has taught us, too, that life isn't a ray of violet light, I think the JA boys and girls, after solving the business problems, will have a better understanding and be better able to cope with the problems of the world.

And this feeling is shared by all who are actively interested in JA. Recently in Chicago I met with several industrial executives. They told me that in Chicago alone 25,000 boys and girls are in business for themselves in JA corporations. "And they are our greatest force for resisting Socialism and Communism -- for the preservation of our basic American principles," these men said. For instructions on forming a JA group in your community, write Mr. Francoimano, 245 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York.

## Watercolor Exhibit Open At Cranbrook

An exhibition of new watercolors, called "Arctic and Sub-Arctic" and painted by the famed northland explorer, Colonel Harlan Peckham, will be on display during the entire month of May at the museum of the Cranbrook Institute of Science.

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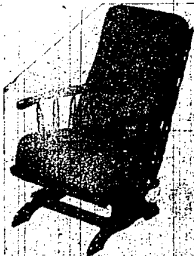
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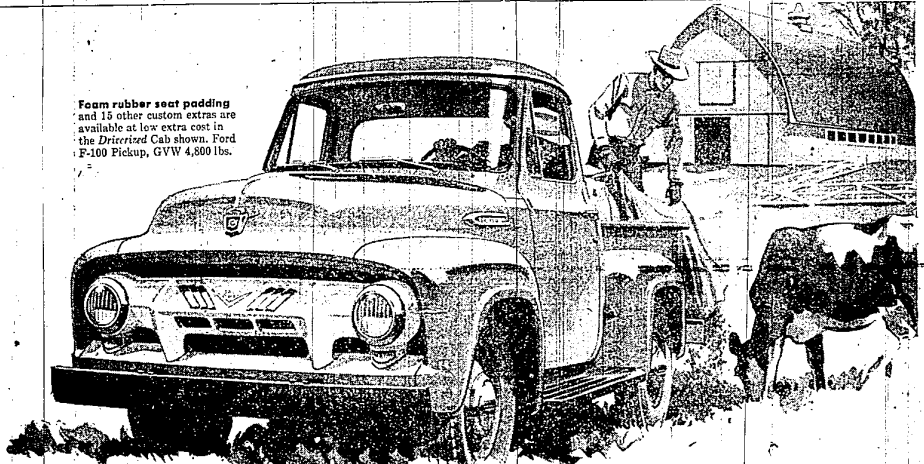
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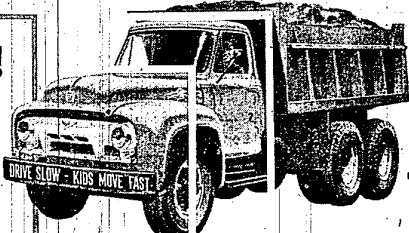
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