40 Pct. of Job Applicants Poor in Arithmetic, Grammar, Spelling

Free Press Reporter John Griffith has completed an exhaustive study of Detroit's public-school system. He presents his finding in a series of articles, of which this is the fourth.

BY JOHN GRIFFITH

Detroit schools are grinding out another "lost generation." Ignorant of the three R's children are "sloughed off" upon a business world which rejects many of them as "unacceptable" and "unemployable."

edge of punctuation and rules of

grammar are hazy and vague.

more than 40 in a class.

the cost in additional teacher sal-

aries alone would be \$800,000 to

decrease the average by a single

BLAME FOR THIS is placed on

the modern method of education

in which emphasis is placed on

tion, his wish to learn, power of

Professional educators point

out that the catch in this theory

is the ease with which such in-

struction becomes mere enter-

In practice, this counselling

lack has results which would be

ludicrous were they not so

who had received lengthy instruc-

for a job, she was informed she

after the damage is done.

doing its best under a handicap.

Parents complain that they are given the "brushoff" or are

treated with ill-concealed hos-

tility when they go to the school

On one occasion, a parent group

Tomorrow: Board of Com-

headquarters on Broadway.

analysis and sense of inquiry.

30 is acceptable.

Employment managers told the to ask a record-breaking 1949-50 Free Press that up to 40 per cent budget of \$73,000,000. Three new of the boys and girls leave school board members will be elected this without mastering simple arith- spring. Employers complain that spelling is deplorable and knowl-

One personnel executive said their handwriting is "atrocious."

THEIR STATEMENTS were made as the school board prepared

Stands Mute



BURTON P. COOK Released on bond

Broker Mum on Buying Stolen Steel

Burton P. Cook, 39, of 616 W. Philadelphia, a steel broker, stood mute at his arraignment before rederal Judge Arthur Koscinski for jobs. stolen steel.

A plea of not guilty was entered \$1,500 bond.

named in a three-count indictment charging the receipt of 127,000 pounds of hijacked steel.

The other was Sol Kaye, 30, of Chicago. Both he and Cook were officials of the Cookson Products Co., 99 Bates. The firm was dissolved last De-

Kaye was expected to appear for arraignment Wednesday.

Sister Kenny **Group Joins United Drive**

The Michigan Chapter of the Sister Kenny Foundation joined the United Foundation, it was

announced Tuesday. and social services which have merged their plea for funds in the United Foundation drive which will be launched Feb. 7.

JOHN R. WILT, secretarytreasurer of the Sister Kenny Foundation, said that the merger "is recognition of the necessity of bringing order out of the endless and confusing separate ap-

peals for many worthy agencies." At the same time, Dr. E. J. Huenekens, of Minneapolis, chief of staff of the Kenny Foundation, announced a new policy.

than 250 to 1. He said that it would "work through the medical men of the that children would be eased over eral Hospital. country in carrying on and super- rough spots by occasional confervising the Kenny method of treat- ences and exchange of information ment (of infantile paralysis) and by the teacher and parents. seek co-operation of established Yet no time of the day is set teaching centers and universities aside for such meetings. in spreading knowledge of the

A NEW TRAINING program is designed to increase the number of trained Kenny technicians available for duty at treatment centers throughout the nation,

centers throughout the nation, ncluding one at Pontiac.

Dr. Huenekens said that regis
words: "What are you complainincluding one at Pontiac. tered nurses and physical ing about? You're not taxpayers." therapists could apply for training in the Minneapolis school at the Detroit Foundation Office, 710 Washington Blvd. Building.

Commuters May Give Up Canada Homes

WINDSOR - Approximately 1,200 Canadians of the Windsor area who work in the United States will leave Canada with their families after the next Dominion election unless that country's income tax policies are revised, the

Windsor Commuters Club declared. Further, according to Howard Sprung, president, members will refuse to pay their Canadian in-

Sprung pointed out that the Canadian who works in the United States pays the United States income tax and, if the Canadian tax is higher, pays the difference to the Canadian Government.

Injuries Fatal

LANSING - (A) - Jack Dwyer, 31, of Williamston, died in a Lansing hospital from injuries suffered in an automobile accident Saturday.

Schools Failing, Employers Charge Council Gets Homes Plea

Acquisition of 12 Sites Is Sought

Projects Would Give City 14.350 Units

BY GEORGE A. HOUGH, III

Common Council has agreed to hear on Feb. 10 a Housing Commission plea for condemnation of 12 sites for public housing.

The sites would accommodate 14,350 rental units which would be erected on 324 acres of slum and About 40 per cent of these 403 acres of vacant land.

youngsters lose their chance for Council's invitation to James H. significant jobs when these weak-Ingles, secretary of the Housing nesses show up in employment Commission, to present argument for the condemnations came after a two-hour debate about substand-TEACHERS LAY the blame on ard housing. overcrowded classes. They say it

is impossible to teach with any measure of success when there are IN THE DEBATE, Inglis, F. Gardner Legg, secretary of the Board of Health; Joseph P. Wolff, The recognized ideal is 25 Building and Safety Engineering commissioner; Traffic Judge John children to a classroom although 30 is acceptable.

D. Watts, and George F. Emery,
School Supt. Arthur Dondineau director of the City Plan Commisplaced the median class size at sion, all pleaded:

the present time at 39. He said "More housing, not stricter laws or stepped-up building-code

Inglis pointed out to Council an Employers charge that young- area around St. Jean and East sters are turned out with a "poor Jefferson where illegal conversion work attitude," lacking in respon- to multiple units had tripled occusibility toward the job and the pancy.

"That's substandard housing that only new housing can overcome," Inglis said.

stimulating the child's imagina-COUNCIL PRESIDENT George overcrowded buildings.

> Inglis told Council that only Inglis told Council that only two sites were available now for Senate Aides public-housing development.

"Children have flitted through school like a game," said one personnel expert. "School is work like any job. Pupils should be taught that they must produce." a Federal housing law, he said.

The areas are those proposed for the Douglas Apartments, adjacent

A lack of vocational guidance to the Brewster Homes, and the and counselling was reflected re- Jeffries Project, near Grand Riv-

lems and advising them on their it impossible to build with available funds although plans have long been ready.

Inglis told Council Detroit should be ready to take advantage of the proposed seven-year Federal housing program. Swift For instance, there was the commercial high school graduate enactment is expected, Inglis said. Detroit's share of the na-tional program would be about tion in filing. Yet on applying

was too fat to work among filing Slum sites Inglis wants are in facial defect who had to be told to the Brewster Homes. that her high school business

course was useless for job-hunting Mile at Conner, Eight Mile and Connant, Eight Mile and Wyoming; at Plymouth and Burt Roads; MORE THAN one-third of Detroit public school students take the college prep course. They Marquette tracks; at Joy and nnounced Tuesday.

That brought to 23 the health graduate with a smattering of cultural knowledge but no "saleable"

Auto Crashes True vocational guidance and counselling would have informed them that most have not the Take Lives mental or financial background for college. They find out only Dr. Warren K. Layton, divisional of Two More

director of the guidance and place-ment department, said his staff is Two names were added to De-troit and Wayne County's traffic-He admitted that the pupil- fatality list of 1949. counselor ratio should be no more Erwin Karbowski, 23, of 5227 Chopin, died in Receiving Hos-

pital. Joseph Krantz, 32, of Can-PARENTS AND teachers feel ton, Ohio, died in Wyandotte Gen-

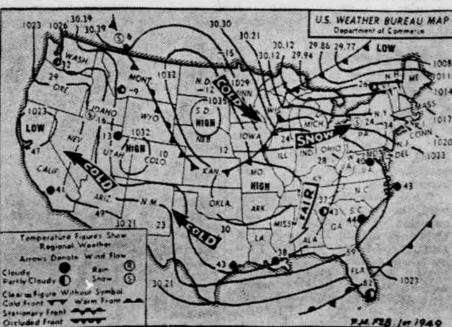
Karbowski was injured Mon-day when an automobile in which he was riding, driven by Eugene Kischuk, 24, of 4715 Larkins, crashed into two util-ity poles at Michigan and

Kischuk was jailed on a reckless-driving charge to which he later pleaded not guilty. Police say he will now be recalled on a manslaughter charge.

Krantz died of injuries suffered in a head-on collision at Dix and London, Lincoln Park last Friday lating fire regulations for over-Tomorrow: Board of Commerce education committee calls for "survey" of school system.

night. William Lambranos, 55, of crowding in his club, a teen-age soft-drink dance hall. in the other car, was killed.

Down to 10



The cold front west of Michigan is coming on to bring a drop in temperatures, the Weather Bureau said. Wednesday's mercury readings will range from 10 to 20 degrees. Occasional snow flurries are expected early in the day. Winds will be moderate to fresh west to northwesterly.

Detroit Free Press Foes Plan

DETROIT 31, MICH., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1949 15



Edwards urged Judge Watts to jail landlords who deliberately Senate agent checks Detroit's voting machines

Bar Patrons

Give Bandit

a Busy Time

was alone.

from him.

A bandit walked into Ma-

pointed a gun at Gilbert Cam-

a back room and bound him

walked in. The bandit took \$1

ANOTHER CUSTOMER,

Albert Schroeder, 44, of 9164

Northlawn, walked in. The ban-

He forced the customers

dit took \$4 from him.

ister and flee.

into the back room, too.

Construction could begin on both Here to Seal City Ballots

Senate investigators have arrived in Detroit to clear voting licki's Bar, 8527 Michigan, and machines of results of the Nov. 2 election. Destruction of ballots has been

SCHOOL FIGURES show that THE CITY has delayed con-delayed pending Senate action on for him. He was released under the 137 counselors in the schools struction on both sites for several a demand for a recount by Frank are taking care of as many as years while holding title to the Hook, Ironwood Democrat who COOK WAS ONE of two men be spent in solving youth's prob-

> GEORGE J. SHILLITO, spokesman for the five investigators, said that the results shown on machines would be sent to a Senate subcommittee on privileges

Investigators also will place the Senate seal on boxes containing printed ballots.

Voting machines already have een cleared in Grand Rapids. The investigators will check two areas near Larned and Chene, machines in Dearborn and High Intelligent counselling, also, in one south of Michigan between land Park, and in Macomb, Washwould have aided the girl with a Fifth and Tenth, and another next tenaw, Saginaw, Genesee, and Bay

> ELECTION OFFICIALS have been anxious to clear machines for the Feb. 21 primary. Registration for the primary election closed at 8 p. m. Tuesday Persons who had not voted in Detroit in the past two years had to re-register.

Club Sudan Owner Faces New Charge

Howard C. Pyle was charged with allowing minors under 17 in his Club Sudan, 550 E. Adams without parents or guardians. A warrant was signed by Recorder's Judge Gerald W. Groat. Pyle will be arraigned Wednesday.

THE WARRANT was issued on statements of a 14-year-old Ferndale girl. She said she went to the club Jan. 21 with three other girls aged 17, 18 and 19. She said she couldn't remember whether they were questioned as to their ages.

She declared they did not have to show identification cards to prove their age. The other girls said all told doormen they were 18 but were not asked to prove

Pyle also faces charges of vio-

College's Record

registered 1,316 students for the second semester, 49 more than the midyear record set in 1948.

U.S. Temperatures (24 Hours Ended at 8 P. M.) Official Government Figures MICHIGAN

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	Battle Creek		13		26	14
1	Cadillac	18	14		20	10
	DETROIT	29	16		23	16
	Escanaba	19	8	Saginaw	24	14
	Flint	25			e 22	10
	Grd. Rapids	23	16	Trav. City	21	18
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			Low	1	High	Low
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	Chicago	25	17			14
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WEST

to Amend Oleo Bill

House Pulls Teeth of 4th Offender Act

From Our Lansing Bureau LANSING-Plans of the rural legislators to make adjustments in the Colored Oleomargarine Act after it is adopted were revealed when it was advanced without to the third reading.

Rep. Floyd Town, Jackson Re-publican, is a bitter opponent of asing the margarine code. He told his colleagues no alternative remained but to pass the bill as presented by initiated peti-

"IF WE DON'T," Town said, both the amended and original bill will go on the ballot and a referendum will be necessary in the future to change whichever is adopted.

"This way if we pass the present bill, we can change it in the future without a referendum."

By a 62 to 33 vote, the House passed and sent to the Senate a Preventive bill which draws the teeth from the 22-year-old Habitual Criminal

The present act makes a life sentence mandatory upon a fourth preventing sodium fluoride. felony conviction. The bill of Rep. Co-ordination of the pr Howard E. Carroll restores discretion to the sentencing judge.

REP. EDWARD Hutchinson,

"I have also supposed that the possibility of severe punishment was a strong crime deterrent,"
Hutchinson said. "I'm afraid
that if the possibility of a life sentence is removed, offenders will take advantage."

Rep. John Kruse, Manistee, proposed a bill to permit local Governments to put in their general funds the 85 per cent of license fees returned to them.

It is designed to thwart Liquor Commission efforts to have the license money reserved for enforce-

eron, 34, the bartender, who Registration The thug forced Cameron into with adhesive tape. Then Arthur Gutowski, 31, of 4005 Trenton, Sets Record

A total of 868,129 persons had qualified as electors for a spring lection when the books for the Feb. 21 primaries were closed Tuesday, City Clerk Thomas D.

off-year vote, Leadbetter said. Only then did he get a chance to take \$83 from the cash reg-

Leadbetter reported. The total was a record for an lican and businessman, died Tues-There were 870,050 qualified for last fall's presidential election.

During the war, Mr. Hutchinson was chairman of the Cheboygan

was chairman of the Cheboygan Rescued were Serene Dlaauvelt, The big number of holdovers for County Republican Committee, He 84, and his sister, Rebekah Switzer, the spring poll accounted for the operated a wholesale candy com- 82. Rescuers were Edwin Gane,

AFTER 30 YEARS

Repentant Woman Sends \$50 to DSR

A \$50 bill was sent to the DSR The train demolished the car, to salve the conscience which has been bothering a Detroit woman for 30 years.

"This," she wrote, "will more than cover the nickels and dimes I took from the DUR during the first World War.

"There was absolutely no need for me to steal. It was the first and last dishonest act I ever performed."

She was a conductorette at the time she stole the money. She suggested that the money go to an infantile paralysis victim. The DSR Commission decided to comply with her wish—
if it can legally do so—and donate the money to the March of

Pupils to Get **Tooth-Decay**

Detroit dentists are beginning an extensive program to treat school children's teeth with decay-Co-ordination of the program and study of its results are in the hands of the Detroit District Dental Society. The society will act as liaison between dentists in Allegan Republican, took the floor private practice and the Board

of Health. Dr. Ralph H. Campbell an-nounced the program at the Dental Society's second annual Children's Dental Health Confer-

DR. CAMPBELL pointed out that many dentists already had There will be no dances or parties treated children with the fluoride for the rest of the year for Alpha solution which prevents on an Phi Sigma. average of 40 per cent of tooth

"The Board of Health and schools are going to make a record of past treatments," he said. "Future treatments will be reported by dentists."

The fluoride treatments were Dental Conference in the Hotel

Candy Wholesaler Dies in Cheboygan

Special to the Free Press CHEBOYGAN - Frank J Hutchinson, 50, prominent Repubday from a heart ailment.

the series \$23 ahead of herself, and that much behind, too. TWO high school boys from Cedar Springs led an elderly couple to safety from a burning home.

Jr., and Norwood Avis.

Michigan

BY DONALD F. SCHRAM

of the alcohol in his radiator, James Whitaker, of Adrian,

drove his car around the block.

It stalled on the ice at the Wa-

bash Railroad crossing. Whita-

ker jumped before it was hit by

a westbound passenger train.

skidded the wreckage to the

eastbound track. An eastbound

Whitaker said he wished he'd let

Champagne corks peppered firemen Tuesday in Grand Rap-

ids. They were called out to put

out a blaze in a freight car con-

taining a shipment of the bub-

bling fluid. Loss by fire and effervescence was \$2,000.

ALPHEUS P. DECKER, vet-

eran state representative from

Deckerville, turned the tables on

Lloyd Buhl, publisher of the Deck-

erville Recorder. Because Rep. Decker's pay has been held up by

a taxpayer suit, Buhl has been offering to take up a collection to

Decker, however, hearing that Buhl had become the father of a son, his fourth child, brought in a

"When you get a family that size, you don't give away cigars,

Decker is the father of eight

Another Michigan publisher to

become the father of a son is Duane DeLoach, of the Blissfield

Advance. The newcomer is the

eighth DeLoach child, seven of

whom are living. State representative from Lenawee County is Rollo G. Conlin of Tipton.

Senator is Elmer R. Porter of

FOR snitching silverware from

an Ann Arbor fraternity house as

an initiation stunt, a Michigan

State College fraternity has been

disciplined by its parent body.

The East Lansing boys sent two

pledges after the Alpha Phi Sigma

forks during "Hell Week." They

got the forks, but got caught and

had to give them back, which they

intended to do anyway. But na-

tional headquarters regarded it as

Alta L. Robinson of Mio

played 753 games of solitaire,

and kept score on the basis of paying herself \$52 for the deck, taking \$5 back for each card

successfully played. At one time she owed herself \$852, another time was \$687 ahead. She ended

an unfraternal act.

you ask for contributions."

train was halted by flares.

his radiator freeze.

help him out.

Blissfield.

box of cigars, saying:

To warm his motor for a test

the SPORTSTER

. . . sets

the pace for casual comfort and original, bold styling

Four bold patch pockets with distinctive button flaps make this "Sportster" sports coat a stylestandout in any company! And you'll go for its long loungy look (and the resultant extra comfort). Choose from eight handsome colors in rich, smooth-draping woolens—it's another fashion first from Hudson's Men's Casual Shop!

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