

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

Five male residents of Holland avenue appeared before the City Commission Monday night and requested that their street be graded and oiled. They said that the heavy trucks operated over Holland avenue, some of which are owned by the City and used to get to Birmingham's warehouse, are responsible for much damage to the road's surface. Manager Donald C. Egbert promised to grade the street and to apply oil, providing the residents on Holland avenue petitioned for and agree to pay for the oiling, which averages 10 cents per lineal foot, or five cents per front foot for each property owner.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert wants more local residents who live on gravel streets to petition for the application of road oil to the surface. "The average cost is 10 cents per lineal foot, and the manner in which we now apply the oil should make it last throughout the winter. The cost is figured at 10 cents for each lineal foot, but where vacant property exists, the improved property must pro rata the cost." The Manager wants to build at least five miles of such oiled streets this spring.

These new-fangled "motor scooters" that are appearing on Birmingham's streets are subject to regular traffic rules, and regulations, City Manager Egbert said this week. In case one of them runs beneath your automobile, and tears off some of the chosen equipment, the case should be reported to local police.

City Commissioner Lawrence Hulbert complimented The Eccentric on its 40 years of life this week—and added: "But you forgot to mention that at one time The Eccentric was published from West Maple avenue, about where La Belle's Bookstore now stands, about 22 years ago." Thanks, Mr. Hulbert. The Eccentric will record that fact for future use.

A meeting of representatives of the Detroit Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, was held Thursday at Camp George, where members of the Birmingham district acted as hosts. It marked the last meeting of Charles F. Rhodes, who has been Scout Commissioner for the past four years. Dinner arrangements were under the direction of Charles S. Kinnison and Ralph A. Mann.

Stephanie Buckeridge, Baldwin Junior High School student, will dance four numbers in the third annual recital of the Borgo Sisters dance studio, Friday May 13, at the Royal Oak High School Auditorium.

Miss Buckeridge is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Buckeridge of 184 Willis St. She has been taking classical dancing lessons for ten of her thirteen years and this will be her tenth appearance in a recital. She has also danced in the Birmingham and Royal Oak theaters. Her numbers will include a toe solo and a ballet solo.

One suggestion that has come to this department this week goes: "Why don't more Birmingham people who live next to vacant lots attempt to beautify the fronts of such vacant property by raising some 'extra' flowers? If property owners would do this, Birmingham would be turned into a community of real floral beauty."

Many fine deeds are done in this community every day, and many of them are seldom heard of by the entire public. Birmingham's three service Clubs, Exchange, Rotary, and Lions, every year carry on activities that help others. The Exchanges do lots of work for the teeth of children whose parents can't pay for such aid, Lions annually help many kiddies to receive better vision. Rotarians concentrate on work for crippled

children. This spring the local Rotary Club raised \$300 through the sale of Easter Seals; the Club's committee, headed by Grady Padgett, did its usual fine job in this respect. True, in the community who purchased the Seals may rest assured that their individual offerings will lift the heavy hearts of many parents whose children will be helped by this work.

Activities along the old Grand Trunk right-of-way, which will result in the completion of the Woodward super-highway, are going ahead, and before the end of summer, say State Highway Department officials, the new road will be opened. If you haven't seen the right-of-way lately, it will interest you to drive over Oakland avenue and observe what is going on.

Mrs. Gordon L. Bailey of Hamilton Avenue will be one of the main speakers at the fifth regional annual conference of the Democratic State Central Committee. The conference will be held at the Palmer House in Chicago on May 16 and 17, with delegates attending from Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio as well as Michigan. Mrs. Bailey, whose speech will be delivered on Tuesday, May 17, has been chosen as her topic, "Michigan Women and Their Publicity."

The public is cordially invited by the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Birmingham, Michigan, to attend a Free Lecture on Christian Science entitled "Christian Science Reveals the Unity of God and Man," by Miss Margaret Morrison, C. S., Chicago, Illinois. The lecture will be held at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, 450 Madison St. The lecture will be held in the Baldwin High School Auditorium, Friday evening, May 13, 1938, at eight o'clock.

LOCAL MEN OPEN BUSINESS HERE

William N. Smith, of 14 Valley road, Bloomfield Hills, and Carl E. Hooton, 1810 Birwood avenue, Beverly Hills, have announced the opening of an insurance business in the Birmingham National Bank building. They will represent three well-known insurance companies. Mr. Smith was born in Birmingham and attended schools here and in Brighton, Mich., before entering Wayne university and later Lawrence Institute of Technology. He was graduated from Baldwin High school in June, 1934. Mr. Good, born in Clawson, attended the Clawson schools and later Baldwin High school, from which he was graduated in June, 1934.

P. T. A. ORGANIZED AT ADAMS SCHOOL

Parents of students and teachers of the Adams school met Monday evening at the school to form a branch of the Parent Teacher association.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. L. Ford Merritt, president; Mrs. Charles F. Butters, mother, vice-president; Waldo E. Fellows, father, vice-president; Miss Gladys Rogers, teacher, vice-president; Mrs. Henry Givens, secretary; Mrs. Eric Bergshagen, treasurer; Mrs. George D. Clark, historian; Mrs. Sam Goddard and Mrs. Clifford B. Gould, council delegates.

With the organization of a P. T. A. group at Adams, every school in the city has a branch and is governed by a P. T. A. council.

Costly Rain Making
Everything costs more nowadays. You have to have your car washed to make it shine now, whereas in the old days you could bring up a shower merely by getting a shine.—Kansas City Star.



Four of those who will take part in cleaning the streets of Holland, Mich., during the Tulip Festival, May 14-22, gaily march across the deck of the S. S. North American to present the first tulips grown to Captain William T. Burt. This ship is docked at Holland throughout the winter and will be used as a floating hotel during this national festival to help house and feed one thousand or more visitors.

Exchange Club Perfects Plans For Its Model Airplane Contest

At the regular meeting of the Birmingham Exchange club Tuesday noon, at the Community House, the committee in charge of the model airplane contest, sponsored by the club and scheduled for Saturday at 1 p. m., reported everything in readiness. The next will be held on Cranbrook road south of Maple avenue and there will be 45 contestants. In case of unfavorable weather conditions, the contest will be postponed until Saturday, May 21, at the same time.

The public is invited to attend the model airplane contest, at which prizes will be awarded by Mayor John E. Martz. The boys competing are to receive letters from the club this week, giving detailed instructions in regard to the event. The prizes are now on display in the windows of the Birmingham Hardware company.

In the opinion of the Exchange club members, the contest is a fitting introduction to the National Airweek which will begin May 15. All air mail letters mailed in Birmingham during the Birmingham Airweek, which will be held in Birmingham during the Birmingham Exchange club, placed upon the club's mail envelopes, are ready for distribution to each family of the city with complete instructions regarding mailing air mail letters during the week. The contest is printed in four different colors one for each day. The official air mail day is to be Thursday, May 19.

Harvey A. White, of the Narcotic Relief association, was the speaker Tuesday. He was introduced by William F. Thomas, program chairman. Mr. White told of his 13 years' experience in narcotics work and explained the ef-

Arts Conference And Exhibition Scheduled

A conference of the arts in the curriculum of the elementary, primary and secondary schools, accompanied by a group exhibition, will be held on Saturday, May 14, in the Detroit Institute of Arts. The committee requests reservations for the luncheon to be held at the Warrick, be made at once. Paul Detrich, of Ohio, will be the chief luncheon speaker.

The program on Saturday will include current art activities of Detroit and Toledo schools, dance compositions, a creative writing demonstration on "Making Poetry," Art Goes Everywhere by the Roosevelt school, Detroit, "Living in the Arts" presented by the Toledo public schools, and motion pictures showing the activities of Children's House, Detroit, the craftsmanship of Arthur Nevill Kirk, silversmith, the Pewabic pottery of Mrs. Mary Chase Stratton, and the making of a mural by Rudolph Lindquist, director of Cranbrook School, will discuss in the afternoon "The Arts in the Curriculum." The exhibition will continue through May 22.

Teacher-hostesses will be in attendance each day. Mrs. Rachel DeWolf Rasmussen, of Cranbrook, is general chairman.

Meet Old Friends

THROUGH

This Newspaper

For More Than Half A Century Birmingham Folks Have Been Meeting Old Friends And Making New Ones Through The Columns Of The Birmingham Eccentric.

Each week subscribers read of the activities of many people, whose names are mentioned in these columns—Some of them your neighbors and close friends. Others are well known by reputation through reading about them in this newspaper. "Humanity makes news." Our correspondents and news gathering facilities bring to you practically all of the news concerning the people of this community.

The Eccentric is a welcome visitor in thousands of homes. It pushes no doorbell to gain entry; it brings no sigh from the busy housewife: "Well, there is another agent." It is no handbill cluttering up automobiles, nor blowing around from dooryard to dooryard. It is not a mailed circular that attracts only passing attention and is thrown aside. No husband coming in from his day's work sits down and asks his wife: "Where is the latest circular?" but hundreds of them ask, "Where is the Eccentric?"

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The Community Newspaper of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills

The SNAPSHOT GUILD

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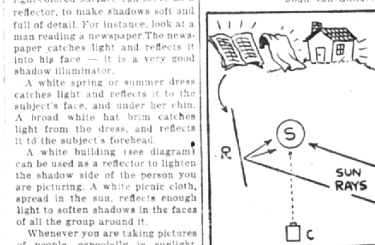


No harsh shadows on the faces in this picture! The paper makes an excellent reflector, allows subjects to face AWAY from the sun, not squint INTO it! Try it and see!

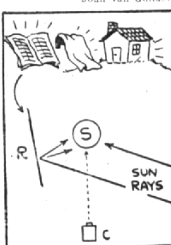
WHEN one advises, "Use a reflector to soften and lighten shadows," most snapshoters think "Oh, that is too complicated — too much trouble."

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Whenever you are taking pictures of people, especially in sunlight, make sure that the shadows are softened in some fashion. Black shadows under the subject's eye-brows and nose ruin a picture. Use any sort of reflecting surface — a



A white wall will reflect light to the shadow side of the face if the subject is placed properly. So will a newspaper, or white sheet S, subject C, camera; R, reflecting surface.

Champ Lamb on Royal Throne



If you happen to get meat from this lamb in your stew, you can't complain about the price. To its smiling owner, Fevena Wilford of Santa Rosa, Calif., pictured here, this baby brought \$4 per pound on the hoof. Previously Wilford's woolly had joined the royal blood of lambdom by capturing the grand championship at the South San Francisco junior livestock show. Youngsters from seven western states entered their charges in the competition.