

## 11 Birmingham Adults Trained In Cub Program

A six week Cub training course, "Elements of Cub Leadership" was completed in Birmingham last week. Approximately 50 interested citizens of Birmingham, Royal Oak, Ferndale, and north Detroit attended these weekly meetings, which were held at the Community House under the direction of Robert C. Reusch, field executive and director of Cubbing for the Detroit Area Council. Robert W. Gault, advancement chairman of the Royal Oak district, Boy Scouts of America assisted in this program of training.

The Cub program, one of the latest projects undertaken by the Boy Scouts of America, is a home centered program of adventure and achievement for boys the ages of nine, ten, and eleven years old. It was introduced in Birmingham last year, largely through the efforts of Donald A. Murray, Mr. Robert Grindley, and T. W. Eadie. There are now three active Cub packs, holding pack meetings monthly at Quarten, Barnum, and Adams schools.

Those from Birmingham who successfully completed the specified course last week were Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wheelock, Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Max Roensch, Walter C. Morgan, Colin Campbell, Ivor H. Williams, Merlyn Smiley, and J. F. Wenzel, Jr.

The Cubbing program itself is entirely different from the regular Boy Scout program. It centers in the home, and weekly den meetings are held there under the leadership of den mothers and trained Scouts called den chiefs. A pack meeting, a gathering of all the dens, is held once monthly. At the age of 12 the Cub usually becomes a scout.

It was at the request of parents, religious leaders, and leaders of agencies for youth that this program was undertaken by the Boy Scouts. It has a colorful program natural to boys of this age, and encourages boys to develop skills which will give him delight at his own achievement and thus lead him to better citizenship.

## Cranbrook Scientists To Tell Of Work

Mrs. Marjorie T. Bingham, botanist, and Dr. Edward T. Boardman, zoologist, of the Cranbrook Institute of Science Staff, will present a joint paper on educational work in the Institute's junior members' classes at the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which will be held in Philadelphia during the week following Christmas.

The story is told that a lady told her husband that the couple next door were very devoted, as he kissed her every time they met, and added, "Why don't you do that?" Her husband replied: "I don't know her well enough, yet."—Exchange.

"The cannibal king of the Mambos assures the world that he has given up the habit of eating small boys." Youth, it appears, will no longer be served.—Miners' Journal.

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## Monday Is Next Date of Issue

Because Christmas and New Year's fall on Wednesday, The Eccentric will be published early next week and the week following. Editions will be distributed Monday morning of each week. Because of this unusually early press time, the utmost cooperation of advertisers and contributors is requested. As much as possible should be prepared for Friday, although the staff will be on duty all day Saturday. Deadline for classified advertising is Saturday at 4 p. m.

## Announce Winners In Science Project

The autumn class in "Lives of Animals" at the Cranbrook Institute of Science closed this week and prizes for the best books produced by its students have been announced. First prize went to Jimmy Thomas of Baldwin High School, Birmingham. Zane Laubner of Post Intermediate School, Detroit, took second prize and Eleanor Penfield of Baldwin High School was awarded third prize.

A course in botany, a sequel to the animal course, is announced for Saturday mornings after New Year's. It will be open to students in the seventh to twelfth grades.

## With the Collegians

**Hamilton College.** CLINTON, N. Y.—RICHARD C. ALLMAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie C. Allman, 615 Hudson Street, Birmingham, Mich., and a senior at Hamilton College, is chairman of Hamilton's Annual Winter Carnival, and chairman of all its committees.

The unit, slated to take place on February week end, will include a hockey game in Hamilton's indoor rink, intramural ski competition, snow sculpturing, and an all college dance in the recently completed gymnasium.

More than 200 young women guests from throughout the East and Midwest will attend.

**Culver Military Academy.** CULVER, IND.—The 618 cadets at the Culver Military Academy departed Friday for a 55-day Christmas furlough.

Among the cadets who will return home for the long holiday period from Birmingham were NELSON B. ELDRED, III, 216 Hawthorne road; JAMES E. JEFFRIES, 3184 Morning View Terrace; and HUBERT J. QUINN, JR., 32975 Bingham road.

**University of Michigan.** FRANK SAVAGE, of 743 E. Maple, Birmingham, was recently initiated into Druids, honorary society for senior men in the Literary College of the University of Michigan.

**Syracuse University.** SYRACUSE, N. Y.—JOHN SHAFNER, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Shaffner of 824 Wilminton drive, Birmingham, Mich., will leave the Syracuse University campus Saturday, Dec. 21, to spend the Christmas holidays at home. Classes will be resumed Monday, Jan. 6.

**BEWARE OF THE DOGS**

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Included are letters written by famous men and women from Alexander the Great to George Bernard Shaw. There are boastful letters, angry letters, hateful letters, love letters, letters that should have been burned and letters never mailed. Preceding each, editor's comment explains the circumstance of the writing. This and the other books discussed hereafter are to be found at Baldwin Library.

**My Life in a Man-made Jungle**, by Belle Benchley. The story of a zoo by its director, the only woman in the world to hold such a position. She has handled animals from elephants to zebras, not forgetting the gals and her own experiences make good reading.

**Meet the Murderer!** by Lewis E. Lawes. A book to read beside "Twenty Thousand Years in Sing Sing," this is the prison warden's story of the condemned cells and their inmates.

**Invitation to Live**, by Lloyd Douglas. Barbara Beckmidge's life changes when she inherits half a million dollars on condition that she attend a Trinity Cathedral service.

**Fielding's Folly**, by Francis Parkinson Keyes. The romantic story of a Vermont girl who met her future husband when she lost her way in the woods of his Virginia estate. Her adjustments to Southern life make the novel.

**No Steeper Wall**, by Percy Marks. Story of an old Boston family, Larry, after a disgraceful episode, was banished to an isolated community in Southern California where he plunged into a life that seemed to him as primitive as that of the middle ages.

**The Bucharest Ballerina**, by Marie Perle. Intriguing villain and lovely ladies tangled against a background of war-torn Poland with exotic premiere dances as chief victim.

**Three Plays**, by William Saroyan. Three famous plays by the darling of Broadway published together—"My Heart's in the Highlands," "The Time of Your Life" and "Love's Old Sweet Song."



**CHRISTMAS WREATHS**  
Scouts from Troops B-5 and B-1 are this week winding up their Christmas wreath sale. B-5 already reports \$75 taken in from this source. Nice going boys!

**B-3 News**  
B-3 is at the present concentrating its efforts on patrol projects, while not altogether forgetting advancement. Projects under construction include a knot board, a large compass, equipment boxes and flag standards.

**B-5 News**  
We have heard it rumored that B-5 is already preparing for the Rally in the spring. It seems they are so confident that they have already cleared wall space for the banner. We certainly hope they aren't disappointed!

Because of the absence of Jack Dunn, the regular scribe, on a Naval Reserve cruise, we have been delegated to fill his shoes as the local Scout reporters. Any Scout news which you might have will be greatly appreciated.—John Rosso and John Gillespie, Scribes.

## Institute of Science Adds Library Shelves

The handsome blue and French gray Library of the Cranbrook Institute of Science, recently named a depository of U. S. Government publications by Rep. George A. Dondero, has just installed several new stacks of metal library shelving which more than doubles its capacity. The new stacks have been finished to harmonize with the rest of the room and have made it possible to arrange for the use of Institute members many valuable books and periodicals hitherto inaccessible for circulation.

**A Failure**  
Leap year is not getting much attention from most of the main says a news report. Too much looking and not enough leaping we take it.—The Seattle Daily Times.

**An Underestimate**  
That a million dollars' worth of gum is chewed weekly in the United States looks like an underestimate, no doubt, to the talkie-house janitor.

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