

Social Briefs

Miss Mary Ellen Welch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Welch of Sufield road, is expected home next Tuesday from St. Mary's Academy for her Easter vacation.

The **Kincaids** for JEWELRY have received your **SPRING AND SUMMER JEWELRY** INEXPENSIVELY PRICED
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City Will Hire Two New Patrolmen Soon

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley has announced that applications may be obtained at police headquarters for young men who wish to become members of the Birmingham Police Department. Two vacancies, one in May and the other in July, will be made in the department due to present members of the force resigning. Applicants should be between the ages of 23 and 30 and have at least two years of high school. They should be at least five feet nine inches tall, weigh 150 pounds, and be in good physical condition. Written examinations will be followed by an oral interview, physical examination and character investigation. Successful applicants will start work as probationary patrolmen.

Have You Met . . .
The new family from Mackagon, Mich.? They're Mr. and Mrs. F. W. McCracken and daughter, Georgia who are living at 1065 Chesterfield. Mr. McCracken is with the Socoxy Vacuum Oil Company.

Pop Runs Sonny a Close Second on "Foolin' Day"

By Doris E. Kus

When? That was a close one. April Fool's Day is over and there doesn't seem to be any great sign of devastation in and around Birmingham. In fact, outwardly last Friday the village continued its active pace without too much deviation from the normal way of life.

However, we have heard of a few little incidents which we feel were very well representative of April 1, and before we go into them we're putting ourselves down on record as saying the young fry alone are not to be blamed for any mischievous undertakings. We've heard that Old Dad was right in there kicking up a few heels, too. Pop, downstairs having a hearty breakfast, called to his daughter still dressing upstairs that she was wanted on the phone. The poor gal carried on a solitary "Hello, hello, hello" until the old boy, grinning merrily, pronounced "April Fool" and continued staving his grapefruit.

Look at that Bill!
Daughter, irked to say the least, stamped back upstairs. Then the phone did ring and it really was for daughter, and the daughter, wise beyond her years by now, refused to answer it. Her best date? A ride to school in the jalopy? Who knows? Certainly not the young lady, in question. Nor her father.

One ingenious 11-year-old boy faked a bill to his father from a well known furrier. The bill read one mink coat, \$3,500.75; one leopard coat, \$2,500.75. It just so happens mama had always wanted a leopard coat and papa, seeing the note on the bottom, "Please pay immediately, furs gal-

lery" began to turn gray at the temples until his business man's eye caught wise to the fact that the furrier's name was spelled wrong. Sonny ran for his life but pop was too out of breath from fear and shock to chase him far. Another prankster got soap in his father's coffee and some darling dad switched the salt and sugar containers. What he had for dinner that night after Ma got a load of salt on her cinnamon toast, we won't even venture to guess.

Lucky Us!
But take the father who got even with his two boys when they put tea in his tobacco. He said he was going to rub garlic on the mouth of his son's trumpet! Did he? Uh-huh. Ma heard about it first and pointed out that smoked-tobacco tea was a bad enough odor.

Well, as we said, it was more or less a peaceful "first". In fact, in The Eccentric editorial office, the only comment made was "Hey, this April Fool's Day!—but we were all on our way home at 5:00 o'clock and the discovery came all too late. Lucky us!

Traffic Deaths Again Increase During February

Traffic accidents in Michigan cost the lives of 85 persons in February, an increase of 21 or 33 per cent over the 64 killed during the same month last year, according to the monthly statistical report of the State Police.

There were 2,591 persons injured and 11,090 reported accidents. Injuries were six less than in February of 1948, but accidents showed a substantial reduction of 867 or seven per cent. The fatality increase continued the upward trend begun in November. The record for the last four months shows 115 more persons killed than in the same period a year ago, an increase of 27 per cent.

Mileage Up 5%
All of the February fatality gain occurred on the rural trunk-line system and was caused by an increase in collisions and ran-off-roadway accidents.

Most of the accident reduction was in urban areas. The record for the first two months of 1949 shows 194 persons killed, 5,532 injured, and 22,963 reported accidents. Compared with the same period last year, deaths increased 41 or 27 per cent, injuries increased 309 or six per cent, and reported accidents dropped 2,148, or nine per cent.

Mileage for January—the latest figures available—was up five per cent over the same month last year and the death rate per 100 million miles of travel increased four per cent.

Early Golfers Playing Now on Edgewood Course

Although the early birds have been enjoying golf at Edgewood for the past several weeks, the club was formally opened last weekend according to Clarence Proper who is managing the popular club on Commerce Road while Charlie Ross is recuperating from a recent heart ailment at his home in Miami, Fla. Proper is starting his third year at the club.

He reveals that the course is in the finest early season shape in several years and that Forest Acton is again greens superintendent. New toilet facilities have been erected on the course in the form of a new concrete structure with modern plumbing.

Between 150 and 200 golfers toured the layout over the weekend. Proper stated that the grill is open for the serving of sandwiches and light lunches at this time. Soon the complete dining room service will be available for the season and some reservations have already been taken for tournaments and dinner groups.

Ross is showing great improvement since his heart attack of six weeks ago and is expected back at Edgewood soon.

Red Cross Campaign Tops \$10,000 Mark; Extended to Apr. 13

Harry O. Smart, local chairman of the American Red Cross drive, has been notified by the Grand county chapter that the closing date of the 1949 campaign has been extended to April 13. This is due to the fact that in many areas collections have been unusually slow, and several quotas have not been filled.

In Birmingham a total of \$10,831.95 had been reported to Smart by the various solicitors Tuesday afternoon. During the past few days there have been many checks mailed directly to headquarters. Smart asked that those who had not yet seen contracted, personally continue to use this method to get their contributions in. Checks may be mailed to his office, 164 West Maple. He also asks that Birmingham residents bear in mind the fact they have until next Wednesday to get their contributions in.

Have You Met . . .
Dr. and Mrs. George Keevil, formerly of Detroit, and their daughters, Joan and Diane who are now residing at 1943 Chesterfield road. Dr. Keevil is an optometrist with offices in Highland Park.

Easter

FASHION NOTES



Spring Coats . . . Win Lines of Least Resistance

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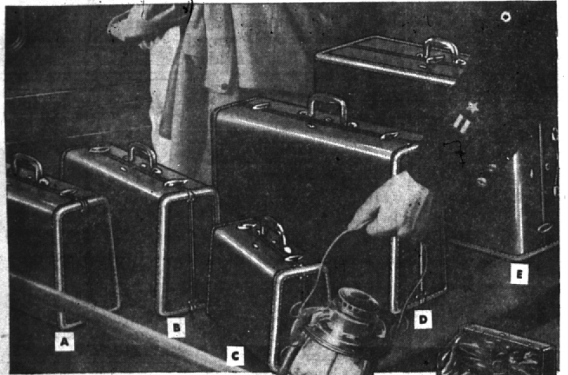
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