

### Camp George Work Done by Sea Scouts

Sea Scouts of Ship B-4 visited Camp George Saturday and spent the day improving the camp grounds. Sunday was spent attending church services and in other Sea Scout activities. Those who attended were Mate Charles Allison, Yeoman Jim S.

Jan, and Apprentices Ted Simetz, Al Scheffeld, Chuck Johnson, Bob Dutton, Charles Warner, Louis Cuniff and Frank Lenker. The crew of the B-4 held their annual Halloween party on Saturday night. They announce a need for naval uniforms, and ask that residents who have one to spare, contact some member of the crew.

### Have You Met . . .

Former Detroiters, Mr. and Mrs. Martin B. Rice and daughter, Cynthia and Natalie who are making their home at 654 Graefield court? Mr. Rice is an advertising executive with Kudner Agency.

General news deadline is 5 p. m. each Tuesday.

### Checking on Progress of Local Torch Drive



Progress of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Division of the United Foundation's Torch Drive is noted by (left to right) Herman Erke, Frank Couzens, Jr., Henry Selters, Paul N. Averill and Mayor Donald S. Bell. The drive closes a week from today. See Story on Page One, Part One. (Photo by Joe Wheeler)

has to get around to sell. So the thought of a long hospital recuperation and then the handicap of paralysis made him feel very low. Jack was grateful even at first that the police bug got him instead of one of his kids, Geoffrey, 5; Jack III, 2, or James Anthony, 1, but he worried about how he was going to continue to support them. Jack's wife, Florence, whom he married when she was an army nurse and he was a second lieutenant, and his brother, Larry, 1, of Birmingham, comforted him as best they could but Jack was still scared.

**Up and Around Again**  
Jack recalls now that that was only a little more than a month ago and here he is rarin' to get home and back on the job with every indication that he will be as normal as he was before he got sick.

A week after Jack was admitted to the hospital, the Kenny technicians and Dr. Ethel T. Galhoun, of Birmingham, medical director of the Kenny Center, had Jack on his feet and getting around and since then his progress has been fast and steady.

Jack says it's the greatest experience he's ever had and his reasons make sense.

"This thing has taught me never to be afraid of anything, even sickness," says Jack. "I almost died myself worrying when I found out I had polio because I never dreamed that there was a treatment anywhere near as effective as what they're doing here at the Kenny Center."

"In the years to come I'll feel a lot better about my kids during polio outbreaks because I've seen what great things are done for the many kids who are patients out here."

**Teacher On Children**  
Since he's been able to get around Jack has been spending a lot of time with the tiny patients at the center, particularly Donald Smith, 5, and his brother, Larry, 1, of Birmingham.

"This is a lot tougher on the children than on adults," says Jack. "At least I know what the reasons for the treatment were and that makes it better. Sometimes the bending and stretching and hot packs are painful and the kids don't understand. They need all the help we can give them."

The Kenny Center is supported by the United Foundation's Torch Drive and Jack thinks that if people could see what this agency is doing they'd over-subscribe their quotas everywhere.

"I'm fortunate in that respect, too," he says. "I've seen it work. I just wish that there was some way of telling everybody what I know."

"Then, mister, that Torch Drive couldn't miss."

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### Franklin Youth Ends First Year With Athletics

By Jo Nichols  
Franklin Correspondent

What happens to a rookie in his first year as property of a big league baseball team? The question can be answered by Dick Blauman, former Baldwin four-letter man, who joined



DICK BLAUMAN

the Philadelphia Athletics just one year ago.

Thrills and disappointments are combined to make the rookie's bid for fame an interesting one. Dick's first thrill came, when in jest he told his father he guessed he would room with Ferris Fain, famous first baseman. On his arrival at West Palm Beach, Fla., for spring training, his roommate to Dick's surprise was Fain. He was very helpful to the beginner.

**First Pitch Is Wild**  
Perhaps the most important event of the season occurred a few days later when the Athletics played the Brooklyn Dodgers in a grapefruit league game. The score was tied at eight runs in the 13th inning when Carl Scheib, veteran Athletic pitcher, weakened after a brilliant performance.

Gomie Mack replaced him with 19 year old Dick who threw his first pitch almost in the stands as the crowd roared. Then he walked Bruce Edwards on four pitches. Billy Cox got a base on balls. But that was the end of his wildness. He fanned Dick Hodges on a snappy curve and pitched his way out when Johnny Jorgenson hit into a double play.

In the 14th inning the A's took the lead, and Dick appeared very calm, went on to beat Brooklyn in the 15th by a score of 9 to 8, fanning Duke Snider on three pitches.

**Returns to Class A League**  
From West Palm Beach Dick went to Moultrie, Ga., to finish spring training. Then to Lincoln, Neb., for a month and a half with the class A team. He was still a little wild and lost seven straight games. He was then shipped to Youngtown, Ohio, a class C team where he settled down and won 11 with only three defeats, showing a marked improvement.

The two times the scouts attended to watch him, he turned in three hitters, so Dick returned to Nebraska class A next year.

Dick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Blauman of Franklin and attended both Franklin and Birmingham schools.

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### City Accepts Bid for Maple-Coolidge Sewer Construction

A contract for the construction of a 3,000-foot sewer on E. Maple and Coolidge roads has been awarded by the city to the low bidder, Ray D. Baker Co. of Detroit.

The accepted bid was \$41,976.70, considerably below the city engineer's estimate for the project. Work is expected to get under way in a couple of weeks.

The city and Dearborn Motors are sharing in the cost of this construction.

### YMCA Over the Top In Membership Drive

Edwin Kirbert, executive secretary of the Birmingham YMCA, announces a total enrollment of 905 members. The current drive brought in 504 members and fees of \$1,550. The quota set for this branch was 450 members and \$1,500 cash.

Kirbert also announced that "By Airway to Hawaii" is being shown in local schools this week for members of the Gra-Y and Junior Hi-Y groups.

These two clubs are beginning to work on their Christmas handicraft projects, to be used as gifts.

### Have You Met . . .

Former Chicagoan, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Canfield and son, Jimmy who are now making their home at 1635 Yosemite? Mr. Canfield is a service engineer with the Fargo division of Chrysler Corporation.

### Torch Drive Funds Aid Birmingham's Polio Patients

There are many cases on record where an illness or a handicap, which by all odds would normally be a curse, has actually turned out to be blessing.

Such an illness is polio in the case of Jack Earle, 28, of 306 Henrietta.

Jack has been a patient at the Sister Kenny Polio Center near Pontiac since Sept. 29 when he was brought there with both his arms and legs paralyzed and his back so stiff he couldn't sit up.

Jack is still weak as a kitten but he can walk now. He can shave himself and his back gives him a most no trouble at all.

And Jack is mighty grateful and completely without fear of the dreaded disease which struck him down.

**Scared At First**  
Jack will tell you that when he first learned he had polio he was scared almost to death by a future in which he pictured himself as a cripple.

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