

Torch Drive (Continued from Page One) average yearly charity contribution. "What you have to sell in the Torch Drive" was the theme of remarks made by William Breech, co-chairman of the local division. "You are selling the responsibility of a citizen to the community. A farmer knows that he cannot continue to take everything from the soil without replenishing it. This same principle is true of a community. If we expect to continue to reap the benefits of a suburban area such as ours, we cannot shirk our responsibility as a citizen. A good citizen gives as well as takes. Kits Handed Out Workers were given kits containing all the necessary pledge cards and information preliminary to starting a complete home-to-home solicitation. Serving on the general cam-

aign committee are: Mrs. E. J. Anderson, Paul Ivette, Don St. Bell, William H. Breech, Frank Couzens, Jr., Charlton G. Eden, Herbert H. Gardner, Harry D. Hoey, William Kennedy, Mrs. Rogers-Margolis, Dr. Robert J. Mason, Roland W. Reese, Mrs. Edward Rothman, Hal G. Trump, Henry Whiting, Ralph Wilson, Mrs. Raymond E. Giffels, George W. Davis, Lew L. Callaway, and Mrs. J. Rowland Quinn. Area chairmen are: Birmingham business district, Frank Couzens, Jr.; Birmingham residential chairman, Mr. T. Hollister Mabrey; Bloomfield Hills, Mrs. Fritz C. Hyde, Jr. and Mrs. Charles E. Carey; Wing Lake, Mrs. John W. Gillette, Jr.; Franklin, Mrs. Philip Price; Foxcroft, Mrs. Charles R. DeViljev; Walnut Lake, Mrs. C. R. Thompson; and Bloomfield Village, Mrs. Edson Pool. The Monday luncheon was provided through the courtesy of the Great Lakes, Tractor & Equipment Co.

Community Council Work Is Defined by U-M Professor Delegates to the Birmingham Community Council and many presidents of the 51 local organizations which are now members of the Council took part in the "participation conference" last week which launched the Council's 1949-50 program. Dr. Howard Y. McClusky, head of the community adult education program of the University of Michigan's extension division, with five members of his department, helped the Birmingham Co-op define its work and methods. Dr. McClusky agreed with the delegates that there is need in Birmingham as elsewhere, for better information and better insight as to what a Community Council is and what it can do. Three important aspects of council work, defined in the course of discussions with Dr. McClusky and his staff, were:

- 1. Council work is based on voluntary activity and cooperation. Job is not to be done for the possibility, except as it comes from consent. The effectiveness of this voluntary activity depends upon clearly defined goals related to the needs of the community.
2. Council delegates must be effective "conductors" of current thinking taking the ideas of their member group to the council, and bringing back to the member group in clear and understandable form, the thinking of the Council.
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4. The "participation conference" spent much of its discussion time on the third point, considering ways of informing new delegates of the council's work.
A condensation of the questions and discussions of them will be set out in a Community Council Bulletin. Delegates and presidents of member organizations in the Community Council Bulletin.
Dr. McClusky was assisted by Cynthia Jones, W. G. Robinson, John Birmingham, Judith Calver and Cameron Meredith, members of the community adult education department at Ann Arbor.
Seek Topic for Institute
Mrs. John K. Ormond, president of the Community Council, presided over the first meeting of the council, held in the meeting preceding the discussion. Announcements were made by Mrs. Lawson T. Baker, chairman of the progress of the Parent Teacher Association program for the showing of the picture for young people each Saturday afternoon, and by Mrs. F. G. Garrison, chairman of the Institute Committee.
Mrs. Garrison reported that letters had gone out already to many other organizations urging them to give early and serious consideration to the selection of the 1949-50 Institute topic.
Mrs. Alice Parnie acted as chairwoman of the after-dinner discussion.

"Happenings" Item Brings Further News of Former Resident A few weeks ago The Eccentric carried a notice in the "Happenings" item that William (Bill) Kinnear had been named first alternate for an appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. A letter has been received from his mother, Mrs. K. K. Martin, telling a little about what has happened to Bill since that 1944 story. "I thought it might be a matter of interest," Mrs. Martin's letter reads, "that since that time he has had one year with the navy as an enlisted man and is now in his fourth and final year at Annapolis. He entered the academy appointment in June, 1946 as the Congressional appointment was filled by the principle in 1945. "Bill was graduated from Baldwin high school in 1946 and has many friends in Birmingham. He regrets our moving as he would like to get back there and renew associations during his occasional leaves. However, we do keep in touch with the news of Birmingham through our old friend the Eccentric." The Martins are now making their home Toledo.

Test Your Knowledge Of The Torch Drive

- 1. WHAT IS THE UNITED FOUNDATION? The United Foundation is a non-profit corporation organized to unify the raising of funds for the operating budgets of more than 140 health and community services in metropolitan Detroit and suburban areas.
2. TO WHAT ORGANIZATIONS CAN L CONTRIBUTE THROUGH UNITED FOUNDATION? The United Foundation is a federation of givers. Givers can give for any cause they want to through the United Foundation so long as it is a non-profit organization and is tax deductible.
3. WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED FOUNDATION? To bring efficiency to fund-raising by making ONE out of many drives. To enable contributors to give once for all. To distribute funds collected on an equitable basis.
4. DOES THE UNITED FOUNDATION MEET THE ENTIRE ANNUAL BUDGET OF ALL THE SERVICES IN THE ORGANIZATION? In a few cases, the United Foundation meets the entire annual budget. In other cases, only the annual deficit is met by United Foundation funds.
5. WHO DECIDES WHERE THE MONEY GOES? Funds are distributed to the health and community services by the Budget Committee, comprised of private citizens who represent the community.
6. DO SOLICITORS IN THE TORCH DRIVE RECEIVE PAY FOR THEIR SERVICES? No. Solicitors are local citizens who have volunteered their services.

German Gadgets Are Very Complicated Compared to Simple American Model

MUNICH—For a nation whose genius is technical proficiency, German gadgets leave plenty to be desired by American standards. This is especially true of the gimmicks used by the hausfrau. Take the German version of the lovely can opener. An awesome massive medieval torture instrument! Placing a can in the thing is a tedious operation. Numerous bolts, widgets, and whatnots must be loosened, tightened, adjusted. Then a huge handle is firmly grasped and revolved at furious speed. Dishes rattle, the table shudders. So do humans who hear the horrible grinding noise before the can is detached. All that remains is to extract the opened can from the machine. That necessitates loosening bolts, widgets, etc. Can-ners soup hardly seems worth the trouble. Deluxe Pencil Sharpener Another amazing German creation is the deluxe pencil sharpener. It is a tremendous device—and must surely terrify little office boys. In more prosperous days, a table was undoubtedly sold with it, for ordinary office furniture would not be of sufficient strength or size to hold it. As with the can opener, various nuts and bolts must be maneuvered before the mechanism is ready to put a point on a pencil. They must also be loosened before said pencil can be removed. But the American housewife would rest easy if she were confronted with the German laundering technique. First, clothes are soaked in a tub in a bathroom sized vat in the basement. Then, boiled. Following this they are placed on a scrubbing table and worked over with a stiff brush. Then, soaked. Then ironed. A few buttons like that and a shirt no longer exists. No one can work in the ordinary German laundry with any chance of remaining dry un-

Citizens React Favorably on New Schools

Several Birmingham residents this week took time to comment on the school program of the district building expansion program which will be voted on at the October 25 election. The Eccentric welcomes the opportunity to print such public opinion as to whether they favor or oppose the program. Others who wish to comment on the school program should be invited to call or write The Eccentric and give us their statements. But please limit them about the same length as the following comments: Mrs. James E. Kubacka, 31100 Macedonia. "By all means we should carry out this program. In my opinion we should complete it as early as possible, even to the auditorium. If we are not going to build that now, we should at least start it now. "Someone paid for our education. It is not becoming a fact to pay for the training of other generations. I doubt that my son will ever attend one of them schools; yet I say build them now. We must provide for the best in education for the children of Birmingham. We must enable our boys and girls to get better education—let's have new better schools. The Rev. Emil Knapp, pastor of the First Baptist church. "Anything that makes for proper education for our young people, to fit them to be better men and women, I am for. It may mean extra money, but what ever mean some self-denial but what ever the cost, it will be money well spent. "As I see it, we cannot have a healthy condition in any nation unless we have a strong and democratic nation, and I believe democracy demands more from our people than to be ruled by a few men of government. I feel we should all back this program, regardless of the cost. Mrs. T. P. Sharples, 485 Riverchase. "We need to face the situation. Our schools need more room in order to properly teach our children. School populations have increased while the trend has been downward in available teachers. Proper schools and facilities may stop this to a degree. "We have to look at education as a necessity, not a luxury. It is a necessity for becoming a citizen of our lives and the opportunity for a good education cannot be denied. It is a necessity and may even present difficulties in becoming a fact. However, I firmly believe it is well worth every cent it costs us. Mrs. Charles E. Hubin, 813 Pierce, former school teacher. "I feel that the full purpose of a school cannot be maintained without sufficient space to entertain the children and present to them a program designed to fit their expanding lives. This is the only way in which they can get full enjoyment and later adequacy from education. "Crowded school rooms have no place in an improved education. Let us have more room here to create the reputation Birmingham has as an ideal city. Birmingham has an outstanding name in educational facilities and foresightedness. "We should all back this vital question in that we may continue to be one of the best thought of cities of comparable size in the state and nation."

Hunters Plentiful As Perfect Weather Marks Opening Day

With the opening of the hunting season last weekend and the westerly fall weather, many hunters have observed that there must have been two hunters for every bird in the field. Local hunters whistled up their dogs, shouldered their guns and took to the fields along with many, many others. In spite of the huge numbers of many reported successful trips. While hunting is much restricted in this immediate area, nearby roads were lined with cars near every 100 yards. Local hunters looked like parking lots, and from every angle came the intermittent sound of firing. No mishaps were reported among local residents and only two cases of illegal hunting came to light. Two men were arrested by Bloomfield Village police officers from Bloomfield Hills investigated a report of shots in the vicinity of Kensington road. Clark Green, police chief, said one man was in an orchard when arrested while the other was accused of carrying a loaded gun in his car. Each paid a \$10. fine.

The handy Navy "ditty bag" was first called "ditty bag," because it contained two of each item. NO HUNTING—NO TRESPASSING signs for sale at Eccentric Office. The Birmingham Eccentric Published every Thursday at Birmingham, Ala. 22-23 N. Woodward Building, 22-23 N. Woodward Bldg., GEORGE V. AVERILL, Editor and Publisher. Entered as Second-Class Matter in the U. S. Post Office at Birmingham, Michigan, October 12, 1945. Post Office No. 1879.

Will Grade City Park for Temporary Use as School Playground City commissioners have accepted a proposal from Holy Name school that the school grade the park area at Harmon and Woodward areas which is presently temporary privilege of using it as a playground. The city engineering department has been instructed to furnish the proper grade and level to permit the school to start work at once. Next spring the city would seed the area, City Manager Donald C. Egbert said. Have You Met Former Detroiters, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Crowley and children, Maureen, Christina and Robert who are starting a new business, Mr. Crowley is in the legal division of the General Motors Corp.

This & That

The senior class of Baldwin high school took first place in the annual inter-class field day with 59.2 points. Juniors were second with 41.5 and the sophomores finished third with 38. The event was opened by a parade Tuesday afternoon at 1:30. Contestants were judged during the parade on their cheering abilities and their skill in athletic events. The parade was judged during the parade on their cheering abilities and their skill in athletic events. And so the optimistic frog, having changed his environment through personal effort, leaped from the top of the butter to his freedom outside the crock. Each of us can choose which kind of frog he will be. General display advertising deadline is 5 p.m. each Tuesday.

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