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## "Y" Announces New Activities

Young C. Smith, chairman of the Birmingham Y.M.C.A. committee of management, has released the "Y" program schedule for 1949 and '50. It is indicated that once again a full-detailed program for youngsters and oldsters will hold forth in Birmingham and its environs.

For boys in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, Gra-Y clubs will meet at the Pierce, Adams, Quanton, Bloomfield Village, Walnut Lake, Poppleton and Lathrup Townsite Schools.

Junior Hi-Y clubs for boys will be conducted for Barnum, Adams, Quanton, and Bloomfield Village Schools. Students of Poppleton School will have their own club in their school building. A Senior Hi-Y Club is proposed for Baldwin High School.

**Volleyball for Men**  
Volleyball play for men is proposed for Thursday evenings. The Birmingham YMCA Varsity Basketball team will play a 14 game schedule in the Metropolitan Detroit Y-League also on Thursday nights.

A Junior business girls' club will meet in the homes of members twice each month. A Saturday morning program for third grade boys will hold forth in the gymnasium of the First Baptist Church. As seasonal and additional programs are organized these will be announced in the Eccentric and explanatory copies of brochures related to the activity may be had at the YMCA offices at 144 West Maple Street.

### Various Schedules

The tentative time schedule of all clubs is as follows:

Monday 3:30—4:30, Jr. Hi-Y (Boys), Bloomfield Village School; 7:00—10:00, Men's City Basketball, Baldwin High School; 8:00—9:30, committee of Management, Y.M.C.A. Offices.

Tuesday 3:30—4:30, Gra-Y (Boys and Girls), Poppleton School; 7:00—8:00, Gra-Y (Boys), Pierce School; 8:00—9:00, Gra-Y (Boys), Pierce School; 9:00—10:00, Jr. Hi-Y (Boys), Barnum School; 8:00—9:00, Jr. Hi-Y (Boys), Barnum School.

Wednesday 3:30—4:30, Gra-Y (Boys and Girls), Walnut Lake School; 7:00—8:00, Gra-Y (Boys), Quanton School; 8:00—9:00, Gra-Y (Boys), Quanton School; 9:00—10:00, High School Church BB League, Barnum School; 7:00—8:00, Gra-Y (Girls), Pierce School; 8:30—9:30, Jr. Hi-Y (Girls), Pierce School.

Thursday 3:30—4:30, Gra-Y (Boys and Girls), Bloomfield Village School; 7:00—8:00, Gra-Y (Boys), Adams School; 8:00—9:30, Men's Volleyball.

Friday 3:30—4:30, Gra-Y (Boys and Girls), Lathrup Townsite School.

Saturday 10:00—11:00, Rink-dancers, First Baptist Church; 11:00—12:00, Assembly, First Baptist Church.

Starts November 14; \*\* Second Monday of each month; \*\* Starts November 16.

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## People's Column

The Eccentric welcomes letters for the People's Column. All letters must be signed, and signatures will be kept confidential. Letters must be limited to 500 words.

To the Editor:

First, I should like to commend the Birmingham Eccentric for the new series of articles on the 1949 Legislature. It is difficult at times to keep as informed as one should be on the legislative process. Anything factual which will keep us aware of what is being done locally and nationally and international is to be appreciated.

Also, I liked the article entitled "Town Hall Meeting Oct. 4 to Discuss Parking Lot Plan." As far as I know, this is the first time The Eccentric has brought out the fact that there is another side to consider besides the formulated "plan."

I feel very strongly that this need for more parking space can be (and I hope, will be) solved by a far less costly plan for the taxpayers—and one which will not condemn private homes to do it. I know of no condemnation necessary at times, but feel that it should be exercised only in cases of extreme necessity, since condemnation itself violates the fundamental American principle of freedom to own private property.

Even the basis as outlined for such a plan, the proposed plan is condemned—"present sound market value of land and replacement costs, less depreciation of structures" does not begin to compensate for the attendant dislocations, the drudgery of moving and the inevitable expenses of moving and rehabilitation.

It does not take into consideration the difficulty of finding a comparable home in the same local convenient to bus, schools, shopping, etc. And, although the plan is very concerned with the potential land value of those vacated lots, it does not consider the potential land value the home owner may possess.

Many of today's magazines contain articles by staunch American citizens warning against the trend towards "Statism." I shall quote from just a few which stress this:

1. Herbert Hoover's address at Stanford University: "We must wish to invent a dynamic progressive policy in the future government that made dynamic progress is not made with dynamic that made dynamic today is the greatest increase of spending by our governments, federal, state and local."

"We have not had a great socialization of property but we are on the last mile to collectivization through our government's collection and spending of the savings of the people."

"The Gimmies Sap the Nation's Strength" by E. T. Leach, Pittsburgh Press: "Take debt, for instance. The U. S. government owes over 250 billion dollars. Other political subdivisions, states, cities, counties, school districts, owe 20 billions. All of them are under terrific pressure to provide services and goods to the beneficiaries. All are having to pour out to a never-satisfied public."

"John Flynn in 'Cherish Our American Heritage': "We can look back on the nearly 75 years of growth during which nearly every government in Europe has been overthrown... some many times over. This is a result, not of a principle of mere fortune—but of a principle that has guided our system of government. That principle is clear. It is a love of human freedom in the right of the dignity and rights of the individual; and above all, a State strong enough to protect itself from its citizens, but not strong enough to oppress them."

Before I finish, I should also point this plan's taking precedence over the school program. There will certainly be a great deal of discussion about just how much is right for us to open a new school at this time. However, we do know one thing: the decision is vital and this issue should be discussed thoroughly and voted upon before the citizens decide how much money is left over to gamble on a huge off-street parking program.

Mrs. Martha C. Scheffer  
251 E. Brown

**Training Classes for Owners, Dogs to Open Tonight for 10 Weeks**  
The Southern Michigan Obedience Training Club will open its series of 10 training classes this evening at 8 o'clock in the Daniel Whitefield school, Orchard Lake road. The local arrangements will be made by Don Hoover, 591 Ridgedale, Alan Reddie, Big Beaver road, and E. W. Averill, Westwood.

These classes, unlike bench shows, are not limited to registered dogs. It is open to all in the dog-world where pedigree does not count.

The classes are conducted to train the owner to train his own dogs. "Dasher said, 'A properly trained dog is a safer dog and certainly brings more joy and less worry to his owner. We sincerely hope that you will be one of the Birmingham dog owners will take advantage of these classes.'"

**Pierce Cubs**  
Pierce school Cub Pack B-7 will hold its first fall meeting at 7:30, Sept. 20. This meeting is important in that the new age limits for cubs will be discussed. Furthermore, it will be the first that each cub attending a meeting should be accompanied by one of his parents or an adult sponsor.

## Adams School's Cubs Plan Organizational Meeting on Sept. 20

Launching its program for the year, an organization round-up of parents of Cubs will be held at Adams School on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m., according to an announcement today by Robert G. Silbar, chairman of Pack B-8.

The meeting is open to all parents whose sons are interested in participating in the Cub Scout program. Under a change in Scout regulations this year, all boys from 8 to 11 years are now eligible for Cubbing. The minimum age had to be at least nine years old before he could participate.

Because of the change in age regulations, and in order to explain what Cubbing is and hopes to accomplish this school year, all parents must be present at the organization meeting, Silbar said. Application forms for admission to the Pack will be available to those who attend and assignments to neighborhood groups into Den's will be made at the meeting.

To familiarize parents with the Cubbing program, a brief motion picture will be shown. A model den meeting will be staged by Mrs. Harry Altick. New Cub Pack officials will be introduced also.

Hollister Mabley will again be chairman of the Adams School Pack, which is sponsored by the Adams P.T.A., with Larry Quinn, Jr., Den 1 officer, and R. and R. G. Vingling assistant Cubmasters. Mrs. Robert G. Silbar, Pack B-8, is pack leader. Mrs. J. J. secretary; Robert D. Bulck, treasurer; R. G. Vingling, handicraft chairman; J. E. Welby, recreational chairman; Tom E. Ward, publications chairman; M. G. Adams, supply officer; and A. D. Chandler, Pack Dad.

First event of the year for the Pack will be a Led-the-hike, to be held Saturday, Oct. 1. Registrations for the Cubs and Cubbers must be completed prior to the hike.

## Grand Rapids Meet Attended by City's Real Estate Board

Members of the Birmingham Real Estate board who attend the annual meeting of the Michigan Real Estate Association in Grand Rapids this week are Mr. and Mrs. Whiting Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. John Knecht, Mrs. Ruth Pajot, Mrs. Marie Morris, Jack D. Andrews, secretary of the Birmingham Board, Clyde C. Bennett, treasurer of the Michigan Real Estate Association and Elliott S. Kellar, president of the Birmingham Board.

Leading items for discussion treatment include "The Realtors Code of Ethics," "Realtors as Community Leaders," and a panel session devoted to "Realtors and Builders."

The sessions will conclude with a banquet Friday evening with the principal address to be made by Dr. J. H. Laake, Ph.D. entitled "Keep America's Youth."

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## Executive Board of Holy Name PTA Discusses Plans

An executive board meeting of Holy Name PTA was held last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kavanagh to discuss the budget, program and plans for the year.

Mrs. Kavanagh is president; father vice-president, William H. Robinson; mother vice-president, Mrs. Joseph C. Kadet; secretary, Mrs. Kenneth V. Peterson and historian, Mrs. Arthur S. Greiner. The committees and their chairmen are: budget and finance, Mrs. Bradley W. Stephenson; H. W. Collins, program, Mrs. Frank E. McGinnis; attendance, Mrs. William H. Robinson; publicity, Mrs. Thomas L. Osbergoz; parliamentarian, Mrs. James S. Harrison; legislative, Harry J. Fitzgerald; motion pictures, Mrs. Richard W. Foster; safety, Thomas G. Kavanagh; recreation, Edward Burnham; library, Donald Laffey; Gaffey; girl's activities, Mrs. John Sawage, Jr.; and council representatives, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Doe.

**Room Mothers Meet**  
The room mothers met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Kavanagh at 10 o'clock for breakfast. Plans for the coming year were discussed.

The main objective of the room mothers is to get all mothers of their particular grade interested and active if possible in the projects to be carried on during the school term. Each room mother must be acquainted with each other and the grade's activities.

Mrs. Bradley W. Stephenson, budget chairman, and Mrs. Gerald W. Fitzgerald, hospitality chairman, outlined plans for their committee.

Those present were Mrs. Vincent Currier, Mrs. Harry Stark, Mrs. R. D. McCartney, Mrs. D. W. Coghlan, Mrs. Marvin Kaufmann, Mrs. Edwin J. Karan, Mrs. Frederick K. Cady, Mrs. John Rosser, Mrs. Carl Morris, Mrs. Warren S. Sumner, Mrs. Bates Miller, Mrs. Kenneth Dickinson, Mrs. John Conroy, Mrs. Lawrence Dunn, Mrs. Anthony Sphar, Mrs. C. J. Link, Mrs. Perry Fremont and Mrs. Chester H. Dady. Mrs. Joseph C. Kracht, mother vice-president assisted Mrs. Kavanagh.

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Woolens seem ever finer this Fall, and somewhat lower in price. Dresses by Henry Rosenfeld, in fine wools, have a beauty and softness without a peer. Never so ostentatious as these dresses, and they are not made gaudy by cheap ornamentation. You won't find their glittering with sequins or beads. But you'll find their beauty in their lines. Therein is real art in dress designing. And you should see what has been done with wools in dresses. I won't tell you, but you come and look.

This Fall it's going to be string knit gloves. We were fortunate in finding the manufacturer who makes string knits for some of the most exotic shops in America. They are beautiful in color, and have a flair which you'll rarely find. And now in are those practical string knits with pig palms. Wonderful for driving, yet so stylish.

Casual shoulder bags in the finest of saddle leather. We looked all over trying to find these. It seemed like all the shoulder bags we could find were made of second rate leather or they were made unsatisfactorily, or they were ornamented with some big brass door knocker. But the bags we have in now have none of these faults. They are just right. Sold one to a doting husband today for a Christmas present. If you like these bags, as I think you will, send in your husband.

Cashmere sweaters, in pull-over or cardigan styles. \$12.95 for the pull-over model, and \$16.95 for the cardigan. These are the finest of pure imported cashmere. At these prices it would seem as if the Himalayan goats have been reading Kipling's letters.

Nylon lingerie, and nylon nightgowns. Gorgeous. What more can I say? If you're a man, and have read this far, suppose you just try to write some copy to describe all this glamour.

If the railroads don't break down, by the time this column appears, we'll have in the first shipment of White Stag's most unusual Fall sports jackets. And unusual is the word. For I think you've never seen jackets like these. We had a sore jaw for three days, from a sudden dropping of the chin, when they were first shown to us. I can't describe them, so you just come in and see for yourself.

And so on we could go, telling you of all of the marvelous things at the Village Store. We haven't even skimmed the surface. To read this all you'd think we didn't have anything for men. But we have, and men's wear is just as interesting.

Won't you come in this week, any day or Friday night, and study the incongruity at the Village Store? We don't have any Irishmen jumping on clerical hats, but we do have beautiful merchandise, on all sides of the cracker barrel.

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## Around The Cracker Barrel

Incongruity is a delightful state. Its presence awakens you from your normal somnolence, and you begin immediately to take an interest in things about you.

Years ago I used to play golf occasionally with a Catholic priest. He was a delightfully chappy, rotund and jolly. We never argued theology, as he was satisfied enough to play golf with a heathen without trying to convert him. He took it very seriously, and the score was very important. Being Irish he could be riled up easily, and upon occasion when he was about to make an important shot, we would burden him with some old saw about the Irish. Like the one where a fellow remarks to an Irishman that the wheelbarrow was a wonderful invention. And being asked why, he would reply that it enabled the Irishman to get up on his hind legs.

But we're off the track. When the good father would make a particularly bad play at an important time, he would not curse, he would not break or throw away his clubs. Nothing as commonplace as that for him. He would take off his flat, black clerical hat and jump on it. We'd sit on the side of the green and watch it. It was a wonderful display of something. Then when he had pounded the daylight out of his sweater with his heels, he would pick it up, carefully brush it off, and place it back on his bald pate. And we could go on with the game.

Well, I've often thought just how incongruous he looked. But it was a delightful incongruity. There was a solemnity and grace about the ritual which was slightly awe inspiring. But there was a humanness and humor about this hat jumping procedure which made you chuckle inwardly. And when it was over you felt a warm glow surge from within, and you admired the little man and his methods.

How would you feel if you were very busy buying a beautiful mink coat, and someone would step up and ask if you didn't want a piece of cheese? That, I think, is a delightful incongruity that could happen only at the Village Store. If we sold mink coats. But now that the famous Village Store cheese is on the block for Fall, I know what will happen. A delightfully dignified lady will be trying on a beautiful Fall dress of nylon, or tweed, or wool. She's been looking, in the mirror, and doesn't just know whether that dress was meant for her. So she saunters up to the cracker barrel, grabs a couple, and makes a cheese sandwich. Munching carefully she walks back to the mirror to see how the dress looks while eating cheese and crackers. Where else could this happen?

Hundreds of people, maybe thousands, have smiled at the cracker barrel in the Village Store. It's definitely incongruous. Right in the middle of a store filled with all sorts of the finest merchandise, this remarkable sort of brings you up with a shock, it's simplicity. It is a reminder that we make things too complicated; it sort of gives you a feeling of relief.

Around this emblem of simplicity we have gathered together a great collection of Fall apparel for ladies and gentlemen. Let me tell you about a few of these things, so you will see that the barrel is as incongruous as the good father jumping on his chapeau.

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