

When confronted with one or many irritations, he who can suppress irritations himself is far on the way to becoming them. Happy, indeed, is the person who can meet irritations and chase them away with personal composure.

The Birmingham Eccentric

Defense Directors Seek Return of 'Blue' Warning Signal

Local directors of civil defense or their assistants representing 12 key cities in Michigan have urged that the U. S. Air Force, through the new Federal Civil Defense Administration, reinstate the "blue" signal in the air raid warning code.

Meeting with State Police Commissioner Donald S. Leonard, who is also state civil defense director, the group asserted the "blue" signal was the only means of mobilizing civil defense volunteers before a raid. Likewise, it would give the public greater warning to prepare for an attack.

The code, announced by the Federal Civil Defense Administration, contains only two public signals, the "red alert," which is a

notification that a raid is imminent or at hand, and the "all clear," which indicates the danger is past.

THE "BLUE" SIGNAL, which preceded the "red," was a public warning that an air raid was probable. It was eliminated last September by the air force without any explanation being given.

The signal was intended to give the public more time to get ready for a raid and as a notice to civil defense volunteers to report at their stations. The "red alert" cannot be used for mobilization as it is too close to the raid.

The directors discussed extensively the organization of mutual aid in key areas. These areas will

be approximately 20 miles in diameter, automatically go into action as a unit in event a bomb falls within.

Beyond the perimeter mobile support will be organized to send in equipment and personnel if an area needs outside help.

SURVEYS of equipment requirements, fingerprinting of volunteers and signing of loyalty oaths, training programs and other matters also were considered.

Leonard reported that organization work in Michigan is proceeding very satisfactorily and had gotten a head start last July when local civil defense directors were appointed at the governor's request and a basic emergency plan was established because of the start of the Korean war.

Leonard urged that cities open enrollment offices for civilian defense volunteers to speed up their recruitment now that the general program is being expanded.

Similar meetings are planned for the Detroit area and directors of other cities.

Included on the Southfield township supervisor's agenda for Tuesday's meeting are discussions concerning the building department and an amendment to the zoning ordinance.

A report was originally scheduled to be given by a special committee of board members last week on the actions and functions of the building department but it was extended in time "due to the seriousness in nature of the subject."

The investigation was authorized several months ago and received from the Men's Club, Inc. This group presented six alleged violations of the building ordinance at the Nov. 28 meeting, and four more Dec. 12.

Board members are studying the revised parking amendment submitted by the zoning board. After the board members have made suggestions concerning the proposed amendment, the zoning board will call a public hearing on the matter.

The amendment provides minimum requirements for parking provisions in residential, industrial and commercial zones.

Southfield Board Again to Discuss Building Department

The Birmingham branch of the Detroit YMCA celebrated its fourth birthday last week with a party in the club rooms of the First Baptist church. The program included card singing, games, movies of the outstanding football games of the past season, refreshments and a quiz program for prizes.

Among the 32 prize winners in the group of 120, were Peter Cummings, Mark and James Reid, Helene Schwiemer, David Grande, Bill and Greg Russell, Steve Barnett, George Stites, Lynn Benn, and Dick DeLoria.

Others were Margaret and Louise Roberts, Hank Bartholomew, Dick Haack, Hank Burdick, John Townsend, Gordon MacCleary, Henry Rows III, Mary Roberts, William Raymond, George Dennison, Fred Woodworth, Jon Plew, Dave Wentworth, and Leslie Stevens.

Local 'Y' Observes Fourth Birthday

Adult Educational Winter Series Opens On Monday, Jan. 22

The winter series in adult educational courses will open at the Community House Monday, Jan. 22. Mrs. Philip H. Carlin, who will be in charge of the program, may be contacted there for registration or further information.

Subjects will include beginners' bridge, clay modeling, gardening, dressmaking, dress making, millinery, painting, pottery, silver, slip covering and weaving.

The American Red Cross, Oakland county chapter, will sponsor classes in home nursing, first aid and baby care.

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TRAFFIC OF WINTER DANGERS

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St. James Squad Leads Local 'Y' Church League

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County Fanciers Form African Violet Club

Formation of an African Violet club for southern Oakland county was announced by Mrs. Cecil Clarendon of 28724 Sutherland street, Southfield township.

Mrs. Clarendon said persons interested in growing these plants and confused by the conflicting instructions which have been published concerning their care, are invited to join the group.

Anyone interested in joining the group, which plans to elect officers in the near future, is invited to contact Mrs. Clarendon for full information.

Birmingham Doctor Is Lathrup Speaker

The first 1951 meeting of the Lathrup PTA is scheduled for Tuesday evening, Jan. 9. The session, which will be started at 8 o'clock, will open with a brief business meeting.

Dr. Robert J. Mason, Birmingham pediatrician, will speak to the group on "Communicable Diseases and Allotment."

The date of the PTA Snowball carnival has been set for Saturday, Feb. 3.

Roman athletes used to train by taming bulls.

Hills Man Stationed At Westover AF Base

Pfc. Arthur H. Winfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Winfield, 9 Valley road, Bloomfield Hills, has been assigned to the telephone exchange at the Westover Air Force base in Massachusetts.

A graduate of Bloomfield Hills high school, and later a student at Michigan State college, Winfield enlisted on Aug. 25. He took basic training at the Lackland base in San Antonio, Tex., for 12 weeks and was promoted to Pfc. shortly after.

Most of his telephone knowledge and training was received as an employee of the Michigan Bell Telephone company.

Pfc. Winfield recently married the former Kern E. McKay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McKay, 801 Westwood.

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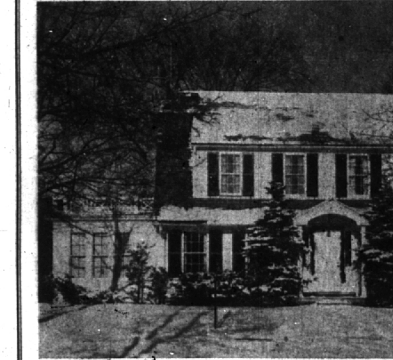
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Traffic Warning Reminds Drivers Of Winter Dangers

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TO HELP KEEP TRAFFIC TROUBLE AT A MINIMUM, CHIEF MOXLEY LISTED THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS FOR DRIVING ON SNOW AND ICE:

- 1—Get the "feel" of the road immediately after you start out by trying the brakes gently when no other traffic is near.
 - 2—Adjust the speed of the vehicle to weather and road conditions. Be especially careful at school zones, intersections, pedestrian crossings, curves, hills and bridges.
 - 3—For severe snow and ice conditions use tire chains. Even cars equipped with "winterized" tires need chains because only chains will bite deeply into hard-packed snow and ice. They can cut your stopping distance in half and avoid skidding, avoiding starts in congested traffic centers.
 - 4—BE SURE windshield wiper blades do not leave a dangerous smear to blur your vision and check to see that defrosters work properly.
 - 5—Keep all four brakes equalized so that an skid will not and avert your car more easily when road conditions are slippery.
 - 6—With longer hours of darkness adding to other winter hazards, be sure your lights are working in the winter months. They are aimed. In addition, never drive so fast that you cannot stop within the distance you can see from which you cannot recover.
 - 7—Never drive in such a manner that you have to slam on the brakes. "Brake" and are properly aimed. In addition, never drive so fast that you cannot stop within the distance you can see from which you cannot recover.
- "Just remember," Moxley said, "that you have reduced traction and visibility. Drive your car accordingly and be alive and well to enjoy the more pleasant driving during the warmer months."



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