

## Early Copy Next Week

Please!

Because of the JULY 4 HOLIDAY, which falls on Wednesday next week, The Eccentric must go to press one day earlier. Therefore—

**All Deadlines (News and Advertising) Will Be Monday at 5 p.m.**

This will permit The Eccentric to be delivered to you at the regular time Thursday.

## Vacations Spell Trouble As Boys Salute Summer

By ALICE E. MORGAN

According to Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley, the time element equals itself—when the boys have more time on their hands the police have less.

With the close of school, the headquarters phone began to ring. Builders were having trouble with the boys. Householders were having trouble with boys. Merchants were having trouble with boys.

While the boys flitted from place to place, making too much noise, shooting firecrackers and being generally over-energetic, police plodded doggedly along their trail, listening to complaints, and trying to show the boys the error of their ways.

"IT HAPPENS" every year, Moxley and other police officers said "just as soon as school closes the kids have to celebrate. Unfortunately, they sometimes pick the wrong methods and places and get in trouble."

"We hate to hound the kids all the time, but when they get too rough for the public to take, we have to step in. The boys get away from their homes and just let the bare down. We don't think they have any intention of being 'mean' but they're just too full of life and energy for their own good."

Moxley went on to say that, with the opening of the summer recreation program, these "boy troubles" complaints drop off sharply. Since not all boys take part in the program, there are always some complaints throughout the summer months, however.

"I FEEL THAT in some cases the parents could save their youngsters a lot of trouble by stricter supervision," Moxley said. "They could provide some physical outlet for their energy and their new freedom which would help."

A guidance program in the home, with an attempt to build up

the boy's interest in the recreation program would, I believe, make an almost unbelievable reduction in the number of boys whose paths cross ours, unhappily, during every summer vacation."

## Staff Members For Recreation Program Engaged

Appointment of the 20-member summer recreation program staff was approved by the recreation board Thursday evening. Staff members are: Director Frank Whitney, John Petrakis, Arnold Berndt, Gordon Yates, Frank Weaver, Jay Myers, Harold Coppins, Hugh Loveland, Sue Swartz, Ann Tuttle, Patricia Price, Ann Seatie, Sue Pomeroy, Sue Halstead.

Jean Schaefer, Mary Hatos, Mrs. Monzelle Clark, Mrs. Mary Corrivou, Sally Buck and Mrs. F. W. Nidenfuir.

Whitney said Petrakis will act as his assistant this summer and work with the baseball program.

**IN OTHER BUSINESS,** regulations for use of city recreation parks were submitted by the director and approved. Before becoming official, they will have to be approved by the city commission.

A 25-cent weekly fee for the Tuesday golfing session at Springdale Park also was established. It was originally planned to have the golf period Mondays from 8 to 4 but a switch in dates was made. Tickets for golfing can be secured at the recreation board offices in the Hill school building.

## BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

**Eric Bergsjahagen, of N. Adams rd.,** loves to hunt and fish. He has, now and then, gone on such trips with Laurits Melchior, the famous tenor. Aweek ago Eric came back from a trip up near Rose City where he caught his limit of brook trout, running from nine to 14 inches. That is a good catch of such trout from any Michigan stream, according to Jack Taylor, Madison ave., who is reputed to be a piscatorial authority hereabouts.

**Milt Herz, local airport owner,** was born and has lived all his life in and near Birmingham. The other day he was recalling one of Birmingham's nearly a half century ago amusement parks, known as Electric Park, situated at Harmon and N. Woodward. "They had most of the amusement paraphernalia of such a park, and kept it running all summer," said Milt. "It was a great attraction to all of us kids, too."

**There are 65 acres in the Gilbert Lake area** which used to bear record wheat crops but which now bear street names—among them "Snow Shoe Circle" and "Cotton Tail lane." This rabbit whimsy is to be found in the new residential area being developed there by W. Carlton Scott, Harry Allen and Dr. A. R. Matthews, and known formally as the Gilbert Lake estates.

**At the Charter Night dinner** of the Birmingham Toastmasters club last week, the group was cited by Mayor Chad Ritchie as a welcome addition to Birmingham's rapidly growing "cultural" facilities. He also stated that perhaps the city can use the talents of the members as future city commissioners. The club's purpose is to promote the speaking ability of the membership.

**An interesting sidelight** on one of Birmingham's best known men was revealed at the board of education meeting Tuesday night when Ernest Seaholm admitted having been "the biggest kid" in his kindergarten class. Now president of the school board, Seaholm came to this country from Sweden as a little boy. "I was the biggest kid in the kindergarten," he recalled, "and could hardly speak a word of English. I had good teachers and worked fairly hard, and it wasn't long before I was

to high school musicians, too, for their handling of the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance" at the commencement program. We happened to hear a nationally famous band play this piece on a radio program during graduation week, and in all sincerity, we believe the Baldwin high school band did a much finer job.

**What's in a name? Trouble,** according to the H. Ben Ruhls who live at 963 Puritan. Mrs. Ruhls says they are constantly being confused with the Ruhls bakers, much to their chagrin. "Even though they are not listed in our local phone book," Mrs. Ruhls said, "we receive many telephone calls which should go to the Ruhls who run the bakery. We get letters intended for them and even telegrams. We certainly would appreciate it if the general public would

only realize that we are, in no way, associated with the Ruhls who run the bakery."

**When Mayor Chad Ritchie** took his turn on the mound last week to officially open Birmingham's Little League baseball season, he looked like an experienced hurler. The Mayor exhibited good form in throwing several balls at the plate.

**Apparently all this talk** about Quanton Lake has disturbed its inhabitants and started them house-hunting—or something. At any rate, a lady living on Puritan was somewhat surprised and disturbed Sunday when she found herself back to back with a large snapping turtle ambling down the street. One can't help wondering if the critter decided his happy home was becoming the center of too

much activity and was moving on to more peaceful regions.

**We can't help but wonder** what is so important about ten minutes to ten in buying a house. In the southern end of town there is a real estate office which has a large electric clock carrying the information "Now is the time to buy a house." The clock has been at that same hour, ten minutes to ten, for several months. What's the significance?

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