

Give a good man power in a public trust and even he has much difficulty in keeping himself honest and true to that trust. But give a bad man the same power—the like turning over the combination of your safe to a burglar.

City to Receive Payment Soon for Blood Typing

Payment to the city of Birmingham covering its expense for conducting the recent blood typing program will be forthcoming "in the very near future."

This information was received in a letter to City Clerk Irene Hanley from A. D. Howell, deputy director of the Michigan office of civil defense. Howell stated that vouchers covering the expense have been sent to the State Department of Administration. He said the recent fire in the State building has hampered action on the matter.

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

With the publication of this week's issue, The Birmingham Eccentric winds up its 74th anniversary. Next week will begin its 74th year of service to this community.

Local graduates and former cadets of the U.S. Military academy at West Point will have an opportunity to observe the 14th anniversary of the founding of the academy this month. Graduates and former cadets have been invited to attend a dinner Friday, March 16, at 7 p.m., at the Fort Wayne Officers' club, 8301 West Jefferson. The presiding officer will be Gen. Louis A. Kunzig, president of the Michigan Association of Graduates.

Commissioner Ralph Main brought an age old question to the attention of the city commission last week. He asked what had been done about providing ramps on the sidewalk for taking baby buggies down to the streets. This plan was first suggested by Ray Palmer when he served on the commission. Most of the other commissioners felt there was no real need for them. It was also brought out that the city might be faced with lawsuits, if cars should bump into the ramps. Commissioner Milton Mallender brought laughter from the audience when he asked what the "baby carriage traffic" was in town.

Mrs. Joseph Lacy, knitting chairman for the Red Cross, is asking localities to donate new or old woolen yarns for afghans. The material may be left at the Community House or with Mrs. Lacy. The local workers have just sent out another shipment of 10 afghans which went to Scott Field hospital in Illinois. "We'd like to impress," Mrs. Lacy said, "that yarn may be of any color, weight, size or type. We can use anything in these squares and need all we can get."

A local youth, Carl Kaltwasser, 364 Puritan, will be included in a full page picture coverage in the March 18 rotogravure section of the Chicago Sunday Tribune. The subject will be the J-Hop week-

end at the University of Michigan, with members of Sigma Chi fraternity and their dates. A report appears each week on the campus activities of a different school.

About 150 entries are expected in the Birmingham Rotary club's "Youth for Understanding" program, club president Vic Ulrich estimated this week. This program would provide for the six-weeks exchange of foreign and local high school students, and candidates must submit an essay which forms part of the final determination.

Parents are an awful problem to some children. Sunday afternoon the boys went out to fly their new kite—a huge affair in pale blue. Before long Pop came out and added his two cents. Mom couldn't stand the pressure and joined the group in the back yard. The kids stood up under the strain as long as possible, then quietly slipped away to play with the neighbors. Pop and Mom, eventually, noticed they were alone and looking kinda sheepish, went back in the house. We hope the kids will get to fly the kite next weekend.

Well, well, well here it is March 15 again. By the way, folks, if you forgot to get your income tax in the mail time, don't forget to notify The Eccentric of your change of address. The management will change its mailing records for the duration of all "vacations" taken as guests of the U. S. Internal Revenue department.

From now on Mrs. H. O. Watts, 316 N. Woodward, is going to be certain that the brakes on her automobile are set hard, when she is not in her car while the motor is running. One day last week she started her car, leaving the shift lever in the "drive" position; waiting for the motor to warm up, she left the car for a moment in the side driveway while she slipped into her tea room—whereupon the car started forward, gaining momentum, finally ending up inside the nearby garage of her neighbor, James W. Cobb. (To get inside the garage, however, the

car had to crash through a closed door—it didn't keep on going because by that time Mr. Watts had broken all running records as he gained final control of the car's brakes.)



PREPPING FOR THE coming spring cleanup season is Paul E. Kurth, Swede of the Huston Hardware Co. He is shown putting prices on a new shipment of garden utensils.

News copy submitted early necessarily is given preference over late items. So the "Early Bird" usually gets the space.

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Stephenson Hwy. Correction Asked By Troy Township

Supervisor Charles R. Ryan of Troy township this week sent a letter to Gov. G. Mennen Williams protesting the type of engineering employed on Stephenson highway.

"Recently the State Highway department extended Stephenson highway, otherwise identified as M-150, from 11 Mile road to Rochester road in Oakland county. The intersection of the new highway and Rochester road occurs just south of Big Beaver road near a heavily populated district and we believe the type of approaches used creates an extremely hazardous traffic condition."

"WE HAVE RECEIVED a large number of complaints from our residents, and their judgment has been confirmed by a number of serious accidents occurring at this intersection. We have registered a number of complaints with the State highway department officials in which we expressed our opinion that a more realistic method would have left the flow of north and southbound traffic on Rochester road uninterrupted in as much as Stephenson highway dead ends at that road."

"In addition we believe that inadequate warning signs were installed and the question of a traffic signal was ignored."

"We therefore wish to register our disapproval of the type of engineering employed, and we ask that you investigate the matter so that it may be corrected before more serious accidents occur."

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