

Local Patrol Boy Among State's Top Safety Leaders

DETROIT, May 3—John Thurber, 12, Pierce school safety patrol leader, has been selected for the Washington trip after his school was cited for its superior record in 1950-51. He will leave Detroit May 10 for a four-day, all-expense trip to Washington, guest of the Automobile club of Michigan.

John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Thurber, 1139 Emmons.

The group will leave Detroit under adult supervision Friday, after registration and physical checkups.

Highlights of the trip will be the parade which will be led by William (Hopalong Cassidy) Boyd and Don Gehrmann, fastest miler in the world.

Messenger Bids

May 7 is the final date on which bids can be received for the transportation of mail from the Birmingham post office to the Grand Trunk and Western railroad. Complete information may be obtained from the postmaster's office.

IN WASHINGTON the boys will tour the city, see the Capitol building, Arlington cemetery, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the country's first public school, Lincoln and Washington memorials and other historic spots.

Michigan's 17 patrol boys who have received medals for life saving while on duty, will join Washington dignitaries in the reviewing stand while the 25,000 patrolers march by.

They will return to Detroit Sunday, stopping at Harpers Ferry, enroute from Washington.

THIS WEEK'S PTA-APPROVED MOVIE

This week's PTA approved movie is "Target Unknown" starring Mark Stevens and Robert Douglas. It is a Navy picture and will be shown at the Saturday matinee at the Birmingham theater.

With remodeling completed, the Birmingham police detective bureau this week moved into new offices in what formerly was a cell block. The larger space permits adequate files for criminal records, finger prints and photos.

Photos must be submitted by noon each Friday to insure publication the following Thursday.



**ALICE TABOR LOIS MILLIGAN RUTH HOWARTH
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To re-enact the 1874 meeting which started the Birmingham library. (Betty Truxell Photo)

Baldwin Friends Celebrate First Anniversary; Sketch To Review Library Growth

By ALICE E. MORGAN

Seventy-seven years of the library in Birmingham will be reviewed May 8, at a program noting the first anniversary of the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library. A sketch, "Our Library," written by Mrs. Frances Patton, 1647 Yorkshire, will be presented.

Under the driving force of Miss Mattie Baldwin, for whom the present library is named, the organization was at first only a book exchange, kept in the homes of members of the old "Library Association."

The opening scene shows Miss Baldwin's home in 1874. A part of their 220 volumes are on display as those present speak happily of the 69 members they now have.

Again the library outgrew its quarters and on Dec. 2, 1893, the building at the corner of Maple and Woodward was dedicated. To help defray expenses the library used only the second floor of the building, renting the ground floor space to the village.

THE POLICE and fire departments occupied both ends of the building, with the dog pound located at the rear. While no mention is made of the village protectors, it is pointed out that a howl, now and then, added a forcible note to the peaceful atmosphere of the library.

This site was owned by a Saginaw lumberman, Col. Jeffers, who presented the association with a quit claim deed to the property.

Miss Baldwin again came to the aid of the group with a liberal donation. She "persuaded" local businessmen to buy bricks for the new building at one dollar each to supply materials and funds for necessary furnishings.

In the early 'twenties the library once more out-grew itself and was in urgent need of new quarters. The present site was purchased and the building dedicated on Dec. 17, 1927.

THE FORMER SITE was sold for \$100,000, which was used for the construction of the new \$175,000 library, where the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library was formed a year ago.

Mrs. Alan Lutz directed the presentation which included Mrs. William H. Milligan as Miss Mattie Baldwin.

Others in the cast are Elizabeth Sneed, Alice Tabor, Ruth Howarth, Phyllis Jackson, Betty Milligan, Ned Sharples, Ted Averill, Elizabeth Linton, Betty Weinhold, Richard Van Dusen, Bob Ketchum, Barbara Van Dusen, Dorothy Carlin and Elizabeth Bennett.

Costumes for the early scenes were loaned by Marian Williams, Dorothy Holt, the Village Players and Children's theater.

The technical staff includes Elaine Parnie, Stuart Linton, Elizabeth Bailey, Richard Brown, Mae Averill, Ada Green and Maude Howell.

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Seton Guild
Next regular meeting of Seton guild is scheduled for May 10 at 1 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Paul Bowman, 22300 Inkster. Election of officers will take place. Mrs. Joseph Hackett is chairman of the nominating committee.

Organized 12 years ago by Mrs. R. J. Merdian of Royal Oak, membership now is 200. The 12 charter members are still active. Those present at the recent party included past presidents, Mrs. R. J. Merdian and Mrs. Joseph Hackett and Mrs. Lawrence McLaughlin, Mrs. E. J. Brunner, Mrs. Michael Reed, Mrs. Paul Bowman, Mrs. E. J. Sullivan, Mrs. John Diederich and Mrs. Clarence Chapman.

Anniversary
Mrs. Arthur Mitchell spent the weekend at Lansing with her mother Mrs. Duncan Wayne, who celebrated her 78th birthday with relatives there. Mrs. Wayne resides in Midland.

Club Meetings
Woman's Republican club will meet May 3 in the Annie Lathrup school. A new president will be named due to the resignation of Mrs. Eamon Rutledge.
St. Sebastian group met Tues-

day for a spaghetti luncheon at the home of Mrs. John Diederich of Saratoga boulevard, with 25 present.

Men's club of the Community church have 85 members according to John W. Sanders.

At the dinner meeting last week Circle K were the hostesses, headed by Mrs. Leslie Brisebois who will be luncheon hostess at the May meeting of Circle K. Two memorials presented to the church recently included an American flag given by Charles E. Archer and the Christian flag given by Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Mooney. They were in memory of Euretta Francis Archer.

Cub Scouts
Pack B-14 Cub Scouts has a new member, Bill Mikulas of Bungalow drive, bringing the membership to 27 with Frank Edwards of Lathrup boulevard as Cubmaster. Final pack meeting of the year will be a picnic June 9 at Lola Valley park. Picnic expense will be covered from proceeds from the recent paper drive. On Tuesday evening the Scouts held their annual circus in the Annie Lathrup school. May 5 is to be the Kite Day according to Frank Sanders, with each boy making his own kite.

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