

Around The Cracker Barrel . . .

Camped down on the desert, twenty-four miles west of Phoenix, Arizona, is a group of young men, flying jets. This group of men come from these parts, from Birmingham, Bloomfield, Franklin, Pontiac and Detroit. Formerly they were the Michigan Air National Guard, but now they are a part of Uncle Sam's Air Force. The weather for the past few days has been consistently over 110 in the daytime. You can fry an egg on the runways and the expert mechanics working on the planes have to wear gloves to handle the metal tools. Without gloves they would burn their hands.

A large number of these young men were in college, had their careers interrupted by the emergency. They are likely to be stationed on this desert for the next few years, for they are operating a training base. Here jet fliers come for their final training, for the final polish before they meet the enemy. It's not only hot on the desert, but it's a bit lonesome.

These men and officers have nothing to read except the few magazines which filter in. They have a movie theater on the base, but you don't feel like going to a movie every night. They need books and games. They have a fine room ready for a reading and game room, but they have only the furniture and the walls.

After hearing this story, it seemed to me that the people of Birmingham might like to have a hand in helping fill this room with books. They want books of every sort, both fiction and non-fiction. They are fond of mystery, adventure, biography, history, and perhaps love stories. We were told they would welcome any type of book except stuff like Pollyanna and The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come.

Are you willing to look over your library and pick out a few books you've liked, but no longer have any use for? Are you willing to take the time to do this, and then to bring them to the Village Store? If you will, we will crate them all and ship them to Luke Air Force Base.

Please see that your name is attached to each book, or each group of books. For we know that the men at this base will want to write to you in gratitude.

It has always seemed to me that there are more organizations and committees in Birmingham, per capita, than in any other city in Christendom. These groups do a tremendous amount of good every year, and some of them have great potential to undertake a job of this sort. We especially appeal to all of these organizations to join in this book drive. Will you take the time to do it?

We know that Birmingham has a big heart, and has been singularly blessed. We have an abiding affection for the town, and a real faith in what it will do when its help is needed. We are confident that Birmingham can easily fill this room on the desert with books, if it wants to. We know they will if the appeal is just and proper.

So it is with some misgivings that we ask you to help in this job. We have a fear that our appeal isn't adequate. But however inadequate it may be, we really hope that we'll have to make a loan at the R.F.C. in order to pay the freight.

It would be a great thing if this town would send such a number of books that the 171st Training Squadron at Luke could boast they had a library. Canasta sets, cribbage boards, and ping pong sets are also needed. As it is now these men would even be happy with tiddly winks.

Please heed this request. Everything will be sent in your name, and the name of Birmingham. We'll see to that. Bring your books and games next week to the Village Store. We'd appreciate it if it could all be done this week or next, for we'll have to get back to this business of running a store.

Local Schools' Coaching Staff Slated for Year

Termed the strongest coaching staff in history, appointments for 1951-52 have been set up by Birmingham schools' Athletic Director Frank Whitney and approved by the board of education.

Senior high school staff includes cross country, Dunant Helmrich, head coach; football, Vincent Secotille, head coach; and John Petrakis and Lewis Parry, assistant coaches. Kermit Ambrose, reserve coach.

BASKETBALL, PETRAKIS, head coach; assistant coaches, swimming, Jay Myers, head coach; wrestling, Secotille and Robert Craig, coaches; baseball, Secotille, head coach. Track, Ambrose, head coach; tennis, Harold Newcomb, head coach; golf, Charles Buel, head coach; and intramurals, Secotille.

Coaches for Barram junior high are ninth grade football, Fred Gibson, head coach; eighth grade football, Hugh Lovins; ninth grade basketball, Gibson; seventh grade

Registration Set For Southfield Kindergarten

Registration dates for enrolling children in Southfield township schools were announced by school officials this week.

According to state law, children five years old on or before Dec. 1, 1951, are eligible to attend kindergarten, starting September for the 1951-52 school year.

Parents may register children between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the following schools: Tuesday, May 31; Angling Road (including Brooks), Friday, June 1; Lathrup (including McKinley), Monday, June 4; Magnolia, Tuesday, June 5; John Grace, Wednesday, June 6; Southfield 16, Thursday, June 7; and East Southfield, Friday, June 8.

The child's ninth certificate or other proof of age must be presented, according to state law.

A pre-arranged registration for parents was held at Southfield high school Monday, May 28.

MEMBERS of the township kindergarten round-up committee are Mrs. James Frasier, general chairman; Mrs. John Grace School; Mrs. J. Yoshonis, Angling Road school; Mrs. Robert Woolsey, Brace; Mrs. Howard Ekins, East Southfield; Mrs. Clifford Croker, John Grace; Mrs. Ernest Kistau, Lathrup; Mrs. Harold Mistle, Magnolia; and Mrs. S. G. Latz, Southfield school.

From 1950 census records, the kindergarten count is about 7% higher than last year's September registration. This figure doesn't include a count of children who have moved into the township since May 31, 1950, and school officials believe the census now being taken will show larger increase.

Minor Change Made In Shrub Ordinance

Shrubs or hedges planted on corner lots must be kept trimmed to no higher than three feet above the street level for a distance of 25 feet back from street lines.

This was the only change in the tree and shrub ordinance passed by the commission Monday evening. The proposed ordinance had called for a 50-foot area of the three-foot height limitations.

Trees planted on corner lots, the ordinance states, must be trimmed to eight feet above sidewalk surfaces.

Pierce Kindergarten Roundup to Be Held In Three Sections

Because of the number of children involved, the kindergarten roundup for Pierce school will be held in three sections.

The first group meets June 5 at 9:30 a.m.; second on June 6 at 9:30 with the final section at 1:30 that afternoon. All mothers and children will meet at the cafeteria.

Mrs. Harvey Swift, mother vice president of Pierce PTA, will introduce Misses Frances Brown and Harriet Merritt, kindergarten teachers; Miss Frances Curtis, school nurse and Mrs. Harris Kopp, speech correctionist. Mrs. James Zawodni, mother vice president for the coming year also will be present.

Children will be entertained in the classroom while the school program is being explained to mothers.

Kindergarten mothers, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Thomas Stolberg, will serve refreshments.

Sever Improvement Asked by Owner

A petition received by the city commission Monday evening requested a special assessment district for installation of a sewer to serve lots eight to 15 of Quorton Heath subdivision.

Lots face Redding road, extending from Chesterfield westerly approximately 1,600 feet. Petition was received by the city commission Monday, June 4.

Mrs. E. E. Schaeffer Joins House Staff

A Community House board of directors member has resigned to become active in the organization's educational program.

She is Mrs. Ewald E. Schaeffer of 18220 Dunblaine, who has accepted the position as director of adult education for the Community House. Her unexpired term on the board will be filled by Mrs. Elliott E. Kodice, 623 Hanna.

BOY SCOUTS

Troop B-4 Scouts will join other area troops in an Evacuation Exercise June 15. The campsite is on Nine Mile road a short distance east of Telegraph and south of Carleton roads.

The weekend will be devoted to activities scouts may perform in event of emergency in this section.

A mammoth campfire and program Saturday evening will be open to parents who wish to attend. The boys will present troop skills.

Troop B-5 Camp George was the weekend goal of 31 members of Troop B-5. Scoutmaster Tom Austin, assisted by fathers of two boys, were in charge of the activities. Donald Murray gave instructions to boys working on swimming merit badges. Members must pass swimming tests in order to take the troop canoe trip the last week in June.

'Y' Plans Camp For High School Youth This Week

Youth from metropolitan Detroit high schools including Birmingham will have two days at Camp Y this Saturday and Sunday.

Schedule calls for all people to be in camp sometime Saturday afternoon for a program of canoeing, boating, swimming and out-of-door sports. A stunt program and a square dance is planned for the evening followed by a winner roast.

A union church service will be held Sunday morning with the rest of the day devoted to informal play.

Frank Poole, 1462 Emmons, is taking reservations for Birmingham boys and girls who are interested in attending. Reservations may be made through him or the local 'Y' office at 144 West Maple.

Certain City Owned Lots Sold

In recent sale of property by the city, portions of the property on Herford road and five lots in East Maple Gardens were sold.

City Assessor Elmer Haack said one parcel on Herford was sold to the Catholic Church for \$3,485 and another parcel purchased by the Catholic Church for \$6,485. No bids were received on several parcels of land on Melton and Eton. City officials stated they believe bidders are afraid federal restrictions will get tighter.

In addition, five lots at the corner of Coolidge and Duvester in East Maple Gardens were sold May 14 by the city at auction to the W. E. Reiss Development Co. for \$6,500, according to Haack. The firm was the only bidder.

At Monday evening's commission meeting, vacation of portions of Herford, Bradford and an alley were approved.

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Luncheon Planned By Southfield Schools Staff

Southfield township board of education will be entertained at a luncheon planned by the Southfield Teachers' club at the new high school cafeteria, corner of Lahar and 10 Mile, at noon June 14 for a final get-together before closing of school.

Entire school staff will be present.

Planning the luncheon will be Betty Hutson, office staff; Bernard Higgins, cafeteria workers; George Hooper, bus driver's and custodian; Irene Everett, president of the Teachers' club.

Others are Agnes Heagy, Magnolia school; Grace McManis, Southfield school; Bernice O'Connor, Brace school; Viola Kunkel,

Ask Property Owners To Get Sewer Permits

Owners of property on the east side of Maryland, between East Lincoln and 14 Mile, have been informed by city commissioners that they should obtain sewer and water permits immediately.

Plans call for the paving of the area later this year and it is desired that these services be provided prior to the start of the paving program.

John Grace school; Vera Seymour, Lathrup school; Ann Cloak, high school; Julia Wallon, Angling Road school; Phila Johnson and E. Eric Spellersburg, McKinley school; Norman Olmstead, Brooks school; David Clifford, special teachers; Duana Renneke, Administrative staff.

Marian Simms, principal at East Southfield school is general chairman.

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