

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

FORMER BIRMINGHAM MAYOR, city commissioner, plan board member and recreation board chairman W. C. Ait Allen, 756 Henley, has been elected to a three-year term as a State Bar of Michigan commissioner in the Third Judicial Circuit, composed of Wayne county.

KINGSLEY INN OWNER Nick Takis is "back home" after a trip to Europe. He arrived in New York Monday.

ANY UNUSUAL OR BRILLIANT FLOWERS or vegetables in Birmingham gardens this year? If you believe you have some, you may wish to enter them in the 18th annual flower and vegetable show to be held Saturday, Aug. 23, from 3 to 10 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 24, from noon to 9 p.m. at the Oxford high school gym. Entry deadline is Aug. 23 at 11 a.m. Admission is free.

ANYONE WANTING TO KNOW the distance from Birmingham to the Detroit Zoo need only ask Johnny, seven-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dove, 640 Wallace. Johnny went to the zoo one day last week with friends and somehow became separated from his group. Although they searched for him and he searched for them, no contact was made. Johnny, being a resourceful soul, simply went over to Woodward avenue and headed north. The trip on foot, with two or three stops to rest, took him about four hours.

WHEN THE SEVENTH annual National Music Camp operetta was presented at Interlochen last weekend, Katy Micon of Bloomfield Hills sang one of the leading roles in "Yeoman of the Guard," a Gilbert and Sullivan production. Because of the heavy demand on the leading singers and the need for an extensive chorus, this has become one of the little known works by the famous pair. The size of the production and demands placed upon the cast limit its presentation, even by professional groups.

A YOUNG BIRMINGHAM area soldier arrived home from Korea this week in time to spend the last days of his mother's life at her bedside—thanks to American Red Cross. The soldier—whose name is withheld by Oakland County Red Cross officials for the family's sake—had just arrived in Korea when an operation revealed his mother had only days to live. A family doctor, discovering the mother's unexpectedly serious condition, immediately called an American Red Cross emergency worker.

A wire triggered its way to Washington, D. C., where Red Cross officials met with military men. Within 48 hours after the family doctor had contacted the Red Cross the youth was granted a 30-day leave. Arriving in San Francisco by plane, the serviceman ran against another snag—the price of a flight across the country. Red Cross again came through, lending him the price of the plane trip to Michigan—and to his home, to be with his mother during the last hours of her life.

"I'M MIGHTY GLAD to get back into the United States," Dain Millman informed Birmingham Rotarians at their Monday noon luncheon. He just returned from Texas where he and his wife attended the ceremony at which their son obtained the Air Force's jet pilot wings. "Texas is the hottest state in the world, and it doesn't seem to rain there. I stopped at a farmhouse to ask directions, and when the farmer asked where I lived, I told him 'Michigan.' He turned to the horse and called, 'Come on out, Ma, and meet one of our allies.'" Club President Stan Reinhardt said he could verify Millman's statement about the weather after being stationed at El Paso for a year with the Army. Declared Reinhardt: "It gets hotter in Texas than any place you've ever been to." (These comments were directed at immediate past president Rev. W. Glen Harris, who never misses an opportunity to tell the club about his native Texas. During these remarks, Harris was smiling, probably figuring that the other side must have its inning, too.)

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IT HAS TAKEN OVER 13 YEARS FOR A. J. CLARK TO COLLECT THESE CRUETS. Former Quorton school teacher interested in this particular hobby. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Couple Owns Rare Cruet Collection

By RUTH ANN SILBAR
Special Writer For The Eccentric

There is no shortage of containers to hold vinegar at the Albert J. Clark home on 715 W. Frank, because Mr. Clark has a hobby of collecting vinegar cruets. He has enough of them to use a different one each day of the year and then have some left over.

Miss Mabel Brown, a former kindergarten teacher at Quorton school, who retired this past June from the Birmingham school system, was responsible for starting Mr. Clark on his collection of vinegar cruets, 13 years ago. "I started only," she said, "by getting a few goblets and tumblers, but Miss Brown, who was collecting goblets too, said to me, 'Why don't you collect cruets instead? Nobody's collecting them.'"

"I had just sold her a vinegar cruet and she turned right around and gave it back to me and said, 'There! That's your start on your collection!' So I have been collecting cruets ever since."

SINCE THAT INCIDENT 13 years ago, Clark finds that an interest in vinegar cruets has come about. "One fellow in Chicago I've heard about has 800 of them and there are two of three collectors in Birmingham, too," he said. So he thinks there is nothing new or different about a vinegar cruet collection.

The cruets he first purchased were of clear glass—"pattern glass," according to the experts. "Pattern glass collectors who need a cruet to go with their set would be goggle-eyed at Clark's collection which he keeps in his basement. A large china cabinet and a display case is full of clear glass cruets of various sizes, shapes and patterns. Some of the patterns are very familiar to pattern glass collectors—Moon and Star, Dinner Bell, Horn of Plenty, Thistle, and Jacob's Ladder, to name a few.

From the clear glass, he just naturally moved on toward collecting the colored glass and unusual glass cruets. These are very proudly displayed on shelves which he built along one wall in the living room. Mrs. Clark, who shares her husband's enthusiasm for his hobby, has her collection of cups and saucers below the cruet display.

"MY WIFE LIKES MY CRUETS," Clark said, "and does almost as much looking and buying as I do, but she is more proud of her own collection. She has a collection to run me out with her cups and saucers."

Many beautiful pieces are in the living room cruet display.

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Blood Bank Visits Sag During July, Officials Reveal

Stiffing heat, summer vacations and a national steel strike weakened the pulse of Oakland County Blood Bank at American Red Cross July.

But they didn't stop it. Oakland County men and women turned out to give 439 pints of blood at American Red Cross "Blood-mobile" visits here last month.

"This is below our year-round monthly quota," Mrs. John D. Monroe of Pontiac, blood program chairman for Oakland County Chapter, American Red Cross, said today. "But considering the heat, vacations, summer flu and layoffs, it was a good turnout."

Mrs. Monroe said volunteers are now busily scheduling blood "clinics" for September. Oakland County will need a dozen successful bloodmobile visits each month to keep up the monthly quota of 946 pints, she said.

Residents Exhibit Art At Cranbrook

Eight residents of the Birmingham area are among 93 students from 26 states and five foreign countries who exhibited their work in the annual student exhibition at Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills.

Mrs. Azalea Thorpe, Bloomfield Hills, showed ten pieces of painting; Louis Gonet, Birmingham, a native of Switzerland, eleven ceramics; and Peter Q. Yang, Birmingham, formerly of Hong Kong, four projects in design.

Alan H. Cary, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Cary, 156 Linden Road, and previously a student at Washington University School of Fine Arts in St. Louis, exhibited two design projects completed during the past year.

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