

# BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM'S COMMUNITY HOUSE is being used as the basis for a possible community center for Northville, according to a story in last week's Northville Record. Realizing the success of our center, the Northville paper sent a reporter to see Mrs. Velma Isley, Community House director, for a resume of facts and figures, operational problems, special services and the like. According to Mrs. Isley, this is a service which the local House often gives, for many surrounding communities visiting here to examine the physical plant as well as get first-hand information on what goes into the operation of such a busy spot.

ONLY ONE INTERSECTION remains without an overhead signal light to complete the Woodward "chain". That, to be installed at the Woodward-Maple corner, awaits a final survey of traffic through the central business area. In commenting on the new Woodward-Willits-Oakland signals, hung last Thursday, Police Chief Ralph Moxley said a directional signal is to be installed at the southwest corner of Willits before the work there is fully completed.

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES IS ASKING Birmingham residents to donate any discarded articles which may be repaired for household use and thus help it maintain the highest work level it has ever had among handicapped men and women. A card to the offices, 6522 Brush, or telephone call to the Birmingham city hall will be all that is necessary to have the Goodwill truck call for the donation.

CATHERINE KASON, 24915 13-Mile Road, is attending the Michigan All-State Orchestra and Piano Institute now in session at the National Music Camp at Interlochen. Catherine is a member of the all-state orchestra comprised of 121 boys and girls from Michigan. The music session began July 14 and ends July 27.

MISS CONNIE VETTRAI, Valley Row, Bloomfield Hills, will spend a week sightseeing and touring Bermuda as a guest of the RCA Victor Co. Miss Vetraino won the all-expense paid trip in a recent contest conducted by the company. She will sail for Bermuda August 1, returning to New York August 8. Connie is employed by the Leonard Electrical Co. and works in the record department. The contest was conducted this spring and Connie had no idea that she had been entered and won until the contest was over.

PHYLLIS GARDNER was one of the soprano group when Joseph Haydn's "The Creation" was presented July 17 by the University of Michigan school of music. The presentation, open to the public, was done in the form of an open class meeting, simulating actual performance conditions, to demonstrate more clearly the work of the summer program in voice culture.

HARRY PHILLIPS, 1423 Bird, and Larry Sheets, 1411 Bennaville, at a dinner in Detroit received safe driving awards Friday night from their employer, the Great Lakes Greyhound Lines. Both men have completed 24 years of accident-free driving for the firm with an estimated 50,000 driving miles to each man's credit.

MEMBER OF A SPECIAL U of M field trip party to the current Democratic national convention in Chicago is Mrs. C. Thoburn Maxwell of Wing Lake. The group, which is studying government reporting, will have special seats on the convention floor and will attend convention press and radio conferences at the Conrad Hilton hotel (national committee headquarters) and the Sherman hotel (where the Michigan delegation is staying). Many special interviews have been arranged with nominees, delegates and prominent newspaper persons.

Birmingham was treated to a rather rare sight early Sunday evening as a double rainbow framed the eastern sky from north to south. Its inner arc was unbroken, with about half of the other, larger rainbow arching over it from the north. The brilliant colors seemed to glow against the heavy black clouds which made up the backdrop. To make the whole scene even more spectacular, the cloud bank was constantly laced with lightning. The display lasted nearly half an hour.

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**SCHOOL SUPT. RELAXES WITH HIS HOOBY**  
Uses grandfather's hooked rug needle. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

## Begin Last Half Of Baseball Year In Little League

The Indians and Yankees in the American Division joined the Braves and the Giants in the National Division to start the second half of the Little League season with a victory.

Two games last week went into extra innings as the Yankees outlasted the Tigers 4-3 with Littleton the winning pitcher and then lost an eight-inning game to the Red Sox 9-8 with Johnson the winning hurler.

In other American Division games the Tigers trounced the Indians 10-6 behind the hurrying of Springer and the Indians won a 5-3 decision over the Red Sox. Dixon was given the win in this contest.

In the National Division The Pirates downed the Braves 6-2 with Graft starting on the mound. The Braves came back to wallop the Cubs 9-1 with Hixson the winning pitcher and the Indians clocked out a 2-1 win over the Pirates; the win going to Pete Hurley.

American Division		Win	Loss
Indians	.....	0	1
Yankees	.....	1	0
Red Sox	.....	0	1
Tigers	.....	1	0
National Division		Win	Loss
Braves	.....	0	1
Giants	.....	1	0
Cubs	.....	0	1
Schedule	.....	0	1
American Division		Thursday, July 1	Red Sox vs. Yankees-Torrey field
Monday, July 2		Yankees vs. Tigers-Lothman field	
Tuesday, July 3		Red Sox vs. Indians-Lothman field	
Wednesday, July 4		Indians vs. Yankees-Torrey field	
National Division		Thursday, July 24	Braves vs. Pirates-Harmon field
Monday, July 28		Pirates vs. Giants-Harmon field	

## Children Target Of Bone Cancer, Dr. Wood States

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 18—Bone cancer is more prevalent in young people between the ages of 11 to 20 than in any other age group, according to studies made by Dr. John P. Wood, Birmingham, Mich., trustee of the American Osteopathic Association. "While bone cancer is the malignant tumor of youth, we must not forget that it may occur at any period of life," Dr. Wood told members of the national association during the 56th annual convention in Atlantic City, July 14 through 18.

"Strange as it may seem, it is not unusual for parents to bring in a child for consultation with a full blown cancer of the bone," he said.

"SUCH PARENTS disregard the uneven walk of the child, produced by a tumor in the lower extremity, and label the pain caused by the cancer to 'growing pains'." Rapid and early diagnosis is imperative if the young victim of bone cancer is to be saved," Dr. Wood declared. "May the day come when parents will not neglect bone pain."

## Junior Stamp Club

Dilly Sulist was named president of the Junior Stamp club when it met last week. Other officers for the year are Sue Purvis, vice president; Scott Purvis, secretary and Bobby Sallot, treasurer. The group is made up of boys and girls from 9 to 12 years. The latest member is Christine Hall.

# The Birmingham Eccentric

## School Supt. Relaxes By Making Hooked Rugs

By RUTH ANNE SILBAR  
Special Writer for The Eccentric

Hooking rugs—a craft that has been enjoyed by men and women since colonial times, is a fascinating hobby for Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of the Birmingham school district.

He has hooked over 50 of these lovely floor coverings and although he has almost a dozen still in his home on Pierce street, he has given away most of the rugs he has made to some VERY lucky people.

Ireland got started in his hobby in 1937 when he had to dismantle the Ohio home of his grandfather who had passed away. Coming across a hooking needle and frame that his grandfather had used in hooking rugs, Ireland decided that he, too, would be able to do it since he spent so many hours as a small boy watching his grandfather at his hobby.

"My grandfather had retired when I was a small boy living in my grandparents' home," Ireland reminisced, "and he was a genius at various kinds of hobbies. He hooked rugs, canned chair seats, quilted quilts and went from one hobby to another."

ONE RUG with a spinning wheel design in the center, made by his grandfather has been on the floor for over 20 years, which attests to the lasting quality of the rugs if they are properly cared for.

Ireland has never used anything but pure wool yarn in his rugs as his grandfather did before him. Some hooked rug makers use woolen materials cut in strips, but Ireland makes a hooked rug, a great deal more expensive than a hooked rug at his hobby.

"A skein of yarn costs 90c and I can easily use up five or six in one evening. I would say that I have used hundreds of skeins of yarn so far."

IN HOOKING a rug, the yarn or woolen material is pulled through a burrap which is usually of burlap. Dr. Ireland has always used burlap for the backing of his rugs, but he has recently heard of a new modern material and has sent away for some rug patterns of it.

In some instances, Ireland has used rug designs that have been printed on the burrap but likes to design his own. In every case he has worked out his own color schemes for his rugs as he likes to work out his own color combinations.

"It is a very relaxing hobby," says Ireland. "When I go home tired of night, I sit down for a little quiet time of hooking before dinner. It is completely fascinating to me," he said, and sometimes at night I don't know when

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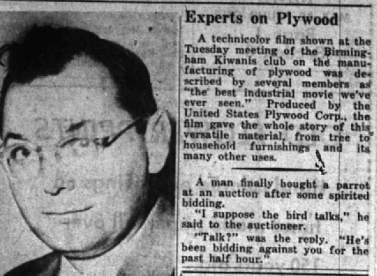
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**GORDON HANNA**  
**Appoint C. Hanna Publicity Director Of Charity Drive**

Gordon Hanna, 1128 Emmons, has been appointed publicity director for the United Community Services and its 32 service agencies supported by the Forch Drive-Clenn-M. Coulter, president of the board, has announced.

Hanna, a former member of the public relations staff of Burroughs Adding Machine company and Kaiser Frazer corporation, will work with the Red Feather services on public problems.

The work will include agency counseling on publicity and public relations problems and interpretation of social work.

HANNA is former editor of the Marshall Evening Chronicle and last year served as press publicity director for "City of Freshness", Detroit's 250th birthday festival show.

He is a member of the Public Relations Society of Detroit, the Industrial Editors Association of Detroit and Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity. Hanna is a graduate of Michigan State College and a World War II veteran.

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A man finally bought a parrot at an auction after some spirited bidding.

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