

People in a democracy should not be blamed for finding fault with some of the workings of the system... or having the means to correct some people try to work that system selfishly. But if people just find fault, and do nothing to correct it, then they should be blamed.

## BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

At their luncheon meeting Thursday noon, members of the Newcomers club of Birmingham presented Mrs. Velma Isley, Community House director, with a check for \$200, earmarked specifically toward the purchase of a public address system. This is the second substantial contribution this group has made to the House, having presented the new stage curtains only last year.

This Wanderer attended the commencement exercises at the new high school last Thursday morning and for a while, thought some sort of a record would be established. By the volume and length of applause at the conclusion of Dr. Tennyson Guyer's address, we thought that for the first time in our lives we were going to hear a speaker give an encore. Frankly, we were slightly disappointed when he didn't!

Last week Birmingham's new high school decreased its enrollment by awarding diplomas to 201 members of the senior class. This means, however, that the "population" of the new building will be dangerously low when classes reconvene next September, for some 600 eighth and ninth graders will be moving in.

Through the process of advancement among students, this gap will be more than overcome since the school district already has more than 700 kindergartners already enrolled. There's just no keeping ahead of the demand!

Notice the site, new curbs at several of the city's most heavily traveled pedestrian crosswalks. These include the northeast corner of Maple and Woodward, and all corners but the southeast on the block on which the city's municipal building site. When this Wanderer brought this new construction to the attention of a long-time resident, the oldtimer could only say, "Well, finally!" It must be admitted that these crumbled portions of curbing had particularly away until recently they were nothing but gravelled incrustance.

"Pomp and Circumstance" by Elgar, the traditional processional used by Birmingham high school

graduating classes has been rearranged by Arnold Beret, school music director, to provide more adequately for the marching seniors. Beret's new arrangement includes counter melodies "Old Lang Syne" and the Birmingham high school song to make the procession more interesting.

The National League of Women Voters has asked the Birmingham League to prepare a script telling the story of its recent Torchlight Parade, Political Rally and Birthday Party. It will be broadcast sometime this summer through the facilities of NBC.

Suburban life lost some of its charm June 19 when the Birmingham commuters arrived at the Grand Trunk station to find there would be no train service to Detroit that morning. A wreck near Royal Oak earlier in the morning had derailed a number of freight cars and completely disrupted service. The resultant scurry for last minute transportation left many a housewife stranded for the day as husbands drove into Detroit. This Wanderer rather indignantly consigned office and stores operated on skeleton staffs for a short period of opening hours, too.

### L.I.T. Graduate Attends O.C.S.

Victor R. Cramer, Jr. of 15941 Amber, left Saturday for the U. S. Naval Training Station, Newport, R. I. He will be attending the Officer's Candidate School for the next two months.

He was just graduated from Lawrence Tech., Detroit with a degree of bachelor of science in architectural engineering from the same school last year. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Cramer who recently moved to Amber Road from Detroit. Mr. Cramer is the national business manager, Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors. He is a member of the Masonic Order, Temple Shrine located in Trenton, N. J.



LESSONS FROM THE NEW YORK STAGE capture the attention of these Birmingham high school students taking part in the Jam Handy Company film production, "Priceless Heritage" being produced at the new high school. Stage and screen actor Bob Fitzsimmons tutors players on the various phases of film production. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

### Red Cross Cuts 1952-53 Budget By \$21,000

As need for more volunteers loomed as Oakland County Chapter, American Red Cross cut its new annual budget to a figure more than \$20,000.00 lower than this year's in the face of rising costs.

At a meeting June 10, the Chapter's executive committee approved a budget of \$75,375.00 to run the chapter from July 1, 1952 until June 30, 1953. The current budget is \$96,492.00.

The chapter spent only \$61,845. this year, Harold Euler, treasurer told fellow executive committee members.

"However, our costs—especially the cost of the blood program—are rising. A total of \$3,500.00 was allotted for the blood program this year," he said. "A total \$15,400.00 has been set aside for next year."

"We were only in the combined program—collecting blood for both civilian and military use—

part of this year. Our share of the cost of supporting mobile units in this county alone will be \$8,740."

THE BUDGET for the chapter's home service department, which helps servicemen and their families with financial and other problems, was cut to a little more than half last year's figure. A total \$28,320.00 was allotted the department for the coming year, compared to the current \$44,914.00.

Chapter officials explain that many men leaving for military duty this year were reservists with families, ranning the financial costs higher. Men recruited from now on, they anticipate, will be younger and fewer of them will have dependents.

First aid was allocated only \$750.00 for next year, compared to \$3,500.00 last year. Figures are the same for home nursing service.

Junior Red Cross allocation is \$750.00 compared to \$1,500.00 last year; and water safety, \$750.00 down from \$5,500. The chapter is not running a summer water safety program this summer.

SLIGHTLY HIGHER allocations were made for volunteer services and campaign expenditures.

"We'll need even greater volunteer participation to maintain the same services with less money," Euler said. "We have no intention of reducing services—we're just cutting our expenses to the bone."

Serving on the budget committee with Euler are Gar A. Sweeney and E. W. Bauer of Royal Oak and L. C. Mege of Clarksburg.

### BEVERLY HILLS NEWS

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#### Graduate Fun

A few of the 300 in the graduating class of Barnum School this year were from Beverly Hills. Lois Geisler, Betty Baker, Joan Sweeney, Marilyn Chrysler and Pearl Wood were a few of the girls and Jim Leach, Bob Deakin, Bob Brooks and Bruce Johnson were among the boys.

The Graduation, due to the number of students, was held at the new Birmingham High School. However, the Crystal Ball which was held on Wednesday was in the Auditorium at Barnum.

Marilyn Chrysler was escorted by Bob Burleigh while Larry Hanflin called for Lois Geisler. Betty Baker with Jim Mark, and Joan Sweeney with Stan Rosenquist, Ruby Major was ushered to the floor by Jim Leach. They all agreed it was a swell evening.

#### Altar Society

The Blessed Sacrament Group of the Altar Society of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish closed the season Tuesday with a luncheon at Devon Gables. The group has been sewing Tuesday and as

shower Tuesday in the Gibbs home on Beechwood. Miss Nixon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Nixon of Beverly Road, will become the bride of Jack Colenso, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Colenso of Bannaville, tomorrow in the Birmingham Methodist Church.

Present at the shower were Mrs. W. R. Gibbs, Mrs. Stan Everingham, Miss Paul Thiel, Mrs. Herberman Pravel, Mrs. Richard Colenso, Mrs. Martin Otto, Mrs. Roy Lewis, Mrs. Bruce Maynard, Mrs. Edgar Colenso, Mrs. L. T. Nixon, Mrs. Lowell Sutton and Mrs. Jack Jerald, all of Birmingham. Miss Marge Kiehne and Miss Eleanor Fennie also from Birmingham and Miss Phyllis Blossing of Detroit, Mrs. John Carlton of Pontiac, Mrs. John Lapine and Mrs. William Gibbs of Royal Oak, and Mrs. William Renwick of Berkeley.

Miss Beverly Radenberg of Detroit was honored at a linen shower by Miss Gertrude Hasee in the Hasee home on Devonshire early last week. Other guests included Miss Gertrude Hasee and her sister Mrs. Frank Melissac were co-hostesses of the luncheon dinner for Miss Radenberg.

On Saturday Miss Radenberg became the bride of Robert Hasee, also of Detroit, in Gusu Church. A reception was held Saturday evening at the Boat Club.

#### Due Home

Howard Ross son of Mrs. John C. Stone will arrive home on July 4th from Japan where he has been stationed for the past two years with the Air Force. Howard has been with the Far East Network and at present is on a ship crossing the ocean. After landing in California he will immediately board a plane for home.

#### Visitors

Elizabeth Bodel is visiting Claire Anderson on Sheridan. Elizabeth arrived by plane from her home in Monticello, Cal. and will return on Sunday the same way. Miss Bodel and her parents are former residents of Birmingham.

#### Returned Home

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Marchetti returned to their home on Verona Circle after spending the first part of their vacation with Larry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Marchetti in Hazelton, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Triplett arrived home from Wichita, Kan. this past weekend after spending two weeks of visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Layne. Mrs. Triplett's parents, The Triplets motored both ways and brought Mrs. Triplett's brother, Lieut. C. R. Layne back with them. Layne is on his way to Germany with the Air Force.

#### Attends Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Rosemont attended wedding of Mrs. Rosemont's niece, Carolyn Keck in Greenville, Pa. on Saturday.

Other guests were Mrs. Thomas with one of their sons, Billy and stopped in Cleveland long enough to pick up Mr. and Mrs. Frank Payne. Miss Keck became the bride of Lieut. James Redick.

#### Vacationing

Tom, Jim and Terry Sempowski left Sunday for two weeks of cottage fun with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Jackson in Clare, Mich. The boys are

sons of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sempowski of Riverside Drive.

#### Births

Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Hungerford will be just a little happier (if possible) than the average proud parents when they bring little Laurie Jane home from the hospital, which should be this weekend if everything continues to go along as well as it has. Laurie Jane was really little when she arrived April 18 in New Grace Hospital.

She weighed exactly 2 pounds, one and one-half ounces. Her little sister Kathleen will see her for the first time.

#### Birthdays

Suzanne Peters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts and Mary Ann Stone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Stone, celebrated their 9th birthdays jointly Saturday afternoon at the Stone's residence on Bedford.

Their guests were Linda Wahle, Alyson Nick, Phyllis Benesick, Mary Margaret Cross, Jim and Terry Sempowski, Suzanne Canover, Jacqueline Racine, Judy Holcomb, Ralph and Terry Overick, Christine Dykeman, Diane and Marilyn Temple, Sandra Ferguson, Timmie and Robby Redmond, Susan Lang, Mitchell Harris and Marsha LeBlanc also were present from Detroit.

George Dungan was five years old this past week so he and his mother, Mrs. George A. Dungan, served ice cream and cake to the youngsters around their home on Verona Circle. His guests were Patrick and Peter Brennan, Billy and Carol Wagner, Aaron, Billy, David Gierhart, Billy, Beale and Nancy Guy.

Tommie Shannon celebrated his sixth birthday on the eleventh of June at Sylvan Lake. Friends of the family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gillson invited Tommie and his brother Stevie out for the day and after swimming a while the birthday cake and ice cream was served to the hungry children. Tommie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Shannon of Verona Circle.

Charles Klum had a little competition this year on his birthday, in the form of mumps. However, the family came to the rescue and they ate cake and ice cream with him even though the little boys and girls of the neighborhood couldn't come. His brothers, James and Kenneth, and his sister Karer Sue and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Klum made a nice party group. The Klums live on Arden Place.

#### New Pump

The biggest news out this way is the new water pump that was installed last week. It has certainly helped the water situation.

#### Rifle Training Ends With Shoot

Joan Waggoner held the highest score in the balloon shoot held at the police rifle range recently. The shoot was a part of the city recreation department's course in riflery.

The best group award went to Ellen Smith with Joan Sawyer winning the range safety award. Sixty high school girls participated in the rifle course this past semester.

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Because of the July 4th holiday, The Birmingham Eccentric will be closed all day Friday and Saturday, July 4 and 5. To facilitate the handling of news and pictures, display and classified advertising for that week, early copy is requested... as much of it as possible on Thursday, July 3, please.

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