

The Birmingham Eccentric

Neatness in personal dress is appreciated and often praised by others. Even though many say people may not have the money to keep themselves in up-to-date styles, keeping what you have neat and clean is admirable.

'Men Only' Card Party At Franklin on March 28

FRANKLIN - Harry Rotliers, Franklin Community association president, and Hugh C. White, program committee chairman, announce a "Men Only" card party for March 28. Held in the Community Hall, there will be tables for pinocle, bridge, canasta and other games. Reservations for tables may be made with Hugh White.

If you don't want it, someone else does—all it thru an Eccentric Classified Ad.

Police Explain Action Against Double Parking

What, exactly, is double parking? Apparently a number of Birmingham drivers have asked this question and have not arrived at a satisfactory answer. In an effort to obtain the answer, The Eccentric went to Police Chief Ralph Moxley.

"The answer is given in Traffic Ordinance 228, sections 8 and 9, which state:

"PARK or PARKING: Any standing of vehicle upon a highway, street, roadway or alley, whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of, and while actually engaged in, loading or unloading passengers."

"DOUBLE PARKING: Parking of a vehicle on a highway, street or roadway where there is one or more vehicles between such vehicle and the curb to the right thereof."

CHIEF MOXLEY said he felt many people were confused in thinking that a car is not technically "double parked" if the driver or some other person remains in the vehicle.

"This is a false impression," he said. "A car is double parked, whether occupied or not, if there is another vehicle between it and the curb to the right. If passengers are entering or leaving the car, this is permissible. However, the driver must not remain there until his passengers return."

"The reason for this ruling is obvious. The car so parked forces other drivers into the path of oncoming cars, or backs them up, blocking traffic."

"THE TRAFFIC increase in Birmingham has ruled out the time when we could just ask the driver to move on. A few of these drivers would go around the block and again double park if the officer had moved on. Because of these few, we have had to get tough with everyone."

Moxley explained that on Jan. 20, 1951, he issued a general order to all officers that double parking must be stopped in the city to eliminate a constant traffic hazard.

"Commissioners were receiving complaints and passing them on to the department," Moxley said. "They were having narrow escapes because of these traffic blocks and wanted to know why something wasn't done about it."

SINCE THE issuance of the general order, Moxley said double parking had decreased considerably, but is still done. He pointed out that the greatest offenders,



PEGGY KIRBY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Kirby, East Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills, models in front of a large oil portrait of herself at the "Annual Photographers Exhibit" in Cleveland, Ohio. She has been kept busy for her first month in Ohio with radio and television appearances and modeling for large department stores and advertising agencies. She also has the leading role in the play "A Woman's Privilege" which will be given at the YMCA and Cleveland Marine hospital in March.

truck drivers, had cooperated splendidly with the police and are rarely guilty of double parking.

"The biggest offender, remains the driver who stays in the car while someone runs into a store for just a second. These 'seconds' turn into minutes and the average collision doesn't take much time."

Reapportionment Plans No Longer Have LWV Support

At a state board meeting last week the Michigan League of Women Voters decided to withhold support of any current reapportionment proposals because none meet the minimal standards adopted by League membership.

Mrs. Brooks Marshall, local League president, today said the Birmingham group was wholeheartedly supporting the state group.

"The state decision was made reluctantly," Mrs. Marshall said, "because the League believes in reapportionment of the State Legislature as necessary to secure fair representation in Lansing."

"THE LEAGUE," she went on, "was the prime mover in a group of organizations which met many times in 1950, trying to reach agreement upon an equitable reapportionment plan."

"At this time the League of Women Voters drew up a series of standards of reapportionment which members hoped to see incorporated in legislation."

"These included mandamus provisions, the apportionment of one house on the basis of straight population, the apportionment of the second house giving weight to other factors and districting of cities."

Local Men Share Prize in Tribune Room Competition

Leonard S. Parker, 748 Graefield and Niels Diffrient, 1120 N. Woodward, are co-winners of a \$500 prize in the Chicago Tribune's 1952 Better Rooms Competition. Their design took second place in the kitchen classification of the world-wide \$24,050 furnishing and decorating contest.

Parker attended public schools in Milwaukee, Wis., and the University of Wisconsin for a year and studied architecture at the University of Minnesota and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

DIFFRIENT was born in Mississippi, attended public schools in Detroit, studied at the Cranbrook Academy of Art and is now working in Bloomfield Hills and attending classes at Wayne university.

As a service to its readers the Sunday Tribune plans to reproduce many of the winning ideas from the Better Rooms competition, or adaptations of them, in a sustained series of pictorial color presentations.

Public display of full scale rooms developed by Chicago and suburban retail stores from designs in the contest will feature a six-week city-wide Better Rooms Pageant beginning in April.

An exhibit of the \$2 prize winning designs themselves at the Art Institute of Chicago is being planned.

Steady Growth in Membership for Local 'Y' Branch

Birmingham YMCA membership has grown from a total of 185 in 1946 to 1,021 at the close of 1951, according to the annual report submitted by Ed Kirbert, executive secretary.

The 1,021 figure included 813 boys and men and 208 girls and women.

The report pointed out that a total of 82 groups enrolled 1,304 persons and met regularly for a composite total of 1,343 times with an attendance of 25,082.

It stated, "Regularly scheduled activities without definite enrollment drew 13,822 persons to 64 groups for a total of 135 sessions. Special events brought together 2,810 people on 32 different occasions."

Yearly membership totals since 1946 are 1947, 547; 1948, 751; 1949, 902; and 1950, 923.

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The table topic for the Birmingham Toastmasters meeting Tuesday dealt with the question "Do you or do you not think 135 duplex houses are good for Birmingham?"

The subject concerned the new project proposed on Adams road. A total of 16 men gave varied opinions on the matter.

In addition, James Ford, Robert McKenzie and Paul Smith presented five minute talks of general interest.

Toastmasters is a hobby group dealing with speech development for men, and newcomers are welcomed.

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