

The Birmingham Eccentric

Forgiveness is more valuable than tons of gold. When you can forgive another who has hurt you, you are on the ascending highway that leads to earthly heaven. But one must forgive in order to be forgiven. It could be YOU!

Vision Testing Program Launched by Jr. League

Birmingham's unit of the Junior League, one of the newer independent units of the organization, is launching an entirely new idea in its free vision screening tests for children between the ages of three and five.

It is the first time that this volunteer group has undertaken the entire financial and organizational responsibility for such a community program.

The program got underway Tuesday.

Realizing that for years Birmingham has been one of the leading communities in the eye and ear tests conducted through the public schools, League members nearly a year ago began to plan a similar service for pre-school children.

School officials, School Nurse Frances Curtin and local doctors agreed that a great service could be rendered by detecting vision defects before a child entered school—and the project was underway.

During the past week League members have been undergoing an intensive training course in administering the Snellen test, vision section of the Massachusetts tests used throughout the public schools.

Miss Helen Weaver, technical consultant of the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, came from New York City to conduct the morning and afternoon classes.

At a luncheon meeting of the trainees last week Wednesday, Miss Weaver congratulated the

group on their undertaking and said she considered them adequately trained to take over what she called "the greatest service you could possibly offer these little children."

FOR the next three months the screening center will be operated at the Community House from 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

All parents of pre-school children are invited to bring their youngsters in for vision tests which are given without cost.

Mrs. R. Jamison Williams, 1023 Yarmouth, chairman of the local unit, emphasized that no appointment is necessary and every effort will be made to contact parents through publicity and cards being distributed by Birmingham's food markets.

The tests have been adapted to the age bracket which will be treated. Since none of these children are old enough to read, the block E is being used as the test.

Each child will have a period of indoctrination before starting the actual test, and will be fully aware of what the tester will do and ask.

THE ACTUAL test will be given by two League women, one working with the child, the other at the chart.

In the event a child is disturbed and does not respond to the indoctrination session, block-E cards will be available for parents to continue the work at home and bring the child in for testing later.

Mrs. Williams explained that the League could in no way be considered as diagnosticians.

"We simply will give the test and inform parents whether or not the child has a vision defect. Treatment or any suggestion of treatment will have to come from a recognized medical man."

"Our local doctors and the school health board are endorsing our project because they feel defects can be spotted before the children enter school."

They feel we can do a service for these little boys and girls, the parents and the schools, but it

is not the picture as landlords," he said. "Each unit will be sold by us as rapidly as possible."

Reid said his company would try to keep costs at about \$24,000 per two-family unit, but had no intention of sacrificing quality appearance.

"We have already had inquiries from prospective buyers," he explained, "and feel that once started

development will move right along."

Asked what influence this might have on school conditions, Paterson explained he did not think it would cause any alarming increase.

"We feel that a great many of the buyers will be people who have already raised their families. Too, considering the fact that each dwelling will have a rental area, it is not likely that the child population will rise sharply."

TO RESIDENTS of Hazel, who feel their street will be subjected to a great deal more traffic, Reid said he could not see much cause for alarm.

He pointed out that the stop light at Hunter and Hazel would continue its purpose and pointed out that street through the Adams Village were laid out in such a manner as to keep speed down to safe levels.

The Reid-Paterson plans call for the westside entrance to the property to be located approximately across from the Hazel intersection on Adams.

Fire Chief V. W. Griffith suggested a rearrangement of this, stating that if it were shifted nearer Bowers, it would be more satisfactory. The new fire station will be located at Bowers and Adams and would have better access to the area, he noted, Griffith emphasized.

REID REPLIED that the matter could be given further consideration and a possible change effected. He explained their reason for this choice was to permit the Adams frontage to be an unbroken shopping center.

He told the group that his company was dedicating to the city a 30-foot strip along Adams in the event that road should need widening at some future date.

City Manager Donald Egbert explained that Reid had presented the project in detail so the board could learn all its aspects.

IT WILL require annexation decisions, zoning decisions and a great deal of work before any final answer can be made," he said. "In the meantime, a thorough study of the proposal will be made in which every legal and technical angle will be considered."

Reid said he or some other representative of the company would be happy to meet with surrounding subdivision groups to fully explain the plans and listen to any suggestions that may be offered.

Birthdays, anniversaries, guests, births, parties are all new—all the society editor about them.



MRS. PARBURY SCHMIDT
MRS. DONNELL MATHEWS
These 2 Junior Leaguers show how vision tests will be given school children.
(Joe Wheeler Photo)

Voting Precinct Changes Approved in Southfield

Recommendations by Township Clerk Mrs. Fannie Adams pertaining to voting precinct boundary revisions and relocations of voting booths in Southfield township were accepted by the township board at last week's meeting.

Headquarters for precinct seven will now be the 13 Mile road fire station in place of the Lathrup school. Precinct 9 voting place was transferred from the Baptist Church at Berg and 9 Mile

roads to the new Nine Mile road fire station.

Other voting booth changes include precinct six from Colony Hall to the Brace school at Midway and Evergreen; and Precinct 8 from Plum Hollow to the new high school at 10 Mile and Leland.

In addition boundary lines for precincts 4, 8 and 10 in the south part of the township were revised.

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Adams Village Plans Reviewed for Board

Wallace E. Reid, president of Reid-Paterson, represented his company at an informal hearing Feb. 27 with the Birmingham plan board concerning the development of "Adams Village."

Reid explained the overall picture of the proposed development of the 45 acre plot known as Porritt field, which includes a five-acre commercial section and the construction of 133 two-family homes.

HE TOLD board members that the work would be done in sections, the completed areas helping to finance additional work, stressing the fact that all units would be for sale.

"We will not enter the picture as landlords," he said. "Each unit will be sold by us as rapidly as possible."

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Winners Named in Keating Home Design Contest

Winners were announced last week for the Howard T. Keating House competition, sponsored by the Michigan Society of Architects.

The contest was made possible by a \$1,400 donation by Keating, local area real estate developer of 22600 Thirteenth Mile road, Southfield township.

From the 52 entries, three cash prizes were awarded plus two honorable mentions and 10 mentions.

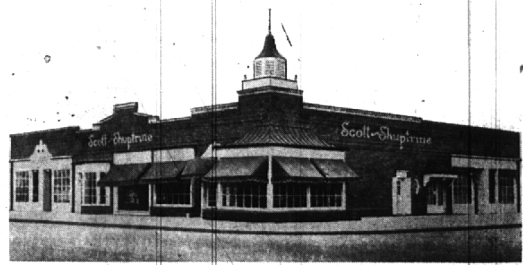
Robert Snyder of Cranbrook Academy of Art, submitted two designs and won two mentions. Winners of the first prize of \$750 were Gordon A. Shell of Royal Oak and Harold Binder of Detroit.

All the designs are on display at the Michigan Society of Architects annual convention at Detroit Hotel Statler March 5-8, and awards will be made by Keating at the Michigan Building Industry banquet Friday evening.

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