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Because of the Memorial Day Holiday The Birmingham Eccentric will be closed both Friday and Saturday, May 30 and 31.

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New Consumers Bldg. Open House Friday

The board of directors of Consumers Power Company will hold its regular meeting in Birmingham Thursday at the Company's new customer service center, Merrill at Henrietta.

The directors were called to Birmingham by Justin E. Whiting of Jackson, chairman of the board, in order to inspect the new building, which will be opened to the public tomorrow. Open house will start at 8 a.m. and continue until 9 p.m., and will be held again Saturday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The board will meet with Birmingham civic leaders at a luncheon preceding its regular business meeting, which follows an informal tour of the new structure.

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Official guests at the luncheon will be: George R. Averill, editor and publisher of The Birmingham Eccentric; Mayor Dean Reier; John W. Knecht, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Ernest W. Seaborn, president of the Board of Education.

The new building, designed by Swanson Associates of Bloomfield Hills, is a modern, ranch-type with an exterior of brick combined with Michigan cut sandstone. Large thermopane windows overlook a roofed patio facing Merrill street, and for the convenience of motorists, a drive-in cashier's window is provided.

THE INTERIOR of the building is devoted principally to the customer service room, where gas appliances are displayed and business deals arranged.

Offices for Local Manager A. F. Blakeslee and his staff open off this room, which is highlighted by lined-oak woods with walls in duobonnet or whents and an asphalt tile floor combining the wall colors and accented in blue.

A complete gas kitchen, with facilities for demonstrating modern gas cooking methods, is included. Rest rooms also are provided. The building is air-conditioned entirely by gas, with a Servel heating and cooling system.

AT THE REAR of the building, a garage for two rapid service trucks is provided along with a store room for meters, pipe and special equipment.

Two service men will be stationed at the building in order to expedite service calls in the Birmingham area.

The customer service center covers a lot across from the civic center. The lot is 80 x 55 feet and has been landscaped to harmonize with the civic center park.



"TAKE IT EASY!" Tuffy, squinting one eye against soap splatters, submits to the efforts of Gerry and Ginny Redjes to make him beautiful for the May 24 pet parade, sponsored by St. James church. The parade will form between the church building and Baldwin school and will get underway promptly at 1 p.m., when costumed youngsters and costumed pets will compete for the 40 prizes donated by local merchants. Mrs. Lawton C. Taber, general chairman, said Judges would be Paul Carter, teacher; Donald Egbert, city manager; Lt. Henry Timm, Birmingham police and Mrs. William Jackson of the recreation board. The affair will include the annual plant sale, refreshment stands, bake sale, games for the youngsters, pony rides (hay rides and several booths). (Eccentric Staff Photo)

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Attention Ladies!

Cakes lined up—each with a number. Judges looking, breaking off pieces, tasting. The winner? Number 4—a cake with a wonderful, glossy chocolate frosting.

This was at the Women's Club last night. Then Duke Thomas stepped up—his cake was Number 4! Seems his missus was laid up, so Duke took over—and won!

Here's Duke's prize-winning frosting recipe:

Melt 3 squares unsweetened chocolate in double boiler. Remove from heat, add 1/4 cup sifted confectioner's sugar and 2 1/2 tbs. hot water and blend. Add 3 egg yolks, one at a time, beating well after each. Add the butter, beating thoroughly after each. Fill and frost. Sift. 2-layer cake.

From where I sit, we all have different abilities and tastes... and these differences are sometimes surprising. Duke bakes prize-winning cakes. My wife, for example, can beat most any man at checkers. Same when it comes to beverages—you may like coffee or tea while I prefer a refreshing glass of beer. But let's not have any "half-baked" ideas that people are all the same—or should be.

Joe Marsh

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