

## People's Column

The Executive welcomes letters for this column. All letters must be signed, and signatures will be kept confidential upon request. Letters must be limited to 150 words.

### To the Editor:

We all realize that Birmingham's annual Halloween parade represents a great deal of work and expense on the part of the merchants and businessmen of the community. Nor can we overlook the generosity of the teachers, PTA members, police and many others in giving so cheerfully of their time and effort.

That is why I think the sponsors of the affair would appreciate hearing the reasons (in the opinion of so many) that it fell short of the great thing it might have been.

In the first place, wouldn't it be possible to have the marchers assemble in a lighted area? Why not start out on brightly lighted Maple instead of the dark side streets? Due chiefly to the darkness, the awarding of prizes was haphazard, to say the least. Better to have no prizes at all than to award them indiscriminately. More consideration should be given to the same

and work spent in creating many of the costumes.

**THE PARADE** itself could have been so much more orderly and enjoyable had it been slowed to a walk instead of the brisk trot the little folks were forced to maintain. In this way there wouldn't have been such a crush at the refreshment area. As it was the marchers piled up much faster than they could be handled.

I, personally, feel it would have been more fun to take my children as spectators, rather than marchers. They were exhausted by the rapid walking and being jostled by the packed throng at the refreshment area.

I certainly do not wish to create the impression that we are unappreciative of this community party for the children, as that is far from true. But I realize that the people who run these things are unaware of public reaction unless we take the trouble to tell them.

### INTERESTED MOTHER

#### Only Bruises

Danmuir, Cal.—Dan O'Neill, San Francisco mountain climber, fell nearly a mile down the almost vertical, snowy side of 14,163-ft. Mt. Shasta and escaped with only bruises and abrasions. His explanation: "I kept my head, used my toes as brakes and steered with my fore arms."

## MEN IN SERVICE



LT. COL. JAMES R. PATTERSON, 976 Southfield, has recently been named commander of the Air Force's newly reorganized 3650 Basic Military Training Group at Sampson Air Force Base, Geneva, N.Y. He has assumed command of the combined training group which, until unification, was made up of two separate organizations: the 3650 and 3660 Basic Military Training Groups. A graduate of Culver Military Academy, Lt. Col. Patterson received the Bronze Star while serving in the European Theater of Operations as Bomber Group Executive Officer during World War II. (Air Force Photo)

**Hardy Home On Leave**  
Lt. John E. Hardy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Hardy, 851 Hazelwood is home on leave before reporting to Camp Stoneman for assignments to Japan on November 28.

**Cub Scout and Boy Scout SUPPLIERS**  
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### Goddard, Smiley Train At Ft. Leonard Wood

Two Birmingham boys are together in basic training in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

Pvt. Norman Goddard, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Goddard, 31815 Bell View, is with the 381st Engineer battalion. Goddard is a graduate of Purdue University where he was a member of Delta Upsilon.

Pvt. Bruce Smiley, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Smiley, 246 Park, is with the 231st Armored Field Battalion. He is a graduate of Baldwin high school and the General Motors Institute in Flint, Mich.

Goddard entered the service on September 12 and Smiley entered on October 10.

### Telephones From Korea

Pvt. Peter Orlando, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Orlando, 2488 Yorkville, came home to his paring night, Nov. 4, when he telephoned home from Pusan, Korea. Pvt. Orlando is serving with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. He entered service in March, 1951, and has been in Korea since June, 1952.



**RLDEN OKE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Oke, 28451 Case, Southfield township, has been assigned to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., for further Air Force training. He recently was graduated from AF basic airmen indoctrination course at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex.**

### Ensign Kindley Reports To Brooklyn Navy Yard

Ensign William E. Kindley, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Kindley, 616 Kennesaw, has reported to the Brooklyn Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N. Y., where he will serve as Ship's Service Officer aboard the USS Annetam.

Ensign Kindley was commissioned upon graduation from the University of Michigan in June of this year. He attended the Navy Supply Officers School at the Alameda Air Base, Oakland, Calif., prior to his recent assignment.

### Geiger Counter Fails

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## Communications' Role in Defense Being Shown Here

Through the efforts of Col. Bruce Booth, Civil Defense director for Birmingham, and the cooperation of both local theaters, Birmingham this week is learning the part communications will play should a major attack be launched against this country.

Col. Booth, with members of the Birmingham civil defense council, saw a preview of the film Saturday morning at the Michigan Bell offices. It will be shown during each program this week at both the Birmingham and Bloomfield theaters.

Prepared by Western Electric, the film answers many of the public's questions as to how communications will function in a disaster, what measures have been taken to assure their constant performance, and what facilities will be available for the general public.

**IT EXPLAINS** the steps taken to assure constant service and how communications will cooperate with other defense units, police, fire, medical aid and rescue crews, among others, through the use of telephones, amateur radio operators and the mobile phone unit.

At the conclusion of the Saturday preview, Col. Booth said he felt this was one of the best films yet prepared for the public to explain just what civil defense means.

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## New Books at the Baldwin Library

**FICTION**  
DAVIS—Thriller  
FRANKEN—The Fragile Years  
MILL—Father's Moon  
SCHMITT—Confessions of the Name  
THIBELT—SOCIAL SCIENCES  
SUMMER—United States and International Organizations  
MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY—Direct Government  
BLUMENFELD—All American Stamp Album  
VANDERBILT—Amy Vanderbilt's complete Book of Etiquette  
SCIENCE—THE USEFUL ARTS  
ALVAREZ—Modern Aquarium  
GEORGE—Motorways  
WALL—American Apple Orchard  
HOLLAND—The Olives  
**HANDICRAFTS—SPORTS—AMUSEMENTS**  
NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL—Use of Parking Meter Revenues  
TRACIE—Design This Day  
CHICAGO ART INSTITUTE—Twentieth Century French Painting  
BARRY—How to Make Etchings  
CONNITT—Updated Game Bird Shooting in America  
**LITERATURE**  
FOERSTER—American Poetry and Prose  
HUBBARD—New Book of Robert Hubbard  
**HISTORY—BIOGRAPHY**  
—Presidents of the United States  
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**Heat Hatches Eggs**  
Centralia, Ia.—A recent heat wave was so intense that it hatched goose eggs, which had been discarded from a hen's nest after they failed to hatch under the hen. After a week of near 100 degrees, six goslings appeared from the discarded eggs.

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