

10 Months of Radar Reviewed by Police

"What," many residents ask, "about radar? How is it operating in Birmingham and what good has it done?" To get these answers, The Eccentric went to Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley for a report.

Moxley reviewed briefly the short operation period from Dec. 1, 1951 when Birmingham became the first Michigan city to purchase radar equipment. For the first 45 days speeders received cards telling them that they had been clocked by radar while exceeding the legal speed limit. About 500 of these went out, according to Moxley.

Between Jan. 15, 1952 and Feb. 4, drivers were stopped and warned at the scene of the speed violation. Whenever possible, the officers demonstrated the equipment of exceeding what authorities consider a safe speed for a given area.

"OUR REALLY 'bad' offenders," as a general rule, have just come through Detroit. In Birmingham they get out of the heavy traffic which has held them down, and the tendency is to step on it a little heavier."

Four of the radar tickets issued have been cashed, Moxley stated. Three were found guilty in the local court and one case is still pending.

"Most of the offenders admit they were driving too fast and say they didn't know it," the chief said. "Some came to the traffic bureau and protest, but after being shown the printed graph, made by the machine, make their payment."

The equipment is operated by two officers. Patrolmen Richard Brown and Lemar Gilchrist. They have arranged their own sets of signals for radar communication and function smoothly as a team.

Because of public feeling, the "little black box" has been mounted outside the car at the rear. The recording equipment is mounted near the driver's seat where it is wholly visible to him while he is communicating with this part-

ner, stationed several hundred feet ahead of him in another police car.

"In some of the cases we are able to show the picture that the speed is not excessive," Moxley said. "Other times there is a real need for control and the car operates in that fraction frequently."

"We also make an attempt to keep pretty close check on school areas, especially during the hours when children are leaving for home."

Moxley said he felt the unit had brought about a marked reduction in too-fast driving within the city. It is reflected in less accidents and in less serious injuries to drivers and passengers, he said.

"Our accident reports still are too high," he said, "but the department is impressed with the fact that speed is well down on the list of causes."

When new Bobcats were received into the pack.

Under the direction of Cubmaster Donald S. Hutton advancements were awarded as follows:

Den 1, John Filkins, bear badge; Bruce Geyman, bear gold star and silver star; Jerry Storch, silver star; Ted Wooster, gold star; Den 3, Bobby Townsend, bear badge; 5, John VonKoen, silver arrow; Den 12, John Brooks, lion and gold arrow.

Ted Davies of Den 7 received his Webelos award.

Several awards were presented to the Cub Pack B-7 at its final October meeting. Cubmaster Eric Jacobson, who himself received a silver star for his work, presented similar term stars to Robert McKenzie, Hugh Bailey and Phil Eberhart.

One year stars went to Dick Benetick, Sam White, William Collin, Scott Purvis, Jay Engelmann, Bob Appell, Charles Pollis, Brent Hoggan, Bill Henderson, Tommy Mooney, Paul Wells and Steve Jacobson, the latter also receiving a bear silver arrow.

Wolf gold arrow was presented to Alan Tandrum; Lion badge and gold arrow, Rodney McDonald.

Accepted as Bobcats were Jack Acernman, Jack Bacheler, Stephen Collier, Chris Grotewald, John Manger, David McNellis, Peter Miller, Robert Neff, George Pado, Rodney Poskitt and Douglas Roberts.

Under the direction of Mrs. Charles Pollis, Den 1 presented a skit showing the scope of Cubbing. Two color movies on Sioux and Navajo Indians were shown.

A special Webelos ceremony was held at Monday night's meeting.

LEGAL NOTICES

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STATE OF MICHIGAN - The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 24th day of October, A. D. 1952.

Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of GLEN E. SPADY, Deceased.

Don J. Spady having filed in said court a petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to Forbes S. Hazzard or to some other suitable person, it is Ordered, That the 24th day of November, A. D. 1952, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, be and is hereby appointed the time and place for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county, and that notice be given to the heirs-at-law named in the petition for administration filed in this cause by personal service of a copy of this order, or by serving the same by registered mail with return receipt demanded, addressed to their respective last known addresses, as shown by said petition.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate.

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James C. Young having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that administration of said estate be granted to Donald H. McLaughlin, the executor named in said will, or to some other suitable person, it is Ordered, That the 24th day of November, A. D. 1952, at 9 o'clock, in the forenoon, at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

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CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF VACATION OF ALLEY BLOCK BOUNDED BY WALLACE, WATKINS, LINCOLN AND CHURCH STREETS

Notice is hereby given that a meeting will be held at the Municipal Building on November 17, 1952, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of reviewing and acting on the proposed vacation and abandonment of the alley bounded by Wallace, Watkins, Lincoln and Church streets, as shown on the map attached hereto and published in accordance with CHAPTER 13, Section 1 of the Code of the City of Birmingham, and Resolution No. 1341 (1947).

Resolved, That the Commission on the part of the City of Birmingham, be and is hereby authorized to consider vacating and abandoning the alley within said block, and to cause the same to be vacated and abandoned.

It is Further Ordered, That the Commission shall meet Monday, November 18, 1952, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon in the Municipal Building for the purpose of reviewing and acting on the proposed vacation and abandonment of said alley.

Noted and attested at the City of Birmingham, Alabama, this 17th day of November, 1952.

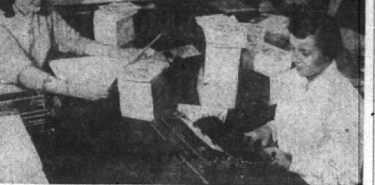
FRANK E. HANLEY, Mayor

FROM DETROIT headquarters, thousands of entry blanks and rule books were being mailed out this week to contestants in the General Motors Better Highways Awards Contest.

GM is sponsoring the essay writing contest, which closes on March 1, 1953, in an effort to stimulate "more nation-wide thinking, discussion and understanding of the facts of our current highways requirements."

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Each of the 48 states plus the District of Columbia will receive \$1,500 each. Two honorable mention awards for each state and the District of Columbia will be \$500 each, a total of 96 state honorable mentions.

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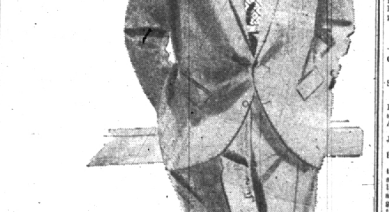
This is the year the duck hunters will be talking about for a long time. Some say the best in 15 years, others are more conservative, but all agree there are more ducks and more shooting in Michigan this year.

Research has proved that the greatest single influence on year to year variations in duck hunting success is the weather. And the next most important element at the system of hunting regulations set up by the federal government whose job it is to control the shooting of migratory fowl.

Duck's Life is a Short Life

Professional and amateur ornithologists have been banding ducks on a gigantic scale in North America—and surprisingly enough the return of the bands has been very gratifying. Hunters are interested in the past life history of the ducks they shoot, so they return the bands and get the related information. Thanks to the banding, duck mortality can be studied, and from these studies the Fish and Wildlife service has a pretty good lineup on the life of a duck, which is a little on the short side. In the Mississippi flyway upon which Michigan is located, the mortality for adult mallards is about 50% per year. In other words half the total mallard population lives from one year to the next. The other half dies from natural causes or from hunters' guns.

A University of Wisconsin survey has proved still more about mallards. Ducks of this species raised in captivity and turned loose in the A. Birmingham resident, Mort Neff, appears every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. over station WJTV.



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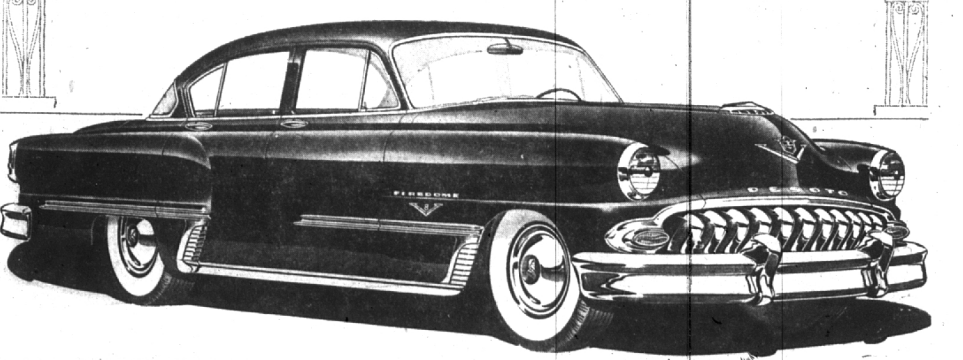
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