

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

FROM A MUNICIPAL STANDPOINT, Birmingham may become known as the "springboard of future village and city managers." In a little over two years, four former Birmingham city employees have moved into top positions in other cities. First was Public Works Director Leland Gunn, who took over as city manager of Buchanan, Mich. Then George Olson, of the city engineering department, hired in as city manager of North St. Paul, Minn. Third to leave was former B'ham building inspector Barkley Owens, who went to Buchanan to succeed Gunn, who had moved on to become city manager of Bakersfield, Calif. Latest ex-B'ham employee to become a village manager is Dana Whitman, assistant to B'ham City Manager Don Egbert until Whitman was called back into the Army in Oct. 1951. Now released from service, Whitman takes over Dec. 1 as village manager of Holden Mass., a town of 6,000 to 8,000, just seven miles outside of Worcester, Mass. Next?

MONDAY NIGHTS' B'ham city commission meeting was one of the shortest held in many months. Mayor Dean G. Beier called the meeting to order at 8 p.m., and at exactly 9 p.m. Commissioner V. B. Watkins moved that it adjourn.

BIRMINGHAM'S BUDDING naturalist, Bill Bartelson, has just returned from Florida and a series of, to him, fascinating trips through the swamps and visits to snake farms. Bill brought back a souvenir, a rattlesnake skin, complete with head and poison fangs, another item in his collection of reptilian life.

WANTING NEWS from home, Sgt. C. E. Myers, now serving in Korea, has entered his subscription for The Eccentric. Sgt. Myers was graduated from Baldwin high school in 1945 and has worked in Birmingham. In his letter he says that many evenings taking place here should be familiar to him but makes it clear that he would "much rather be there reading it" (in Korea). The date line in his letter reads, "Frozen chosen, Nov. 8."

A PERSONAL LETTER from President-elect Dwight Eisenhower is now one of the prized possessions of Mrs. Sten Bartelson of 432 Baldwin. Mrs. Bartelson sent a copy of her poem, printed in the Oct. 23 issue of The Eccentric, to the Republican candidate. Upon her return from Florida last week she found his note of appreciation awaiting her. "He" told her it was the "warm words of encouragement from friends," many of whom he had never met, which helped ease the strain of intensive campaigning.

BIRMINGHAM YOUNGSTERS are having their special inning at Baldwin library which is observing Children's Book Week. Displays of books especially interesting to the younger generation are being shown and, according to Librarian Jeanne Lloyd, are attracting widespread attention from among the school children.

You know that the way to build a strong and muscular body is to give it exercise, work with burdens to bear. Achieving happiness equally depends upon exercising the qualities of one's charity, generosity and love; thus one's spirit grows stronger.



RICHARD RILEY

Birmingham Boat Racer Announces Plans for 1953

Richard Riley, 32346 Arlington, has announced plans for the coming season's motor boat races.

Owner of the Miss Sally Anne, formerly known as Miss Birmingham, Riley said he had already entered his boat in the Gold Cup race in Seattle next year, along with several other important racing events.

Riley had planned several entries for the past season, but said that after watching some of the others, decided his craft needed major changes if she were to run with the winners, and to protect his own personal safety during the races.

WHEN THE Miss Sally Anne is put into the water next season, it will be with radical changes in the hull and forward planing steps. The bottom has been sheathed in aluminum and the entire frame strengthened.

"At anything over a hundred miles an hour the boat was difficult to steer in," Riley said, "but

Six Persons Hurt In Local Mishaps

Six persons were injured in two Birmingham mishaps within the past week.

On Nov. 13, four received injuries in a two-car crash at Hunter and Maple when Szczepan Pejan, 41, of Pontiac ran a red light, hitting a car driven by Charles Fredricks, 60, of 1039 Maple.

Mrs. Fredricks, 55, most seriously hurt, received body injuries which confined her to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Fredricks, Pejan and his passenger, Dorothy Driver, 39, also of Pontiac, were released after treatment.

POLICE SAID Pejan was ticketed for reckless driving. Witnesses backed Fredricks' story that he had been parked in the island, waiting for the light to change when the Pontiac car disregarded the signal and crashed into him.

In the second accident, which happened Monday, a Detroit boy, Jonathan Schwartz, 15, was issued a ticket for not having his car under control. Police said he struck the rear of a car stopped for the light at Hunter and Oakland, driven by Orazio Rea, Detroit.

Minor injuries were suffered by Robert Klein and Steve Schwartz, both of Detroit.

Manager to Report on Sewage Problem

City Manager D. C. Egbert this week told Birmingham city commissioners he is preparing a report to them on a 4-hour meeting held Friday between city officials, city sewage engineering consultants, and representatives of the state board of health.

"Some problems were solved, some remain unsettled," Egbert stated.

Birmingham and several other surrounding municipalities have been told to abate their sewage pollution of the River Rouge by December 1954.

We think we have that licked now. "I hope this explanation will serve to answer the many inquiries I have received during the past season. I also hope that in the coming season we can successfully represent the City of Birmingham in fast competition."



LEWIS REIMANN

Torch Club Hears Up Camp Author

Last Tuesday evening at the Community House the Oakland County Torch Club heard a talk by Lewis C. Reimann, noted author and distinguished member of the Michigan Camping Association.

The subject of Mr. Reimann's lecture was "Pioneer Camps of the Upper Peninsula." He is in command of the facts and features of the Upper Peninsula having been born and raised there.

Mr. Reimann brings with him a very impressive background. One of a family of 14 children, he attended the University of Michigan where he played football under Hurry-Up West and was the heavyweight wrestling champion.

For 32 years he owned and operated a private camp for boys at Charlevoix, attended by local youths and is now camp consultant and executive secretary of the Michigan camping association.

Circa Scenium's Tickets All Sold

The circus in all its glory will be presented tonight and Friday in the Birmingham high school gymnasium. Both are completely sold out, with \$3,000 cleared by Washington group members, show sponsors.

General director of Circa Scenium is Angelo Angelotti with Meridelle Knights, student director.

The program will include Roger Miller and Jim Hildebrand as ring masters; Dave Schuh, tap dancer; Pat Andrus, vocalist, and Bob Smith playing Rachmaninoff's "Prelude in C Sharp Minor."

A group of girls headed by Leah and Judy Webster will dance the Bunny Hop, and another group the cap can.

CELIA COFFIN and Sue Wilson perform "The Old Soft Shoe." The Minor Five will play "Perdido" and two other arrangements, with Dave Campbell and Sharon Stanton vocalizing.

A hill billy band, Glenn Ayers, Hugh Spence, Horace D'Angelo, John Hickman, Harley Collins and Mickey Plumstead will also be featured.

A chorus will sing "Always a Bridesmaid but Never a Bride." Judy Ritner, Jerry Flores, Paula McDonald, and Dick Wessche dance the Charleston. Ballroom dancing will be by 14 couples.

Vacation of Two Alleys Approved by Commission

Vacation of both east-west and north-south alleys in the Lincoln-Watkins-Wallace-Southfield block has been approved by Birmingham city commissioners with reservations for city services retained.

Residents asked that the alleys be vacated so that they might beautify the area.

Child Psychology Course Is Given At City-Country

Mr. and Mrs. George Rooper, directors of City and Country school, Bloomfield Hills, will hold a four evening course on child psychology for parents and friends of the school on November 24,

December 1, 15, and January 12. The course will cover the development of children, the normal child, parent-child relationship and a discussion observation of children. Participants may observe in the nursery school and kindergarten in the morning to gather material for discussion. The workshop is open to everybody interested in children up to 15 years of age. Evening meetings will begin at 8:30 p.m.



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