

Obtaining Liquor For Minors Nets Fine, Probation

Buying liquor for minors resulted in a fine and six months probation for Warren Clyde Smith, 44, of 124 S. Woodward.

Smith pleaded guilty to the charge in Justice John J. Gault court Monday. Fine was set at \$15, and Smith also was ordered to pay \$10 costs. He was arrested on the charge on Dec. 17.

In another case Monday, William Boyd Woodburn, 53, of 728 W. Lincoln, pleaded guilty to drunk and disorderly conduct and was fined \$20, ordered to pay \$5 cost, and was placed on probation for three months. Woodburn was arrested Christmas Eve.

Also arrested Christmas Eve was Willie Medlock, 58, of 411 Vidmark, Pontiac. At his court appearance Monday, he was charged with drunk and disorderly and driving an automobile with faulty equipment.

A police officer testified that a wheel fell off Medlock's car as officers in a scout car ordered him over to the curb. The officer also said that Medlock appeared to be unsteady when he got out of his car.

Medlock pleaded guilty to the second count, but insisted that he was not drunk. He was fined \$5



PVT HUGH R. MORROW, son of Mrs. R. A. Morrow, 433 Merrill, has completed Army Basic training conducted at the 3d Armored Division at Fort Knox, Ky. Morrow entered service on July 28 of this year. He was trained to be a prospective tank crewman.

and assessed \$5 costs after he explained that his car had been damaged in an accident the day before and that he had just taken it out of a garage with the garageman's assurance that all was in order.

The drunk count was dismissed.

Community House Ends Busy Year

It is safe to say that no spot in Birmingham is busier or has a more varied program than does the Birmingham Community House.

The year just ending has stressed this fact more than ever before, since the House's facilities were taxed to the fullest on many occasions.

During the year 393 clubs and organizations have held 3,281 meetings, involving a total of 175,533 persons.

House activities, while mainly concerning residents of the Birmingham area, are not limited to these. Mrs. Velma Isley, director, pointed out:

County groups such as the Girl Scouts, Red Cross, family service and school administrator groups also meet there. Area meetings, as well as official business sessions are held there, and the Red Cross calling upon its facilities for the operation of blood banks.

There are cultural and educational groups using House accommodations. Social welfare, civic and service groups, training courses and other affairs of a purely social character call the House "headquarters."

SEVERAL OF the study groups, or training courses, are House-sponsored. Usually two courses in each of the several fields are held each year, one being made for the winter series to open next month.

Community meetings of several groups are common here and the stage facilities are often used by organizations rehearsing plays as well as for the actual presentation of the production.

Regular "customers" of the House are those members of the Junior League who conduct their bi-annual vision screening tests in the Ranch Room.

Among the oldest and most consistent patrons of the House is the Ruth Stain International Relations class which has met there regularly for 30 years.

A "BIG MOMENT" came when the House was chosen for the first out-going long distance telephone call after the direct toll dialing installation was completed by Michigan Bell.

Michigan Bell, during the slack summer period, rented office space at the House where workers compiled the yellow pages section of the area phone directory.

The building program and fire at St. James Episcopal church saw the House come to the rescue, and for 15 weeks regular Sunday services were held there. The annual holiday bazaar, guild meetings and other church affairs took place in the Bates street building, too.

This year, as last, a part of the holiday party was slated at the House, children gathering there for entertainment and fun following the annual parade.

FOR SOME time the House has been accustomed to serve family night dinners, change to this system during the past year, saw the development of a Thursday night buffet supper. The House was thus able to serve a wider menu and serve more people.

The purely social aspects included dance clubs, square dance groups, high school dances, bridge and card parties, choruses, the high school's New Year's Eve

Board members, in addition to monthly meetings, serve on the Roll Call, budget and finance, long-range planning, House maintenance, personnel and public relations. A board member works with staff members for each House activity.

BESIDES THE educational program, The House sponsors a reception for newcomers to the community, introducing them to the various phases of community life from social through religious and educational.

The Ranch Room is the youth activities center where teenagers, under the guidance of adult supervisors, have their headquarters.

Senior members of the community find friendship and recreation along with a chance to help others, in various House activities.

The employment office, during the year, has received 7,843 applications for help and has made 5,137 placements.

A special House feature is the sick room closet which supplies needs for families stricken by illness, without charge. A new wheelchair will join the other equipment as a gift of the High Twelve club, for service in 1954.

In concluding her report, Mrs. Isley announced that plans are already underway for the 1954 Roll Call, scheduled to start Feb. 15, 1954.

Basketball Teams Resume Schedule

The Birmingham Church League and the YMCA Men's Intramural League resume play Thursday, Jan. 7, with the following games scheduled:

At the First Baptist Church: First Congregational, at 7 p.m. St. James vs. First Presbyterian at 8 p.m.

At the Barnum Junior high school: Fawcett Heating vs. Rite-way at 7 p.m. Wilson Pontiac vs. Baptist at 8 p.m. Baptist-in-the-Hills vs. Christ Church at 9 p.m.

Christ Church of Cranbrook leads the YMCA Church League with three wins and no losses while Wilson Pontiac has the same record in the YMCA Men's Intramural League.

Troy Plant Approved

An 18-lot subdivision in Troy township, to be known as Sylvanwood Gardens No. 7, was approved by board members Monday night subject to approval of utility rights-of-way by the city and the Oakland county road commission.

The subdivision will be an extension of the present Sylvanwood street. Owner of the land is Alexander Kakaseko.

No Enlargement During Expansion At City's Library

How do you make a library bigger without enlarging it?

That's not an enlarging it. That's the Baldwin public library. The magic is being accomplished, however, and is the second expansion step with the year.

Part of the library will soon see an enlarged area of book shelves back of the circulation desk, made possible by moving a wooden partition from its position at the rear of the fiction stacks back about 4 feet and opening to the public what, until now has been "closed stack."

Miss Margaret Lloyd, librarian, said moving the partition not only has the advantage of providing shelf space for over 3,000 more books, but gives more satisfactory service to patrons since nearly all the books are now available from all classes of books.

"MOVING THE partition was a fairly simple operation due to the foresight of the original planners who anticipated a growing library for a growing community," Miss Lloyd continued.

The "magic" was further helped along by "moving bees" Monday and Tuesday when staff members pitched in wholeheartedly before, during and after hours to move tons of books and magazines and clear the way for shifting the shelves and partition.

Community House Winter Classes Enrollment Open

Registration for the winter series of the Birmingham Community House craft and hobby classes begins Jan. 4. Classes start the week of Jan. 18.

A new member, Miss Sara Strengell, has been added to the teaching staff. She will conduct the course in self-improvement for high school girls. The classes are on Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and continue for six weeks.

Born in Finland and now a United States citizen, Miss Strengell has had wide professional experience in acting and dancing. She has worked extensively in radio and television and has done some newspaper work.

"Classes in crafts and hobbies this year will include the same courses offered in the spring series," Forest Hamline will substitute for Mrs. Connie Anderson in the Thursday evening bridge class.

ALL CLASSES are open to the public and include ceramics, creative writing, drawing, first aid and gardening. There will be instruction in interior decorating, military painting, and music appreciation and mixed chorus.

Youngsters from first to sixth grade may attend the Monday afternoon and Saturday morning drawing classes.

Older people of the community are invited to participate in the fun and sociability of the Senior Activities group which meets twice a month on Monday evening for cards, games and refreshments and the workshop for senior women on each Friday morning.

Size of classes is limited so an early registration will insure enrollment.

Junior McKays Honored At Parents' Open House

Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Simanek of Westchester Way were hosts Sunday afternoon at an open house in honor of their son's law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James D. (Evelyn) McKay, Jr.

The couple have been residing in Columbus, S. C., since their marriage last September. They left Tuesday for Columbus, Ga., where McKay is now stationed with the Army.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McKay of Westwood drive.

Household goods of every description are offered for sale in the Classified Columns of The Birmingham Eccentric.

Resident Invites Public To View Christmas Display

By ALICE E. MORGAN

There is at least one Birmingham woman who has Christmas in her throughout the year. Mrs. Earl K. Farmer, 1376 Bannavia, spends the entire year preparing for the coming Christmas, by acquiring more "people" for her holiday display, planning additional scenes and outfitting her tiny residents.

Starting about 16 years ago, Mrs. Farmer has built up a population of about 200 dolls. These are tiny little figures, two or three inches high, and much fully clothed. Mrs. Farmer crochets each garment and says "my little folks are really warm and snug—they'll have you understand they even have parties on!"

Her "Christmas scene," subject of an Eccentric feature a few years ago, was arranged on a buffet in the dining room. Since that time it has continued to increase in size until the present display is located on a 4 by 14 foot foundation, on the porch.

NEW THIS year is the Chinatown scene, cowboys at the rodeo, the old frontiersmen and Indians. As all other figures in the display, their clothing is true to their nationality or occupation.

The pioneers and hunters now have firearms to carry and have the help and assistance of their well trained dogs.

Still with the display are the skaters, family scenes, children and play, the hill for sleds, toboggans and skiing. The little village with its trees, street lights, homes and park are still there.

The farm section is complete with barns, silos and the old-fashioned "out door plumbering."

NOT ONLY has Mrs. Farmer spent long hours in tracking down the right type of doll and providing it with the proper clothing, she has also spent a great deal of thought and time in preparing appropriate landscaping and construction for her community.

Everything is in proper scale, the houses, trees, stores, churches, animals and people, all "match" as to size.

Eugehe Hes, M.A. is now resuming his informal investment lecture evenings, complying with many requests

Lecture Jan. 8th

HOW TO INVEST TODAY

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14 Mile Inn	32	28	28
Phib's Market	31	29	29
Forbes Oil	31	29	29
W. J. McCall	29	25	25
Otto's Drugs	29	25	25
Howard Electric	28	24	24
Electric Service	28	24	24
W. J. McCall	28	24	24
Team High Series, Forbes Printing	187	187	187
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