

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

BEEN CONTACTED RECENTLY regarding a possible Hollywood career for your youngster? Several persons have, they reported to this Wanderer. "What's it all about?" they wanted to know. We could only suggest that any such offers be investigated personally and fully. It is known that some organizations offering these Hollywood possibilities are not as sincere as others.

ONE OF THE MEMBERS of the June 1928 class to graduate from Baldwin high school is beginning to wonder if the others are as interested in a 25th reunion as she is. In a note to The Eccentric she listed 28 others who still are residents of the area and suggested that they give some serious thought to the reunion idea.

THIS WANDERER heard of one couple which became so eager to do a little more than their share for the polo drive last Thursday. After performing their neighborhood duties they simply kept going, and collected \$130 from the patrons of several Woodward avenue restaurants.

THE J. GRAHAM SHINNICKS of 945 Poppleton have reported the first robin of 1953. The housekeeper spied the bird and called the entire family to witness its arrival. The newcomer, according to Mrs. Shinnick, looked pretty wan and thin and quite chilly as he huddled in the shrubs around their home.

CHERI'S FAME is spreading. Cheri is the great dane puppy, owned by the Dean Robinsons of Bloomfield Hills, who, although weighing only five pounds herself, managed to eat a six-pound ham. Her picture first appeared in Life Magazine, then in The Eccentric. Last week her owners received a telephone call from the London (Eng.) Daily Mirror, asking that a print be rushed to them for publication there. Happy as we are to see a local dog make good, it hardly seems fair to flaunt her accomplishment in the face of meat-hungry Britons!

LAST WEEK'S COPY of The Birmingham Eccentric is to be displayed at Friday's annual newspaper show of the Northwestern Ohio Newspaper Assn. The organization wants a cross section of the 1952 National Editorial Assn. Better Newspaper winners. Last year The Eccentric placed fifth in general excellence among the nation's suburban weekly newspapers.

CITY COMMISSIONER Frank Rising walked into the Birmingham city commission room Monday evening for the group's weekly meeting, and all but threw up his arm to protect his eyes. The reason: the walls of the room last week had been painted a light cream color, which bounced the light around in dazzling fashion compared to the former dark buff color. The new paint job was the outgrowth of a suggestion Rising made several weeks ago.

A STREAMLINED METHOD of reporting to the Birmingham city commission, as suggested by Commissioner Vincent Watkins, will be adopted as soon as possible. City Manager D. C. Egbert says. Watkins would like the department heads to write the original reports, which would carry the manager's approval or disapproval in a note at the end of each report. "It will save you valuable time," Watkins explained to Egbert. "I agree," Egbert answered.

First Methodist Holds First Place In Church League

First Methodist church basketball team retained its first place lead in the Birmingham YMCA Church League with a 70 to 40 win over St. James Episcopal church. The Pleasant Avenue five had things pretty much in hand after the first five minutes of play and led 16 to 8 at the quarter and 39 to 10 at the half.

At Fayette with 20 points led the scoring for the victors while Brines Connelly's 23 markers for St. James paced both teams in the box score. Christ Church of Granbrook defeated First Baptist 52 to 47 in the Baptist five scored 10 points in the last quarter to almost pull even. The loss gave First Baptist its sixth loss without victory. Jim Kraus of Christ Church sank 25 points with 11 baskets and 39 foul shots to take scoring honors.

Lutheran church of the Redeemer had a close call in its game with King-in-the-Hills but won 31 to 26 as Jim Waddy tossed 20 points for the victors. His offensive effort gave the Lutheran five an edge they held throughout. Second half play starts at the Baptist church Thursday when First Baptist plays St. James and First Baptist plays King-in-the-Hills.

Southfield Kiwanis Club Given Johnston Record To Note Anniversary

Directors of the Southfield Kiwanis club will meet Feb. 6 at the home of Wesley Muir. Chairmen of standing committees selected are H. Anderson, boys and girls; W. Roemer, underprivileged children; U. Hart, Key club; G. Levey, vocational guidance; W. Tepp, Kiwanis education and fellowship; H. Wilson, inter-club relations; W. Oliver, agriculture and conservation; J. Grimes, public and business affairs; L. Walton, support of churches and T. Myers, programs and music.

The club is, this month, noting the anniversary of Kiwanis International. The Southfield group has been notified that a recording of Don Johnston, the first president of Detroit No. 1 Kiwanis club will be donated for their club files.

Takes Five Day Rest From Observer Post

Army Second Lieutenant Hugh A. Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Olson, 1705 Bammoor, Troy township, recently spent five days in Japan on a rest and recuperation leave from the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea. Lt. Olson, a forward observer, joined the 2nd Division in July, 1952. His wife, Beverly, lives in Detroit.

It is not strange that some people, looking for what they claim is "absolute morality," they are guilty of some madness; for example, one may claim to be virtuous, but in some instances, you find a dangerous possibility.



W. J. PCKER DONALD H. PANUSKA
Crane Co. manager greets contest winner

Five States Represented By New B2 Cub Members

Five states, not including Michigan, are represented among the eight boys who have become members of Quanton school's B2 Cub Pack.

New York leads the list with two, Allan Remp from Albany and Chick Stahelin from Westchester. Others are George Burmaster, Oak Ridge, Tenn.; David Carroll, Peoria, Ill.; Terry Overton, Newark, N. J.; Tommy Tompkins, Michigan City, Ind.; and Sammy Brigham from Pleasant Ridge.

Achievement badges were earned by Lee Robertson, Bob Stevenson, Billy Bibbins, John Kiefer, Timmy Tolle. The program consisted of a skit, "The Young Chief," by Ben B. and "The First American Flag" by Den B.

Want ads cannot be accepted after 5 p.m. each Tuesday.

Operetta Cast Selections Made At Cranbrook

Cast selections have been made for "The Gendriars," to be given this month as the ninth annual Gilbert and Sullivan production by the combined Glee Clubs of Kingswood School (Granbrook and Cranbrook School). Mrs. Lois J. Chapman, operetta director, has announced.

Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills members of the cast include Sue Blair, Katy Micon, Gwen Luce, Dwight Davis and Richard Booth who will sing principal roles in the presentation. Members of the chorus are Martha Bennis, Susie Patterson, Sally Arnold, Kay Deskin, Linda Everett, Peggy Hampson, Betsy Birkhead, Patty Hummel, Alice Mohler, Sharon O'Connor, Barbara Underhill, Janie

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SECTION 2
Thursday, February 5, 1953

Utility Room Design Wins National Honors

Two area people are among the 32 winners in a national architectural competition sponsored by Crane Co. for improved design of bathrooms, kitchens and utility rooms.

They are Donald H. Panuska, 30, an architectural draftsman, of 32600 Telegraph, winner of a \$3,000 first place award, and Jimmy Lee Snow, a designer, of 3207 Belle Court, Royal Oak, who received an honorable mention and \$100.

Both Panuska and Mrs. Snow submitted designs for utility rooms. The competition covered divisions for designs of bathrooms for low-cost and luxury homes, kitchens and utility rooms for homes in any price range.

The awards were presented Jan. 28 at the office of William J. Pick, manager of the Crane Co. branch in Detroit.

Panuska is employed by Eero Saarinen and Associates, Bloomfield Hills. He received his architectural degrees at the University of Minnesota and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 1933-34, he taught at the school of architecture, University of Kansas, at Lawrence. He is a member of Alpha Rho Chi, professional architects' fraternity.

THE JURY said Panuska's design is comprehensively planned with all the necessary equipment for laundering and with a keen eye towards nocturnal hobnobbing. Mrs. Snow, a designer of fabrics, furniture and interiors, is a 1946 graduate of the University of Utah. She later took her master's degree in art at the Cranbrook Academy of Art.

Audience With Pope

Among the 17 members of Patrol Squadron 5 who were granted an audience with Pope Pius XII during their recent visit in Rome, Italy, was Gordon D. Howell, aviation electronics technician third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Howell, 2731 S. Rainbow Circle, Lathrup township.

Wallace Virginia Dawson, Marjorie Grief.

Martha McDonald, Ann Merse, Jeanne Luce, Martha and Jane Mahrer, Nancy Womberger, and Frankie Kyes, Cranbrook school boys in the chorus are Richard Booth, George Glover, Ralph Miller, Ray Fracassi, James Taylor, and David Milbrandt.

The proceeds of one of three performances will be donated this year, as in the past, to Children's Hospital in Detroit to finance special treatment rooms and equipment.

Leads Company Agents In Insurance Sales

Last year Roy E. Stringer, 1060 Glenhurst, representative of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company, led the company's entire nationwide field force in insurance production to become top man in the President's Club, according to an announcement from Harry J. Altick, general agent in Detroit. Stringer, a consistent company leader, possesses the coveted Charter of Life Underwriter designation, and is a life and qualifying member of the Million Dollar Round Table. He has written in excess of \$1,000,000 each year for the last 10 years.

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