

## BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

**AN APPEAL** By E'ham Polio Drive Chairman Jack Taylor that the city's fire siren be sounded a few times at 7 p.m. Jan. 29 to remind residents of the "Mothers' March", was politely but firmly turned down Monday night by city commissioners. Taylor explained that last year many persons said they would have turned on their porch lights if they had remembered about it, and he thought the sounding of the siren might be a good reminder. But commissioners pointed out that the siren is an emergency signal, and should only be sounded as such. Too, they said they didn't want to be placed in the embarrassing position of having to decide which groups could use it and which could not. Meanwhile, Taylor and his committee are trying to figure out some other "7 o'clock reminder."

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON** E'ham City Clerk Irene Hanley will be on her way to Hollywood, Fla., for a two-week vacation with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hawthorne, who just bought a home there a few weeks ago. Until Miss Hanley returns Feb. 9, Margaret Ann Polly, deputy city clerk, will handle the office's administrative duties.

**NEWEST MEMBER** of the E'ham Rotary club is Pat Mulcaister, a partner in Miller's Shoe Store at 100 N. Woodward. The club's 71st member, he was inducted Monday by Club President Clarence Villet.

**WE'VE ALL** heard the expression "skating along" used to denote smooth and easy traveling. One Birmingham boy, who delivers afternoon papers, took the phrase seriously last Saturday and quite unconcernedly skated from house to house as he delivered his papers.

**MODEL BEHAVIOR** for dogs will probably be demonstrated by Diane, prized Brittany spaniel, F. W. Averill of Westwood drive, during the dog obedience training classes which start the evening of Jan. 22 in Pontiac at the Daniel Whitfield school, Orchard Lake road, just west of Telegraph road. The little lemon and white spaniel has become a well-known figure at shows and before training groups throughout the area where she has shown what proper training can mean.

**AN EXTRA BOOST** for the mobile blood bank unit which visited Birmingham this week, under the sponsorship of church women, came from Mrs. Victor Guilmette, 1878 Washington. After reading advance notices of the visit, Mrs. Guilmette made a house-to-house canvass of her neighborhood, securing pledges from 14 of her neighbors. She, with Mrs. Carl Binkle, won the commendation of their pastor, the Rev. Arnold F. Runkel, for keeping the church membership informed as to date, time, etc., and for their efforts in getting donors lined up.

**A VISITOR TO BIRMINGHAM** this week has gone back home feeling 1) the City of Birmingham provides extremely unusual services to its residents, or 2) the city is full of peculiar people. Local Michigan Bell Manager Walter Fauser was in his office talking to this visiting friend of his when the Regular 12 noon Monday test of the fire siren was made. "What's that for?" the friend asked. "Why, that's the signal to the Birmingham Rotarians that they should get over to the Community House for their weekly luncheon," Walt responded in all seriousness.

**MARSHALL FREDERICKS**, Birmingham's internationally known sculptor, tells this story: The other day he was in a local barber shop getting a haircut. In walked a small boy, who soon was given his "trimming". When the barber had finished, the lad stepped down, got into his hat and coat and was about to walk out the door. "Just a minute, young fellow, haven't you forgotten to pay me the dollar and a half for your haircut?" the barber called out. "Why, no," answered the little fellow. "See, I put the money in that little container over there on the table." The barber smiled and said, "Okay, son, thanks." The container the boy referred to was a cardboard miniature of an iron lung, now found in most stores in connection with the current campaign for funds to aid polio sufferers.

**LISTED AS ONE** of the 99 "All-A" undergraduates honored Tuesday at Michigan State college at a dinner given by Pres. John A. Hannah, is Evelyn Horne, 181 E. Buckingham. A graduate of Baldwin high school, this is the second time Miss Horne's name has appeared on the MSC honor roll.

**A FALL** on the ice near his home Monday resulted in a broken shoulder for H. D. (Harry) Reynolds of 707 Purdy. Reynolds, 80, returned to his home after treatment at St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac. He is the former owner of the Birmingham Cab company.

*If you send your son or daughter out into the world with a start toward the development of personal responsibility, you have given him or her a most valuable quality. People who can assume, and then discharge, responsibility, will get ahead.*



**IT'S A THRILL** FOR LITTLE Sunny Roller to try out her new leg braces at the Sigma Gamma hospital in Mt. Clemens. Sunny, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Roller, 1810 Holland, is on the slow road to recovery from the dreaded polio disease. Sunny, and patients like her in Oakland County alone required \$65,000 for treatment during 1952 . . . and the treatment continues for many. Birmingham will be asked to do its share to help the March of Dimes replenish its exhausted treasury with "The Mothers March on Polio" January 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

### No Recall Seen For AF Reservists

Colonel John W. Richardson, a native of Birmingham, active in the affairs of the Reserve Officers Association, attended a meeting of the Air Force Affairs Committee of the Association, of which he is chairman, in Washington, D. C. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 10 and 11.

Colonel Richardson, upon his return to Detroit, where he is an official in the automotive industry, stated, "we were assured by Air Force spokesmen that there are no plans at this time to recall Air Force Reservists to active duty in voluntary."

**HIS STATEMENT** went on to indicate that the expression on the part of the Air Force is excellent news for the Birmingham area. The Air Force Affairs Committee was also informed that plans for furnishing advanced aircraft to Air Reserve units throughout

### Troy Mothers Schedule Polio March on Jan. 31

Mrs. Bernard Liss, 1900 East Long Lake road, has revealed plans for the Troy Mothers March of Dimes from 7-8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31.

"We have selected captains to cover the several areas, but need additional volunteers," Mrs. Liss said. "I will appreciate hearing from any mothers who will donate an hour of their time in our march against polio."

Torch lights burning, she explained, would be the signal for volunteers to call.

"We've even provided for the several men who have volunteered their services for the drive," Mrs. Liss said. "Each one will wear a little tag explaining 'Tonight I Am a Mother,' since this is nationally known as 'Mothers' March.'"

the country were well under way and that delivery of Mustang Fighters was expected in the immediate future over all the country.

## Urges Improvement of Services for Children

"It's time now that we decide what to do about public services for children in Michigan—AND DO IT!" Robert Cray, of the Michigan Welfare League, declared Monday afternoon at a League of Women Voters' meeting.

Six studies have been made in the state concerning the desperate needs for public services to children. No more studies are needed. Now it is time to act," continued Cray.

He said the Michigan Welfare League, a coordinating and advisory group on children's services, is making plans for a forum leading to action in this field. He urged the Michigan Welfare League review handbook, "So That Our Children Can Be BETTER Served," and to attend the forum.

A Jackson, Mich., attorney, Cray, a member of the board of directors of the Michigan Welfare League, said he will discuss the following seven areas which must be dealt with, some in short range, some in long range planning.

Confusion of authority—Many agencies, both public and private, often provide overlapping services. Defer to it in n of juveniles—Few counties have a place to hold children who must be taken out of their homes—mentally ill, delinquent, etc.

### Parents Organize Group To Aid Crippled Children

Mrs. Robert Skeen, 707 Colonial court, has been named to the public committee for the recently formed Parents' Group of Cerebral Palsied and Mentally Retarded Children.

The new organization, working with the Oakland County Society for Crippled Children, is headed by Mrs. Frederick Cleland of Pontiac.

She announced that the officers and advisory board members would meet on Jan. 29 at the OCSOC headquarters, to discuss future plans of the new chapter.

"ALL THAT can be done is to put them in jail for 'sold storage,'" said Cray. "In a year 1,100 children in Michigan have been detained. One county provides one basement room, with one window and four beds. Up to eight children have been detained here at one time. Children under 19 years of age have spent up to 1175 days in jail—being detained. 'What good can come of just keeping them there without any plan for cure or correction?'" he asked.

Screening—Some facilities are needed to determine what service should aid a child. At present the policeman who takes him in usually decides.

CHILDREN'S mental hospitals—Very few children are treated publicly; they are they must be placed in adult institutions. But there is hope that the present legislative bill will provide money for mental hospitals for children. This is definitely short range work—as there is now hope that we will have them soon.

Juvenile delinquents—A separate youth division in the correction division is desperately needed.

Improved personnel—Standards must be established to guarantee that all personnel working with children meet specific training requirements for their particular jobs. County agents are a case in point, Cray said.

(LEAGUE OF Women Voters members praised Oakland County Probate Judge Arthur Moore's work with children in Oakland County.)

Constitutional changes—Before the children of the state can be served adequately, outmoded laws must be changed. The next Constitutional Convention is set for 1958. However, constructive legislation can take place in the meantime if the public is stirred sufficiently to demand proper legislation.

Mrs. Paul Bowers, state children's services chairman for the Birmingham League of Women Voters, who presented the program, stated that Cray's review of the

**Have You Met . . .** The new residents of 2825 Windemere drive? Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Nelson and their two children, Patricia, 2, and Michael, 3 months old, moved from Detroit in November. Nelson is a sales engineer with Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. He is a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers, and devotes much of his spare time to the building of miniature cars.

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