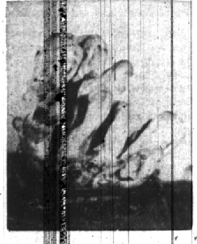


BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

OVERSAT 807 Chestnut, Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Powers were awakened about 4 a.m. Monday by the sound of their garbage can being tipped over. Neither the "Scat!" nor the "Go home!" which Mrs. Powers called into the darkness brought any noise of departure, so she took a flashlight and investigated. Two small raccoons blinked back at her and went right on with their search for tidbits. While she watched, they were joined by a third, a much larger animal and, presumably the parent. All three continued their lurch and shortly after they left, Mrs. Powers heard another nearby can fall under their assault.



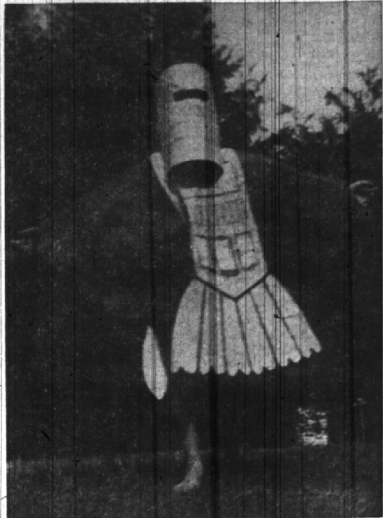
THEY'VE ASKED US and we don't know so can any of our readers identify this strange puffy fungus formation pictured here? Landscapers on the Earl Thompson home in Bloomfield Hills came across this weird formation growing on the ground under an Oak tree. Several "faces" can be seen on the strange buff-colored plant.

BECAUSE MAYOR RALPH MAIN had to attend another meeting Monday night, Mayor Pro Tem Lance Minor presided over the city commission's July 20th deliberations. A light agenda, due primarily to the fact that City Manager D. C. Egbert is spending a week's vacation at his cottage on Wild Fowl Bay near Bay Port, gave Minor the opportunity to wind up the evening's business in 35 minutes. Meetings normally last between 1 1/2 to 2 hours. This was Minor's first performance as mayor pro tem.

THERE WILL BE five Mondays in August, and on each of them the Birmingham Rotary club will hold its luncheon meetings at the First Baptist Church, Club President Ed Pool said. The annual closing of the Community House for August requires Rotarians and other service clubs to obtain luncheon and dinner facilities elsewhere.

One of the great annual benefits to people is the vacation period, most of which are taken in the summer time. It is good for employed people to get away from their work, for families to make trips together, to the far-off places. Vacations are a form of health insurance.

The Birmingham Eccentric



A COSTUME PARTY was held July 15 at the Adams school playground as part of the city's summer recreation program. Leading the grand parade were Margie and Suzanne Russell, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Russell, as President James Madison and his wife Dolly. The girls won first prize in the historical costume division. Shelly Parry (above) as the Thunder Bird, shared a prize with her brother Carl, also in Indian garb. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Parry. Spectators also were fascinated by . . .



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, as portrayed by Kathy and David Beier, children of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Beier, Ellen Parry, representing Little Bo-Peep was among the prize winners of the day as was the Gypsy, Christine Mullen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Mullen. Judges were Mrs. Theodore Mordant, Mrs. Donald Parry, Mrs. Frederick Meyer and Mrs. Frank Russell.

Royal Oak Firm Awarded City Sidewalk Contract

The Davis Construction Co. of Royal Oak, lowest of several bidders for the city's 1953 sidewalk program, has been awarded a work contract by Birmingham city commissioners.

The project which amounts to several miles of sidewalks, will be done at the same price as the 1952 program—40 cents per square foot. Although the contract calls for some new construction, the bulk of it is replacing existing walks which have been declared hazardous.

proved by Birmingham city commissioners. At Monday night's session, commissioners authorized the vacation of the old route with its northern curve, and dedicated the new straightaway.

Approve Straightening Of E. Lincoln Section

Straightening of the extreme eastern end of Lincoln avenue, in the Eton Park area, has been ap-

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Mrs. H. H. Hoosack entertained a group of neighbors recently at a luncheon at her home on Robinwood in honor of Mrs. Emmet Mills who is moving from that area in the near future. The guests were Mrs. Jack Price, Mrs. Cam Wozniak, Mrs. Stan Vida, Mrs. Kay Burton and Mrs. Henry Wolfe. Last week Mrs. Mills had her aunt, Mr. Herman Dusher of Brookfield Heights, as a houseguest.

Mr. Harry Fairchild invited Mr. Fairchild's parents, the A. Wingers of Manchester, Ind., to dinner in their home on Robinwood avenue recently. The visit gave the grandparents an opportunity to see Steve Fairchild before he left Monday to spend two weeks at Camp Troquois near Bay City.

The Haris Blairs of Groveland avenue were among a group of old friends who went to Owosso last Saturday as guests of the Andrew Barkers, formerly of Detroit. Saturday night the Barkers took their guests to dance at the Owosso country club.

Friday, and Mrs. Gordon Messner returned to their home on Groveland avenue after spending a week at Atlantic City.

Sunday morning a baby daughter was born to the John Stupkas of Elmwood avenue at St. Joseph's hospital, Pontiac. The Stupkas have one other child, Karen Ann, who is eight years old.

The Frank Forests of Robinwood avenue were, as their houseguests Mrs. Forest's niece, Karen Robinson of Grand Rapids and Forest's brother-in-law, Forest of San Antonio, Texas.

William J. Cowan, who makes his home with his aunt and uncle, the Harold Bastains of Robinwood avenue, returned last week after a two-week Canadian vacation. He stayed at Camp Canada near Northby, Ontario for the fishing. He reports that the catches were numerous but of average size. He also visited Toronto before turning south.

Barbara Katz, daughter of the Max Katz of Olivia avenue, celebrated her tenth birthday last Tuesday with a picnic lunch and swimming party at Square Lake.

Mrs. Katz was assisted by Mrs. Robert Hoffman at the party. Nancy Coates, Sarah Douglas, Leslie Ash, Helen Hoffman and Barbara's brother, Ron, went on the outing.

Mrs. Bob Swift entertained in her Groveland street home Saturday to celebrate her daughter Gail's fifth birthday. Invited for luncheon and for cartoons were Benny Coates and Pam Birchard, Allen Brantley, Jean Puhos, Barbara Swart, Wilhelmina Allen, Richie Blair, Kathy Carozzi, Deborah Tabbert and Paul Stupka.

Saturday Mrs. Thomas Porter gave a luncheon at her home on Aberdeen Drive followed by a trip to the Casino for her daughter, Kathy who was ten years old.

Karen Blackburn, Melissa Hocking, Myrtle Stahl, Sherry Ziegler, Carolyn Morris, Karen Potter, Joyce Wood, Barbara's sister, Nan-

Rec. Bd. Has \$3,000 Toward Construction Of Eton Tennis Courts

Birmingham's recreation board has made \$3,000 in unexpended balances available to the city to help defray the construction costs of tennis courts at Eton Park.

The funds have accumulated over a period of years when expenditures have been below seasonal estimates. A great deal of the fund has come from monies set aside for winter skating programs which have failed because of weather conditions.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert said the recreation board is seeking proposals for the construction of two courts with serious consideration on the possibility of a third court.

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Commissioners Approve Transferring of Funds

Closing out of five accounts by Birmingham city commissioners has resulted in the reallocation of funds amounting to \$4,537.84.

Of this amount, the general fund surplus account will receive \$1,448.14 from unexpended balances of the planning commission and Eton road drainage project.

The remaining \$3,089.80, which consists of surplus in allocations for an analysis of the city's filing system, Birmingham-Crestview park development and the Adams avenue improvement study, was assigned to the capital improvement fund.

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