

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

THIS WANDERER, like a lot of other people, became quite curious about the strange phenomena of the cicadas this past weekend. Like them, we drove out Trowbridge road Sunday afternoon to do a little looking around by ourselves. A gentleman was coming down the road, proudly bearing several specimens, several of which were the empty shells which he was taking to his children. The only hitch in his plans was simply that the ones he selected to take home were firmly fastened to a spray of poison ivy.

A LETTER TO Santa Claus was delivered to this Wanderer's desk Monday morning, making us wonder if the heat had gotten us. The contents of the letter made us wonder even more—because it was simply an assigned, unfilled order blank for bridal shower invitations. Does it mean that all someone wants for Christmas is a bridal shower—or what?

THE ADDITION OF a third bus for the Wing Lake-Eoxcroft area brings joy to the heart of a least one resident. She is so happy about the three-day service to and from Detroit that she is having time schedules printed which she will distribute among area families. "It's so nice to have the service," she said "that I want to make sure everyone knows about it. The buses leave Wing Lake road at 7:02 a.m.; 12:16 and 4:54 p.m.

FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS—ever since he became a member of the Birmingham Rotary Club, Ray Cook has maintained a perfect attendance record. Indicative of his Rotary spirit, while on a fishing trip in Northern Ontario some years ago Ray traveled 167 miles south to Port Arthur to make up a meeting. Monday night his fellow Rotarians gave him a rousing sendoff to Delray Beach, Fla., where Ray and his wife are establishing their new home. Ray is a past-president of the Birmingham club.

FINAL CANOE TRIP of the season was taken last weekend by members of Troop B-4 Explorer Scouts. They went down the Jordan River near Boyne City, and according to Troop Advisor Clarence Kraft, "caught all the trout we could get."

July 4 Opening Sought For Troy Township Park

The Troy township park committee, hopeful of a July 4 opening at Boulan Park, Boulan and Alfine, the township's first park, have doubled their efforts to bring the initial development of the area.

Twenty picnic tables have already been constructed, painted and stored and 20 more are under construction. The Big Beaver Boy Scout Troop 10 has taken over the painting of the furniture.

Two ball fields have been graded and construction of rest rooms is in progress.

Monkey bars, swings and a slide have already been installed and a water line has been completed to the park grounds.

Construction of a road to be called Beverly 300 feet north of Boulan off Crooks is underway to take park traffic off of Boulan.

Ronald W. Ransville, present committee member is resigning and will be replaced by an appointment by the Troy township board.

Saturday Holidays Will Not Give City Workers Any Extra Time Off

When legal holidays fall on Saturdays, the City of Birmingham commissioners have decided. It is a discussion of the issue Monday, it was pointed out that Memorial Day and July Fourth fall on Saturdays this year, with Christmas 1954, on the same day.

Commissioners said that since Saturday is not a work day, they see no need of additional time off arrangements.

Ensign Back on Duty After Highway Mishap

Ensign L. R. Hotchkiss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph R. Hotchkiss, 841 Hazelwood, has returned to duty at Quonset Point, R. I.

Ensign Hotchkiss received head injuries in a highway accident on May 30 and was confined to Mt. Auburn hospital, Cambridge, Mass., for several days.

Fountain at Poppleton

The sum of \$170 has been allocated from the city park improvement fund for the installation of a drinking fountain at Poppleton Park. In making this request to Birmingham city commissioners, the recreation board said that since the park is being used quite extensively, the need for drinking water facilities is urgent.

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

It cannot be said too often: every kindly act one does for another, though some of them are directly appreciated by the recipient, is registered indelibly on Heaven's Scroll—and one's reward is certain. The kindly one is rewarded.

City Outlook OK If People Use Water Sparingly

Last Saturday's excessive heat brought water demands soaring in Birmingham when 4,224,000 gallons were pumped. Just about a year ago on June 14, 1952—the all time high of 5,296,000 was reached.

Commenting on Saturday's figures, City Manager D. C. Egbert said that with resident cooperation, no shortage is expected for Birmingham this summer.

He added that the new Wakefield well, 247 feet deep, would probably be available for service within the next two or three weeks, and would materially to the supply available.

"We are asking residents," he said, "to cooperate with the city by not sprinkling lawns during the so-called dinner hour, from 5 to 6 p.m., and again after 9 p.m.

"WE ASK the later reduction to give the wells a chance to come back to their proper level ready for the day time demands," Egbert explained.

He added that all unnecessary use of water, sprinkling, washing cars, supplying yard pools and lawns, should be halted immediately should the siren sound for a general alarm fire.

"This use of water can mean the difference of success or failure in successfully fighting a fire," he commented. "We have little doubt about Birmingham residents complying with our request to turn all water off immediately and refrain from using it for two hours—unless the siren sounds again indicating the fire has not been extinguished."

Group Buys Lafer Farm for Home, Camp for Boys

An Oakland county show place for 50 years, the Lafer farm on Oxford has been purchased by a group of Oakland county and Detroit juvenile courts, and will be used as a home and camp for underprivileged children.

The use of the sale came from the office of Probate Judge Arthur E. Moore of Pontiac, first vice president of the group.

Judge Moore said the herd of 57 registered Holstein cattle also will be purchased from the Lafer farm.

Judge Moore will share supervisory duties with the Oakland county juvenile court staff. William Hunt, director, which will be operated by members of the Oakland county juvenile staff. William Hunt, of the court staff will be Hunt's assistant.

A DOWN payment of \$30,000 was made with private subscriptions being sought for the balance of the purchase price and additional facilities.

The farm-camp offers excellent housing conditions, a private lake for fishing and swimming, camp sites and recreational grounds.

Mrs. T. Hollister Mabey is secretary of Camp Oakland with Carl O. Barton, Richard Harris, Thomas A. Farrell and Mrs. Austin Parrell, all of Birmingham as members of the board.

Board members from Bloomfield Hills are Mrs. Edward Proctor, Mrs. John St. Clair, Fred Sanders, R. K. Vinton and Malcolm W. Welby.

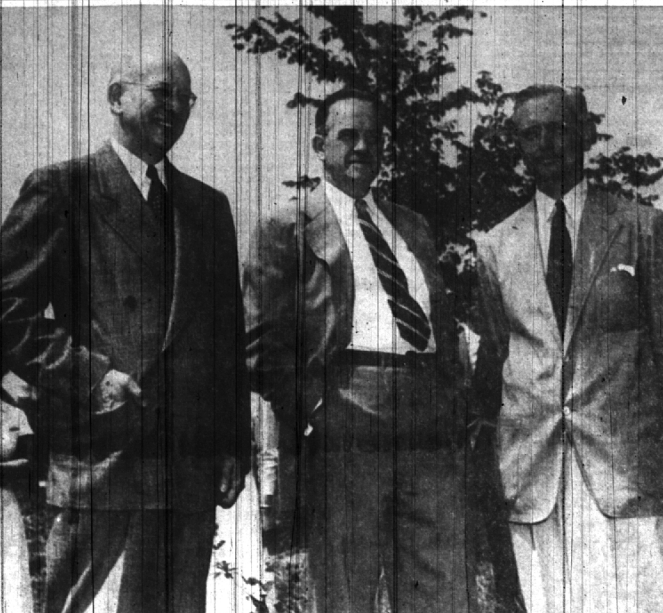
Myron Collins to Head Charles Edwards Post

Myron Collins was named commander of Charles Edwards Post, American Legion at its election June 9.

Other officers are Colin Gowans and Peter Hendricks, senior and junior vice commanders; Bennett Brown, adjutant; Al Voss, finance officer; Elton Buck, chaplain; Delbert Miller, sergeant-at-arms and Hugh McHugh, historian.

The post plans a party Monday evening, June 29, at the Motor City Speedway. Reservations must be made at the post before Sunday evening.

The Birmingham Eccentric



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Hospital's executive committee members watch groundbreaking ceremony.

Oakland Hospital Construction Starts

Heavy earth moving equipment was gouging the terrain at Woodward Avenue, Coolidge and Thirteen Mile roads today as contractors speeded work on Oakland Hospital, the largest construction project to be let in Oakland county this year.

Following ground breaking ceremonies Friday, 10 days ahead of schedule, excavation for the \$5,000,000 unit got under way this week with completion of both power house and hospital, including equipment and furnishings, scheduled in 18 months.

According to the general contractors, O. W. Burk Co., the project will require a large working force, with as many as 500 constructing workers on the job at one time. There are 62 subcontractors.

Formal ground breaking took place in the presence of more than 150 interested spectators, including mayors and city managers of 10 Oakland County municipalities.

Birmingham Lions Installation Held

Formal installation of officers of the Birmingham Lions club was held at Kingsley Inn June 24, preceded by a dinner at 7 p.m.

M. W. (Bud) Truba was installed as president for the coming year, with Mark B. Bears and Robert J. Gougeon, vice presidents; Hal P. Buerge, lion tamer; Jack D. Andrews, lion twister and Donald L. Cummings, secretary-treasurer.

Directors are Lyman Craig, Jr., William E. Roberts, Allen Strom and Richard Young. Dr. Jack Hasenberger was master of ceremonies with past presidents of the club as installing officers.

Perfect attendance pins for the past year were awarded to Mark Bears, Robert Bender, Russell Berger, Clarence Bleeman, Emerson Brown, Hal Buerge, Dominic Caputo, Ralph Chaffee, Otto Corbett, J. Donald Cummings.

Vern Griffith, Arnold Grooms, James Kelly, Edward Kurth, Walter Moreland, Claude Mierow, Donald Parry, Raymond Peck, Lloyd Smith, William Spence, John Spenser, Jr., Brad Springer and Richard Young.

Oakland Hospital actually receives the largest single allocation from the Greater Detroit Hospital fund, a sum of \$2,500,000 determined by the need for hospital beds in this area.

The total project will exceed \$5 million when construction and equipment, land and operating capital are taken into account. A substantial part of this whole amount is in hand or pledged. We are counting strongly on the physical progress now being made to effect fulfillment of outstanding pledges and additions to working capital."

WHEN COMPLETED next year, he said, the facility will provide a 200-bed hospital, completely air conditioned including all bedrooms, fully equipped as to kitchen, laundry, sterilizers, X-ray and other equipment, fully furnished as to beds, linens, draperies and the like, a large outpatient department for emergency and ambulant patients, and complete and modern departmentalization for surgery, obstetrics and other components.

Total cost of this phase was placed at \$4,351,626. The construction cost, with air conditioning but exclusive of equipment and furnishings, amounts to \$1,425,350, he said.

AMONG SPECTATORS at the ceremony, besides municipal authorities, were Representatives Howard R. Estes and William Bronkoff, state legislators who with Senator George Higgins fostered enabling legislation for the hospital; Dr. Harold A. Farling, former president, and Dr. Oliver MacKenzie, president of the Oakland County Medical Society; Dr. Robert J. Mason, chairman of the society's hospital finance committee; Dr. Howard B. Barker, chairman of the hospital's medical advisory committee; Miss Lois J. Kammer, of the Detroit Council on Community Nursing, and Stewart Walker, executive director of the Greater Detroit Hospital Council.

Tomlinson announced that with construction turned over to the architects and contractors, the Oak-

land Hospital board of trustees now enters the important phase of staff organization, administration and personnel, to provide immediate occupancy and operation of the hospital when the building program is completed.

Newspaper submitted early is necessarily given preference, so the "early bird" usually gets the space.

Little League American League Race Tightens

The Red Sox pulled into a tie for the league lead with the Indians in the American Division of the Little League but the Pirates added two more wins to their undefeated status to hold sway in the National Division.

In games last week in the National Division the Pirates outplayed the Cubs 15-0 with Wilfers getting the win and then edging the Braves 4-2 with the win going to Baker.

The Giants also won two during the week from the Braves 4-2, and the Cubs 3-0. Lewis and Diller were the winning pitchers in these games.

In the American Division the Red Sox took two, beating the Tigers 6-3, and the Yanks, 10-4. Johnson was the winning pitcher in each of these games.

The Yankees downed the Indians 6-4 with the win going to Meuninger. The Indians bounced back into the win column later in the week to win over the Braves 8-6. Dixon was the winning hurler.

Standings
American League

Team	Won	Lost
Indians	4	2
Red Sox	4	2
Tigers	3	3
Yanks	2	4

National League

Team	Won	Lost
Pirates	6	0
Giants	5	3
Braves	2	4
Cubs	1	5

Twenty-four mothers of children playing in the Little League baseball program have organized to collect \$1,500 for league equipment. The mothers who represent each team in the league and farm system, will report on the progress of the drive at a July 2 meeting at the Community House.

City Okays Asphalt For Alley Surfacing

Birmingham city commissioners have approved the request of Richmond, Coleman and Moss, Detroit builders, to use asphalt in lieu of concrete on a 20-foot alley used as an access drive for the 10-unit terrace they are building between Abbey and Putney in the Birmingham Forest Hills subdivision.

Approval was given subject to the owners construction and maintenance at city standards.

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