

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

CASTING ONE'S BREAD upon the waters can, and very often does, "return with hot dog and mustard added". Witness the recent experience of John P. Emmett, 641 Yarmouth. While down east on a trip, he purchased a pet rooster and shipped it to his local address. The canine cost him \$150. It was sold by the wife of a kennel operator, while her husband was out of town. Upon his return, the kennel owner expressed much disappointment over the sale, declaring he had planned to keep the dog for breeding purposes. When this was explained to Emmett, he shipped the dog back east and in turn received but only his \$150 check back, but also another and very good collie for nothing. "Walking the extra mile," observed Emmett, "more often than not is a good personal investment in business as well as in other human relations."

WALTER F. CAREY, 6125 Middlebelt Road, re-elected as president of the Wayne University Alumni Association, was installed in the office at the combined annual meeting and reunion of the association last week. Carey also is president of the American Trucking Association.

THIS WEEK-END 11 Explorers and Boy Scout leaders from Birmingham will embark on a 45-mile canoe trip down the Manistee River. They will form part of an armada of 85 canoes bearing 145 boys and 70 scout leaders. Friday evening the voyagers will meet at the Manistee river on Highway 72 west of Grayling. They will camp there overnight and begin paddling downriver on Saturday morning. They will again camp on the river Saturday night and complete the water trip at Sharon, noon Sunday.

AMONG THE candidates for the degree of bachelor of arts at the Cornell university centennial commencement on June 8 will be James Laidig. Young Laidig is following the footsteps of his father, Lester Laidig of 18236 Birwood, who was graduated from Cornell in 1924.

THIS WANDERER was somewhat startled the other morning to see two little boys, probably about nine years old, knitting as they trudged along to school. True, it wasn't the kind of knitting one commonly sees, but the long tubular chain which is done on a "spool." The boys carried the yarn in one pocket and kept pushing the finished product into another pocket as they worked. "We didn't get very close, but as far as we could tell, they were doing a very good job, too."

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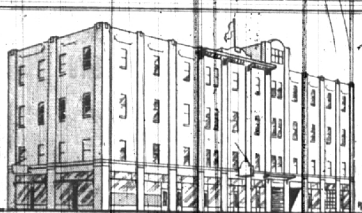
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22 LWV Members Participate in State Meeting

Twenty-two members of the Birmingham League of Women Voters attended the State League Convention held at Kelliog Center, East Lansing on May 13-14. Elected to the state board was Mrs. John D. Rumsey, 20745 Greewood Drive, Franklin, Mrs. Rumsey received her BA degree in education from Duke University. She worked as a social worker for the Board in Prince George's County, Md.

She has been a member of the Birmingham League of Women Voters of Birmingham for 2 1/2 years as finance chairman, voters' chairman, and 2nd vice president. Mrs. Rumsey also is active in the Birmingham Junior League as project-finding chairman and past placement chairman.

The Birmingham League of Women Voters is so many local members recognize the importance of state legislative problems and to make their voices heard in determining league agenda for the coming two years, said Mrs. Fred Loomis, president of the Birmingham LWV.

THE MICHIGAN League of Women Voters establishes its program through the democratic process of a required two-thirds vote of the League of Women Voters of Michigan will work for (a) uniform scientific property assessment throughout the state, and (b) the distribution of state aid to local government and schools on the basis of need and merit standards.

Mrs. Hope Dunne of Interlake, State Tax chairman, stated the present tax dilemma in the state points up strongly the need for basic tax reform reaching from county assessment to Legislative action. The League already has filed itself in a position of leadership through introduction of a resolution by Rep. Howard Estes from its study group in the Legislature.

"THIS RESOLUTION" has passed and is presently expected out of the rules and regulations committee into the floor of the Senate.

The second agenda item accepted by the delegates was "Improvement of the operation of Michigan's present election laws and action in support of needed reforms."

The state board was approached by election officials and legislators to act as an advisory program in cooperation with the joint interim committee in the senate and the governor's commission on election laws. The League held fast to the tradition of having only agenda items on which the 3,000 members will concentrate for the next two years.

HOWEVER, THE demand for action on "Individual Liberties" has a string that it was made a special project along with the organization-wide drive to "know your state."

Mrs. Loomis said that the delegates were well satisfied with the report and that they will be able to make important contributions to the state program.

Arrives in Korea

WITH THE KOREAN BASE SECTION—Army Pvt. Earl E. Herron, 1292 Cole, recently arrived in Korea for duty with the Transportation Major Post Company. Herron graduated from Baldwin High School in 1951.

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PVT. WILLIAM W. MOORE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Moore, 8 Valley Row, Bloomfield Hills, is now stationed in Japan with a Military Police unit. A graduate of Bloomfield Hills High school, Pvt. Moore entered service in July, 1952, and received his MP training at Camp Gordon, Ga., before being shipped to Japan in December of last year.

Gray-Y Clubs Hold Overnight Camp

Birmingham, YMCA Gray-Y clubs will hold their spring overnight camp-out at Camp Onyx, near Holly, Michigan, Friday and Saturday, May 22 and 23. The groups will leave from their schools at the conclusion of school on Friday and form a motorcade at Maple and Telegraph roads, before proceeding to camp.

The program at the camp consists of boating, canoeing, softball, treasure hunt, evening campfire, and swimming if weather permits. Adult supervision and leadership will be furnished by the Y under the direction of Secretary Ed Kirk. Some drivers are still needed to transport the youngsters to and from camp, and volunteers are asked to telephone the Y.

Lt. Wilson In Korea With Infantry Div.

WITH THE 7TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN KOREA—Second Lt. Harry W. Wagner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson W. Wagner, 223 Oakland, recently joined the 7th Infantry Division in Korea. The division has fought continuously in Korea since its landing at Inchon in the fall of 1950. Elements of the 7th were the only U. S. forces to reach the Yalu River.

To Hold Last Meet Of Airplane Group

The final meeting of the Birmingham YMCA Airplane Model Group for this spring will be held at the YMCA next Monday, May 25, from 4 to 6 p.m. Pilot ratings will be given those who have earned them and all boys will be given an opportunity to exhibit planes which they have made. According to Robert Potter, instructor, and Mrs. Isabelle Hewitt, the group will present a display in the fall shortly after school starts.

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Kirk Pastor, Director Announce Resignations

At the conclusion of the sermon, "Four Years in Religion", Sunday morning, Dr. Leslie A. Bechtel announced his desire to retire from the active leadership of Kirk in the Hills and requested the status of minister emeritus.

Dr. Bechtel has been the only minister the Kirk has had having organized the church in November of 1947. He was instrumental in receiving from Col. Edwin S. George the gift of the George estate to be used for religious purposes.

The place consisted of the large George home and several other residences for members of the church staff. The property is located on West Long Lake road, just west of Telegraph Road, and fronts Island Road, Lower Long Lakes. A Gothic church, costing more than \$2,000,000 is now in the process of construction and is expected to be completed within three years. Part of the new church is finished and now in use. The church already has a membership of nearly 700 and a Sunday school of 500.

DR. BECHTEL came to Kirk in the Hills after serving four years as executive secretary of Detroit Presbytery and previous to that was minister of Glynway Presbyterian church in Detroit for 14 years. He was also minister of Detroit Presbytery in 1930 and 1940. Dr. and Mrs. Bechtel will make their permanent residence in northern Wisconsin, near Superior, where they have built a new home. They expect to leave Bloomfield Hills on July 27.

Dr. William P. Lemoy who for the past several years has supplied the pulpit of the Kirk during the summer will begin his services again on July 27. A congregational meeting has been called for Wednesday, May 27, at 7:30 p.m. at request of Dr. Bechtel for reference.

DR. BECHTEL'S daughter, Miss Gertrude Bechtel, has announced her resignation as director of Christian education at the Kirk. She will leave Aug. 1, to accept a position with the Seventh Presbyterian church in Cincinnati, Ohio. Prior to coming to the Kirk, she lectured in the Peking-Yenching foreign school, Peking, Korea. The school has since been closed and she has not been used as the Communist capital.

AFTER HER return to the States at the outbreak of World War II, Miss Bechtel was with the wartime service of the Presbyterian church in Fairbanks, Alaska, leaving there to join her father's staff in the U. S. Army.

Beta Theta Pi to Honor Group at Banquet May 23

Dell H. Travis of 1027 Forest, will give the address at the Beta Theta Pi fraternal Fraternity dinner, sponsored by the Beta Theta Pi literary fraternity, Beta Theta Pi, at the Detroit Veterans Memorial dinner in the Detroit Veterans Memorial building, Detroit. Announcements of the affair was made by those who have received them and all boys will be given an opportunity to exhibit planes which they have made. According to Robert Potter, instructor, and Mrs. Isabelle Hewitt, the group will present a display in the fall shortly after school starts.

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Stolen Clawson School Checks Begin to Make Appearance in Area

Birmingham police department detective Lt. William Green has asked Birmingham banks and business places to be on the alert for checks drawn on the general fund of the Clawson school board.

The checks, numbered A322 through A330, were stolen from the Clawson school recently, and have begun to make their appearance in area business places.

Green said several of the checks through a check protector and bearing every evidence of being legitimate, had been cashed in nearby communities. He asked immediate notification of the police department should one of the checks be presented locally.

Softball League Has Team Openings

Birmingham YMCA is still seeking its fifth and sixth teams for its Men's Softball League playing twice weekly on Tuesday and Thursday nights. At present teams from Michigan Hill, Detroit Edison, Birmingham Merchants, and Sabriators have signified intention of playing.

Registration, entry fee, and roster of personnel should be posted this week with the YMCA. Play will start May 25 with one game at Penbrook Park.

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