

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

IF YOU DON'T THINK being locked in the bathroom isn't a tragedy, just ask little Bill Sheekler, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Sheekler of Dearborn. He was visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Charles J. Sanders, 1935 Suffield, when the accident occurred. No sooner had he closed the bathroom door until he turned the inside safety lock. Too little to understand the begging and pleading of his mother and grandmother, their only alternative was to call the fire department. They in turn sent a "husky" policeman who had to break down the door.

IT'S MORE OR LESS a standing gag for photographers to hand still-warm flashbulbs to curious youngsters. At a wedding last week, a photographer found a new angle for getting rid of the fired bulb and, as told to this Wanderer, was rather red-faced about the whole affair. As he went to remove the bulb from the gun, the automatic ejector became a little more active than usual and shot the bulb through the air to land it snugly in the icing on the bridal cake.

IT SOUNDED LIKE the tobacco auction chant in the Kroger store last week as one young man kept up a string of apparently meaningless gibberish in the car of his adding-machine-punching companion. A clerk explained it was inventory time. Could be, but this Wanderer hates to think what the stock total would have looked like if the translation had been left up to us.

BIRMINGHAM'S LONG DISTANCE toll dialing system, which will go into operation at 2 p.m. tomorrow afternoon (see story on Page One, Part One), is explained in a four-page feature in the November issue of "The Michigan Bell", the company's employee publication.

GLENN SCHOENHALS, superintendent of Southfield township schools, announced to the board of education at its last week's meeting that he was dickering for purchase of a 10-passenger jeep station wagon from surplus. "The vehicle is like new," he said, "and I think it would be ideal for many of the schools' transportation needs. We have been offered the vehicle for 30 per cent of its value as determined by the war surplus officials. This would amount to about \$443 which I feel is too much. I have made a counter offer of 10 per cent of value of \$147 dollars. I think we can get the jeep at that price." Secretary of the Board Wm. Oliver grinned and asked, "Glenn, do you think that for \$1 more you could get them to throw in another jeep?"

THE FACELIFTING of four store fronts immediately south of Maple on the west side of Woodward is expected to be completed sometime this week. Georgian marble is being placed over the original brick on the ground level, and a marble strip has been installed over the second floor windows. New harmonizing store signs also are included in the renovation.

DRIVERS OF BIRMINGHAM are cautioned not to be alarmed if they see red as they approach stop streets in the city in the future. It will only be the new type of stop sign that is being adopted by the police department. Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley said the new signs will be red with cream colored lettering rather than yellow and black. The wording to Moxley, purpose of using the new signs is that they will be easier to see and their red color will suggest danger better than the yellow signs. "The signs are painted with a reflective material to make them easily visible at night." The installation of Lincoln and Adams already is equipped with the new signs and more hazardous corners are scheduled to have them. "These signs are fully recommended by the Bureau of Public roads and they conform to the standards of the State manual. As stop signs reach the stage where they should be replaced, the new type of sign will be installed," said Chief Moxley.

A TROY TOWNSHIP RESTAURANT OWNER recently petitioned the township board for a license to serve alcoholic beverages with meals. This, the petitioner stated, would increase his business. Township Board Member Fred Hildebrandt after studying the request, replied, "I have a little doubt that the license would increase this man's business, but would it be his eating business that would be increased?"

WHEN OFFICERS OF POLICE departments list the reports of the day's complaint on the station's blotter, they frequently give an item of importance a little more than usual display. Here is one that was recorded in big black capital letters last week. "WINONA SINGERS OF THE BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT (Chief Ralph W. Moxley's secretary) REPORTS THAT SHE HAS LOCKED HERSELF OUT OF HER CAR IN FRONT OF AXLER'S JEWELRY ON S. WOODWARD."

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY TREES have been planted in Birmingham within the past three weeks, according to William LeBold, city forester. It's all a part of a plan to insure the city of plenty of greenery for years to come. Another 100 trees will be planted yet this fall. Norway maples, sugar maples, London plane trees, and thornless honey locusts are the types of trees currently being planted. LeBold stated that new residential areas and areas from which the city has been forced to remove trees are getting the most attention. Parks and city property also are getting some of the trees. LeBold said that people could help assure the success of this campaign by watering any trees planted near their property. This should be done because of the current dry weather. "The trees should be well watered in before freezing time," said LeBold.

YOUR ATTENTION is called to the full-page coloring contest which appears in this issue of The Birmingham Eccentric. All children between the ages of five and ten inclusive, are eligible to enter. Each store is offering a separate prize, the only stipulation being that the child shall be accompanied by either of the parents when submitting the respective entries. The various pictures are cleverly conceived and should present quite a challenge to the youngsters besides the panel of grade school art instructors who will be judges. The children can enter from one picture to ten as they wish—and will find the selection of prizes both varied and excellent. Winners will be announced in the December 10 issue of The Eccentric.

LAST FRIDAY, SHERRILL WILLIAMS, desk clerk at the Birmingham police station, had her back turned to the desk sergeant when he picked up the telephone and began to ask a series of questions of someone on the line. Sherrill, thinking the questions were directed to her, began a series of answers. Oddly enough, the party answering the sergeant on the phone answered in about the same amount of time that it took Sherrill to answer, so that for the space of about two minutes the question-answer series continued in a reasonably coherent fashion. Suddenly the questions took a twist

When you determine to learn something new every day—no matter how minor be the learning—you are on the road to gaining most from your life. There are so many facets of life and living that are unexplored that to each one that increases your interest in each day.

to something Sherrill knew nothing about, and with a look of bewilderment, she turned around to discover that she had been talking for the benefit of no one except two or three amused citizens.

TALK ABOUT embarrassing moments! Out of 30 salesmen and 15 sales managers at the Eklund Agency of Equitable Life Assurance Society, the November "Man of the Month" award went to the only saleswoman, Amy Morse broke all sales records for the year with her October achievements. Mrs. Morse, her husband, and two sons, are building a new home in Bloomfield Village and will move from Grosse Pointe in the spring.

POLICE PATROLMEN DON'T do much kidding around on their two-way radios. But once in a while a situation arises when they just can't resist a little horse play on the air. The other day one of the local stations broadcast a message to a scout car to go to a citizen's house and investigate a complaint that a dog was running loose. The patrol car acknowledged receipt of the message in a not too cheerful voice. As he signed off, other patrolmen and stations gave him the raspberries by cutting in just long enough to inject a needling "Arf! Arf!", "Owoo", or "Yap, yap, yap."

IN A LETTER to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. McQueen, 651 Henley, Cathy McQueen related her experiences when MSC gradmen returned to campus after being defeated by Purdue. About 7,000 cheering people greeted the team at the airport, she said, even though the team's plane was two hours late. At midnight a crowd of 200 or more students serenaded the team. It was a wonderful experience, Cathy declared, for both the team members and the student body, a thing none who took part in will ever forget.

WASTE SPACE is waste money—at least that was the only conclusion to be drawn from a truck driving out West Maple last Monday. It is to be assumed a farmer was driving because there was a load of livestock aboard. Cramped onto the truck's bed were hogs and cows, the idea being for the hogs to take up the room between the cow's legs. The only trouble was the hogs were a bit too tall. Results were evident in the long red gash on one hog's nose and frequent tussles in which the hogs lifted the cow's body aside with their heads. Unfortunately, a high board around the truck's bed did not permit seeing whether or not chickens occupied the space below the hogs. The engineering and business administration courses are certainly being felt at Michigan State College (of Agriculture).

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS are often asked to act on questions far afield of any experiences they might have had and such was the case recently when an unidentified dog destroyed a number of plump pre-Thanksgiving Day turkeys at a Southfield farm. It seems that townships have a law which permits the township treasurer to reimburse animal owners for losses of cattle, horses or fowl when they are destroyed by trespassing animals. In several instances in the past, the township has paid \$1.50 each for chickens killed by dogs—but the question of paying for turkeys at \$1.50 each so close to the holiday didn't seem fair to board members. The question was solved later when the law books were re-read and it was discovered that the township could pay as high as \$8 each for turkeys and geese.

THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL OAK-BIRMINGHAM high school football game annually played on Thanksgiving Day goes back to the year 1933, according to Nylor R. Hayes, athletic director of Royal Oak schools. One of the first games in the state to be regularly scheduled on Thanksgiving, the game actually was started by the Royal Oak Kiwanis club to help depression-hit school budgets. After the series got its start, several schools in the state instituted the post-season game, but today, Hayes stated, there are only two such games played yearly in Michigan.

TIMING IS IMPORTANT in many things, from sports to the paying of compliments. Here's how it figured one evening last week during the showing of "The Scoutmaster" at the Birmingham theater, as reported by Mrs. Charles H. McIntyre, 19215 Riverside. "There were many youngsters in the audience, of course," said Mrs. McIntyre. "A lost cub scout (in the movie) had been found, but the scoutmaster didn't know it yet. As he called out the name of the cub scout, one little fellow in the audience yelled to the scoutmaster, 'They've found him!' The remark brought down the house, as they say, and people still were chuckling as they left the theater. All, perhaps, but the cub scout, who probably couldn't figure out why everyone laughed when he tried to help 'The Scoutmaster'."

SIGNS OF SUMMER still have not faded. Mrs. Ferd M. Brock saw a golden yellow butterfly on the lawn of her Bloomfield Hills home, 10 Lone Pine court. Incidentally, the grasshoppers still are around, too.



BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT MANAGER R. H. HENSEL, right, 1978 Yosemite, discusses new drugs developed by the Lederle Laboratories Division, American Cyanamid company, with Henry Wendt, Jr., and W. B. Brauer at the firm's 13-state meeting last week at Chicago, Ill. The drugs are Achromycin, an antibiotic, and Diamox, a diuretic.

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Early Deadlines For Next Week's Issue of The Birmingham Eccentric

Because of the Thanksgiving Holiday, next week's Birmingham Eccentric will be published on Wednesday, November 25.

This necessitates moving all news, classified and display advertising deadlines up one full day . . . to Monday afternoon, Nov. 23, at 5 p.m.

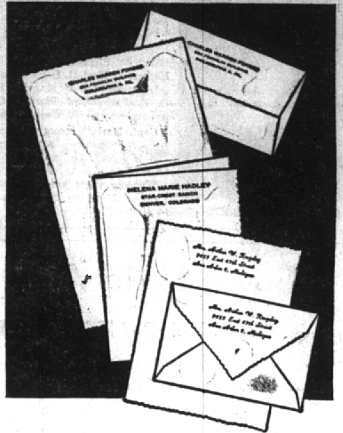
So for Next Week's Issue, Early Copy Will Be Appreciated

Senior Card Sale Total Over \$1400

Senior card sales reached a peak with over \$1400 turned in to Miss Gladys Holloway last week. Homeroom sales as of Nov. 16 were: Miss Vida McGiffin \$271; Mrs. Mary Hartwick \$201; Miss Gladys Holloway \$182; Miss Dorothy Khoury \$162; Angelo Angelucci \$133; Robert Richards \$123; H. Ross Scrimgeour \$120; Mrs. Dorothy Acton \$111. High salesmen of senior homerooms were John Shaffer \$56; Jan Smith and Roberta Allison \$51; Mrs. Mary Hartwick \$201; Miss Adele Toepfer \$44; Joan Gasnoway \$31; Barbara Seaward \$28; Nancy Walser \$22.



AS KOREAN CHILDREN WATCH WITH APPROVAL, Pfc. Robert E. Storey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Storey, 16011 Lauderdale, Beverly Hills, contributes to the Eighth Army Christmas Fund for the aid of needy Koreans. Pfc. Storey entered the Army in July, 1952 and arrived in Korea in January of this year. (U. S. Army Photo)



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