

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

THIRD IN A SERIES of traffic safety classes being conducted by Troy township justice courts will be held Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the township hall, Livernolds and Waddles road. Justice Herbert W. Alden reports that the speaker for the evening will be Hugh Potter, Birmingham state police trooper. Potter is slated to give a movie illustrated talk on "Hours of Darkness." Members of the audience will be, in part, persons who have been convicted of moving violations in traffic within the township. The classes are being held in the interest of better traffic education, according to Alden. He said any interested person is invited to attend.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON'S brief ceremony at which the Birmingham telephone exchange was cut over to direct toll dialing also saw the first uncompleted call and the first busy signal. Lance C. Minor put through the first and completed call to John A. Palmer in Pittsburgh. Then George R. Averill, editor and publisher of The Birmingham Eccentric, attempted to call his daughter, Mrs. Donald P. Babson, in Boston, Mass. Averill got "no answer". Then First Methodist minister Rev. Arnold Runkel tried calling his older brother, William, in Milwaukee, Wis. Rev. Runkel got the busy signal. (However, a few minutes later the minister called it through, and Averill that same evening from home dialed direct and talked with his daughter.)

BIRMINGHAM POLICE DETECTIVES Friday afternoon were confronted with an unmentionable mystery. The case was uncovered by a passerby as he was walking past the huge pine tree in Sharr Memorial Park, directly west of police headquarters. Declared Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley: "This case is strictly unmentionable." Only clues the police have are: brand name "Exquisite Form, color white, size 34.

ANYONE WHO DIDN'T RECEIVE the small booklet which describes how the new toll dialing system works, or would like an extra one, can obtain them simply by calling the local telephone exchange, Bell Manager A. H. Warner said Monday. "We tried to send one of all our subscribers, but a few booklets may have been lost," he explained. "Too, some customers may want an additional one to keep by a telephone extension."

A LOCAL SERVICE STATION manager wonders if perhaps nursery service would not be a good sideline for those in his field to take up. He had a customer drive her car in one day last week for a grease job, and very blithely go off, leaving her baby asleep in a bed on the back seat.

BILL GENUNG and Walter F. Hendrich, Jr., aren't kidding when they say it's "all Greek to me." The actors had several lines to repeat in their roles in the closed show for Village Players Saturday evening. The group was at a loss until Mrs. Perry C. Hill, Greek scholar and former teacher of that language, came to their rescue and taught them the proper phonetics and cadence.

WHEN THE NEWCOMERS visited exhibits representing Birmingham life at the Community House last week, many comments were heard on the tiny altar and communion set which graced the display of Ascension Lutheran church. The items were made to scale by Oscar Schmidt of Milwaukee, father-in-law of the church's pastor, The Rev. Paul Shipper.

TWO-TIME WINNER in the current exhibit of the Michigan Artists show in Detroit, Mrs. Vinton Birch received recognition from her own club, Birmingham Society of Women Painters last week. With due ceremony she received a star from one of the society's members who declined to say whether the silvery pin came with breakfast foods or pop corn.

AFTER TWO MONTHS of coffee and doughnuts for Saturday morning breakfast, members of the Birmingham Civitan club are enthusiastic about the change-over to a more substantial menu of ham, eggs, toast, etc. Following Thanksgiving, the club will meet at one of the local restaurants. At the last meeting, a vote of thanks was given to the breakfast committee for a job well done in providing coffee, doughnuts and assorted juices every Saturday since the club was organized Sept. 29.

THE COMMUNITY HOUSE staff, during the St. James church bazaar and program last Thursday evening, found itself caring for a little girl who had strayed away from her mother. The little lady was being very brave and chatty until mother appeared. Once safe in those familiar arms her bravery broke and the tears which she had held back for quite a while, burst forth.

CUB SCOUTS

Cub Awards Presented To Pack B-16 Members

Bloomfield Village Cub Pack B-16 held their monthly pack meeting Friday, Nov. 20, at the Birmingham High school. Each den displayed table centerpieces, suitable for a Thanksgiving setting, using the harvest theme.

The December theme is Christmas, and each cub is to bring a repaired, and if necessary, repainted toy to the pack meeting December 18, to be given to a worthy agency, for less fortunate children.

A sound film, in color, "Fishing in South America" was shown by Mr. Earl Maxwell. Den 2 presented a skit on Thanksgiving.

Mr. John Slater, Awards chairman, made the following awards:

Den 1: Bill Graham, denmer, bear, gold and silver arrows; Dick Beaubien, assistant denmer; Frank Bemis, wolf, gold and silver arrows. Den 2: Tim Hannon, denmer, lion; Robert Maxwell, assistant denmer; Royce Beers, lion, gold and silver arrows; Wayne Andrae, lion, gold arrow. Den 3: Richard Webb, denmer, lion, one gold and three silver arrows; Billy Purdy, assistant denmer, lion; James Egbert, lion, one gold and three silver arrows; Larry Crawford, Webelos, assistant denmer, lion.

Den 4: Dick Braun, denmer; Stanley Cutler, assistant denmer; Den 5: Bobby Ganter, denmer, wolf; Jack Meedel, assistant denmer, two

silver arrows; Jerry Purdy, two silver arrows; John Slater, one gold and one silver arrow; Kenny Pool, one gold and two silver arrows.

When Larry Crawford received his Webelos badge, Robert Rhein, cubmaster, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Karl Crawford for their work with the Cubs and presented a corsage to Mrs. Crawford.

Oil's Well

How a large American oil field is prospecting and developed was shown in a movie presented to Birmingham Rotarians Monday noon by Frank Schultz, the public relations staff in the Detroit office of Standard Oil Co.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

CITY MANAGER DONALD C. EGBERT: "The city is certainly interested in obtaining an additional water supply but we haven't taken any formal action to seek a survey of the Huron water supply for this city. We are not sure yet whether such a project is financially sound."

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It is becoming increasingly apparent that public education in the United States, especially in universities, is failing to make students thoroughly able to assume complete civic responsibilities. They educate many specialists, not few basic citizens.

The Birmingham Eccentric



PFC RAYMOND MALINOWSKI of Birmingham recently appeared on the Army's recruiting television show, "Talent Patrol," a weekly coast to coast program on the ABC-TV network in New York City. Malinowski, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Shultz, live at 2090 Manchester, is stationed at Fort Meade, Md. (U.S. Army Photo)



CPL. DICK ROBERTS (right) son of Mr. and Mrs. George Roberts, Sr., 27751 Sunset, Lathrup, receives the Eighth Army's X Corps horseshoe doubles championship trophy from Lt. Col. Wilbert Fisher, 19th Engineer Combat Group officer, in Korea. Corporal Roberts and his partner defeated the 45th Division's doubles champions for the title in the finals match at the corps' headquarters. The Birmingham soldier entered the Army in October, 1952, and completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., before arriving in Korea last April. Roberts, whose wife, Ellen, lives in Detroit, is company clerk of the corps' 2998th Engineer Float Bridge Company. (U.S. Army Photo)

Basketball League Sets Opening Date

December 3 at 7 p.m. on the Barham Junior high floor will find six teams of the Birmingham "Y" Interscholar Basketball league getting underway for its 1953-54 season. In the initial game at 7 p.m., Dick Blumner's squad will oppose Emmanuel Baptist church.

At 8 p.m., Fawcett Heating Company tackles the Detroit Edison, and in the final game at 9 p.m., Roger Reynolds' squad will oppose a squad yet to be named.

Teams will play under regular game conditions with an official in charge and will be allowed two additional time-out periods for each half. A schedule of games will be printed later and regular season play will start December 10.

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First Baptist Forms First New Boy Scout Troop

First in line to lead the expansion of the city's Boy Scout program is the First Baptist church, sponsor of Troop B-27, which is now being formed.

Following a dinner recently sponsored by the Birmingham Lions club and the Detroit Scout Area No. 1, a group of First Baptist church men's Club members and interested fathers elected the Rev. Emil Kontz, pastor, as international representative and appointed a committee to organize the new troop. Elected to the chairmanship of the new group was George Brun-



GILCHRIST one important activity that keeps boys so busy they don't get into trouble," Gilchrist stated. "The boy who is helped in the fundamentals of scouting seldom goes wrong," he added.

Y Indian Guides To Receive Charter

A longhouse meeting of the Cheyenne, Ottawa and Sioux tribes of the Birmingham YMCA Indian Guides will be held in the white teepee at 400 East Lincoln, Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. Tribes charters will be given the Ottawas and Sioux and the new chiefs, Harry Fleming and Walter Wakeman, will introduce their Braves.

Colored slides of the state longhouse meeting will be shown as part of the program. Each tribe will be in charge of a segment of the program.

Boys five to nine years of age and their dads are invited to attend.

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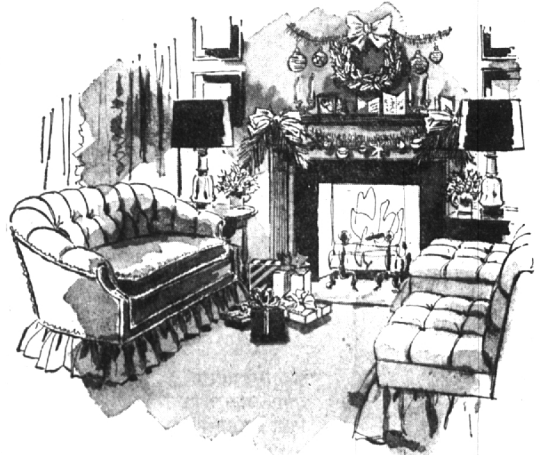


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- d. Monkey doll with movable head, 14", \$8, 21", \$15.

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