

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING programs in many a month for Birmingham Rotarians took place Monday noon. George Harding of Detroit, president of a plating company, showed 50 minutes of movies in natural color of undersea life off the Florida Keys. Harding takes these pictures himself in depths up to 65 feet. Some of his pictures have or will appear in Hollywood movies, he informed the club. Included among the sea life in Monday's showings were sharks, barracuda, moray eels, sting rays, grouper, jewfish, sponges, coral reefs, and a number of sea plants.

A "HANDBOOK FOR TEACHERS" has been prepared by Ford Museum and Greenfield Village to provide more interesting tours for student groups. The pamphlet outlines points of interest, accommodations and contains a map of the entire area. According to a museum spokesman these booklets are available for teachers and leaders of other groups planning a trip to the museum or Village.

AREA VIEWERS MAY GET A CHANCE to see Tom Tracy, former Birmingham high school grid great, in action this Saturday, Oct. 17, when the University of Tennessee meets Alabama in the General Motors Television Game of the Week. The hard driving fullback is listed on the starting lineup of Tennessee. In last Saturday's game with Chattanooga, Tracy scored one touchdown and made one conversion. Another Birmingham high graduate also is in the sporting news, Bob Hardy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hardy, 841 Hazelwood, broke into the scoring column for the second straight week when he scored against Colgate last Saturday. The Harvard quarterback grabbed a pass from Dick Clayby on the Colgate two-yard line and went over for the score in the second quarter. Earlier in the period, Hardy snared a 15-yard pass deep in Colgate territory to set up the second Harvard TD.

THERE'S ONE (we suspect) very unhappy dog in Birmingham. It was Sunday afternoon that this Wanderer observed three young ladies and their dog. The pooch, nearly as tall as the young ladies, was standing with a patient, long-suffering look on his face while the girls busily decorated him with brilliantly colored leaves. They tucked a liberal supply around his neck and fastened the whole thing off by poking the dried stems into his shaggy coat and tying a large bunch of leaves at the root of his tail.

FROM BEVERLY HILLS comes the report of the reaction of a couple of four-year-old citizens to the kidnapping which shocked the entire nation last week. The two were "sharing the ride" to nursery school when the teacher who had heard a parental discussion of the kidnapping, said, "So you see you must never, never ride with anyone unless you know exactly who they are." The little boy replied, "Yes, that's right! The life you save may be your own!"

THIS WANDERER will never understand how young Peter Williams got himself stuck in the turnstile at the new Kroger store on Saturday. But stuck he was, with his head on one side of the turnstile and the rest of him on the other. He couldn't go forward, back, nor up and down. Stuck good. One employee picked Peter up and tried to slide him out horizontally, but that didn't work either. Finally with the help of at least six clerks and as many customers, Peter was extricated. A dime, used as a screw driver, unloosed enough bolts and screws to do the trick.

HOUSE WRECKERS have completed the tearing down of another Birmingham landmark. This was the neat, white frame house, just north of Jacobson's new home furnishing store on N. Woodward avenue. The house had stood on that site for at least 80 years and in years gone by had housed the George Aldrich family. Mr. Aldrich was the ticket agent of the Grand Trunk Railroad in the days when the railroad proudly steamed its way through the center of the village.

ONE BIRMINGHAM FAMILY which read the attempted bank robbery story in last week's column, "Birmingham Background," called The Eccentric to tell of a strange coincidence. Murray D. Van Wagoner, of Abbey road, a former governor of Michigan, informed The Eccentric that H. S. Lewis, the cashier of the 1902-04 Bank of Birmingham, was an uncle of Mrs. Van Wagoner. After the Bank of Birmingham left town, Mr. Lewis continued in the banking business but later opened up a grocery store in Detroit which he operated for many years. He died a little over a month ago. His widow, Mrs. H. S. Lewis, was visiting the Van Wagoners on the day that the story about her late husband appeared in The Eccentric.

THE "UNINITIATED" person who would have read over the 77 bills, totalling \$134,204.69, the Birmingham city commission approved Monday night might come up with the thought, "When and why does the commission or some city employees hold those picnics?" For Monday's list included the following items: soft drinks, \$154.51; hot dogs, \$65.80; coffee, \$8.62; ice cream, \$21.12; and cigars and candy, \$80.10. You can set your mind at ease, however. City Finance Director Bill Johnson explains all these were September purchases for the Springdale Park food concessions.

THE VILLAGE PLAYERS are getting desperate for the one and only female uniform for their forthcoming production, "Mr. Roberts." Telephone calls, newspaper ads and "word of mouth" still has not turned up an Army nurse's beige dress uniform in size 9 or 10. If you can help the Players, contact Mrs. Hans Schjolin, 127 Cambridge court.

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Thursday, October 15, 1953

Girl Scout Leaders To Attend Convention

By JANE STAGG
Staff Correspondent

Mrs. John St. Clair plans to drive from Birmingham with her four passengers at 4:30 a.m., Sunday morning to be at the opening session of the 32nd biennial national convention of the Girl Scouts in Cincinnati that afternoon. Mrs. C. R. DeVlieg of Foxcroft will also take several passengers to the four day program.

At the opening session, to be held in the Cincinnati Gardens, an original pageant "A Dream and A Promise" composed of Girl Scout songs, folk dances, tableaux and symphonic music provided by the Cincinnati Symphony orchestra under the direction of Dr. Thor Johnson will be presented. The pageant was written by Mrs. Robert Van Fossen of Cincinnati for this event and will require the participation of 14,000 girls and adults.

Other local adult Scouts attending will be Mrs. Lee Houston, Mrs. James Keene, Mrs. Edson Stevens, Mrs. J. H. Savage and Mrs. Robert Yingling.

Southfield will be represented by

Mrs. Thomas Welch, delegate, Mrs. William B. Commons, Mrs. Gustaf Wallin, delegate, and Mrs. Harry Tuckfield, delegate.

ALL REPRESENTATIVES from this council have been invited by Mrs. Victor Marshall, president of Southern Oakland Board of Directors, and Mrs. Robert Schwartz, first vice president of that body, to gather around a punch bowl in their suite after the evening session Monday.

Lady Baden-Powell, World Chief Guide, and widow of the founder of the Scouting movement, has come from England to attend the convention and make the closing speech Oct. 21.

Southern Oakland County Girl Scouts, Inc. is a Red Feather agency supported by the Torch Drive. Over 6,000 girls between the ages of 7 and 18 are members of troops served by this council.



MRS. JOHN ST. CLAIR MRS. HAROLD CHALK
MRS. PHILLIP JOHNSON (MRS. KENNETH LINDSEY)
Girl Scout delegates prepare for convention at Cincinnati. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Baldwin PTA Opens Season With Safety Program Monday

Safety will be the featured topic at the first meeting of the Baldwin PTA, to be held at the school on Monday evening, Oct. 19, at 8 o'clock. The program will encompass a discussion of safety in the school building and surrounding area, safety practices to be observed by school bus riders and the responsibilities of the safety patrol.

George Seago, who is in charge of the safety patrol, will introduce the program which includes brief talks by safety patrol captain Bill Mosher, lieutenant Bill Sutton and lieutenant Ted Worcester. In addition, the other members of the safety patrol will put on skits to dramatize the importance of adequate safety precautions. An open discussion period is to follow.

The meeting will also include an explanation of the new type report cards, given by Arthur Roller, principal of Baldwin school. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

CARL F. Ingraham is president of the PTA, with Mrs. Thomas T. Stolberg and J. W. Dahn filling the

posts of mother vice-president and father vice-president respectively. Teacher vice-president is George Seago. Mrs. Vernon C. Bryant heads the program committee, assisted by Mrs. Harold Webster and Mrs. Herman Myring. Mrs. David A. Howell is safety chairman.

Other officers and committee chairmen include Mrs. Benson E. Billings, Mrs. Frank Reynolds, Mrs. J. W. Sutton, Mrs. George Martin, Mrs. Clifford A. Bristle, Mrs. Charles Vogel, Mrs. Clarence Hatch, Jr., Mrs. Gordon Schick, Mrs. A. W. Dunham, Gerald C. Joynt, A. Leslie Schaefer and Murray Kanes.

Bargains galore in Want Ads.

Pennies to Commemorate Founding of University

October meeting of North Suburban alumnae chapter of Alpha Phi will be at the home of Mrs. Robert Vigstedt, Wellesley drive. Mrs. John C. Goodsell and Mrs. R. J. Coughlin, Jr. will assist.

Members will celebrate the founding of the Alpha Phi international fraternity at Syracuse university in 1872. Traditionally, each member brings a penny for every year since the founding of Alpha Phi. These pennies are sent to the national office where the money is put into various scholarship funds. After the commemorative ceremony, the group will concentrate on final plans for the fall dance to be held Nov. 6 at Bonnie Brook Country club.

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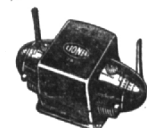
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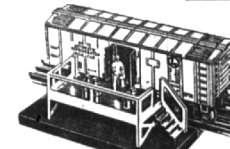
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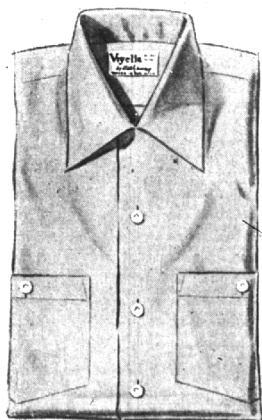
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