

# BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

People who contribute, on a volunteer basis, their time and talents toward some service to their community are "really the salt of the earth." Without such voluntary activities our social order would be as impoverished as a dry and hot desert.

# The Birmingham Eccentric

SECTION 2  
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**WHEN THOSE 4,000** Oakland County school teachers descended upon Birmingham Thursday and Friday of last week for a regional educational conference, held in the new high school, parking of automobiles became a problem. So scores of the teachers had to park their cars on city-owned property opposite the high school, on Cranbrook road. The result: because of the growth of high weeds there, many of the women are reported to have snagged their clothes—just one of the dispensable items in modern women's apparel.

**FLYING ACTIVITY** at the local Berz airport has increased greatly this summer. Milt Berz, Sr., who with his son, Milt, Jr., operate the airport, believe that more planes arrive and take-off from their field than now do at Detroit's city airport. They are presently completing extensive improvements to runways, making it possible for much larger ships to use the field.

**A HAPPY BIRMINGHAM** mother and wife in the person of Mrs. Henry (Eleanor) Palubins, 1534 Cranfield, will be noted these days... the reason being that she has just received her private pilot's airplane license. Now she can fly passengers, but not for hire. Mrs. Palubins, the mother of Virginia, 13, and Marjorie, 11, started to learn to fly about a year ago. Her husband, who owns a four-passenger Stinson ship, has been flying for the past five years. The Palubins frequently make weekend trips to various places in Michigan, covering long distances as easily and quickly as motorists covering less areas for a brief holiday.

**IN THE FRONT WINDOW** of a local grocery, this Wednesday saw a little white card on which was this message: "GORDS for Sale". We made a mental note that the next time we pass by, we'll stop in and get a look at a "gord".

**ONE OF BIRMINGHAM'S** best known characters is in the hospital, recovering from an infected ear. He is Tippy, the small shaggy dog who makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Cammareri and helps them with the management of their cleaning establishment. His swaggering gait, wagging tail and happy face endeared him to many during his younger days when he "went to business" regularly. Many knew him, few have been privileged to touch him, but all respect the little dog's independence and dignity. His owners report dozens of inquiries concerning his recent illness and assure all he is recovering nicely.

**AN 11-YEAR-OLD BOY SCOUT'S** "good deed for the day" resulted in a renewal of faith in the youth of today for Mrs. Frederick Protheroe, 667 Hanna. Mrs. Protheroe had found herself faced with the task of cleaning up the rooms in the American Legion Home that had been used by the St. James Episcopal church women for their rummage sale last week. She had given up hope of finding anyone to help her when along came Jimmie Reid who lives on Ann street. Jimmie came to buy something from the sale, but when he learned that the sale was over he stayed to help clean up. Two hours later the job was done and Mrs. Protheroe offered Jimmie a reward for his help. "No thanks, Mam," said Jimmie. "I'm a boy scout and I don't like to take money for a good deed."

**AT A RECENT** gathering, a local woman was busily searching her purse for a piece of paper on which to write a name and address. The only thing she could find was a bill, which upon checking proved to be paid. One of the group looking at the "Paid in Full" stamp asked, politely, "May I have your autograph, Madam?"

**OUT AT THE Birmingham** disposal plant, on Cranbrook road, the chrysanthemum garden of Russell Grinnell, plant superintendent, is in full bloom. Bothered somewhat by the shortage of water, Grinnell says that two beds are up to standard but that the 1953 display is not as good as usual. Visitors, however, are welcome. He added.

**DEKE JAMES**, age four, and his sister Chris, age two, children of the Norman M. James, Jr., of 1627 Derby, are very happy today. Their new-found friend and house guest (or, at least, yard guest) Jimmy, the pet willy goat loaned by Mike Murphy of Southfield Township to act in "Mister Roberts", is going to stay longer than planned originally. It seems that papa, a cast member in the comedy opening tonight at Village Players, volunteered to care for the goat during the play. Imagine the children's delight to find Jimmy staying on because of the popular demand, the show is being held over a second weekend, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 30 and 31.

**FROM THE TREND** of a conversation overheard from the side room of the Bloomfield police department, it was deduced that an interview of an applicant for a driver's license was in progress. At the close of a series of questions and answers, the questioner was heard to inquire, "How is your hearing?" "What did you say?" was the response. "I said, how is your hearing?" repeated the interlocutor. This time the response was "Beg your pardon?" A third time, "How is your hearing? Do you hear well?" "Oh, I hear fine, just fine. Ears are perfect" was the answer.

**—THINK YOU'RE BUSY?** John P. St. Clair, 1045 Fairfax, had to attend so many luncheons, dinners and meetings on Monday that Detroit Police Commissioner Don Leonard had to give him a fast squad car escort. St. Clair is suburban chairman of the United Foundation Torch Drive. He headed the drive in this area in 1951 and is chairman of the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin advisory committee of the UF.

**A CHANGE IN THE ORDER** of proceedings at the Michigan Education Association conference at Birmingham high school last week left Robert A. Skaife, field secretary of the National Education Association, practically "speechless". Skaife was scheduled to give an address on the "Academic Freedom of Teachers" preceding Robert Vogeler's talk on his imprisonment by Hungarian Communists. However, Vogeler, vice president of International Telephone and Telegraph, had to catch an early plane so it was decided that he would go on first. As Vogeler concluded his address the hour of noon approached and the crowd of 4,000 teachers, after applauding Vogeler, promptly filed out of the auditorium. Skaife carried on for about 10 minutes for the faithful few who remained.



**WITH 22 TONS OF PAPER** ALREADY COLLECTED, Boy Scout Troop B-4 hopes to wind up the Scout paper drive this Saturday by collecting an additional 15 tons. Proceeds of the annual drive are used for additional campouts, Scouting prizes and supplies. Busy tying the paper in 25 pound bundles are, at rear, right to left, Kim Kimberly, Gordon Fox, and John Waters. In the foreground are Fred Schwarze, Carl Reynolds, Jim Duffield and a helpful pooch, Fritz. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

## Protest Building Of Residences On Mercier Land

Construction of homes on the Mercier farm property on the southwest corner of Maple and Cranbrook is of concern to city commissioners. The commission learned Monday night that the subdivider of the property has tied into an illegal county drain that is served by the city's sewage disposal plant, increasing the burden on the city's plant. A resolution of protest was agreed upon by commissioners who seek legal advice on a method of stopping further connections to this county drain. CITY MANAGER Donald C. Ebert stated that if the development reached 400 homes, the sewage disposal problem would be extremely serious and asked that some action be taken at the present time to protect operations at the city's plant. The problem also stretches to the possible further pollution of the Rouge river. Ebert explained. The city already has been cited to provide methods to abate further pollution of the river. The protest will be sent to the Bloomfield township board, State Board of Health and the Water Resources Commission.

## Few Tickets Left

A few reservations remain for the square dance at the Birmingham YMCA, Saturday, Oct. 24, each includes refreshments. A limit of 20 couples can be accommodated. Allison and his Committee of Birmingham's Y Men have lined up Mark Smith to do the calling and instructing. Price of the ticket for each includes refreshments. A limit of 20 couples can be accommodated.

### THE WHOLE FAMILY BOWLS AT JOE PAULUS' . . . .

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### Barnum's Silver Team Wins Two

Barnum's eighth grade silver team proved themselves again when they beat both the blue and gold teams in Monday night's intramural gridle under the lights at Pierce field. In the eighth grade game captain Jim Sechrist scored twice and Bill Stresen Reuter once giving the silver team a total of 18 points beating the blue team 6-0 and the gold 12-0.

Dave Muehlner scored for the blue jerseyed griders when they defeated the gold team 6-0. A pass from Nick Handren to Dan Beadle scored the winning touchdown in the seventh grade gridle battle when white defeated blue 6-0. Blue clashed with gold Tuesday afternoon. Barnum scrimmages Cranbrook's lower school today.

### Hill to Address Credit Conference

"The Impact of Lower Farm Income in 1954" will be the subject of a talk by Merritt D. Hill, assistant general manager of the Ford Tractor Division, Ford Motor Company, Friday evening, Oct. 23, at the Hotel Statler before the Ohio Valley Regional Credit Conference. Host group for the conference is the Detroit Association of Credit Men.

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