

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

FIGURES ONLY RECENTLY released on the Kiwanis club's sale of peanuts on Sept. 26 for National Kids Day show Birmingham residents chomped down more than \$500 worth of the grobers, enabling the Kiwanis to go ahead in great style with their work among the who have not yet somehow gotten on the wrong side of Dame Fortune's smile.

POLICE CHIEF RALPH MOXLEY this week is in a quandary—how can he prevent E. Maple traffic from continuing to make prohibited left turns into Hunter Blvd.? Weeks ago, six 18x24-inch signs were posted at the intersection called for "No Left Turns." He was at the Ford tractor display there. Noticing there was to be a square dance calling contest, Fritch decided to give it a whirl. He did—and won the \$25 first prize. Calling for square dances is nothing new for Joe—he does it in his spare time in the Birmingham area. (The fact that he is an ex-Pennsylvania farm boy may have contributed to his success, his colleagues at the office believe.)

BIRMINGHAM CAN BOAST this week of a square dance calling champion who out-performed 10 other Mid-West contestants. He is Joe Freeh, 1539 Emmons, supervisor in the sales promotion department of the Ford Tractor Division. It happened this way: last Friday Freeh was in Armstrong, Ill., only one of the 70,000 persons attending the annual WLS-Prarie Farmer Farm Progress show. He was at the Ford Tractor display there. Noticing there was to be a square dance calling contest, Fritch decided to give it a whirl. He did—and won the \$25 first prize. Calling for square dances is nothing new for Joe—he does it in his spare time in the Birmingham area. (The fact that he is an ex-Pennsylvania farm boy may have contributed to his success, his colleagues at the office believe.)

YOUNG MEN from the Birmingham area are invited to attend auditions for the WJR Choral Clinic, according to Don Large, choral director. Auditions will be held at 7:30 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays throughout October in WJR's studios in the Fisher building. After sufficient study and training, the chorus will take these newcomers into its group which is a regular feature on the "Make Way for Youth" program, a nationwide broadcast since 1948. The clinic is offered without cost.

THIS IS QUITE A YEAR for Henry L. Selters, Birmingham manager for the S. S. Kresge Co. Tuesday night Selters and his wife were special guests of Kresge officials in Detroit at a small dinner party commemorating Selters' 25th anniversary with the dime store chain. He also was given a watch and a three-day vacation. And in a few weeks—mid-November to be more exact—Selters moves over onto West Maple to manage a brand new Kresge store, the firm's most modern to date. It was back on Oct. 13, 1928, when Selters started in as a stock clerk in a Kresge store in Kalamazoo. A few weeks later he went to Pittsburgh for special training, was given a stock room of his own there. Then on to Mt. Vernon, Ohio, as an assistant manager. To two other Ohio cities, they four cities in Indiana. Back to Michigan and Highland Park. In 1943 he moved into Detroit as manager of a Kresge store. He came to manage the Birmingham branch in 1946. He and his family live at 626 Ridgedale.

CRANBROOK has announced that the Sunken Gardens are offering a particularly beautiful view for visitors as fall blooms attain their height and brightness. The gardens will remain open as long as the nice weather continues. Currently dahlias, tall and dwarf, zinnias, begonia, marigolds, oriental grasses and many other brilliant plants in bloom are making the entire area a blaze of color.

BIRMINGHAM JUSTICE John Gaffill and Lt. Delyle Service, of the Birmingham police, are refreshing fishing experiences during a quiet moment in justice court the other day. As usual when two anglers are talking, a new and different plan for fishing came out. This one was by Justice Gaffill. He was telling the lieutenant about a private pond in Emmons county where the rainbow trout are thicker than hair on a dog's back. So abundant are these beauties, all over a foot long, that even a novice fisherman can land a limit in no time. "Catching them is so easy that it is hardly any fun," said the justice. "So, when I go there I use a fly rod, and I try to see how long I can fish without catching anything," he continued. "You know, when you drop a fly on a pond swarming with trout, it's quite a trick to retrieve it without catching a fish."

VILLAGE PLAYERS are in dire need of an Army Nurse's uniform, size 9-10. Getting Navy uniforms for the rest of the "Mr. Roberts" cast, all male, was a cinch after they contacted the recruiting station in Pontiac. The station is, besides complete props down. But—the female part is causing difficulties. A check of uniforms in any knowing the whereabouts of a beige Army nurse dress uniform is asked to contact the Village Players, so "the play can go on."

OAKLAND COUNTY residents are going to be asked for 13,855 pints of blood by June 30, 1954 to meet the needs of their Red Cross chapter. About half the quota has been met. Dr. Ernest E. Bauer, blood chairman, said, but still is below the amount needed to meet demands for both civilian and military use. Dr. Bauer has made a general appeal throughout the county for the wholehearted support of blood banks in every section they visit.

GIRLS AT KINGSWOOD SCHOOL, CRANBROOK, were amazed and delighted recently when for the first time in school history more boys than girls turned up for the weekly dancing class. Their enthusiasm was somewhat curbed, however, when they found out that the dancing teacher had offered a box of candy to each boy, who recruited a classmate from Cranbrook School.

BIRMINGHAM'S Junior League is gaining more extensive acclaim every year for its vision screening program for pre-school children. Now in its third year, the enterprise was given its biggest publicity boost Tuesday evening when the workers were guests of WJBK-TV during its 5:45 program.

A RESIDENT of Birmingham since last December, Glenna St. Aubin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle St. Aubin of 1563 Sheffield, proved herself a credit to her new hometown Sept. 30, while vacationing in New York City. Miss St. Aubin appeared on the "Double-Night" program there and not only had the correct answers to all the questions but to the jack-pot question, as well. She left the program \$280 richer because of her knowledge.

WHEN CHARLES L. STEFFES, 570 Bird, appeared before the Birmingham city commission last week, he was prepared with a good example of why his petition to have a stop sign erected at Bird and Grant should be heeded. Earlier in the day, two cars entering the unmarked intersection collided at right angles with the result that one car skidded across a sidewalk and onto a lawn before coming to a stop. Steffes said that this sort of activity represented a real peril to

Someone has wisely remarked that, while we may complain often about the weather, we would complain many times more if the government had the power to regulate it, instead of producing it. Government's biggest problem is to regulate itself.

Pierce school children who must pass and cross the intersection. Commissioners agreed with Steffes and ordered stop signs to be installed to halt Bird street traffic at Grant.

FORD BANES, of the Jam Handy Organization Production Design Department, familiar to many as the creator of Walt Disney's Mickey Mouse, left Saturday, October 3, for a week's vacation with his family. The Banes reside at 1719 Graefield.

TWELVE PUREBRED Ayrshire show cattle from Windrow Farms, owned by Defense Secretary C. E. Wilson, and his son, E. E. Wilson of Birmingham, will compete for top honors at the first International Dairy show to be held in Chicago, Ill. October 10 to 17, show officials here announced.

Autos Bash Way to 1953 Wreck-ord

Automobile accidents skyrocketed in Birmingham during September according to a monthly accident report compiled by Chief Ralph W. Moxley.

A new 1953 monthly high was recorded as 33 smash-ups occurred in the 30-day period.

"From a property damage standpoint, it was the most costly month we have ever had," said Chief Moxley. "It's \$1,215 worth of damage was done."

A total of 10 persons were injured in eight accidents during September as compared to two persons injured in August and 15 persons in September, a year ago.

THE ONE bright spot in the picture is that no fatalities occurred as a result of auto wrecks. One person was killed in September, 1952.

In total accidents, September, 1953 is high of 33 surpasses September 1952's total of 31 and August's total of 22.

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Zone Agreement On Porritt Land Appears Near

The gentlemen's agreement between the City of Birmingham and the Reid Development company concerning the proposed zoning of the Porritt property on Adams road seemed nearly ready Monday night when city commissioners agreed their approval to a revised agreement submitted by the land development company.

Still to be resolved are questions about business use of the land, cost of widening the Adams road frontage, and payment for a major portion of the Haynes street sewer extension.

Commissioners instructed City Manager Donald C. Egbert and Planning Director Robert S. Boatman to confer with the Reid company on solving the first of these two problems.

DEVELOPERS SEEK an agreement with the city on zoning of the property before finalizing both the city and Troy township plan for annexation of the township island of land within the city limits to Birmingham.

Commissioners have tentatively approved the zoning of a major portion of the property to duplexes, a single family zone for a smaller piece of the area, and a commercial zone to a portion of the Adams road frontage.

The Reid firm also submitted a plan for the proposed subdivision to be known as Adams Village, showing commissioners the proposed layout of the sidewalks and easements of the subdivision.

City officials fear that without an off-street parking amendment to the zoning ordinance, they will be unable to demand parking space adjacent to the business property.

STILL ANOTHER amendment being studied by the city but as yet not adopted, would regulate the use of business zoned property to commercial use only, ending the threat of multiple housing being constructed on commercial land.

Commissioners also are interested in the developer repaying some of the costs incurred by the city in constructing the Haynes sewer to drain the Porritt property and money spent in the widening of Adams road.

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Last year Americans spent a record \$11.7 billion for recreation, topping the 1950 and 1951 figures by \$773 million. But some items, like baseball and the theater, look a considerable drop from previous years. Some experts blame the popularity of TV for this. Although the chart above, based on recent Commerce Department figures, does not indicate it, TV and radio repair bills were \$56 million higher in 1952 than in the previous year. And, of course, Americans last year spent more on the entertainment the screen cannot bring into the home, like horse and dog races.

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