

# BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

ONCE A YEAR City Clerk Irene Hanley takes the helm of the city commission to place it into its regular routine Monday night she performed this responsibility for 1954. She administered the oath of office to the newly elected city commissioners—Jim Allen, Bob Navin and Bill Roberts—then called for the election of a temporary meeting chairman. Commissioner Dean Beier nominated Charles Renfrew, who was unanimously elected. Miss Hanley then took her regular place at the right of the center table. Renfrew called for nominations for the city's new mayor. This time Commissioner V. B. Watkins nominated Renfrew, the nominations were closed, and Renfrew unanimously was named the city's chief official. Allen nominated Watkins for the mayor pro tem spot, and this, too, passed unanimously. Stated Renfrew just before he called the regular meeting to order: "Thank you very much... I appreciate your confidence. I hope I will retain it during the year. Now where is that gavel...?"

AS OF APRIL 1, the SOC Garbage and Rubbish Authority's incinerator plant in eastern Royal Oak township was 35 per cent complete. This \$1,800,000 project, if it keeps to schedule, will be in operation by January 1955. Birmingham and member cities now are using the Walker gravel pit site on Maple, just east of here.

MEMBERS OF THE Southfield Township school board were unrelenting when it was suggested at a meeting Monday night that Board President Fred W. Leonard and Secretary Mark T. Rehbine have engravings made of their signatures for the purpose of printing the signatures of the approximately 400 diploma going to this year's graduating class. "No," said Board Treasurer Will Oliver, "These guys get the glory all year long, and I think they should do the work." Trustees William Mikulas and Leiv Larsen agreed with Oliver and when Leonard or Rehbine offered to make a motion on the suggestion.

WHO'S WHO IN THE VETERAN of Foreign Wars puzzled Troy township board members Monday night. Board members earlier this year approved a request of the David E. Cleary VFW Post in Clawson to conduct a carnival in the township May 9, believing that the Clawson Post also represented Troy township. Monday night they were asked to approve a carnival operation for VFW Post 9507 of Royal Oak township for May 24-30. Lotus Grimes, spokesman for the Royal Oak township post, stated that his post had more Troy township residents as members than the Clawson post had members. Troy approved the second request. Township Supervisor Norman R. Barnard added that the township could not become a part in any jurisdictional conflicts.

WALKING PAST a junior high school, this Wanderer overheard a conversation between two pupils, which seemed to sum up the national situation very well. The boys were looking at a new car recently purchased by one of their teachers and one of them remarked, "Gee, teaching must be his sideline!" The other answered in like tone, "Yeah, and just you wait—there'll be an investigation within two days!"

ALTHOUGH CHRISTMAS is long past, the George Souter family on Riverside drive still has a reminder of that season. A cyclamen plant they received last Thanksgiving began blooming around Christmas time, and hasn't stopped yet. At present, there are 28 blossoms on the white plant, with many more buds.

LOOK FOR THE NAME of Oakland General Hospital to be changed. One principal reason is because "Oakland" is too similar to "Oakwood", the name of the general hospital in Dearborn. In fact, just last week a load of brick, destined for Oakland hospital, showed up at Oakwood. And the two hospitals have been getting their mail mixed. Present idea is to rename Oakland for an Army doctor who while stationed in Michigan more than 100 years ago, made a valuable contribution to the medical profession. Now under construction, Oakland hospital is due for opening in January 1955.

FURTHER BUILDING ACTIVITY this spring on South Woodward, between Lincoln and 14 Mile road, has started city officials and state highway department representatives to thinking that the access drive project for that area should be reconsidered. Last time it was brought up for discussion was a couple of years ago, when only a few such drives were constructed.

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"FASCINATING" is a one-word description of our American supermarkets, according to Miss Irene Titcomb, B.M. B.Ch., of London, England, who left Tuesday after spending a few days at the G. S. Goodell home, 475 Tooting Lane. Dr. Titcomb (left) told Mrs. Goodell that the variety of meats and the American system of packaging is something never seen in meat-rationed England. The doctor, an obstetrician and surgeon in a London hospital, has been in this country about six weeks visiting friends in the Carolinas, Washington and New York, as well as in Birmingham. (Eccentric Photo)

## Players Use Movie Film In New Show

Probably the most unusual prop ever required for the Village Players production is a sound motion picture now being produced by members for the performance of "Personal Appearance," at the Playhouse on Chestnut street April 30, May 1 and 2. Titled "Drifting Lady," the motion picture reveals a tender parting scene between glamorous girl Carole Arden and a discarded suitor. Mrs. John Hall and D. Pierson Smith play the roles. "Personal Appearance" will be the final production for the Village Players this season and will be open to the public.

THE MOTION picture will be seen at the beginning of the stage play in connection with a star's personal appearance. The remainder of the play is an amusing satire on the manners and morals of some types of motion picture celebrities.

Carole Arden, in her personal appearance, announces that she isn't glamorous, but simply a plain home loving girl. Immediately afterward, she tries to persuade a garage mechanic to give up his fiancé and go to Hollywood.

This and other complications begin when the star's foreign car becomes stranded because of a broken part.

THE BROKEN part figures in one of the scenes of the 1934 Broadway comedy by Mrs. W. Carleton Scott, director. Bringing lines up to date, she found it necessary to change the make of car to a model still being manufactured.

Research was then needed to check that the part could be obtained at a garage in the area of the play's action. Here the Players called on L. C. Falvey, Birmingham resident operating a sports car agency in Ferndale, who found that the part could be obtained at an agency near Wilkes-Barre, Pa., only a few miles from the "scene" of the play.

## OES to Honor County Officers

Birmingham chapter 220, O.E.S. will hold Friendship night at 8 p.m. on April 21 in the Masonic temple. Initiatory work will be exemplified by guests from almost every chapter written in Oakland County.

The chapter will honor Mrs. Walter Walford, marshal of Oakland county and a member of the Birmingham chapter, and other Oakland county officers.

A special song "Starlight", music written by Elsie Hiltker, past grand organizer of the Grand chapter of Michigan, and words by Rose Ferguson, will be presented at a duet by Dorcas Little and Joyce Ramsdell.

Chairman of the refreshment committee will be Mrs. Gertrude Hillman, and favors, Mrs. Douglas Giles.

# The Birmingham Eccentric

SECTION 5  
Thursday, April 15, 1954

## Saturday Tea Honors June Bride-To-Be

A tea honoring her prospective daughter-in-law, Carole Baker, was given Saturday at the Orchard Ridge road home of Mrs. Bert E. Uebele, Jr., in Bloomfield Hills.

Assisting the hostess was Mrs. John Eckenrode, Mrs. Robert Fowler, Mrs. Glen Davis, Mrs. D. E. Hower and Mrs. John Wasylik, mother and daughter of Mrs. Uebele, respectively.

A pink theme was carried out in the decorations, colors chosen by the honored guest for her a t e n d a n t s. Approximately 100 guests gathered to greet the bride-elect.

Carole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baker of Colony Hill, Franklin, will become the bride of Bert E. Uebele III, on June 26.

The bride-to-be will graduate from Birmingham high school in June. Her fiancé attends Hillsdale college where he is affiliated with Delta Tau Delta. They will make their home in Hillsdale where both will attend college next year.

Brief discussions will be heard on topics taken from the magazine, "Inside Michigan" which the group sold to raise funds for Girls Town. Mrs. Elmer Houseworth will be hostess at her home 1292 Smith, for the 8 p.m. session.

former's home on Dorstone Place in Bloomfield Village.

## Barbara Averill Honored at Tea

A tea honoring Barbara Ann Averill was given by her fiancé's sisters, Mrs. Robert L. Henning and Mrs. Richard S. Kowalczyk, at the Arlington avenue home of their father, Henry M. Hogan.

Spring flowers decked the tea table and 40 guests greeted the bride-elect, who was home on spring vacation from the University of Connecticut.

Barbara, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Neal Averill of Glangary circle, will be married in the summer to Henry M. Hogan, Jr.

## Present Day Club's Topic Is 'Michigan'

The April 20 meeting of the Present Day club will feature a program on Michigan, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Joseph Blaisus. She will be assisted by Mrs. J. E. Fryce, Mrs. Melvin Uppliger, Mrs. H. B. Parretti and Harriet Parkyn.

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## Easter Bunny Hop To Be Held April 17

Easter Bunny Hop of Birmingham Country Club will begin at 7 p.m., Saturday, with dancing to the music of the Fenby-Carr orchestra. Mrs. Alfred V. Lynn is chairman, assisted by Mrs. Charles Turner, Mr. and Mrs. George Connelly, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Colby and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chaffey.

The Ladies Association will have a card luncheon on April 21, with Mrs. Fred J. Niedermiller, Mrs. Dale Burgess and Mrs. J. S. Curley in charge.

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