



## League Workouts Begin

A bright sun greeted Little League ball players Saturday as nearly 500 Birmingham youngsters turned out for the season's first tryouts at Pierce, St. James and Howarth fields. A group of "veterans" limbered up before photographers at Howarth field as the giant job of screening new players was set up at the other two fields. AT LEFT—Tiger leftfielder Douglas Ward gets to trap a sharp grounder. ABOVE—Pirate Manager Al Robertson leads a bull session with three returning players from last year's championship team. Listening to his explanation of new rules are (left to right) Roger Barrett, Paul Robertson and Frank Tatomir. AT RIGHT—A mixed battery discusses plans for the new season. Jay Madonna (left), Red Sox hurler, chats briefly with John Marshall, Braves catcher. See Page One, Section Four for story. (Eccentric Photos)

Often, I have pointed out in these paragraphs, that each of us is dominated by the master of his life; what we do, how by how, adds up to what we do day by day and year by year. By constant dedicated thought and effort, we can make life more beautiful.

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## THIS and THAT

By G.R.A.

These are the days when the hunger of the average "man-about-the-house" should result in an increased appetite for his evening meal—or don't you believe that working out in the yard and garden improves a man's taste for home-cooking?

In wars of the fighting was done by men in battle—their Armageddon! But H-bombs, more like above cannon's din and take a whole nation's population.

Remember the old U. S. Navy saying: "Join the Navy and see the world?" Perhaps John Foster Dulles, U. S. Secretary of State, read this in his youth and, by his constant world traveling since January of 1953, is applying it to his department.

We think young folks to themselves, want to engage in necessary reforms to improve their generation are entitled to do the same, after all, can you blame them completely for rebelling against the reforms their elders try to impose upon them... reforms that wouldn't be so necessary if the elders passed on a better world to each generation?

In assuming that today's world leaders never would unleash a cobalt hydrogen bomb in war, one must believe that never again will a Hitler rise to power. It should be remembered that Hitler, as Germany was losing World War II, screamed that he would destroy everything within his own country, rather than fall to conquerors. Can society stave off another Hitler?

Six Virginia women competed with six Virginia men in an automobile driving contest, and the men won. The women, true southern ladies, admitted that "perhaps it is just that the men were faster if we had won our husbands would have been had to get along with." Anyway, is it wrong for us to ask: "where has gentlemanly, southern chivalry gone to?"

Although weeks before, the Michigan legislature set April 9 as the last day for this season, it had to begin again the next day. If the average citizen knows how most sessions operate, he'd get sick in his civic stomach... so much dilly-dallying and herring-around for many weeks, that a minute flurry to enact remaining legislation without giving much of it careful and honest thought.

One of Canada's former great hockey players, who owned a big fishing, hunting and resort project on Basswood Lake near Thessalon, 55 miles east of the Soo, is been many years since he won a hockey stick. A few years ago I asked him "Bill, why did you quit playing professional hockey?" He smiled, and replied: "Well, the answer is easy. (See THIS & THAT, Page 6)

## Will Reveal Dates, Speakers for Fall Town Hall Program

Birmingham's own Town Hall program, modeled after that long held in Detroit and other cities, will start next fall under the sponsorship of the St. Anne's Guild of St. James church. An outstanding series of nationally known speakers is to be brought to Birmingham, according to guild members who have been working quietly for several months to perfect plans.

These plans will be announced next week with information on speakers, dates and tickets. As an addition to the morning Town Hall program, luncheons will be held under Guild direction, that will include an informal question-answer period with the morning speaker. These luncheons will be held at a nearby county club.

BECAUSE OF limited seating accommodations, the Guild must limit the luncheon reservations to 200 people on a "first-come-first-served" basis according to the committee in charge of arrangements. Early this year when the Guild members were searching for a project to sponsor, they wanted one that would fulfill a need in

the community and one which would be of high calibre and presented in an entirely professional way. They believe they have found the answer in this Town Hall series. St. Anne's Guild took an inventory of its membership and found many within the group who had the necessary background and training to carry out a project of this scope.

INVESTIGATIONS were made of how Town Hall series were conducted in other communities. A committee went to Lansing to talk with the group there which successfully launched such a series last year. The committee returned full of ideas and enthusiasm. A lawyer was retained. St. Anne's Guild was incorporated and Birmingham Town Hall was on its way.

Agencies representing talent were contacted. Names were sifted, weighed and decided upon and six major programs have been planned for the coming season. Mrs. James S. Moon is president of St. Anne's Guild with Mrs. Warren T. Olson, executive vice president; Mrs. O. F. Pearson, secretary and Mrs. Charles B. Kass, treasurer.

PHILIP A. HART, legal adviser to Gov. G. Mennen Williams and former United States district attorney for Eastern Michigan, last week announced his candidacy for the state's lieutenant governor post in the fall election. Hart is expected to be a running mate with Gov. Williams as political forecasters predict the governor's announced bid for a fourth term within a week. Hart, recently one of the most active Democrats in the state, first became known in political circles in 1949 when he was appointed a commissioner of the Michigan Corporation and Securities Commission. He was named the district's U. S. attorney in 1952 after failing in his bid for secretary of state in 1950. The Harts, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, have a residence on Westwood in Birmingham.

## Lodger Expelled From School by Hills Police

An unwelcome "tenant" was evicted Wednesday, April 14, from City and Country school by Bloomfield Hills police. James T. Crosby, 35, of 6745 Beaubien, Detroit, reclined comfortably on a bed in the locked caretaker's apartment at the school while Police Chief L. C. Banks stood atop a fire department ladder at a second-story window and coaxed him to come out. Crosby finally unlocked the window and then clambered in and ejected him. "I was sent here by the people of Birmingham to clean the place up," was Crosby's explanation.

POLICE BELIEVE he entered the school closed for vacation on Friday, April 9. Except for eating some of the caretaker's groceries and wearing some of his clothes, Crosby apparently didn't disturb anything, Banks said. Crosby was released Friday on recommendation of the Oakland county prosecutor's office, said Banks.

## To Repay Bonds In Ten Years

Repayment of the city's \$225,000 five half bond issue will be made over the next 10 years, Birmingham city commissioners decided Monday night. Recommended by bond consultant Matthew Carey and endorsed by City Manager D. C. Egbert, the plan would save the city between \$6,000 to \$15,000 in interest over that of a 15-year issue, it was pointed out. Egbert also believes a shorter term issue would meet better and faster market acceptance than a longer one.

The money will provide two new fire halls, approved at the recent April 5 city election. One will go at W. Maple and Chesterfield, the other at Adams and Bowers.

## Resident Granted Use of City Land

James E. Roark, 1760 Norfolk, is going to have a bigger lawn to show this summer—at his request and by courtesy of the city commission. Roark asked the city to allow him to fence in part of the Wakefield wood site to make it appear it is part of his property which lies immediately to the north. The city approved the plan as long as Roark maintains the property. The city may revoke the agreement in 30 days.

## County Kicks In

Total cost of widening Adams road from Lincoln to a point 145 feet north of Buckingham was \$122,831.80, according to City Engineer L. R. Gare. Based on a formula agreed upon prior to the construction, Oakland county will pay \$54,089.05 of the total. Gare said.

## Emmett Plans Reception For Someone From B'ham (But Who Will It Be?)

Birmingham's sister community in the forthcoming mayor exchange May 5 has evidently taken the lead in preparation for the event which is being held as part of the Michigan Week observance, May 2-8.

Birmingham is slated to swap municipal chiefs with the Village of Emmett, Mich., a town of 230 population which lies 35 miles northeast of Birmingham. Emmett's president Edsel Dunn, 34, said in a telephone conversation with a Birmingham Eccentric reporter Tuesday afternoon that the village's council was to hold a special meeting last night for the purpose of planning a reception for the Birmingham Mayor Charles W. Renfrew on the day of the exchange.

NO PLANS have been made as yet in Birmingham for receiving Emmett's president, Renfrew said last week but he may be too busy to participate in the exchange himself. He promised, however, that someone will represent Birmingham. Dunn, a veteran of World War II, is just beginning his second term as president of Emmett. He is married, has four children, and is manager of a Standard Oil company's branch office in Emmett.

He said he will be present for the exchange, but is not sure he will be able to bring his family along. He will be practically a homecoming for William S. Conolley, mayor of Bloomfield Hills, when he trades places for a day with James A. Beresford, mayor of Bloomfield Hills.

CONOLLEY is a cousin of former Bloomfield Hills Mayor Walter G. Briggs, Jr. In fact, Briggs' mother and Conolley's mother were twin sisters. "I have many good friends in Bloomfield Hills and have been there many, many times. I'm looking forward to spending a day as mayor there," said Conolley. City Clerk Harry Furton, Grosse Pointe Farms, said tentative plans for welcoming Beresford include a dinner in which all the visiting mayors are to be present. In Grosse Pointe area will be in attendance. Also planned is a parade of city equipment for Beresford's inspection.

Beresford, out of town on business, could not be reached for comment. He said last week, however, that Bloomfield Hills will cooperate to make the exchange a success.

## Buy Road Oil

A contract for the purchase of 150,000 gallons of asphalt road oil to be used during the 1954 season was awarded to the Standard Oil company by Birmingham city commissioners. Cost of the oil was \$7,264.

## Birmingham CAP Officer Chosen For '54 Exchange

CAP and USAF officials this week announced the acceptance of Cadet Capt. Robert Owen, 17 for the forthcoming overseas exchange. It is expected he will be sent to Switzerland. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Owen, 303 Park. Although Birmingham several times has entertained young people from foreign CAP squadrons, this is the first time one of the local group has been selected to go abroad. Guests here this summer will be from Alaska and Chile.

Another Birmingham squadron honor came this week when Cadet 2nd Lt. Dorothy Schwimmer was chosen to represent her group at the annual congressional dinner in Washington, D. C.

## Hills School Board Sets Date to Take High School Bids

Contract bids for construction of the proposed \$1,500,000 Bloomfield Hills high school will be received by the board of education at a special meeting May 24, the board decided at its Monday night meeting. Architects for the project told the board that final building plans will be ready for approval in two weeks. Rough grading operations at the school site at Andover and Long Lake roads are near completion, architect Robert F. Swanson said.

Key workers in the finance drive have been preparing and stuffing for some weeks past. Oakland county campaign chairman, Mrs. Marshall, will address the meeting and exhort them to start work at once and to have all the necessary money in hand by the May 29 luncheon date.

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## DR. KENNETH B. BABCOCK, 315 Fairfax, director of Grace Hospital, Detroit, has been named director of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals by Dr. Newell W. Philpott, of Montreal, commission chairman. The Joint Commission's purpose is to improve hospital care in the United States and Canada. Dr. Babcock will resign as head of the Detroit Hospital July 1 to accept the new position.

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## County GOP Women Start Fund Drive From Birmingham

The Oakland county kick-off meeting which starts the annual campaign for funds of the Wayne and Oakland Counties Republican Women's finance committees will be held tomorrow, April 23, at the Birmingham Community House. Speaker at tomorrow's meeting will be Terence J. Rielly, assistant executive manager of the Wayne County Men's finance committee.

He will present a visual display that will explain the fund raising set-up within the Republican finance committee, and the vital importance of the part that women play in meeting the quota, not only in Wayne and Oakland counties, but throughout the state. The fund drive seeks to provide money for elections this fall, according to campaign co-chairman Mrs. Brooks Marshall, 1040 Gordon Lane, Birmingham, and Mrs. William K. Muir of Grosse Pointe. Another Birmingham squadron honor came this week when Cadet 2nd Lt. Dorothy Schwimmer was chosen to represent her group at the annual congressional dinner in Washington, D. C.

OTHERS WILL BE Mrs. David Walker, Lee of Bloomfield Hills, Mrs. Winthrop Brown Conrad of Franklin, Mrs. Ralph H. Cook of Ferndale, Mrs. Harry Henderson of Southfield, and Mrs. George Hodges of Lake Angelus. A similar kick-off meeting for the Wayne County workers was held yesterday at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Center, which was attended by 200 Wayne County Workers and several representatives from Oakland county.

GUEST SPEAKER will be Hollywood columnist, Hedra Hopper. All those women who contribute to the Republican party will be entitled to tickets to the Detroit luncheon. About 100 workers are expected to be present at the kick-off to receive lists of names of possible donors, and the assignment kits which small working committees have been preparing and stuffing for some weeks past.

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## Winners Are Named In Easter Egg Hunt

Sixty boy and girl members of the Birmingham Y.M.C.A. dashed over the "Y" grounds last Saturday for chocolate Easter eggs. Winner of a regular softball for a possible the greatest number was Michael Emery, 311 E. Southlawn. High scorer among girls was Kenneth High Bolling, 1166 Henrietta who gathered 12. In second place with 24 was Phil LaBell, 524 Southlawn who won for himself a "Y" tee shirt.

## STRICTLY FRESH

With all the irresponsible charges being made from Washington, it's beginning to look like an unbalanced budget isn't as bad for the country as an unbalanced congressman.

There's nothing wrong with having nothing to say, unless you say it.

It may not be long before self-

entists go to the moon to look at the H-bomb from earth! The Internal Revenue Service recently received a tax return from a woman who claimed her dog's toenail clipping as part of her medical expenses. Two clippings for the price of one, eh? In Boston, a woman sought annulment of her marriage, charging that the bridegroom departed when she dozed off during her wedding banquet. She was caught napping.