

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

HERE'S ONE OF THOSE believe-it-or-not stories. Last week a Birmingham man noticed a neighboring youngster busily washing the front window of a local store. "Hello," said the man. "I'm going home in a few minutes. Want a ride?" The youngster looked up, recognized the man, then said in all truthfulness, "No, thanks. The chauffeur's coming by for me in a little while."

TWO LITTLE BROTHERS, Rossy and Wally, sons of the Walter Steekers of Wing Lake, were overheard talking about their dreams. Both claimed to have dreamed that he was awake the night before. One of those "I did," "You did not" arguments went on for some time. Rossy stopped it with a terse, "You can't dream everything I do. Go dream your own dreams!"

OVER AT 624 PARK, the visiting racoons are having things pretty smooth. The Heber Hizar family noticed a noise in their yard one recent evening and found they were hosts to the 'coons. Since that time a snack of bread and honey has been set out for the masked guests, to encourage their stopping by and to persuade them that garbage cans are not the proper source of supply for guests. Pleased with the treatment they are getting, the 'coons now pay daytime visits once in a while.

REAL LATE MONDAY NIGHT, there was one very perplexed rabbit trying to find a way out of Birmingham's centrally located concrete jungle. He had a hard time figuring out how to make the fewest number of leaps and bounds to get him across S. Woodward at Bowers. Probably attempting to find the nearest weed-covered field after leaving some Easter eggs for some deserving youngsters the day before?

OVER ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS was raised by Birmingham Rotarians in their Easter sales of seals and paper lilies for the benefit of the Oakland County Society for Crippled Children, reports committee chairman Matt Cammareri. Seals, store counter canvassers, and 2,000 lilies brought in \$1,028.04, which exceeds last year's effort, said Cammareri.

BOTH HAVING JUST RETURNED from vacations in warmer climates, Edward Proctor and David Lee, president and secretary, respectively, of the Bloomfield Hills board of education, were respectful in deep sun lanes at the board's meeting Monday night. Lee also sported a very short crew haircut, and in greeting him Proctor asked, "What on earth did you do to your hair?" Lee rejoined, "Why I had it cut off. Now I can comb it with a bathowel like so many other men I know."

ESTIMATES on costs of straightening the Oakland-Willets intersection nearly are ready to be presented to Birmingham city commissioners, according to City Engineer L. R. Gare. The project has been suggested by Commissioner V. B. Watkins.

School District Planning Survey Of Future Needs

A scientific survey to determine future needs of the Bloomfield Hills school district is being planned by the board of education. At its meeting Monday night, board members discussed possible arrangements for making the survey with Dr. Clyde Campbell of Michigan State college. Campbell said MSC would start the survey Oct. 1 and probably finish by Jan. 1. He estimated costs to the district would be from \$3,500 to \$4,500.

Field Trips Listed by Young Naturalists

The front gate of the Detroit zoo is the meeting place for the Adverse Trails group each week. Future field trips and their topics, according to Judy Zucker, director, are April 26, rock, mineral and fossil collection; May 2, wildflowers; May 9, reptiles; May 16, birds and May 22, trees. June 6, marsh and meadow; June 13, lake and stream seining; June 20, Indian picnics. The young people meet at 1 p.m., returning between 4:30 and 5 p.m.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—
EUGENE L. JOHNSON, superintendent of Bloomfield Hills schools: "The problem of overloading school buses has decreased in the school district since the onset of spring weather. Drier roads and clearer skies evidently have encouraged parents of some of the high school students to allow their children to drive cars to school."

On Retirement Board

Named to fill a Birmingham retirement board vacancy created when Charles Renfrew became mayor and automatically a board member, is Commissioner Richard Patterson, H. H. Gardner, citizen member, was reappointed.

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The Birmingham Eccentric

Local Scout Troops Plan For Exposition

The members of eleven Birmingham Boy Scout units are working feverishly in preparation for the 1954 Scouting Exposition which will be held at the State Fair grounds May 13, 14 and 15. The Cubs of Pack B-22 are preparing to take part in the exposition stage show, while members of the other ten units are building exhibits.

The wide range of interests and skills developed by Scouting is revealed by the list of Birmingham unit exhibits. Cub Pack B-19 is preparing a display of Indian crafts, while Packs B-2 and B-31 are collaborating in the building of a miniature Indian village.

Scout exhibits are: Troop B-4, automobiling; B-1, aviation; B-5, the Scout Jamboree; B-15 camp equipment making; and B-10, gardening.

Explorer Crew B-1 is preparing an exhibit on landing field operations and the Explorers of B-7 are working on the subject of gun safety.



JOHN D. RING has been graduated from the Sea Duty indoctrination course at the Marine Corps recruit depot at Great Lakes, Ill., and transferred for duty aboard one of the Capital ships of the Pacific Fleet. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Ring, 539 Stanley.

Church to Purchase Old Pumping Station

Sale of a parcel of land, 87 by 100 feet, on the north side of 14 Mile to Our Shepherd Lutheran church has been passed by Birmingham city commissioners.

The lot is the site of a sewage pumping station, abandoned when Birmingham affiliated with the SOC sewage disposal system last year. The church has agreed to pay \$1,500, remove the building, and fill any resulting holes.

OK Radio Lease

Southfield township board members have accepted a lease on two mobile radio receivers mounted on Franklin fire department trucks. The lease will enable Franklin's fire department to receive calls through Southfield's transmitter and improve mutual fire protection between the two communities.

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Appointment of David F. Todd, 261 Buckingham, as staff assistant to Fred J. Lamborn, Vice President and General Manager of the Dodge Division of Chrysler Corporation was announced this week by Lamborn. Associated with Chrysler Corporation since 1951, Todd has been assistant to the General Manager of the Chrysler Jet Engine Plant near Utica, Michigan, for the past two and a half years. He was born in Detroit October 19, 1911, and was graduated from Albion College with a degree in business administration in 1933.

Proposal to Pay Teachers' Meeting Expenses Is Tabled

A proposal to budget \$700 to reimburse teachers for expenses they may incur in attending special educational conferences next year was tabled Monday night by the Bloomfield Hills board of education.

SUPERINTENDENT Eugene L. Johnson said the district should help teachers attend such conferences because benefits gained will result in an improved school.

Board members generally agreed with Johnson, but argument developed when it was suggested that a report to the board be made on meetings attended.

Some members felt school administrators should decide what meetings should be attended. Others thought reports on the conferences should be made to let the board decide if the program is worthwhile.

Soony Will Build At 14 Mile Corner

With the issuance of building permits for the new Soony Vacuum oil company station at the northeast corner of Woodward and 14 Mile, Birmingham city officials have agreed to extend city water and sewage services for portions of the site lying outside the city.

A company spokesman said contract details have been completed and construction may get under way at once.

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